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MIAA Rugby Committee Highlights October 6, 2020

The MIAA Rugby Committee held their scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2020. The following information is an effort to keep you updated on the meeting.

- New members were welcomed to the committee. The MIAA Conflict of Interest Form was reviewed, signed and submitted. The Governance Structure of the MIAA was reviewed.
- Elected Officers – Jeff Sperling (Chair), Greg Bruce (Vice), Jesse Nocon (Sec)
- The 2021-2023 TMC alignment criteria was reviewed. A subcommittee will be formed to review alignments and have a proposal for the full committee to approve.
- Discussion regarding the 2020-21 athletic outlook. Additionally, the MIAA COVID-19 resource page was shown to the committee.
- Committee will hold a modifications specific meeting to get a jump on ideas for potential modifications to the sport of Rugby during the health pandemic. Date and time of this meeting is TBD.
- Committee members expressed concern around the growth of the sport and ways to increase interest. Members decided that they will host a “town hall” meeting for school’s who already have a club program or are interested in starting a rugby program. This will allow collaboration with our rugby experts and hopefully continue the growth of the sport. The date/time for this meeting has not been set.
- Committee Chair, Jeff Sperling, will finalize the “substitution tracking form” that will be utilized beginning with the 2021 Rugby season. The drafted form was reviewed by Officials Rep, Jesse Nocon, and he expressed confidence that the form captures the information needed related to substitutions and could be managed by the officials.
- 2021-2023 MIAA 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.

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