



MIAA Field Hockey Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2024

- The meeting was called to order at 10.10 am by Sherry Bryant
Present: Mary Lou Thimas (member-at-large), Dave Bouchard (2), John O’Neil (coaches rep), Ryan Murphy (4), Katherine Hennessy (MASC), Mary O’Connor (9), Anne Palumbo (3), Patti Rowe (officials rep), Scott Palladino (8), Sherry Bryant (FH liaison)
Regrets / Not Present: Karen Gomez (1), Gary Brown (7), Amy Rose (5), Kelly St Coeur (7), Jennifer Reynolds (2), John Parisi (5), Susan Charochak (MASS), Grace Cunningham (6), Elizabeth York (3) Shelly Morris (8)
Conflict of Interest Statement: signed and turned into Sherry.

2. Election of Officers:

Chair: Dave Bouchard
 Vice Chair: John O’Neil
 Secretary: Patti Rowe
 Motion: Mary O’Connor, Second: Ann Palumbo, Unanimous

3. Minutes of May 28, 2024

- Corrections: spelling, Bouchard, Hennessy
- Other Face Mask: MIAA to modify to permit discussed Facemasks on Corners
- Motion: Kathleen Hennessy, Second: Mary Lou Thimas, Unanimous

4. Rule Change Proposals for 2025-2027

RULE	YES	NO	ABSTENTIONS	COMMENT
1	7	1	0	
2	8	0	0	
3	1	7	0	
4	8	0	0	
5	10	0	0	
6	0	10	0	club
7	0	10	0	club
8	0	10	0	
9	0	10	0	
10	10	0	0	
11	8	2	0	
12	3	3	4	
13	0	8	2 (Officials)	
14	0	8	2 (Officials)	

RULE	YES	NO	ABSTENTIONS	COMMENT
15	0	8	2 (Officials)	
16	0	8	2 (officials)	
17	0	10	0	
20	2	6	2	Edit
26	0	9	1	

5. **Fall 2024 Tournament**

- Tournament Format is already approved by TMC.
- No tournament Director to date
- Semis neutral sites as submitted by districts
- Finals Worcester State
- Yellow balls for semis and finals
- Want as many FH committee members to help at different venues for ¼'s, semi's and finals

6. **Proposed Tournament Alignments for Fall are out**

7. **TMC Updates/Feedback**

- Divisions—is four the right number for FH
- 1A for FH?
- Games not played – Cancel, season, ineligible
- Gender

8. **Informational**

- Field Hockey Summit – A success
- NFHS Rule changes – whistle start on corners
- Thank you to Mary Ryan and Annette DiMascio for your years of service to the Field Hockey Committee.
- Mileage to meetings

9. **Next committee meeting date:** December 5, 2024 – Virtual

10. Adjournment 12:58 pm. Motion Mary O'Connor, Second: Ann Palumbo, Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Rowe

FH Committee Secretary