



MIAA BASEBALL COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, October 25, 2023 @ 10:00 A.M
MIAA OFFICE, 33 FORGE PARKWAY, FRANKLIN, MA

MINUTES

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome & Attendance
3. Housekeeping
 - [Conflict of Interest Form](#)
 - Governance Document
4. Election of Officers

Tom O'Brien: Chair – **APPROVED 11-0-1** (Joe C./Ray C.)
 Dick Newton: Vice Chair – **APPROVED 11-0-1** (Ray C./Mike M.)
 Mike Denise: Secretary – **APPROVED 12-0-0** (Ryan M./Ray C.)

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting – **APPROVED 12-0-0** (Ray C./Tom O.)
 - [May 5, 2023](#)
6. 2023 Baseball State Tournament – Review

Report provided by Jay Costa, State Tournament Director. Challenges – Proms; Graduations; Round of 8 hosting/availabilities. Semifinals produced a # of South teams in relation to available facilities. The finals at Polar Park was outstanding. Grounds crew and Client Service team were wonderful to work with. Dr. Charles Steinberg was very impressed and said the finals should be there every year. Only one incident with a school regarding sportsmanship and destruction of property. That school met with the Sportsmanship Committee.

7. 2024 NFHS Rules Update

Update that one-way communication devices will be allowed via NFHS rules starting in 2024. Discussion around whether or not to allow. The committee took no action and will see it play out during the 2024 season.

8. [2024 Baseball Format](#)

Format was discussed. Addition of a third umpire during the Rounds of 16 and on.
APPROVED 12-0-0 (Mark T./Dick N.)

Baseball Format **APPROVED 12-0-0** (Eric C./Joe C.)

9. Officials Topics

Official shortage still. \$\$\$ an issue based on feedback from MBUA. Notified MBUA representatives that any changes regarding \$\$\$ would have to come through Game Officials committee. Reminded committee that official fees in the Handbook are **recommend** regular season fees.

10. Coaches Topics

Discussion around a possible rule change for pitch counts – reduce days of rest for state final? No action taken by committee. Feedback on state tournament and pleasantly surprised with alignments on time.

11. Other

Tom O. expressed interest in having committee be part of the baseball selection process moving forward.

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