



## MIAA Tournament Management Committee Meeting Highlights March 25, 2021

A gentle reminder about **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY**:

At the May 13, 2020 Board of Directors meeting, the following proposal from the MIAA handbook rules subcommittee, which was created to review specific handbook rules impacted by COVID-19, was made. The committee consisted of members from BOD, ERB and MIAC. MIAA Assistant Executive Director Phil Napolitano chaired the committee.

*MIAA Rule 58 - Academic Requirements Recommendation:* Waive MIAA Rule 58.1 on Academic Eligibility, and allow for each school (Principal) to individually determine their own local academic eligibility standard for the **2020 Fall Season until the first marking period**.

**Motion:** Accept the recommendation for MIAA Rule 58 put forth by the subcommittee. (Brian M./Stephanie S.) **APPROVED 15-0**

At the completion of the first marking period in 2020, MIAA Rule 58.1 Academic Eligibility was reactivated and is expected to be followed by member schools. Please reach out to the MIAA office with questions.

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### TMC HIGHLIGHTS

The Tournament Management Committee (TMC) met virtually on March 25, 2021 with approximately 35 people on the call including TMC members, Member School Athletic Directors, MIAA staff and members of the media.

**Spring Tournaments 2021:** The Board of Directors added an additional two games to the proposed sectional tournament schedule on March 12, 2021, resulting in a spring state tournament. View the spring tournament document [HERE](#). The scheduling of the spring tournament is fluid and will vary from sport to sport based on the number of teams which opt-in to the tournament. The final number of teams will not be known until after the June 2<sup>nd</sup> opt-in deadline date.

**Alignment Appeal Form:** Fall 2021-2023 sport alignments are posted on the MIAA website [HERE](#).

The alignment appeal form will be available in the Members Only section soon. Criteria to motioning for an appeal may be found [HERE](#). Once the appeals form is activated, a school will be required to complete this form requesting an appeal. Only appeals which fit the criteria will be heard.

**MIAA Annual Meeting:** The MIAA Annual Meeting will be held virtually on April 9, 2021. There will be a presentation on the New Statewide Tournament. If you have any questions, please reach out to your TMC district representative as soon as possible so they may be addressed.

**Correspondence:** A joint letter from Districts 1, 2 and 3 regarding the state tournament was provided to TMC. The work of the TMC is appreciated, however, concerns about the move to a spring 2021 state tournament versus a sectional tournament was provided.

**Blue Ribbon Committee:** Jim O'Leary, TMC Chair, provided an overview of expectations from the Blue Ribbon Committee as it relates to Division 1A tournaments. The expectation is to have the same expectations for the 1A and statewide tournament including items such as: power ratings, single elimination, equal venues, and official assignments. In addition, the lens of gender equity and state laws will be used.

**Next Meeting:** April 15, 2021

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