



MIAA Ice Hockey Committee Meeting Highlights June 11, 2021

The MIAA Ice Hockey Committee met virtually on June 11, 2021 with approximately 22 people on the call including committee members, Member School Athletic Directors, MIAA staff and members of the media.

Alignment Process 2021-23: MIAA liaison Richard Pearson mentioned that the new alignments for the next two-year cycle are out and for the committee members and other school leaders to look at the alignments as the appeal deadline is fast approaching. It was reiterated that Dave Lezenski will represent the Committee for appeals and John Brown will also be available should Dave Lezenski have a conflict of interest.

Ice Hockey Format: the format subcommittee met numerous times since the previous meeting. The format was submitted to the committee for approval. The content of the format was update with state tournament aspects and management needs. Of particular note was information to help schools manage higher seed responsibilities and venue selection. The format contains the following capacity language:

- Preliminary Play-in and Round of 32 Games: Minimum capacity of 250
- Round of 16: Minimum capacity of 500
- Round of 8 games: Minimum capacity of 1000 or permission of the Tournament Director
- Semi-Finals and Finals: MIAA Predetermined sites

The format will be submitted to the TMC for their discussion and approval.

Motion: Move to accept the format as submitted (J. Rudzinsky/B. Ware)
APPROVED 17-0-0

MIAA Ice Hockey Rule Changes for 2021-23: Richard Pearson detailed the two ice hockey rule changes that were adopted effective July 1. The first change is for the option of 17-minute periods. The second was for a required regular season overtime of 5-minutes. The MIAA Handbook will be updated with these rule changes.

Pertaining to the 5-minute overtime, the committee discussed communication that will need to be sent to schools that participate in

approved vacation week tournaments. Given that all games count toward tournament qualification, all approved tournaments must play the specific MIAA 5-minute overtime and record the result at the conclusion of the overtime (win/tie). If another overtime is required for the tournament bracket, it could take place but the record of the first 5-minute overtime must be used for MIAA tournament qualification.

Next Meeting: Fall 2021 TBD

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