

# ***MIAA Tournament Management Committee***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

**September 15, 2021**

1. **Call to order** – 10:00 am by Jim O’Leary
2. **Attendance (Virtual)** – T. Bazyldo, J. Brown, M. Devoll, J. DiCarolo, J. Forest, P. Funk, A. Gagne, P. Gould, S. Hart, E. Maguire, J. Newhall, R. Newton, J. O’Leary, S. Paine, D. Reid, S. Rizzo, M. Ryan, J. Shannon, T. Tarpey, D. Vega, S. Bryant (liaison), media, MIAA staff.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – Motion to approve September 1, 2021 minutes (J. DiCarlo / M. Ryan) **Approved 16-0-0**
4. **MIAA Statewide Tournaments FAQs 2021-2022 Draft Document** – reviewed document to address content, layout, etc. All sections reviewed and any changes made will be made either to format or include linked documents. Comments made that Statewide Tournament FAQ document/TMC related info should be prominently displayed on the front of the MIAA website. Changes and feedback are noted below:
  - a. **MIAA Tie Breaking Procedure** – Motion to add language that clarifies the power ranking results will be calculated to 4 decimals. Teams that remain tied will follow the TMC Tie Breaking Procedure. (J. Newhall / J. Brown) **Approved 15-0-0**
  - b. **Exclusion Games** – ok as included. Naming of “Exclusion” may be addressed in the future. Confirmed that Endowment Games, if played, do not count towards schedule or ratings.
  - c. **Tournament Administration section** – Job descriptions has been posted for the fall positions. MIAA Sport Liaison will also hire a maximum of 4 regional coordinators.

Feedback regarding hiring State Tournament Directors was that the Sport Committee should have a say in making the decision to hire. Sherry Bryant noted that the Governance Document states the Tournament Directors report to TMC, and not to the sport committees. However, she also mentioned that perhaps TMC & executive liaison could consider having the sport committee chairperson present during interview/selection process.

- d. Scores – Schools are encouraged to work with their district/league colleagues to determine who should enter game scores within 24 hrs and hold each other accountable. Jim O’Leary added commentary that at this time, the TMC sub-committee did not want to institute any penalty/consequence for not entering scores timely.
- e. Officials – More info/details needed once Game Officials Committee reports back. The number of officials required and officiating neutrality will be finalized as soon as possible.
- f. Assigners – Questions from some committee members indicate that schools will now be responsible to pay Assigners an additional 3 rounds of assignments. They will need to add contractual language for assigners. Some are paying a flat fee.
- g. Finances/Ticketing – Some schools indicated they were not aware of the requirement for online ticketing via GoFan and are unfamiliar with the product. Webinars will be hosted and Sherry will highlight at District workshops. Athletic directors are not responsible for setting up of games in GoFan. GoFan staff, MIAA staff, and Tournament Directors will responsible for setting up ticket sales, beginning with tournament rounds of 16.

Host schools will receive a stipend for game personnel and will be reimbursed for other event expenses, such as police, custodial, etc. as agreed upon by tournament director/liaisons.

5. **Power Rating System Document** was reviewed and discussed. Forfeits and Covid protocols brought up conversation regarding the need for a form or some type of declaration that the forfeit is not due to Covid. It was decided that forms would be subjective and also cumbersome to review. The decision to not enforce a form submission requirement, but to allow schools to make the Covid vs Forfeit determination. Examples of no contest, win, loss, forfeit, can Covid-forfeits were reviewed for clarity.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM