



MIAA Baseball Meeting Highlights October 28, 2021

The MIAA Baseball Committee meeting was conducted in Franklin, MA on Thursday, October 28, 2021. The meeting was attended by nine voting committee members, tournament directors, and MIAA staff.

Welcome/Opening:

The Baseball Committee was welcomed and introduced at the start of the meeting. The MIAA Conflict of Interest Form was reviewed, signed and submitted. The Governance Structure of the MIAA was reviewed.

2021-2022 Baseball Committee Officers

The following officers were elected for the 2021-22 school year:

- Chair: Tom O'Brien, Haverhill High School, Athletic Director
- Vice Chair: Marc Talbot, Pembroke High School, Principal
- Secretary: Kevin Magee, East Longmeadow High School, Athletic Director

2021 Baseball Tournament Review

Tournament Directors from this past spring presented a review of the 2021 sectional tournaments, citing many positives in terms of games at higher seeded sites, participation from schools despite COVID-19 restrictions, and officiating assignments despite the tournament taking place later in the year.

2022 Baseball Tournament Format

The 2022 Baseball Tournament format was reviewed and modified in preparation to present to the Tournament Management Committee.

In review of the Baseball Tournament format, the MIAA Baseball Committee discussed the following:

- The mercy rule as it relates to the post-season,
- Amending the suspended game policy to ensure game completion unless mutually agreed upon by both teams.
- Assignment of officials - Recommending the use of an assigner as well eliminating the minimum amount of varsity games needed to officiate an MIAA tournament game.

Officials

Officials requested that the MBUA, MIAA and Game Officials' Committee work together to educate officials and promote growth within the profession.

Coaches

Members of the MBCA provided feedback on the Coach of the Year process. It was also requested to review Rule 49 for the upcoming rule change process, requesting equity within the game suspension policy for Baseball compared to other sports.

Next Meeting: January 11, 2022 (virtually)

