



MIAA Soccer Committee Meeting Highlights September 15, 2020

The MIAA Soccer Committee met virtually on September 15, 2020 with approximately 25 people on the call including committee members, Member School Athletic Directors, MIAA staff and members of the media.

2020-2021 Soccer Committee Officers:

Chair: Robert Keuther, Marshfield High School, Principal
Vice Chair: Daniel Erikson, Taunton High School, Athletic Director
Secretary: Cheryl Welsh, Officials Rep

Reports:

Ric Beaudoin (officials rep) reported the NFHS rule changes and the MIAA soccer modifications

Committee members received the infraction report from the Fall 2019 season. A significant increase in yellow cards was reported. Typically schools that receive more than 14 cards in a season must attend a soccer committee hearing. Due to COVID the five schools in violation were not required to attend last spring.

The committee discussed an increase of negative actions in player/coach interactions with the officials. One of the soccer modifications addresses this as it states a player that argues with an official will receive a yellow card, and any player that approaches within six feet of an official to argue will receive a red card.

Game Score Sheet: The game score sheet process has been modified for the 2020-21 season. Teams will no longer exchange the document, and officials will not be required to sign the sheet post game. Home team is responsible for submitting scores and any infractions via the MIAA Members only tab, or by using the mobile app. All teams must post their roster on the MIAA site prior to the first game.

Post-game handshake: Per the MIAA Sports Medicine committee the post-game handshake has been suspended at this time. **Following the game**, players should line up six feet apart, and 10 yards away from the opposing team and simply walk by and acknowledge each other with a wave or nod.

Nominations: Committee members were informed that the MIAA Coach of the Year, and Official of the Year nomination forms will be on the MIAA website – www.miaa.net

Rule Change Packet Proposal:

Motion: The MIAA Rule Change votes be postponed until October to allow for additional time to review. (B. Keuther/T. Rich) **APPROVED**
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Next Meeting: February 2, 2021

A blue banner for MIAA Educational Athletics. On the right side, there is a collage of four images: a basketball player in a white jersey, a group of cheerleaders holding a 'MIAA CHAMPION' sign, a soccer player in a white jersey with the number 13, and a portrait of a young man and woman. The text 'EDUCATIONAL ATHLETICS' is written in large, bold, white letters on the left. Below it, the contact information 'MIAA | 33 Forge Pkwy | Franklin, MA 02038 | 508-541-7997' is displayed in smaller white text.

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