

## MIAA Soccer Committee Meeting 9/6/2019

Meeting called to order at 9:30 AM, attendance and introductions of members.  
Conflict of Interest sheets need to be signed by all members of the committee

Election of officers, Nominations

- a. Chair – Bob Keuther – unanimous
- b. Assistant Chair – Danny Erickson – unanimous
- c. Secretary – Cheryl Welsh – unanimous

Minutes of May 8, 2019 Meeting approved and accepted – unanimous

2019 MIAA Soccer Newsletter –

- reviewed drop ball rule
- reviewed when goalie can touch the ball with his/her hands
- new rule – for tournament games cannot exceed a total of 15 cards, this change was made in 2019 to close the loop hole (yellow/red cards)
- Sub-committee meeting at seeding meeting to review cards (delay of game – Dave K)
- School's job is to make sure players serve penalties for multiple cards. JV player cards carry up to varsity, need to get tighter
- Last 5 minutes of the game the clock is to be stopped if the winning team substitutes, time will be kept on the field and this will be done at tournament games as well.
- An official game (rule 7/article 3) ½ game or more played is considered a complete game played. If less than ½ of a game is played it is up to the individual leagues. Question if we need to come up with a state wide rule.
- February meeting will discuss the format in tournament (6A, pg 2) cycle of rule change with time played, both issues need to be unilateral
- MIAA/NFHS soccer rule changes were reviewed by Ric Beaudoin

MIAA/Think Taylor Concussion Awareness Week – need to look at dates later in the season for next year.

Medical coverage needs an adjustment to tournament format – Is this ours or sports medicine agenda? (Luis Macedo was concerned that last year a doctor from the stands cleared a player with a broken nose, not the trainer).

The cutoff date for games to be completed this year is October 31st by 6:00 pm. (typo correction)

2019 Massachusetts Soccer Tournament Rules reviewed.

2019 Tournament Boys and Girls MIAA Sportsmanship Responsibility of Competing Schools, Compliance Policy & School Monitor Job Description reviewed.

### **TMC Update**

Top 32 schools wanted, top 50%/500 record, no Sullivan Rule.

All rosters need to be filed by 8/31/2019.

Alignment piece will be finalized at the October meeting. Formats have changed for the tournament. There is a need to consolidate the location of information on the tournament site page. With regards to predetermined sites Danny Erickson was concerned with the inconsistency last year across the sports. A recommendation was made that visible clocks be stopped at the 5 minute mark during the second half of the game.

Max Preps will begin fall 2020. There were questions regarding the amount of travel time. Competition will be with like size schools.

Danny Erickson made a motion to change the cutoff date to Monday, November 2, 2020 with seeding on November 3, 2020. Voted in the affirmative (unanimous), confirm with Max Prep.

#### **Tournament sites**

North – Woburn, Lynn, Lowell, St. John’s Prep, Winthrop

West – Agawam, Central, Laconia, Holyoke

Central – North Middlesex, Nashoba, Assabet, Foley Stadium, Leominster, Marlboro, Shrewsbury, Grafton

State Finals

Worcester State - confirmed

WPI (looking into this site)

Coaches Input:

Question new temperature regulation for practices and games.

Wet Bulb Globe temperature reading of 81.1 set by Sports Medicine Committee.

Four separate rest breaks in an hour.

84- 86, no activity can last more than one hour, administration makes the call.

Officials Input:

(1) MISOA request to have the handshake prior to the game as opposed to the conclusion, similar to NCAA.

(2) Recommendation that coaches supervise the handshake as opposed to being a participant. Phil Vaccaro indicated that we are here to support/teach sportsmanship and went to court to get this ruling. Dave recommended that site administration observe the handshake. Danny added not having teams circle back to shake officials hands, recommend just the captains shake the officials’ hands.

#### **Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

November 1, 2019 – Soccer Seeding Meeting

February 4, 2020 – Committee Meeting

May 6, 2020 – Committee Meeting

Adjournment 11:30 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Welsh, Secretary MIAA Soccer Committee

EMSOA Representative

