



MIAA Basketball Committee Meeting Highlights November 17, 2021

The MIAA Basketball Committee met on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. The meeting was attended by 19 people including committee members and MIAA staff.

Welcome/Opening

MIAA Executive Director Bob Baldwin welcomed the committee and participated in a discussion regarding the use of masks during the 2021-22 winter season. Further information about the use of masks is anticipated in the coming weeks.

The MIAA Conflict of Interest Form was reviewed and submitted by committee members. An overview of the MIAA Governance Document was also provided for the committee.

Election of Officers

The following officers were elected for the 2021-22 year:

- Chair: Jeff Newhall, St. Mary's High School, Athletic Director
- Vice Chair: Matt Trahan, Old Colony Reg. Voc/Tech High School, Athletic Director
- Secretary: Chris Mastrangelo, Principal, Malden High School

Basketball Rules Updates

[NFHS Basketball Rule Changes](#) and [MIAA Basketball Rule Changes](#) for the upcoming season were reviewed. NFHS Basketball Rules now allow for state association adoption of a 35-second shot clock beginning with the 2022-23 season. The MIAA Basketball Committee will discuss the impact of this rule change at the next committee meeting.

Summary of MIAA Basketball Rule Changes:

- **Rule 66.3 (New)** - Remove the words *"or dribble"* from NFHS Basketball Rule 9-10-1-a.
- **Rule 66.7.2 (Update)** - "No member of a high school basketball squad shall participate in more than *six* quarters per day. (This does not include official over time periods. On a given day, a student may participate in more than one interscholastic basketball contest at different sites provided that the *six* quarter limit is not exceeded).
- **Rule 66.10 (New)** - The Shot Clock will reset to 15 seconds when there is an intentionally kicked or fisted ball with 14 seconds or less left in the possession. If the violation occurs with 15 or more seconds on the shot clock, no reset will take place and the offense will have the remaining time left in the possession.
- **Previous Rule 66.3 (Deleted)** - MIAA basketball for both boys and girls will now be played with a ten second back court count. The previous MIAA Handbook Rule 66.3 has been replaced by the new modification to NFHS Basketball Rule 9-10-1-a (see above).

Alignment Update

The updated [boys basketball](#) and [girls basketball](#) alignments for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 seasons are posted on the [MIAA website](#). Statistics regarding the number of appeals submitted and reviewed through the process were shared with the committee.

Tournament Format Update

The committee reviewed the [2021-22 MIAA Basketball Tournament Format](#) as approved by the Tournament Management Committee. The following items were discussed:

- Basketball Tournament Seeding may take place either Friday, February 25 or Saturday, February 26. Additional communication will be shared when finalized.
- Minimum capacity limits have been established for specific rounds of the tournament (Item F on page 3).
 - Preliminary Play-in and Round of 32 Games: Minimum capacity of 250
 - Round of 16 and Round of 8 Games: Minimum capacity of 500
- A survey will be sent to member schools to gather site data information in advance.
- The statewide tournament director posting closed on November 15. Interviews will take place over the coming weeks.

Further discussion regarding the power rating system resulted in the following motion:

Motion: Recommend that the Tournament Management Committee look at power rating data after the spring season to include a value for wins and losses. **APPROVED: 16-0-0**

Preseason Newsletter

The committee reviewed the [updated basketball page](#) on the MIAA website as well as topics and links that will be included in the MIAA Basketball Preseason Newsletter. The newsletter will be sent to schools in the next two weeks.

Coaches Topics

The [MBCA](#) Hall of Fame Banquet was hosted at Holy Cross on Sunday, November 14. The event was conducted in-person for the first time in two years and was a very successful event.

Officials Topics

NFHS and MIAA Rules Changes were reviewed. The use of electronic whistles is not required this season.

Informational Items

Resources have been developed on the MIAA website to support member schools with the use of [ArbiterGame](#) and [GoFan](#). In addition, Discriminatory Incident Reporting Policies and Process were [recently approved by the MIAA Board of Directors](#) in advance of the 2021-22 winter season. The [NFHS Title IX at 50](#) campaign and [MIAA Coach of the Year](#) and [Official of Year](#) programs were discussed.

Other

As follow up to the conversation about the use of masks that took place earlier in the meeting, the following motion was made:

Motion: The Basketball Committee supports the Sports Medicine Committee recommendation to the Board of Directors in regards to allowing athletes and officials in competition to remove masks while playing, with the additional recommendation of allowing coaches to be unmasked. **APPROVED 16-0-0**

Next Meeting

The next MIAA Basketball Committee meeting is scheduled on January 12, 2022.



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