



MIAA Soccer Committee Highlights February 9, 2021

The MIAA Soccer Committee met virtually on February 9, 2021 with approximately 20 people on the call including committee members, Member School Athletic Directors, MIAA staff and members of the media.

Announcements: Members were welcomed and reminded to sign and return their Conflict of Interest form. Bill Gaine's announcement regarding retiring was shared.

Reports:

- Coach's representative Sue Hendee reported they have not met recently so nothing new to report.
- Official's representative Ric Beadoin reported some officials are concerned about players not wearing masks, even though they have a medical approval note to not wear one. Danny Ericson (Vice Chair) and Rob Pearl explained if they have a true medical reason excusing them from wearing a mask, and the note is presented to the opposing team and officials, the student is allowed to play.
- Ric expressed concerns for when a "COVID violation" happens in the box that it causes a cluster. An example is when a defender heads the ball in the box, the opposing team is given an indirect kick. After discussing this, a vote was taken to see if the modifications can be amended:

Motion: An indirect kick will take place from the 18yd line closest to where the infraction occurred. (R. Beaudoin/R. McArdle) **APPROVED 16-0**

Fall I Infraction Report: Some concern that not all schools are reporting their infractions. Also, schools that had a significant (more than 8) amount of cards will be contacted to see if they have a plan to rectify and issues moving forward. A reminder will also be sent to AD's about reporting infractions and that a red card violation or 3rd yellow card violation results in a 2 game suspension. If this was not served the penalty carries over to the next fall.

Soccer Modifications: Fall II COVID Modifications were reviewed.

2021-22 Soccer Format: The committee previously voted to change a rule for playoff field conditions which is not reflected in the posted format. The format will be updated to reflect the rule: "If a tournament game is suspended in the 2nd half due to adverse field conditions, both teams will return the next playable day to complete the game from where they left off on a playable field. Both schools can mutually agree to end the game as is." (eg: lopsided score may warrant a team not wanting to return).

Other: Committee asked about MaxPreps and the potential seeding format moving forward. The TMC will provide direction in this area.

Dave Kier and Lou Macedo asked about the role of Tournament Directors as we move to a statewide tournament in the fall. Information will be provided when available.

Next meeting: May 6, 2021

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