



MIAA Tournament Management Committee Meeting – March 23, 2022

The MIAA Tournament Management Committee met on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, with approximately 12 committee members.

Spring Format: Phil Napolitano, Rugby Liaison, presented the 2022 Rugby format. Some notable points include: The top four teams in D1 and the top six teams D2 and qualifiers over .500, the recommended field size is 55y wide which allows for standard FB field to be used, the Margin of Victory is 10, minimum tournament qualifying is four games, all game will be played at the higher seed until the state finals.

Motion: To approve the Rugby Format (S. Hart/D. Vega) **APPROVED 11-0**

Out-of-state teams should be identified as a school-sponsored HS team, not a club team.

Spring Sports Updates: All tournament directors have been secured and weekly meetings will start the week of March 28, 2022, which will keep tournament information updated and consistent. Power Rankings will be released in week 4 or 5 of the season. An adjustment to when MIAA ticket sales begin will be made in Tennis, Softball, and Baseball. Ticket sales in Tennis will take place at the Finals only and with Baseball and Softball starting in the Round of 8. This is due to having no ticket sales previously for Tennis and with Baseball and Softball there are many local fields that do not have appropriate gates to sell tickets.

The TMC sub-committee discussed if there should be one seeding committee with the sports committee and TMC reps to allow for consistency between sports.

Motion: One seasonal seeding committee consisting of the chair or designee from each sport, four TMC representatives with sports liaisons, and tournament administrator as non-voting members. The decisions of the seeding committee are final. (S. Hart/J. Brown) **APPROVED 12-0**

Discussion included the need for the MIAA sport liaison to take a larger role in each sport-specific tournament.

It was noted that baseball/softball home games lose the opportunity to gain the full Margin of Victory (MOV) based on the home team not batting in the bottom of the last inning if they are winning. Noted that Tennis is also discussing sport-specific nuance of MOV. Each sports committee has already weighed in on the currently set MOV numbers for this season. This spring will

proceed with numbers as set given the season has begun. All committees will have the opportunity to recommend changes after a season of experience.

New Alignment Criteria and Cycle: The Urban AD Committee has created a competitive equity tool that uses state reporting data in its formula to assist with school alignment. Sample alignments using this formula will be shared with TMC at the next meeting for discussion and possible vote.

Winter Tournaments: The winter tournament experience was a positive one. Though matters came to light at various times during the tournament they were addressed paving a way for a memorable student experience involving packed venues, quality play, and exposure to new opponents.

Other:

Hybrid Sports Sub-Committee needs more TMC representatives- James Forrest offered to serve. Sherry will reach out to TMC members that were not in attendance today for additional representatives on this committee.

Statewide Tournament feedback review is ongoing and will include spring sport tournament feedback. Recommendations of items to review include forfeits and inputting scores in a timely manner.

A request to have an app to access member school data is desired.

Next Meeting: TMC is on the agenda at MSSADA and the Annual Meeting

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