

MIAA Tournament Management Committee

Meeting Minutes – Virtual

January 25, 2024

1. Call to Order – 10:04 AM by Shaun Hart

Attendance – T. Bazydlo, J. Brown, E. Dawley, M. Denise, M. Devoll, D. Early, J. Forrest, P. Fry, J. Gouvin, S. Hart, A. Linkenhoker, E. Maguire, H. Matthews, J. Newhall, R. Newton, S. Paine, M. Ryan, S. Bryant (liaison), J. Clark (MIAA staff), members of MIAA Staff, Lacrosse committee representatives, and media.

2. Approval of Minutes December 13, 2023

Motion to Approve (M. Ryan, J. Gouvin) Approved 11-0-1

3. Track Format – Keith Brouillard presented

Keith Brouillard, MIAA liaison for Indoor Track, requested a change to the previously approved format. Request to adjust deadline of February 18th at 6 PM to February 19th at 6PM to allow schools additional time.

Motion to Approve Deadline Change as Requested (J. Brown, S. Paine) Approved 13-0-0

4. Lacrosse MOV – Richard Pearson (MIAA Liaison), Dan O'Brien (Boys Lacrosse chair), Lindsay von Holtz (Girls Lacrosse chair) presented

Richard Pearson gave an overview of the request being brought forward to reduce the Lacrosse MOV to 6 from the current MOV of 10. Lacrosse Committee members addressed some of the reasons for this change were based on sportsmanship, player safety and the relative number of possessions this number represents versus other sports. Their request is to have this change be made for the upcoming Spring 2024 season.

TMC members thanked the Lacrosse committees' representatives for their presentation and advised that more data should be looked at to make an informed decision. Additionally, TMC members need time to discuss this request with their district representatives before voting.

Motion to Table Vote to Next TMC Meeting (J Gouvin, P. Fry) Approved 17-0-0

5. Football Win/Loss Bonus – Jim Clark (MIAA)

In advance of the meeting Jim Clark provided data from the most recent 3 years' rankings with a summary of the total number of power ranking positions a team changed from current MIAA ratings to Win-Loss Bonus factored at 10% X MOV ($.10 \times 14 = 1.4$ value added for each win/loss). Committee members reviewed the data and the majority agreed that they did not see value in changing the formula. No action taken on including a Win/Loss Bonus in MIAA Statewide Tournament rating model.

6. Other

A. Follow-up email from Mike Denise -Mike submitted a written statement which was provided to the Committee. He addressed concerns such as travel distance, game days/times, and athletic trainer requirements if multiple tournaments taking place. Other

committee members agreed that this could be an issue for any regional school, not just vocational schools. These topics will continue to be discussed by Sub-Committee and full committee going forward.

- B. Football Sub-Committee** – Shaun Hart asked Jay Costa (Football Committee chair) to pull together the Football Committee members who would participate, select a date, and a sub-committee representation of TMC will meet at Shrewsbury High School.
- C. Hybrid Sports Sub-Committee** – Sherry Bryant asked TMC members interested in participating to send an email to her. Karrah Ellis (AD at Franklin HS) has indicated she would be willing to Chair the Sub-Committee.
- D. Board Charge – Season Limitations and Universal Cut-off Dates** – Sherry Bryant updated the committee that the Sport liaisons are continuing to bring these topics to sport committees. TMC should continue to bring feedback from their district.
- E. Spring Formats** – those that are ready for review are currently available on the items page. These should be reviewed prior to the next meeting.

7. Next Meeting Dates: February 29, 2024 – In-Person

Meeting Adjourned @11:17 AM