

MIAA Football Committee Meeting – 5/12/20

Minutes

1. Minutes from March 11, 2020 were approved; 13-0-3
2. Alignment Alignments 2021-23
 - An alignment subcommittee developed a proposal for the full committee to consider 8 divisions across the state. The subcommittee worked with the alignment factors developed by the TMC but also analyzed other considerations including vocational schools and the safety of student athletes. The final alignment proposal is 8 divisions broken down:

Div.1 – 28 teams
Div.2 – 32 teams
Div.3 – 36 teams
Div.4 – 33 teams
Div.5 – 38 teams
Div.6 – 35 teams
Div.7 – 38 teams
Div.8 – 42 teams
 - The subcommittee developed this design and proposal with the idea of an 8-week regular season and 16 team divisional bracket. The football committee took two votes related to the alignment subcommittee proposal:

Vote 1 – motion to accept 8 divisional breakdown for football; voted 14-0-2
Vote 2 – motion to accept the 8 divisional alignments with teams placed in divisions as presented; voted 14-0-2
3. Coaches Association Playoff Proposal – Discussion
 - Steve Dembowski, representing the MHSFCA presented a playoff proposal for the football committee to consider for future implementation. This proposal was not to be implemented for the Fall of 2020, rather discussion and evaluation for the future. MHSFCA proposal details and material will be made available to the membership. It was proposed to develop a subcommittee to look into this proposal. Subcommittee members volunteering at the meeting were: Jared Shannon, Jay Costa, Mike Procacinni, Steve Dembowski, Jake Conca, Joe Gamache, and Dave Pignone.
4. NFHS Rules Update
 - Tom Azevedo, officials' representative, prepared to speak to the committee about the status of football rules for fall 2020. Technology as it is referenced in NFHS rules was discussed but no action was taken by the committee.
5. 2020 Football Season – Discussion
 - Brief discussion about the 2020 Football Season
 - Very fluid situation with much unknown

Meeting Adjourned