

MIAA Baseball Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 10, 2023

- I. Meeting called to order at 10 am
- II. Attendance
- III. Minutes were approved 13-0
- IV. Reviewed Format once again before going to TMC
- V. 2023 Baseball Tournament Update
 - All Schedules committed by March 24th
 - Power Rankings Twice per week – Tuesday and Friday
 - Out of state travel – should not miss more than 1 day or school = unsanctioned contests
 - Tournament Dates – In format
 - Cut off May 29th
 - Bracket Release – May 31
 - Teal Property Group – Keith and Vinny enhance student experience
 - Vendors, Gear – What do we want to see at the games
 - Semifinals – Holy Cross, working on Rox, Fraser Field, WMASS
 - Finals – Friday, June 16 and Saturday, June 17
 - Polar Park – 2 games on Friday, 3 games Saturday, Rain Date on Sunday
- VI. Pitch Count Tracking
 - Budget of School is a concern
 - Central Location Electronic vs. Paper
 - Google Form vs. Company Software
- VII. 2024-'25 Alignments
 - Released once winter appeals are heard
 - Release alignments in March
- VIII. Officials Topics
 - Unknown of supplying subvarsity officials in baseball
 - Fee for Varsity vs. Fee and half for JV – officials are asking to JV games alone rather than doing a Varsity game
 - Bus issues are creating later starts – harder for afternoon and evening game to be assigned to an umpire
 - Try to schedule games at 3:45/4 and 7 pm
 - Subvarsity teams are playing 20 games – too many games with not enough umpires
 - Other sports playing two games with same officials – V and JV – making more money
 - Shortage
 - Behavior of coaches, players, and/or parents is lending to a decreased pool of umpires.
 - Should there be a limitation for number of subvarsity games – scheduling strategies
 - Other Strategies - Frosh and JV travel together? Fields? Back to Back Games with V/JV

- IX. Coaches Topics
 - No rule changes for MIAA
 - Super 8 Update – status quo for now; attempting to obtain letter from OCR
 - Letter sent to Executive Director by Baseball Chair regarding Super 8 and OCR letter – no response as of yet

- X. Other
 - Negotiations of Baseballs – Feedback should come from the Baseball Committee

- XI. Next meeting April 5th at 10 am