



MASSACHUSETTS INTERSCHOLASTIC
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MIAA Rugby Committee Highlights February 9, 2021

The MIAA Rugby Committee held their scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2021. The following information is an effort to keep you updated on the meeting.

- 2021 Rugby Tournament Format was approved (14-0, motion by Josh MacCreery, 2nd by Ryan Madden). Committee understands that TMC will make the decision on spring tournaments in the near future.
- Tom Arria provided an update on his plans for regular season scheduling. It was identified that some schools may not be permitted to offer rugby this spring, which may cause scheduling challenges.
- Reviewed the rugby specific modifications timeline. Committee was provided with updated EEA guidelines.
- Rugby modifications sub-committee members presented a drafted proposal of rugby modifications. A lengthy discussion ensued on potential modifications to all areas of rugby, including roster sizes, practices, game play, officials, and the number of players on the field during a match (e.g. 15 v 15 or a reduced number).
- Mauls, rucks and scrums were three areas of the game that many felt warranted in-depth attention. Both during practice time and during match play.
- Next steps:
 - Rugby modifications sub-committee will meet to address the feedback from today's meeting.
 - Full committee to meet prior to the end of the month to review the updated modifications and ultimately vote.
 - Present modifications to MIAA Sports Medicine Committee on March 8th.

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