



MIAA Volleyball Committee Highlights May 11, 2022

The MIAA Volleyball Committee met virtually on May 11, 2022, with approximately 14 people including committee members, MIAA staff, and media.



Retirement: Brian McCann, Volleyball Chair for the last 16 years, was thanked for his leadership and guidance over the years.

Rule Change Proposal: Rule 83.4 Participation Limitations – Discussion to allow for two matches versus the same school should be allowed. The current rule allows for only one match to be played.

Spring Tournament:

Seeding Conflict Sub-Committee: Participation in the spring Tournament Seeding Conflict Sub-Committee is needed. Rich Riley, MIAA Volleyball Liaison, will send an email seeking volunteers for the committee.

MIAA Representation at Tournament Games: Committee members are being asked to assist in providing MIAA representation at the many tournament games, especially in the opening rounds. An email will be sent with this request.

Blue Ribbon Committee Update: This partnership is ongoing. Sherry Bryant will keep the members updated.

Coaches Representative Report: Tom Turco, Coaches Rep, stated the coaches' clinic was successful with approximately 120 attendees. Thank you to Rich and Brian for their assistance. Concern over the lack of medals for State Finalists was presented and will be brought to the Tournament Management Committee. Jane Bergin, Coaches Rep, said the locations of the semi-finals and finals will be provided when the brackets are definitive.

Officials Representative Report: Sportsmanship concerns were raised surrounding fan cheering during an active serve as well as negative context of some cheers. Suggested conversations or rules for the future include an emphasis on education for volleyball cheering as crowds are growing in the sport. Additionally, questions have been asked regarding MIAA tournament assigning for State Semi-Finals and Finals. The MIAA Tournament Assignor and will work with local officials and assignors to find the best, available officials for State Semi-Finals and Finals.

State Tournament Director: Terry Riley, Tournament Director, reported that all spring games will be at high school sites to keep consistency between fall and spring volleyball. Sites are currently being reviewed. The cutoff date is May 26th, appeals May 27th, and seeding May 31st (delayed due to Memorial Day). Preliminary/First Round matches are June 2-4th, Semi-Finals June 13-14th, and State Championships June 15-16th. ADs are asked to continue to upload, update, and review scores. Online ticketing will be required.

Other:

Flooring – the committee was asked if rubber or wood flooring was preferred. Varied opinions, though a wood floor was favored. Schools with rubber flooring have offered this season and in the past for both Girls and Boys Volleyball to host tournament games.

Next meeting: Fall 2022 TBD

