

MIAA Basketball Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 24, 2022
MINUTES

1. **Call to Order at 10:03 a.m.**

Attendance: William Boutilier, Richard Cormier, John Daileanes, Mark Donahue, Ronald Drouin, Peter Falkowski, Timothy Finn, Gertrude Fisher, John Gould, Martha Jamieson, Matthew Marani, Jeff Newhall, Martin O'Shea, Anthony Price, James Reynolds, Robert Rodgers, Bill Runey, David Shea, Matthew Trahan, Jim Quatromoni, David Keir, Keith Brouillard, Peter Smith

Regrets: Steven Dubzinski, Michael Lynn, Chris Mastrangelo, Ted McCarthy, William Thomas

2. **Minutes of February 16, 2022**

The minutes of the February 16, 2022 meeting were approved (16-0-1).

3. **2022 Basketball Tournament Review**

Peter Smith presented a powerpoint summary about the 2022 tournament. Gratitude was expressed to all members of the Basketball Committee for their work over the past two years in preparing for the new statewide tournament format. In addition, the tournament administration team of State Director Jim Quatromoni and Regional Coordinators Steve Dubzinski, Ron Ford, David Keir and Keith Lezama were recognized for their hard work during the tournament, as well as the committee members who served on the seeding subcommittee.

Nine sites were utilized as hosts for semi-final round games this year – Framingham, Taunton, Tewksbury, Quincy, Wahconah, Watertown, Woburn, Worcester North and Worcester State. All 10 state final games were played at the Tsongas Center in Lowell.

420 total basketball games were played during the tournament with 215 boys teams qualifying (61.6%) and 215 girls teams qualifying (61.8%). The higher seed had an overall record of 173-37 (82.3% winning percentage) for boys games and an overall record of 180-30 (85.7% winning percentage) for girls games.

Jim Quatromoni provided feedback from the role of tournament director with suggestions for next year including more frequent ratings released toward the end of the season and eliminating the specific cutoff time in the tournament format.

Mark Donahue shared feedback from the Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Association. A survey was conducted by the MBCA membership and summarized in a letter submitted to the committee. The suggestions included hosting quarter final round games at neutral sites, eliminating margin of victory as part of the power rating formula and assigning of officials at the state level. Further discussion will take place during agenda item #7.

Committee members provided feedback from their respective regions. Feedback included looking at the visiting team requirements for school supervision related to the required number of administrators, recommending that TMC looks at the impact of forfeits on the power rating system, and asking the Sportsmanship Committee to review student fan sections, acceptable/not acceptable behavior and targeting students specifically by name.

4. **2023 Basketball Tournament Format**

The committee reviewed the draft version of the 2023 MIAA Basketball Tournament Format. The following updates were made:

- DELETE the 6:00pm cutoff time on the Cut-off Date
- ADD the new Seasonal Seeding Committee language
- UPDATE the Team Roster language as follows *“Team rosters shall include a maximum of fifteen (15) players. In addition, each team will be allowed not more than eight (8) additional people on the bench, **including players not eligible to play**, for a total of twenty-three (23). These eight (8) people shall include coaches, managers, and medical personnel. NO spectators are allowed on the bench.”*

Motion: Approve the 2023 MIAA Basketball Tournament Format as updated at the meeting. (Bob Rodgers, second Matt Trahan) **APPROVED: 18-0-0**

5. **NFHS Shot Clock – State Association Adoption**

Per NFHS Basketball Rules, each state association may adopt a procedure by which it implements a 35-second shot clock effective with the 2022-23 season. The implementation guidelines for states choosing to adopt the shot clock can be found at:

<https://nfhs.org/media/4860212/basketball-shot-clock-guidelines-2021-1.pdf>

In adopting these guidelines, the committee affirmed the need for schools to have flexibility regarding where shot clocks are displayed in school gyms.

Motion: To approve the NFHS guidelines for shot clock adoption. (Matt Trahan, second Bill Boutilier) **APPROVED: 19-0-0**

6. **MIAA Handbook Rule Change Proposals**

MIAA Handbook Rule Change Proposals are due June 1, 2022. The committee does not plan to submit any rule change proposals at this time.

7. **Coaches Topics**

The Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Association conducted their annual breakfast at Holy Cross on May 22. Divisional All-State Team and Divisional All-Academic Awards were presented at the event.

The MBCA recommendations referenced during agenda item #3 were discussed by the committee. The following motions were made:

Motion: On behalf of the MBCA, recommend that all quarter-final games are played at neutral sites. (Mark Donahue, second Bob Rodgers) **APPROVED: 18-0-0**

Motion: To recommend making the Margin of Victory for basketball one point. (Mark Donahue, second Bob Rodgers) **APPROVED: 17-0-1**

These votes are non-binding and will be forwarded to the Tournament Management Committee for review.

8. **Officials Topics**

Bill Boutilier discussed the current shortage of officials and provided recommendations to help with recruitment by providing students with information about getting started in the process, as well as looking at other dates to schedule games than the traditional Tuesday/Friday schedules. Official boards are encouraged to share dates for trainings and classes to help in promoting and recruiting new officials.

9. **Educational Athletics Initiatives**

Peter Smith shared information about the nomination process for the MIAA Coach of the Year and MIAA Official of the Year Awards. Nomination information can be submitted online and the deadline is June 30, 2022.

10. The meeting adjourned at 11:36am.

The next committee meeting will be scheduled during the Fall of 2022 with a date to be determined.

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