



MASSACHUSETTS INTERSCHOLASTIC
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



MIAA Tournament Management Committee Meeting Highlights September 1, 2021

The Tournament Management Committee (TMC) met virtually on September 1, 2021 with approximately 32 people on the call including TMC members, Member School Athletic Directors, MIAA staff and members of the media.

Tom Tarpey, Athletic Director New Bedford High School was welcomed as a District 8 TMC representative.

2021-2022 TMC Officers:

- Chair: *Jim O'Leary, Associate Head of School, St. John's Prep*
- Vice Chair: *Johanna DiCarlo, Athletic Director, Westborough High School*

Fall Formats

Each fall format was reviewed and discussed with highlights provided by the committee chair or MIAA liaison.

Tie Breaker Policy: Due to the transition to the statewide tournament and sport season limits, consistent language in the tie breaker policy should include strength of schedule, which is the average of the opponents rating.

Motion: Change tie break procedure step 2 to read: The higher average of each teams opponents rating, based on the power rating formula. (J. DiCarlo/J. Newhall) **APPROVED 13-0**

You may view the updated Tie Breaker Policy [HERE](#)

Motion: To adjust Fall Golf tournament qualification language to be consistent with other hybrid sports (reference to league champions/runners up)
APPROVED 14-0

Motion: To approve fall formats as revised by pervious votes. (D.Newton /D. Reid) **APPROVED 14-0**

Fall formats may be viewed [HERE](#)

Sherry Bryant reviewed the recent Board decision to revert to former Rule 83.5 and charge the Volleyball and Blue Ribbon Committee to develop possible alternative proposal(s).

Statewide Tournament: The September 15, 2021 meeting will be dedicated to the statewide tournament. Committee reps are asked to gather questions from their constituents for a FAQ document being created by a sub-committee. Questions should be submitted before the sub-committee meeting on September 8th.

Forfeits: Discussion ensued on how to handle game forfeits with the transition to the statewide tournament and tournament seeding.

Motion: The forfeit margin will be the margin of victory numbers for each sport that was established by TMC (J. Newhall/M. Ryan) **APPROVED 13-0**

Unplayed games due to COVID: Deliberation took place on how to approach forfeits/non-participation due to a COVID situation.

Motion: If a game is not played or made up due to COVID reasons, it is considered a non-contest for both teams. (J. DiCarlo/D. Reid) **DEFEATED 3-10-1**

Motion: Competitions unable to be played because of COVID-19 will be considered a non-contest. Schools will have an opportunity to appeal to the Seeding Committee if these competitions deemed non contests impact their ability to access the MIAA Tournament under the 50% qualifying criteria. (J. Brown/D. Vega) **APPROVED 14-0-0**

Alignments: Johanna DiCarlo and Sherry Bryant gave an overview on fall alignment appeals. All fall appeals completed and alignments posted. There may be updates to the alignments as teams added or dropped via the institutional registration process are factored in to the documents. The first level of winter appeals has been completed. The appeal committee will plan to establish meeting dates the weeks of Sept 13 and Sept 20.

Other:

Post season/league events: Sherry highlighted the recent Board vote to exempt league/district championship game.

NFHS Title IX @ 50: Sherry shared the ongoing NFHS Title IX @ 50 campaign for the 2021-22 school year. Massachusetts will have their trailblazer recognized in October. A more focused statewide campaign through collaboration with committees such as the Blue Ribbon Committee will take place throughout the year. All schools are encouraged to celebrate and recognize within their community female leaders, athletes and trailblazers.

Next meeting: September 15, 2021

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