



MASSACHUSETTS INTERSCHOLASTIC  
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



## MIAA Ice Hockey Committee Meeting Highlights September 30, 2020

The MIAA Ice Hockey Committee met virtually on September 30, 2020 with approximately 23 people on the call including committee members, Member School Athletic Directors, MIAA staff and members of the media.

**Opening:** The MIAA Conflict of Interest Form was reviewed, signed and submitted. The Governance Structure of the MIAA was reviewed.

### **2020-2021 Ice Hockey Committee Officers:**

- Chair: Dan Shine, Arlington Catholic High School, Athletic Director
- Vice Chair: Dave Lezenski, Lowell High School, Athletic Director
- Secretary: Bob Ware, Westford Academy, Assistant Principal

**Appeal:** Everett High School presented an appeal of their divisional placement for the 2020-21 school year, the final year of the current 4-year alignment. Discussion occurred.

*Motion:* To move Everett to Division 3 for the 2020-21 school year (B. Ware/S. Paine) **APPROVED** 17-0-0

**Rule Change Packet for 2021-2023:** Rule change proposals were reviewed and voted on. Result tallies have been submitted to MIAA Assistant Executive Director Phil Napolitano and will be added to the rules packet on the MIAA website. This is the first step in the rule change proposal process.

John Brown offered an update to the current status of the alignment document submitted to the TMC for the 2021-23 two year alignment process. During the agenda item for Girl's Ice Hockey, Kathleen brown mentioned challenges of cooperative teams and middle level waivers as they impact girl's ice hockey.

**Ice Hockey Modifications:** A COVID-19 Rule Modifications Sub-Committee was appointed to begin the process of creating rule modifications: *Dave Lezenski* Lowell AD, *Bob Ware* Westford Academy AP, *John Brown* Wellesley AD, *Paul Spear* Coach, *Scott Paine* Hull AD, *Michael Sheeran* Tournament Director, *Dan Brothers* Tournament Director, *Tim Brillo* Ludlow AD, *Matt Serino* Winthrop AD, *Josh Hanna* Franklin Principal, and *Dave Uminski* Oakmont Principal.

### **Other:**

Dave Uminski, representing the central MA ice hockey committee spoke on two items, **awareness and enforcement of cat-eye masks for goaltenders** and **using three officials for all tournament games**. It was suggested and noted favorably to ask officials to be more vigilant in monitoring proper masks

for goaltenders in the coming season. As for three officials per game, the current approved format does include that guidance and if to be considered further, it will be discussed when the 2021-22 format is developed.

A final mention was given to the annual Ice Hockey Officials Summit usually held in September. It has been postponed and will be held in October.

**Next Meeting:** January 14, 2021

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