

MIAA Unified Sports Advisory Committee
Virtual Meeting
January 19, 2022 – 10:00am

1. Call to Order at 10:04 am

Attendance: Tom Angelo, Todd Bazydlo, Peter Boucher, John Breault, Charlie Conefrey, Matt Curran, Brian Davis, Joe Francis, Josh MacCreery, Sean Mackin, Melanie Martin, Jared Shannon, Jen Walsh, Kathy Lutz, Patti Doherty, Peter Smith

Regrets: Kevin Hausmann, Josh MacCreery, Kristin Nelson, Jessica Winders

2. Minutes of September 29, 2021 Meeting

Motion – To approve the minutes of the September 29, 2021 meeting (Jared Shannon, second – Charlie Conefrey). APPROVED 10-0

3. Unified Track and Field

A draft of the 2022 Unified Track and Field Format was shared with the committee for review. The format included recommendations made by the format subcommittee. The following changes were made to the format document:

- Direct Athletics entry deadline changed to 11:59pm on May 3
- Estimated start time for Sectional Meets changed to 1:00pm
- Estimated start time for State Meet changed to 10:00am
- Add the athlete/partner chart as a guide for entries that may be submitted per team

Motion – To approve the Unified Track and Field Format as amended today (Mel Martin, second – Tom Angelo). APPROVED 9-0

Additional conversation took place regarding flexibility of start times with sectional meets and potentially hosting on weekends, the importance of tier accuracy when submitting time/distance entries, and reviewing the data for sectional champion advancement after this season.

4. Unified Basketball

Kathy Lutz provided a review of the fall Unified Basketball season and participation numbers. Unified Basketball has continued to grow across the state. Twelve postseason jamborees were hosted this year. Appreciation was shared for all of the schools that hosted jamborees.

The topic of students that utilize assistive devices participating in Unified Basketball was discussed. A draft timeline was established for planning in advance of the fall season. Volunteers for a subcommittee were requested to assist with planning.

5. Middle Level Update

Kathy Lutz provided an update regarding the Middle Level Unified Basketball season that is planned for March 2022. There are currently 28 schools registered to participate.

6. Other

A discussion took place regarding MIAA Handbook rules in relation to Unified Sports participation. A subcommittee will be established to review the handbook and make recommendations at a future meeting date.

7. Meeting adjourned at 11:23am. The next meeting is scheduled on April 13, 2022.

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