



MASSACHUSETTS INTERSCHOLASTIC  
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



## MIAA Sportsmanship Committee Meeting April 6, 2021

The Sportsmanship Committee met virtually on April 6, 2021 and was attended by 16 people.

**Leadership:** Chris Vasta, who has served as Chair of the Committee for two years resigned due to a change in his role at Xaverian HS. The Vice-Chair, Derek Atherton assumed the role of Chair for the remainder of this school year. Thank you, Chris, for your time!

**Sportsmanship Summit:** The 2020-21 Sportsmanship Summit has been postponed until November 2021 due to ongoing venue restrictions due to COVID. The initial planning process has started for November. Members are asked to email names of potential guest speakers, award winners, and the essay contest topic to Rob Pearl and Donna Harrington.

**Sportsmanship Essay/Multi-Media Contest:** Rob Pearl will work with the Administration from the schools for the winners to set up presentation visits to the recipients. Committee members will be invited to the ceremonies.

**Ron Burton Community Service Award:** The Ron Burton Community Service Award will be presented to the Henry Family in recognition of the work they are doing with the DJ Henry Dream Fund. Their foundation provides funding for underprivileged children and young adults throughout Massachusetts to maintain and promote healthy lifestyles through athletics and wellness programs. A presentation date will be established. The Henry's will also be invited to attend the Summit in November.

**Incident Reporting Form:** Derek Atherton updated the committee on the work being done by the subcommittees from DEI and Sportsmanship on the Discriminatory Incident Reporting Form. The subcommittee is planning to present an update at the Annual Meeting and have a finished document to present to the MIAA Board of Directors at the May 2021 Board meeting.

Recent events that have been spotlighted with acts of unsportsmanlike conduct were discussed. Although most felt those issues were better handled in house, the committee would like to hear from the schools in an effort to help others avoid future incidents.

**Next meeting:** June 15, 2021 at 10:00am

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