



## MIAA Volleyball Committee Highlights February 23, 2021

The MIAA Volleyball Committee meeting met virtually on February 23, 2021. Approximately 23 people were on the call including committee members, MIAA staff and members of the media.

**Fall II Modifications Update:** Carole Burke, MIAA Volleyball Rules Interpreter, updated and clarified the Fall II modifications.

- COVID 19 line has been removed
- During substitutions BOTH the player coming out of the game and the player going into the game needed to hand sanitize
- Volleyballs need to be sanitized after each game, not after each point
- Mandate of a COVID 19 Modifications Enforcer at each game site

**Fall II Dates:** The Fall II Season started on February 22, 2021 and will conclude on April 25, 2021. Chairmen McCann correctly stated that some leagues have altered dates based on league-wide decisions.

**Coaches' Report:** Jane Bergin of Lexington HS gave the boy's coaches' report along with Tom Turco of Barnstable HS who serves as the girl's coaches' representative. The two Volleyball Associations are looking to create one state-wide Association that will equally serve both the girls and boys sports. Sub-committee work is ongoing and a final report will be given at our May meeting.

As of today (2/23/21) there has been no decision regarding an MIAA sponsored spring state tournament.

**Acknowledgement:** Chairman McCann acknowledged the resignation of Tournament Director Joyce Skiff. He thanked her for her wonderful service to the sport of Volleyball and the MIAA, sharing that we will miss her fun personality.

No Tournament Directors reports provided as MIAA tournaments have not taken place since the winter of 2020. Tournament Directors are anxious to hear what their role may or may not be as the MIAA moves to a state-wide tournament format in 2021-22.

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and Sportsmanship Committee:** Kathleen McSweeney informed the Committee of the current work being done jointly between the DEI and the Sportsmanship Committee to address issues of racism, LGBTQ slurs, social injustice, and inappropriate matters that may arise with coaches, players or fans. The initiative is geared to be educationally based but may result in punitive consequences for schools/individuals that repeat inappropriate behavior.

*Next meeting:* May 4, 2021

