



## MIAA Softball Committee Meeting Highlights – October 27, 2021

The Softball Committee met on Tuesday, October 27, 2021 in Franklin with approximately 12 members in attendance.

### **Welcome/Opening:**

The Softball 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.

Bob Baldwin thanked all for their involvement and commitment to the Association. He gave an overview of his goals as he continues to transition into his role as executive director.

### **2021-2022 Baseball Committee Officers**

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

- Chair: Martha Jamieson, Silver Lake High School, Athletic Director
- Vice Chair: Mark Miville, Quabbin High School, Athletic Director
- Secretary: Emily Sullivan, Dover-Sherborn High School, Athletic Director

**State Tournament:** Rob Pearl, MIAA Liaison, gave an overview of how the state tournament will run for softball, as well as an overview of how things are going so far this fall with power rankings and Arbiter. A State Tournament director will be selected from the pool of candidates that apply prior to the spring season; then regional coordinators will be chosen.

**Alignments:** The committee reviewed the alignments. Once posted, schools will have the opportunity to appeal.

**Softball Format:** The 2022 format was reviewed and edited. The format will be presented to the Tournament Management Committee for approval.

**Tournament Directors:** The spring 2021 Tournament Directors gave summary reports. Annette DiMascio (south), Luis Macedo (central), and Mike Kuchieski (west) all reported the tournament went well despite weather challenges with heat and rain. Kelly Farley (north) was not able to attend, but no concerns from the north were brought forward.

**DEI/Sportsmanship Incident Reporting:** Rob provided an update on the DEI/Sportsmanship Incident Reporting initiative. Information will be sent to all member schools via email. Please reach out to MIAA staff with questions.

**Other:**

The Softball committee currently has an opening for a coach’s representative. Interested coaches should email Rob Pearl ([rpearl@miaa.net](mailto:rpearl@miaa.net)).

Avery Esdaile, Boston PS Athletic Director, asked for more clarification on the roles of committee members and what we can do to promote the sport of softball. It’s important for member schools to know who their representatives are, and to bring any concerns forward; presence at the tournament games across the state will be very helpful; providing feedback for rules and game management.

**Next meeting:** February 8, 2022 at 10:00am (virtual)



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