



MASSACHUSETTS INTERSCHOLASTIC  
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



**MIAA Tennis Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Virtual Meeting 10:00am**  
**Thursday, September 30, 2021**

Attendance: Carolyn Bohmiller, Dave Bouchard, Kate Breen, Tim Breen, Sherry Bryant, Paul Cooley, Joan Cutter, Stephen Fogarty, Sue Gauthier, Julie Gosselin, Donna Harrington, Jonathan Hicks, Scott Hoffman, Bob Jampol, Bob Lospennato, Kevin Mahoney, Mike Martin, Brian McNally, Matthew Porcaro, Nicholas Schlierf, Geoff Swett, Danny Ventura, Anne Worcester

- The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by MIAA Tennis Liaison Carolyn Bohmiller
- Call to Order/Welcome/New Members/Attendance
- Election of Officers:  
Chair, Dave Bouchard, AD, Quaboag Regional Middle/High School  
Co-Chair, Scott Hoffman, Principal, Bromfield School  
Secretary, vacancy
- Committee members were asked to complete the Conflict of Interest Statement and review the MIAA Governance Document.
- The suspension of the MIAA Handshake Protocol (Rule 92.20) will remain in effect until further notice.
- The minutes from the 2-23-21 committee meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Jonathan Hicks and Anne Worcester presented information on the Universal Tennis Ranking (UTR) system. The committee will continue to discuss the potential use of UTR in the future.
- MIAA Associate Director Sherry Bryant gave an overview of the statewide tournament, including where to locate important information and resources (Arbiter, Power Ratings, GoFan) on the MIAA website.
- Scott Hoffman agreed to serve on the MIAA Alignment Appeals Committee, replacing Mike Lucas, who is no longer on the Tennis Committee. Dave Bouchard will serve on the committee as well.
- The Team Tennis Format was reviewed and approved (in a committee vote following the meeting). Updates to the format will include that all tournament matches that are played at the site of the higher seed, should be played at sites that have a minimum of 4 courts and that all predetermined sites must have at least 5 courts.
- A sub-committee was formed to address the specifics of the Individual Tennis Tournament, given the transition to a statewide tournament structure. The sub-committee will report back to the full committee.

- The committee discussed a letter from a member school, questioning the need for USTA officials during the tournaments. The committee continues to support the use of officials moving forward.
- It is imperative that schools submit their scores on Arbiter in a timely fashion, so weekly ratings for all sports are calculated as accurately as possible.
- Title IX was enacted 50 years ago in 1972. NFHS and the MIAA will be promoting the 50 years celebration throughout the school year.
- The committee was made aware of the new Discriminatory Incident Reporting Initiative from the DEI Committee.
- Carolyn provided an overview of ongoing and upcoming MIAA Educational Athletics initiatives and resources.
- The next Tennis Committee meeting will be held on February 15, 2022 in the MIAA Office.

**Adjournment at 12:00pm**

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