



MIAA BASEBALL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, January 15, 2025 @ 10:00 A.M
MIAA OFFICE, 33 FORGE PARKWAY, FRANKLIN, MA
MINUTES

1A Sub-Committee Report

- There is interest in a 1A tournament.
- Coaches' association was polled as well – in agreement with pattern of dominance and power rankings. Would like to investigate double elimination option.
- Tom O'Brien to set up sub-committee meeting with other chairs (Football & Hockey). Afterwards will arrange meeting with TMC Chair. Also wondering if legal should be involved with discussions.
- **Committee questions (*internal use*)**
 - Double Elimination?
 - What is the pattern of dominance needed?
 - What is the process to obtain 1A – is it through alignment, format, or other?
 - Can teams opt out of 1A?
 - Is this possible for the 2026 season?

Game Disqualification Forms

- Upon request of the sportsmanship committee, the baseball committee discussed an uptick in Disqualification Forms during the 2024 season. Urged administrators, coaches and officials to work together.
- Shortage of umpires and lack of qualified umpires poses issues.
- Committee will continue to keep an eye on this issue.

2025-27 Alignments

- Deadlines were discussed for the upcoming alignment process.

Officials

- Would like to see an increase in fees with a wider spread between Varsity and JV – currently officials rather work a JV contest solo vs. varsity game with a partner.
- Committee is interested as to why the handbook is recommended vs. required for fees and why a fee and a half is also recommended.

Coaches

- Wondering if Arm Care days could be added to preseason calendar similar to football coming back early in the fall.

Other

- Tournament update – moving along with venues and locked in to go back to Polar Park this year.

