

MIAA Unified Sports Advisory Committee Meeting
April 27, 2021 – 10:00am

1. Call to Order at 10:05 am

Attendance: Tom Angelo, Joe Francis, Sean Mackin, John Breault, Mel Martin, Kristin Nelson, Jen Walsh, Jess Winders, Kathy Lutz, Patti Doherty, Peter Smith

Regrets: Peter Boucher, Jim Scanlon

2. Minutes of the March 16, 2021 meeting were approved 7-0.

3. Unified Track and Field Subcommittee Recommendations

The committee reviewed the Unified Track and Field Subcommittee Recommendations that were distributed in advance of the meeting. The recommendations include the following:

5/19 – Intent to Enter Due

- Must declare intention to participate by this date
- Rosters due by this date
- Declare number of intended participants

5/24-5/28 – Report Entry Times/Distances

- 1 running and 1 field event per student
- 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 per school
- Flexibility with reporting
- Officials not required
- Times/Distances utilized for placement within each event tier
- Sections to be determined
- Eliminate Divisions for this season

6/7-6/11 – Sectional Meets

- Virtual/In-person format flexibility
Options:
 - a. In-person Sectional Meets with one host site per section (as close to normal as possible – if allowed per EEA guidelines)
 - b. Hybrid – Possibility of multiple dual/larger meets across state (if allowed per EEA guidelines), times/distances reported
 - c. Virtual format – Single school or dual meets only, times/distances reported (per current EEA guidelines)

Discussion included the intention to provide a postseason experience that is as inclusive as possible under the current state guidelines and adding Saturday, June 12 as an additional date of competition for Sectional Meets. Tentative dates/locations have been discussed with schools interested in hosting a sectional meet.

Motion – Conduct Sectional Meets as the final meet of the season during the week of June 7-12 with sections to be determined by host site availability. The motion was approved 6-0.

4. Timeline/Next Steps

The committee will meet again on May 20th at 10:00am to review the Intent to Enter submissions and determine next steps in planning for sectional meets.

5. Unified Basketball Discussion

Kathy Lutz provided an update about the timeline for the Special Olympics USA Games in June 2022. Special Olympics Massachusetts has the opportunity to send an interscholastic level team to participate. Information is being gathered from other state associations to learn about the process utilized to select the participating teams. Further research will be done and a information will be forwarded to the MIAA Board of Directors for review.

6. Meeting adjourned at 11:07am.

7. Next Meeting Date

May 20, 2021 at 10:00am