

MIAA BASEBALL COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, January 16, 2020 @ 10:00 A.M

MIAA OFFICE, 33 FORGE PARKWAY, FRANKLIN, MA

Minutes

1. Call to Order

2. Welcome & Introductions

- **Attendance**

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting – October 22, 2019

Motion to accept and seconded. Unanimous

4. Tournament Management Committee – Update

- **Max Preps**
- **Statewide Tournament Proposal**

Keith Brouillard Led Discussion:

Spring 2021 Seeding by Max Preps no other changes.

Spring 2022 Potential to go to State wide tournament.

Feb 28, 2020 General Assembly Vote on Statewide Tournament Proposal.

Reviewed MIAA Online Site Information Of Proposed Statewide Tournament Proposal.

Question about timeline of games in post-season. Each individual sport committee will be able to craft the calendar for the tournament.

Suggested: Due to graduations, travel, and pitching arms, it was suggested that the more flexibility with the baseball dates the better.

Point of clarification: League champs, second place in league, and Sullivan rule would be eliminated if Feb 28th proposal is accepted for Spring 2022.

1A Discussion based on Feb 28th vote. This discussion will take place if Feb 28th vote is approved.

TMC Alignment Process form was distributed. A sub-committee for alignment process was suggested to form ASAP after the Feb 28th meeting.

5. 2020 Baseball Format & Tournament – Update (as needed)

- **Suspended Game Policy**

Suspended game policy distributed.

Suggested: Sample box scores for coaches/AD's to reference in relation to the suspended game policy. Coaches understand box scores and this will eliminate the challenge of interpreting the wording of the suspended game policy.

Point of clarification: If a game is suspended in the 3rd inning. Then the teams will meet on a future day. On that future day if 5 or 6 innings are completed and a winner can be determined the game will still complete 7 innings. However, if the game is suspended for a second time on that second day and a winner can be determined then a winner will be determined.

- **1A Selection Committee**

1A Proposed Selection Committee document was handed out.

Point of clarification: 1A committee members must be a voting member.

Questioned: Are there better options than voting members of baseball committee? Why aren't we using the tournament directors or individuals who are going to games and investing a lot of time in MA Baseball?

Point of clarification: This new proposed document is the same as the Ice Hockey 1A committee document.

Motion to approve the proposal in front of us (approve and seconded)
11-3.

Committee members of Division 1a (motion and seconded) (unanimous).

Suggested: Baseball committee can place an observer at the table and have feedback at the table. The pre-baseball meeting is very valuable. And the voting members rely on this person. (motion and seconded) 1A director sitting at the table as an observer. (unanimous)

6. NFHS Rules 2019-20 – Discussion

- **Pitch Count Tracking**

Keith reviewed pitch count tracking online options.

Justin (MBCA) the paper MIAA document is supported by MBCA.

Justin (MBCA) supports PitchKount mandated app reporting.

Point of clarification: Paper document will be used at all games so that both coaches can sign off on the paper sheet.

Question: Are we going to mandate every school to put the pitch count information on a digital platform for this upcoming season?

Suggested: Should the committee go back to their districts with the potential to add an approximate \$100 baseball surcharge for a future year to cover an app.

Motion Made: Accept the MIAA pitch count document as the official pitch count tracking device for the 2020 season.

Motion-Seconded 14-0

- **NOCSAE (Catcher's Equipment, Baseballs, etc...)**

All levels should have NOCSAE certified catcher's chest protector (This is a new NFHS rule for 2020)

NOCSAE requirements for catcher's helmets (cover ears and throat), batting helmets, and baseballs need NOCSAE certification stamp.

Suggested: Create a document that lists all of the NOCSAE required equipment to distribute to AD's or post on the MIAA baseball website.

Baseballs need a NOCSAE stamp, these baseballs have not always had this stamp until recently. NFHS rules/safety require the baseballs to have this stamp.

- **Rules PowerPoint**

MIAA Online power point was shared and reminded to use as a resource.

- **Further Offering**

Further simplified documents will be distributed and posted on MIAA after MBCA and Baseball Sub-committee edits and additions.

7. Officials Topics

NOCSAE certified equipment concern

Line-Up concern

8. Coaches Topics

Identical pitching sheets. Signed by both coaches. Triplicate papers will not be sent out by the MIAA. Each team will need one at each game. Each team will be filling these out at the game.

9. Sportsmanship

- i. Team Sportsmanship Award Nomination Form
- ii. 2019-20 MIAA Game Official of the Year Nomination Form
- iii. 2019-2020 MIAA Coach of the Year Nomination Form

10. Other

Keith is transitioning into Richard's spot as leading the Baseball Committee.

11. Adjournment

Next Meeting: April 1, 2020 @ 10:00 am