

**MIAA/Special Olympics MA
Unified Sports Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
10/7/19**

Attendees: John Breault, Tom Angelo, Sean Mackin, Melanie Martin, Jared Shannon, Kevin Hausmann, Jen Walsh, Brian Davis, Todd Bazydlo, Jim Scanlon, Jessica Winders, Kathy Lutz, Peter Smith

Meeting called to order at 10:08am.

The minutes of the April 30, 2019 meeting were approved, 11-0 vote.

The committee discussed the implementation of a Skills Competition for students that utilize wheelchairs and other assistive devices during the Unified Basketball season. Kathy Lutz discussed Special Olympics rules regarding the use of such devices and reviewed skills competition models shared by other states. Members of the subcommittee that met in September were supportive of providing a structured skills competition option during half-time of Unified Basketball games. The subcommittee also discussed coaches making arrangements with opposing teams for the skills competition during the regular season and designing a skills competition for postseason jamborees. The full committee discussed a consistent format with video examples to be shared with schools as a guide. Committee members volunteered to write drill descriptions and provide sample videos. The committee voted 11-0 in favor of developing a Skills Competition that is consistent during halftime of the regular season games and is incorporated into the schedule rotation for postseason jamborees. The descriptions and videos of Skills Competition drills will be shared with schools as soon as possible.

A timeline was developed for next steps in the development of the Unified Track and Field Format for the 2020 spring season, Unified Basketball Format for the 2020 fall season and Unified Track and Field Format for the 2021 spring season:

Fall 2020 Meeting – Unified Track and Field Review and Format finalized, Unified Basketball Midseason Review

Winter 2021 Meeting – Unified Basketball Review, Unified Track and Field Preseason Planning

Spring 2021 Meeting – Unified Basketball Format finalized, Unified Track and Field Midseason Review

A Unified Track and Field Subcommittee will review the 2019 regular season and postseason Sectional and State Championship Meets. The subcommittee will meet on November 19 and recommendations will be presented to the full Unified Sports Advisory Committee at the next scheduled meeting on January 22. The members of the subcommittee are Kevin Hausmann, Jared Shannon, Peter Boucher, John Breault, Tom Angelo and Todd Bazydlo.

The committee discussed the need for additional representation from areas of the state where Unified Sports programs are starting at schools such as Cape Cod and the North Shore.

A preview of the Unified Sports section of the MIAA website was provided on the video screen.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2020 at 10:00am. This meeting will take place at the Special Olympics Massachusetts Office.

Meeting adjourned at 12:01pm.