

MIAA Tournament Management Committee
Meeting Minutes –Virtual
February 13, 2025

1. Call to Order – 10:03 AM by Shaun Hart

Attendance –T. Bazydlo, J. Brown, S. Burndrett, E. Dawley, M. Denise, M. Devoll, J. Forrest, P. Fry, S. Hart, A. Linkenhoker, E. Maguire, C. Mastrangelo, H. Matthews, J. Newhall, R. Newton, S. Paine, T. Tarpey, D. Vega, S. Bryant (TMC liaison), J. Clark (MIAA), and media.

2. Approval of Minutes December 19, 2024

Motion to Approve (J. Brown, S. Burndrett) **Approved 16-0**

3. Formats for Approval

Prior to a motion being made, that all team sport formats may be approved pending the removal of “tournament entry” language as there is no longer the need to reference.

In addition, there is language in some formats regarding the required staffing of school monitors during tournament events. Should this be in the formats or sent as an addendum? Recommended reaching out to each sport committee for their feedback/recommendations. Ask how the number of personnel is determined (by attendance, or something else?) and how it is being enforced.

Motion to Approve All Spring 2025 formats and Approve Soccer, Basketball, and Wrestling FY2026 formats Approved 17-0-0

4. Financial Proposal (Swim Proposal)

Richard Pearson forwarded a proposal for personnel and tournament director stipend increases, which was drafted by the Swim tournament directors.

A recommendation was to hold and look at all hybrid sports together (number of events, length of day, etc.) to ensure equity among sports. Requested comparative information be compiled for a future presentation.

5. Committee Feedback

- Number of Divisions - Grid to be provided at next meeting to show current structure, adherence to that structure, and any recommendations for changes.
- Division 1A – Committee members spoke on sports interested/had discussions about 1A tournaments are:
 - Ice Hockey - John Brown & Scott Paine indicated that Ice Hockey Committee is in favor of 1A tournaments for both Boys and Girls
 - Boys Lacrosse -Jim Forrest spoke about Boys LAX for pattern of dominance
 - Baseball - Mike Denis indicated Baseball Committee is in favor of 1A

After the 1A discussion, there was additional commentary regarding the process of sport committees voting on a particular item and it then gets shared out by the media, on social media, by committee members, etc. prior to being sent to TMC voting on. This could be due to the large number of newer Athletic Directors hired over the past several years, but we need to help committees understand how the process works.

Plea was made to media members on the call to assist in clarity. Request Association staff reflect on opportunities to provide increased messaging and clarity.

- **Margin of Victory**
Different scenarios (variable weight for wins, changing the impact of forfeits on MOV, etc.) have been looked at, however sportsmanship is still a perceived issue. Perhaps we need to educate and set expectations for coaches/administrators. Request from Todd to share current MOV sportsmanship data versus pre-statewide data be provided by Jim Clark at the next meeting.

6. Hybrid Sports

Need to re-engage the Hybrid Sport Committee - requesting a group of TMC members to participate and begin to meet with sport committees and gather information to move toward a statewide tournament structure for these hybrid sports.

7. Other

Alignments - Shaun updated the Committee on alignments (2025-26 & 2026-27) – Fall recalculated and posted; Winter alignments done and posted; Spring to be completed.

Football Proposal – TMC members voiced concerns regarding the Football Committee’s vote of 6-5 in support their intent to send the same proposal, previously presented at the September 2024 TMC meeting (Denied 1-15-0), back to TMC. Suggestions include having a small group of both TMC and Football committee members meet to discuss proposals and give guidance to assist. The proposal should perhaps be shared with each league/district for feedback before presenting it to TMC. Shaun will reach out to the Football Committee Chairperson and update at the next TMC meeting.

That discussion also prompted feedback from committee members on communication. Educating other committees on the process of moving items forward to TMC for review and what their sport committee votes mean. TMC could meet with sport committee chairpersons, where there can be collaboration to educate all members of the Association.

- ## **8. Next Meeting Dates**
- March 19, 2025 - In-Person
 - April 10, 2025 - Virtual
 - May 21, 2025 - In-Person
 - June 12, 2025 - Virtual

Meeting Adjourned 11:05 AM