



MIAA Sports Medical Committee

Minutes

October 16, 2023

R. Pearson mentioned looking ahead at another meeting time, possibly earlier in the day, and asked the committee if they would like to move committee leadership elections to that meeting. The committee agreed to this suggestion.

Minutes of the previous meeting, May 8, 2023, were moved and approved.
(T. Pillsbury, M. Rubin) 11-0-0

Meeting Time – Discussion

Committee members talked about different meeting times and the possibility of virtual. After some discussion, the committee suggested a 10:00 AM meeting time in the next few weeks. R. Pearson will find another meeting day and send out notice to committee.

Trainers at Varsity Football – Discussion

R. Pearson mentioned three questions that were forwarded from a school AD.

1. Would the Sports Medicine Committee consider (in case of an emergency) allowing 1 athletic trainer at varsity football games). Examples used were Covid, car accident, other illness, or family/personal situation.

Committee Discussion

- Can schools help to look deeper at a network and/or scheduling.
 - Resources may help.
 - Open games on the/a website? Posting somewhere?
2. Would the Sports Committee and or the MIAA look into the state statute of not allowing rogue EMTs to work interscholastic games?

Committee Discussion:

- FAQ about scope of practice
 - ATOM sec school subcommittee, to help AD's navigate.
 - DPH, fact sheet, EMT's working at sporting events (contact if an FAQ)
 - 2017 updated DPH advisory.
3. Would the Sports Medicine Committee look into more options for medical coverage at games such as a school nurse? As you know the supply and demand for trainers is at an all-time low and having more options for Athletic Directors would be extremely helpful.
- Will a one-page document quick hit (scope of practice means) help?

Other:

Medical Time Outs

- neutral sites, medical time out
- Can we use the wording from ice hockey and/or football?
- Where/How can we start? Tournament?
- ATC subcommittee in all schools (next few weeks)

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

February 12, 2024 – Committee meeting, *Virtual @ 4:00pm*
May 13, 2024 – Committee meeting, *In-Person @ 4:00pm*