

# ***MIAA Tournament Management Committee***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

**February 1, 2023**

### **1. Call to Order** – 10:06 AM by Shaun Hart

**Attendance** – T. Bazydlo, J. Brown, M. Devoll, J. DiCarlo, J. Forrest, P. Funk, S. Hart, E. Maguire, D. Newton, S. Paine, M. Ryan, J. Shannon, T. Tarpey, D. Vega, S. Bryant (liaison), MIAA staff and members of the media

### **2. Approval of Minutes January 18, 2023**

**Motion to Approve (J. Brown / T. Tarpey) Approved 12-0**

### **3. Softball Format**

**Motion to Approve (M. Ryan / J. Shannon) Approved 12-0**

### **4. Track Format**

**Motion to Approve Outdoor Track Format with changes to language regarding advancement based on qualifying standards – (J. Shannon / D. Vega) Approved 11-1**

### **5. Wrestling Alignments**

Phil Napolitano, MIAA Executive Liaison presented a proposal for 2023-2025 wrestling alignments, which was unanimously approved by the Wrestling Committee. This proposal helps to balance sections within divisions and will result in teams competing against similar sized schools.

**Motion to Accept the Proposal for Wrestling Alignments for 2023-2025 (J. Shannon/ S.Paine) Approved 11-0-1**

### **6. District Sites – continued conversation / follow – up from previous TMC meeting**

Semi Final and Final site determinations were discussed. Shaun will meet with MSSADA on February 6, 2023. Would ideally like 2 sites locked in per district in advance of dates to play.

Clarification was made regarding if a site was promoted as the semi/final site, and their team was participating, the site would be changed to eliminate a home site advantage. This is also the purpose of choosing multiple sites (other districts' sites could be used for this situation).

Looking for feedback from constituents of TMC members, however, none received at this meeting. Requested that committee members have conversations within their districts to get the suggestion of host sites out there.

### **7. Officials Assignments**

Discussions regarding assigners and officials

- Statewide officials currently assign for Round 16 – Round 8 depending on sport
- Reaffirm state assigner is available to local assigners for questions & issues
- Formulate expectations for statewide assigners and assigning policies for all with input from assigners and liaisons.

Sherry clarified that there are statewide assigners currently in place. We could assist those assigners by offering contacts they may want to reach out to in other areas of the state, if needed. Sherry will discuss with Richard Pearson, MIAA Game Officials liaison.

### **8. Sites**

Sites must meet the standards set within the TMC guidelines. If they are not capable of hosting, school must communicate with Tournament Director or Executive Liaison to move to another site. These standards do not include travel distance or site preference by teams. These standards should be communicated to the schools well in advance of determining a home school site.

### **9. MOV 2023-2024**

Meetings with Fall and Winter tournament sport committee chairs have taken place, and meetings with Spring committee chairs will be scheduled soon. In meetings previously held, there were no concerns raised with changing MOVs or with power rankings in general.

At this time, if changes are made without two years of complete data, we are not doing our due diligence. All data will not be available until July timeframe, which will be too late to change for Fall 2023. Committee members should seek input from constituents to share feedback and prepare for vote at the next meeting.

### **10. Power Seeding**

Jim Clark is running models concurrently with actual data. TMC is listening to feedback. Looking to offer visual data at end of Winter season to see if we are on the right path. The power ranking/MOV is working well, and is reflected in an approximate 87% accuracy rate. Some committee members would like to revisit this discussion at the next meeting. Whatever decision is at that time needs to be well communicated to membership.

**Both Agenda Items 9. MOV 2023-2024 and 10. Power Seeding will be included on the next agenda to further the discussion.**

Next Meeting –February 15, 2023 in-person  
Adjourned – 11:27 AM