

MIAA BASEBALL COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, May 21, 2020 @ 10:00 A.M

MIAA OFFICE, 33 FORGE PARKWAY, FRANKLIN, MA

Minutes May 21, 2020

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome & Introductions
 - Attendance
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting – January 16, 2020 - 11-0 Approved
4. 2021-23 Alignment Process & Discussion – Sub-Committee Work
 - A review of the alignment process was discussed by Keith Brouillard.
 - 5 division set-up was suggested for close to 50% of teams to qualify.
 - This would mirror basketball's proposed 5 divisions.
 - A review of the spreadsheet of assigned divisions was reviewed by Keith Brouillard.
 - Once alignments are released then schools will have the opportunity to appeal their placements.
 - Suggestion: Is it possible for the final alignments to be released in early Winter instead of February? (Keith B. will look into this)
 - Worcester North unique situation was discussed.
 - Taconic HS has turned into more of a vocational school. Keith and TMC will review their status as a vocational school.
 - Motion to approve the proposed alignments (as presented) and encourage individual schools to appeal on their own. (11-0 Approved)
5. 1A Tournament - Discussion
 - Motion was made to support the 1A Tournament. (11-0 Approved)
6. Rule Change Proposals
 - No changes were proposed.
7. NFHS Rules 2020-21 – Discussion
 - All of the same rules will apply from the season that did not occur in 2020.
8. Officials Topics
 - There was concern to be pro-active about what the Covid-19 precautions will be.
9. Coaches Topics
 - Pitch count concerns. Will the current plan stay the same? Or do we want to talk about this at a future meeting.
 - Coach's preference is to move to an electronic platform.
 - Athletic Director's expressed concerns and questions about their athletic budgets and the difficulty with earmarking money for an electronic platform.
 - Status quo with the paper forms tracking pitch counts.

- Questions from coaches about how they lost their Spring and can they have any contact with their athletes? This is a MIAA decision.
- Suggested: Maybe loosening restrictions of coaching summer teams.

10. Sportsmanship

11. Other

- Coach's ED classes are beginning to be offered online by the MIAA.

12. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn. Approved 11-0

Next Meeting: October 2020