

MIAA Tournament Management Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2022

1. Call to order – 10:05 am by Jim O’Leary

Attendance –Virtual Meeting –J. Brown, M. Devoll, D. Early, J. Forest, P. Gould, E. Maguire, J. Newhall, J. O’Leary, S. Paine, D. Reid, M. Ryan, K. Sheridan, D. Vega, S. Bryant (liaison), media, MIAA staff.

2. Approval of Minutes – January 20, 2022 and January 27, 2022

Motion to approve minutes from January 20 and January 27, 2022
(S. Paine; J. Newhall) **Approved 13-0-0**

3. Spring 2022 Formats:

- **Motion to approve Softball format (M. Ryan, P. Gould) Approved 13-0-0**
- **Motion to approve Tennis format (J. Newhall, E. Maguire) Approved 13-0-0**
- **Motion to approve Golf format (J. Newhall, E. Maguire) Approved 13-0-0**
- **Motion to approve Baseball format (J. Newhall, M. Ryan)**

Discussion to ask why there is no game management info, similar to other sport formats. Sherry Bryant will work with Keith Brouillard, MIAA Executive Liaison to include this info.

Approved 13-0-0 with the addition of clarification regarding roster limits for bench area.

- **Motion to approve Outdoor Track format (J. Newhall, J. Forest)**
Discussion/conversation between members of TMC and Keith Brouillard, MIAA Executive Liaison and Peter Rittenburg, Track Committee Chair. Name change from “All State: to “Meet of Champions” confirmed. The title change moves away from a participant competing for a team champion and more toward individuals running in their best event. The timing systems of FAT versus Supermax was discussed. Differences are more important outside with days competing and weather conditions factoring into times. This is the first year Indoor Track will be using Supermax and will be re-assessed after this season.

Approved 13-0-0

Next meeting the following sports will be reviewed – Rugby, Lacrosse, and Volleyball.

4. & 5. Combined Winter Tournament Sub-Committee and BOD Working Group

“Staying the course” has been the common message from TMC and the BOD Working Group at this time. Minimum number of games will be met by most teams.

Continuing with online ticketing beginning with Round of 16. Venue limitations were discussed again and clarity was offered regarding possible covid restrictions limiting capacity. TMC supports the capacity limits as designated in the approved basketball and ice hockey formats. If Covid restrictions prevent a host school/venue from meeting those numbers an alternative site will be used following the TMC site policy - higher seed finds alternative site or lower seeds hosts etc... Scott Paine also clarified that Tournament Directors/liaisons have the ability to allow an event to take place (with regard to capacity) if the matchup, time of day, distance traveled, etc. may indicate that capacity is not likely to be an issue.

Vaccination policy at BU for State Swimming & Diving event was brought up and the need to be compliant.

Jim Forest offered feedback (regarding the Swim locations recently chosen) to suggest that if a venue is on the actual property of a member school, that school should offer communication with regard to location, parking, etc. Sherry appreciated the feedback and will follow-up liaisons.

6. Alignments – will be discussed next meeting

7. Hybrid Sport Working Group – the last major item on the Charge from Board of Directors looking for consistency among sports. Team sports were done first, the COVID hijacked this last item. Golf/Wrestling/Swim/Skiing/Cross Country and Track/Tennis/Gymnastics/etc.to be addressed. TMC members are asked to contact Sherry if interested in volunteering for this sub-committee to bring forth suggestions to the full committee.

8. Other - Jim O'Leary, TMC Chairperson received a letter from the ice hockey committee regarding Div 1A Hockey. Jim replied to the letter indicating there is a timeline and process in place. Along with the Blue Ribbon Committee, TMC will assess the statewide tournament and will look at a Division 1A as it may relate to all sports, not just some once data has been collected and assessed.

Jeff Newhall had once final questions...is there ongoing conversation between Bob Baldwin, MIAA Executive Director, staff, and/or Department of Education regarding the mask policy for students competing? Sherry indicated there is no resolve yet.

9. Next Meeting February 16, 2022 @ 10AM – Virtual Meeting

Adjourned 10:49 AM