



## Soccer Committee Highlights September 14, 2021

Members of the committee, along with former sectional directors from the Central and West, media, and MIAA staff were in attendance.

### **Nominations for Officers:**

**CHAIR:** Bob Keuther (Marshfield Principal) (T. Rich/R. Beaudoin)  
**VICE-CHAIR:** Danny Erickson (Canton AD) (R. Beaudoin/ S. Mackin)  
**SECRETARY:** Cheryl Walsh (Officials Rep) (R. Beaudoin/T. Rich)

**Welcome:** New members were welcomed during the introductions. All in attendance were informed about "Conflict of Interest" standards. All in attendance completed and submitted their signed forms acknowledging compliance to the committee chairs.

Bob Baldwin, Executive Director, was introduced and thanked the committee members for their time and dedication. He presented his visions for the Association.

Rob Pearl reviewed the MIAA Governance document from the Handbook as an informational item. He also presented a copy of the TMC approved [Soccer Format](#).

**Statewide Tournament and Arbiter:** Sherry Bryant, Associate Executive Director, provided updates for the statewide tournament format. She emphasized how important it is for scores to be entered in a timely manner. She encouraged committee members to check on schools in their districts and watch to see if scores are being updated in Arbiter. Timely input is very important for the power rankings to be accurate. Power ranking will be posted beginning the week of September 27. Sherry talked about the process to apply to be the tournament director, and also expressed that GoFan will be the only option for tickets at the state semi-final and state final round games.

- The Committee discussed the use of Formstack to report infractions and game sheets. Formstack has been well received as it is so simple to navigate. All infractions **MUST** be reported using this method. Although it was agreed the soccer game sheets are not mandatory, there needs to be some way to verify infractions after the game is over. A new form was created that will be used only when a yellow or red is given in a contest. The [Soccer Infraction Form](#) is now posted on the soccer page and can be printed by the host school. If a card is given, the officials must verify and sign the infraction sheet. The host school

retains the report. Rosters must be exchanged and copies given to the lead official.

- Two rules were clarified:  
78.2.5 – A player committing a 2<sup>nd</sup> yellow card infraction in the same contest receives a red card. This is reported as 1 red card, not two yellows, or one yellow and one red. The student-athlete also must serve a two game suspension and complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course prior to returning to play.

78.2.24 – Each team will be allowed a one minute time out each half and each extended time period. If a player is cautioned with a yellow card, he/she cannot be substituted during the time out. The coach must wait until the next legal opportunity to substitute the cautioned player back into the game.

**Coach's Report:** Sue Hendee reported the coaches are very happy to be back on the field and playing without modifications. The committee is looking to add a rep for the boys soccer coaches. Please email [rpearl@miaa.net](mailto:rpearl@miaa.net) if you have a coach that is interested.

**Officials Report:** Ric Beaudoin went over the one new rule change from the NFHS. The rule states that religious headwear is allowed to be worn without receiving state association approval.

**Next meeting:** December 7 at 10:00am.

Committee members requested to meet in early December to review the fall season and the first statewide tournament.

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