



MIAA Tournament Management Committee Meeting Highlights June 16, 2022

The MIAA Tournament Management Committee met in Franklin on June 16, 2022, with approximately 19 committee members and Association guests.

Fall Formats: A review and vote on Fall 2022 formats took place [see items page](#)

Motion: To approve the 2022 Cross Country Format (S. Paine/P. Funk)
APPROVED 11-0

Motion: To approve the 2022 Golf Format (J. Brown/D. Vega) **APPROVED 11-0**

Motion: To approve the 2022 Fall Swim & Dive Format with the removal of language on pg. 4 (Covid protocols). (S. Hart/M. Ryan) **APPROVED 11-0**

Motion: To approve the 2022 Soccer Format (D. Vega/ S. Hart) **APPROVED 11-0**

Motion: To approve the 2022 Fall Volleyball Format (S. Hart/ M. Hart)
APPROVED 11-0

Motion: To approve the 2022 Field Hockey Format, upon change of language on pg. 2C to read Field Hockey with a score of 3-0 (M. Hart/S. Hart)
APPROVED 11-0

Motion: To approve the 2022 Football Format following NFHS rules. (S. Paine/M. Hart) **APPROVED 11-0**
The committee noted that 12-minute quarters in football will be followed.

Alignments: Sean Mackin (AD, Chicopee) and Craig Antocci (AD, Fitchburg) worked with a sub-committee to develop the Competitive Equity Tool (CET). The CET calculates the real population in a school that participates in athletics with school information provided to DESE. Jared Shannon (AD, Wahconah) provided an overview on how alignment is completed using DESE factual data (population rates, ELL, poverty, high needs population, etc.) to establish a base population number. Establishing a population baseline is a starting point in determining alignments.

You may view a description of the CET and the presentation [HERE](#)

Motion: To Adopt the Competitive Equity Tool and use it to calculate enrollment in the next round of alignments (Fall 2023). (J. Shannon/D. Vega)

APPROVED 12-1-0

Alignment Factors:

Alignments will be sent to members with an appeals timeline this fall to prepare for the next alignment cycle which begins fall of 2023.

Co-op schools: Currently Co-op teams are aligned by the school in the co-op with the highest enrollment figure and then bumped up a division. Much debate took place about removing versus keeping the automatic co-op alignment bump up.

There is agreement that work needs to be done in the area of co-op team oversight. J. Shannon did share with the committee the work of the District Athletic Committee sub-committee reviewing co-ops and associated guidelines.

Motion: To remove the automatic bump-up of one division of co-op teams (J. DiCarlo/J. Shannon) **APPROVED 12-2-0**

Vocational Schools: Discussion on how current vocational schools have evolved greatly from the vocational schools of the past and should be aligned based on enrollment figures as all other schools rather than automatically bumped down two divisions as they have been in the most recent alignment cycle.

Motion: To remove the automatic bump down of two divisions of vocational schools. **APPROVED 14-0** (J. Shannon/M. Ryan)

Private Schools: There is an automatic bump up of a division for private schools.

Motion: To remove the factors on private school, which is a bump up of one division. (J. Shannon/J. DiCarlo) **DENIED 2-12**

Power Rankings: Feedback and recommendations are being received from Fall and Winter sport committees as well as some leagues. The TMC committed to waiting for Spring sport committees to have the opportunity to weigh in as well before considering any changes. There was one letter submitted by the Hockomock league requesting consideration of a change to become effective Fall of 2022. The TMC will consider the information submitted along with all other feedback with a goal to complete such review by the end of the calendar year. Any changes would be for implementation in Fall of 2023.

Other: Thank you

Sherry Bryant thanked Pam Gould on behalf of the committee for her MIAA service and noted how Pam will soon be a colleague in Franklin.

Shaun Hart thanked Sean Mackin and Craig Antoccii on behalf of the committee for being part of the solution.

Sherry Bryant thanked Jim O'Leary on behalf of the committee for all of his impactful work over the years.

Next Meeting Date: TBD

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