

**MIAA SPORTSMANSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 22, 2025 – 10:00 am**

**Attendance**

Derek Atherton, Ric Beaudoin, Jesse Carpenter, Joe Cusack, Ryan DeMar, Tina Games, Michelle Hopkinson, Michael Jackson, Kristen Kelly, Steven LaForest, Michael Nelson, Peter Serino, Peter Smith

**Meeting called to order at 10:03 am.**

**Minutes of the September 25, 2024 Meeting**

The minutes were approved unanimously. (Motion Michelle Hopkinson, Second Tina Games)

**Sportsmanship Summit Review**

- The committee reviewed evaluation data from this year's event.
- The adjustment in the schedule timeframe and interactive sessions were well received.
- Feedback from the student and adult breakout sessions was shared and will be forwarded to committee members for the opportunity to review the full data. Next steps will be determined after the committee reviews this information.
- A subcommittee will be formed to plan next year's event. The goal is for the subcommittee work to be completed by the next full committee meeting in June.

**Sportsmanship Essay/Multimedia Contest**

- The committee supported continuing the contest for the 2025-26 school year.
- The contest theme will be developed as part of the subcommittee work in planning the Summit.
- Contest information will be sent to schools prior to the end of this school year.

**Contest Disqualification Data**

- The committee reviewed student and coach disqualification data to date.
- Fall disqualification data totals are similar to last year. Data will continue to be reviewed at each meeting.
- The committee reviewed two sportsmanship related MIAA rule change proposals (#11 and #12) that were approved by the Board of Directors.
- To prepare for the implementation of Proposal #11, the Sportsmanship Committee will finalize the process, dates and meeting times for any potential appeals at the beginning of the 2025-26 school year.

**Sportsmanship Issues/Discussion**

- The committee discussed current sportsmanship topics including next steps for updating the Sportsmanship Guidelines for Fan/Spectator Support Items.
- The following motion was made:  
*The Sportsmanship Committee recommends that the TMC implement a rating system that does not rely on MOV due to its detrimental impact on sportsmanship, with consideration being given to alternative options that could be implemented as soon as reasonably possible.* (Motion Peter Serino, Second Tina Games) – Motion approved 10-0.

**Upcoming Meeting Schedule:**

- June 10, 2025, 10:00am

**Adjournment: 11:07 AM**