



MIAA Tournament Management Committee Meeting Highlights April 15, 2021

The Tournament Management Committee (TMC) met virtually on April 15, 2021 with approximately 30 people on the call including TMC members, Member School Athletic Directors, MIAA staff and members of the media.

Division 1A criteria – Members of the MIAA Blue Ribbon Committee - Johanna DiCarlo, Pam Gould, Mary Ryan, and Attorney Tom Costello presented a Division 1A Tournament Proposal to the TMC. The proposal will *"not consider any applications for a 1A Tournament until July 1, 2025, to ensure MIAA sport committees can support their applications with four years of data under the new statewide tournament structure start in the fall 2021 season."* This proposal, as another piece of the statewide tournament, is focused on consistency, equity and Title IX compliance. The proposal includes language in support of previous actions of the TMC such as use of power rating system for selection and seeding of tournament, single elimination format, and adherence to all the TMC policies. You may view the Division 1A proposal [HERE](#).

Data from the new power rating system for the statewide tournament will be analyzed over the next four years by the TMC to determine where, and if, dominance exists in each sport. TMC will use this data to establish future 1A Tournaments if the stipulated criteria is met.

Motion: To approve the Division 1A Tournament Proposal as presented. (J. Shannon/P. Gould) **APPROVED 12-2**

Alignment Process Status Report: The fall alignment appeal form can be found in Members Only. Johanna DiCarlo is leading a sub-committee to oversee the fall alignment appeals. To date, over 45 requests have been submitted. Sport committees need to identify a committee member to participate in the process.

Spring Tournament Planning and Administration:

- **June 2nd is the tournament entry date.** Tournament entry will be handled via the Members Only tournament entry form as has been done in the past. Scores entered after submission will automatically update the form. There is no need to resubmit the form after each update.
- **June 15th is the cutoff date for all team sports.**
- **June 16th and 17th seeding dates.**

First round games:

- Seedings conducted on June 16th will have first round games scheduled no earlier than June 18th.
- Seedings conducted on June 17th will have first round games scheduled no earlier than June 19th.

Games will take place at the higher seeded team throughout the tournament.

The seeding tie breaker procedure will be used if necessary to determine the higher seed (host) heading into the semi-final rounds. The policy is found [HERE](#).

Spring Tournament format review will be on the next meeting agenda.

Statewide Tournament:

The *Annual Meeting* statewide tournament presentation was successful. Committee members did not have any additional feedback from districts following the presentation.

Town Hall meetings providing an overview of statewide tournaments will be scheduled this spring.

MSSADA Convention: Shaun Hart will present on power seeding and the statewide tournament on Monday, May 3rd 9:30-10:30am. Johanna DiCarlo will present on organizing/running league and/or sectional tournaments prior to the statewide tournament on Friday, May 7th 10:00-10:45am.

Discussion followed regarding possible *exemption games* (going over the maximum number of allowed games) in support of league/sectional tournaments. Conversation included a request for clarification and a streamlined process to be provided to membership as soon as possible.

Next Meeting Date: April 29, 2021 10:00 AM

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