



The Role and Responsibilities of District Athletic Committees

The Board of Directors delegates to the District Athletic Committees (DACs) the supervision of athletics and the adjudication of protests, disputes, conflicts, or controversies within their districts. Each MIAA approved Athletic League nominates at least one Representative (i.e. an athletic director or principal) to its District Committee. Whenever possible, a Principal shall serve as Chair of each committee. District Athletic Committees will be comprised of either a Principal or Athletic Director annually nominated by each League in that District, and elected by the Board of Directors. Membership on each district athletic committee must be evenly divided between principals and athletic directors, except on district committees with an uneven number of members, principals whenever possible shall sit in the majority. Each DAC shall elect its own Chair annually. In districts of fewer than five leagues, the District Committee will consist of five members with each division being represented by at least one member. (The aforementioned is from the Handbook, page 15).

DACs should play an important role in the Rules Change Process, given that they have the opportunity to review all input on each rule before recommending a position to the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors has delegated to the District Athletic Committees authority to act on cooperative team requests.

The Board of Directors long ago delegated to the District Athletic Committees control over the alignment, or re-alignment, of leagues.

The Board of Directors or executive director often has requested District Athletic Committees to “fact find” or to conduct hearings with regard to alleged rule violations. That authority has recently included expectation that the District Athletic Committees would determine and enforce whatever penalties are suggested by their process.

District Athletic Committees serve as the Nominating Committee of the Association. In this role, District Athletic Committees control, through the nomination process, more than 400 voting positions within the MIAA Governance structure.

The MSSAA Board of Directors has created a tradition whereby the District Athletic Committees are asked for recommendations of principals or assistant principals to be nominated and elected by the MSSAA for their eight positions on the MIAA Board of Directors.

The District Athletic Committees, as the MIAA Nominating Committee, nominate the MIAA President and Vice President.

The District Athletic Committees nominate for the MIAA Assembly the five MIAA delegates to the MIAC.

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