

# MIAA BASEBALL COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, October 29, 2020 @ 10:00 A.M

MIAA OFFICE, 33 FORGE PARKWAY, FRANKLIN, MA

## MINUTES

1. Call to Order  
10:03 AM
2. Welcome & Introductions
  - New Members, Attendance
    - 14 Voting Members in attendance to start the meeting.
3. Housekeeping
  - Conflict of Interest Statement  
Please return a signed statement to [ekawesa@miaa.net](mailto:ekawesa@miaa.net) or fax to 508-541-9815.
  - Governance Document
    - Members were reminded to send in their conflict of interest statements.
4. Election of Officers
  - Jay Costa (13-0-1)
  - Mike Denise (14-0)
  - Kevin Magee (13-0-1)
5. Minutes of Previous Meeting – May 21, 2020
  - Minutes were unanimously approved (14-0)
6. NFHS Rules 2020-21 – Discussion
  - Keith led a discussion on NFHS Rules 2020-21 to see if more education needs to be considered for the upcoming season.
  - It was recommended to put together a sub-committee to be prepared to make rule modifications based on the EEA guidelines. This sub-committee can be put together during the January meeting.

- It was clarified that there will be no changes in the NFHS rules compared to the 2019-2020 season.
7. [2021 Baseball Format](#) – Discussion
- It was discussed that TMC is still looking at whether or not MaxPreps will be doing the seeding for this upcoming season.
  - Umpire designation was discussed for Even/Odd years for state tournament. A point of clarification was made that this is going to be the last year in this format. It was discussed to vote on this item in the January meeting.
  - 1A selections were discussed and clarified to have the “at large member” be a “umpire representative”.
  - Baseball format dates will need to be adjusted for 2021 season.
  - 2021 Baseball Format updates will be reviewed and voted on in the January meeting.
8. [MIAA Handbook Rule Change Proposals 2021-23](#)
- 4 different polls were conducted online.
  - Voting members on the phone emailed their responses to Keith.
  - Keith recorded and announced all voting results.
9. Officials Topics
- a. Who is going to be in charge of the pitch count and what happens when the coaches disagree? It was discussed that this needs to be self-policed and if a team plays an ineligible player then it would be dealt with similar to playing an ineligible player in all sports.
  - b. If a coach decides to intentionally have a player go over the pitch count regulation and wants to continue the game while violating the pitch count regulation then what happens? It was discussed that in the NFHS Handbook on Page 62 the umpire has the authority to end a game for the player’s safety. Page 62 gives the umpire authority to end a game if a coach is trying violate the pitch count rules.
10. Coaches Topics
- A. Frustration of a shortened 10-week spring season was discussed. The additional frustration about the late scheduled start time of the spring season

was discussed. And the additional frustration that the majority of the spring season is scheduled to occur after the senior's graduate was discussed.

11. Educational Athletic Opportunities

- A. MIAA will be conducting Coach's Education Classes Online.
- B. Student-Athlete of the month nominations
- C. Student-Athlete Huddles

12. Other

None

Next Meeting: **January 6, 2021** @ 10:00 am