

## Virtual Soccer Committee Meeting February 9, 2021

### 1. Call to Order at 10:03 by Rob

#### a. Attendance/Introductions:

Rob Pearl, Katie Kampersal, Sean Mackin, Christ Schmidt, Greg Nevader, Tania Rich, Aaron Joncas, Danny Erickson, Billy Terranova, Joe Francis, Karen Guillemette, Sue Hendee, Ric Beaudion, Cheryl Welsh, Robert McArdle, David Keir, Luis Macedo

#### b. [Conflict of Interest](#) reminder:

Rob reminded all members that the COI must be completed, at this time on 2 or 3 members had the COI completed.

### 2. Retirement Bill Gain

### 3. Review and approve minutes from [September 15, 2020](#) and [October 26, 2020](#) meeting:

Robert McArdle motioned to accept the minutes from the September 15, 2020 meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ric Beaudion. Unanimous to approve minutes

Robert McArdle motioned to accept minutes from the October 26, 2020 meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tiana Rich. Unanimous to approval.

### 4. Coaches Report:

Sue Hendee mentioned that the coaches have not met since the last meeting and at this time there is nothing new to report.

### 5. Officials Report

Ric Beaudion spoke on behalf of the officials. He had 2 concerns

1.) He believes that some schools are playing in both the Fall II and the Spring season. These schools have extended the Fall II season until sometime in May.

\*\* Rob Pearl asked for a list of these schools so he can follow up with the schools/BOD/TaskForce

2.) The mask policy on page 5 of the modifications stating the student athlete does not need to wear a mask if they have a medical conditions. Officials may be hesitant to stay and ref the game if this is the case.

\*\* Danny Erickson-this can not be adjusted, if officials decide not to officiate that is their choice and they are able to walk away from the game. It will become the home team responsibility to decide how to go forward.

\*\* Rob Pearl- this is coming directly from the task force and can not be changed for any reason.

Ric also mentioned that the rule modification for heading ("It is a violation to intentionally head the ball. It will result in an indirect free kick for the opposing team.") was unfair while in the penalty area and gave a major advantage. Ric made a motion to amend the modification to state "If a covid infraction or violation occurs in the penalty area, the restart will be conducted from a point on the line defining the area, closest to where the infraction/violation happened". This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rob McArdle and the committee voted. It passed unanimously, and Rob would draft up the request and speak with the TaskForce/BOD.

### 6. 2020-2021 Fall I Infractions Report (Attached)

Luis Macedo reviewed the Infraction report and mentioned that he knew of many schools that did not enter most of their yellow cards this year

Danny Ericson- it has been a very difficult year to track rosters and cards. This may be worth addressing just as a conversation to the other coaches/AD's.

Rob-it is a struggle every year to have schools enter their rosters and any cards they may have received. It is a good reminder to all schools for next year.

Reviewing the report the following teams were talked about:

\* Barnstable High School-Had 11 cards, 6/7 by the same players

Committee decided that it would be best to reach out to Barnstable via email/letter asking for their plans next year to reduce the number of cards. It would be request that the AD/Coach responded with a detailed letter on what the next steps will be.

\* Ludlow- Had 8 cards

\* Bridgewater Rayhem-most of their cards were due to language

\* North Hampton- head coach at 2 yellow cards in back to back games, however the rest of the team had a great season

Committee decide to not address this with the team/AD. The team overall had a great season. Rob will follow up with any school that a student received a red card.

Committee requested that at the end of each season an email/reminder goes out to ALL coaches/schools reminding them how yellow and red cards carry over to the next season (fall into winter/spring, or fall to fall).

It was also requested that Rob speaks with the Sportsmanship Committee and create a "cheat sheet" with the consequences of cards/fouls for each sport. Rob agreed to work on this.

7. 2021 Fall 2 Soccer Season

a. [General Fall II Modifications](#)

Due to the change in EEA Guidelines the soccer modification subcommittee was able to adjust some of the modifications from Fall I- More soccer to play, less modifications

They were able to take out "quarters" and change to a 2 minutes mask break at a good stopping point around the 20 minute mark.

There are still no kick ins-Reasoning was you can't play basketball without touching the ball with your hands, BUT you can play soccer without using your hands. The kick must also stay below the waist.

b. [Sport Limitation Guidelines](#)

c. [Updated Soccer Modifications](#)

8. [2021-2022 Soccer Format](#)

Committee reviewed the 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the soccer format

Sean Mackin noticed that 6A was never updated. It should state "If a tournament game is suspended in the second half both teams will return the next playable day to complete the game from where they left off on a playable field. Both schools can mutually agree to end the game as is (eg: lopsided score in the second half may warrant a team not wanting to return)." Katie will update the format to reflect this.

Committee questions the cut off date for the Fall. Currently it is October 31, 2021 however this is a Sunday. Committee questioned why it is on a Sunday. Rob will look into the cut off date and get back to the committee and Katie to update the format if needed.

Luis Macedo asked if MaxPrep was still going forward for the fall. Rob-at this time it has been put on hold but it is still being talked about. Committee was concerned about the margin of victor and how ties would be handled. Rob will speak with Sherry to get update on Max Prep and if the committee needs to vote on a margin of victory.

Dave Keir-what will the roll of Tournament Director be once tournaments go to State Wide. Rob says this is still be discussed and right now there are no answers.

Danny Erickson-how will the language in the format be updated for sectionals. Rob- this will be updated across the board once State Wide is finalized.

Rob-once there are more answers in regards to how Statewide will be run, the committee will meet again or review on May 6 (next meeting). If another meeting needs to be set the committee will be notified.

9. Informational Items

a. [MIAA Game Official of the Year Nomination Form](#)

b. [MIAA Coach of the Year Nomination Form](#)

10. Next Meeting: May 6, 2021

11. Adjournment at 11:01