



MASSACHUSETTS INTERSCHOLASTIC
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



MIAA Football Committee
March 1, 2022 – 10:00 AM

MINUTES

The Football Committee met at the Franklin office on March 1, 2022 with 17 committee members in attendance, media representatives and other guests.

Minutes of Jan. 19, 2022 (MacCreery, Fonseca) unanimous

Football Format 2022: The committee reviewed a proposed 2022 Football Format. A great deal of the document was to remain unchanged. The committee had some discussion about the minimum number of wins (currently 3) a team had to have to make the tournament. After discussing both 3 and 4 games minimum, the Committee ended not changing the current requirement of 3. Other discussion centered on clarifying the cutoff date weekend, currently planned for Sat. Oct. 29. Committee members stressed trying to have all games completed by that Saturday. The committee thanked all members for helping with the non-playoff scheduling and navigating the challenges of that process.

Motion: To approve the 2022 Football Format as presented and edited. (D. Pignone, M. Procaccini) Approved 17-0-0

NFHS Rules 2022: Richard Pearson went over the 2022 NFHS Football Rule changes. Committee members were given and introduced to the links on the NFHS page.

Officials Topics: Tom Azevedo, official's representative, mentioned a letter received from a football board relative to assigning of officials for state semi-final and final games. Tom also mentioned the need to grow the pool of officials, recruiting and retention.

Coaches Topics: Steve Dembowski, coach's representative, submitted information to the committee relative to the Margin of Victory (suggested, maintaining the current 14 pts) and different weighting of the power ranking formula. As discussed in the previous meeting in January, the football committee was looking at this topic to develop information that would be passed along to the TMC. It was decided that a subcommittee would meet in a few weeks to further discuss this topic. Discussion and recommendations would be considered by the full committee at another meeting planned for around April 12-14.

Next meeting: TBD

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