



MIAA Game Officials Committee Meeting Highlights – October 12, 2021

The Game Officials Committee (GOC) met at the Franklin office on October 12, 2021 with nine committee members in attendance and two additional game officials.

Committee members were welcomed to the in-person meeting by liaison Richard Pearson. After welcoming the committee, and allowing all members to introduce themselves, they proceeded with the election of officers.

Election of Officers:

Chair: Dan Curran (D. Sanschagrín/A. Esdaile)

Vice Chair: Avery Esdaile (D. Sanschagrín /J. MacCreery)

Secretary: Charlie Butterfield (H. Rollins / D. Sanschagrín)

In order to meet the new GOC structure with one official as a voting member, the committee nominated Charlie Butterfield (D. Curran/H. Rollins) 12-0-0 as the voting official's representative on the Committee.

Motion: To approved 2022-23 Tournament Fees in preparation for the MIAA budget process.

(J. Quartramoní/J. MacCreery) **APPROVED** 9-0-0

Fall 2021 State Tournament Officiating: The GOC discussed the work over the past four months to support the TMC as they work to clarify officiating and assigning for the Fall 2021 Tournament.

Motion: To recommend to the TMC that an assignor's coordinator for the semi-final and the state finals help offer oversight for assignors in previous rounds. **APPROVED** 9-0-0 (D. Sanschagrín/J. Quartramoní)

Additionally, the committee discussed the value to clarify for the membership that when assigning for the preliminary round, rounds of 32, 16, and 8, the athletic directors would likely use an assignor/commissioner to assign officials for the contest.

Official Shortage: Liaison Richard Pearson once again highlighted the NFHS #BecomeAnOfficial campaign. This campaign is a nationwide effort to gather names of people interested in becoming an official. This information is sent weekly to the MIAA office staff and then pushed out to board leaders around the state. Other discussion centered on improving the environment for officiating, how do we attract more officials, how to support their education and how to support their growth as an official throughout the season.

Next meeting date to be determined in December 2021.

