

# ***MIAA Tournament Management Committee***

## ***Meeting Minutes – In-Person***

**March 19, 2025**

### **1. Call to Order – 10:11 AM by Shaun Hart**

**Attendance** –J. Brown, S. Burndrett, M. Denise, J. Forrest, P. Fry, S. Hart, A. Linkenhoker, C. Mastrangelo, J. Newhall, R. Newton, S. Paine, K. Sheridan, T. Tarpey, D. Vega, S. Bryant (TMC liaison), J. Clark (MIAA)

### **2. Approval of Minutes February 13, 2025**

**Motion to Approve** (J. Brown, A. Linkenhoker) **Approved 11-0-1**

### **3. Board of Directors Initiatives**

Dr. Robert Baldwin, MIAA Executive Director, presented the following Board of Directors initiatives:

- A. Standardized Annual Calendar for Interscholastic Athletics
- B. An Objective Process to Adopt/Remove Sports
- C. Power Ranked Sports / Hybrid Sports
- D. Standards for Number of Championship Divisions
- E. Establish Division 1A Component of Statewide Tournament

As of July 1, 2025, the establishment of a Division 1A tournament may be created using criteria which must ensure equity and utilize objective criteria in determining the D1A field using power rankings and MOV. Venues must be the same or similar to the divisional championship games, the number of games on path to tournament must be equitable, and gender equity are some of the components for the criteria (if Ice Hockey Boys have D1A, then Ice Hockey Girls has D1A)

These five initiatives will be vetted with MSSADA, District Athletic Committee (DAC), at the MIAA Annual Meeting, and ongoing, working with TMC. The Board of Directors will make the final decisions.

### **4. Standards for Number of Divisions**

The original approved statewide divisional structure was shared along with the current statewide divisional structure in place, shown with deviations. At the time Statewide was being developed, sport committees were allowed to have input and TMC included variances when team numbers were on the bubble of ranges, or for developing sports, such as Rugby.

A separate document was presented (which will be emailed to TMC members) for Number of Divisions for Emerging Sports. If a new sport is brought forward, there will be criteria in place for the minimum number of teams required to establish the sport, the additional number needed for Champion status whereby a tournament will be created for that sport.

A process will be developed to apply for Emerging Sport status within the Board of Directors Initiatives item B above. A process to attain Championship status (Association sponsored

tournament) will also be developed within the initiative. The status will be in place for 2 years to maintain or grow the sport.

This was informational only and no decisions or votes are necessary. Will only be looking for feedback going forward from TMC. TMC will vote on establishing divisional structure.

#### **5. Football Proposal Update**

Shaun updated the committee on the recently attended Football meeting with a sub-group of TMC and Football committee members, as well as Dr. Baldwin. The proposal (voted 6-5 by the Football Committee) has since been revisited and rescinded by the Football Committee. They will continue discussions on how to best move forward with a revised proposal.

Working with the parameters in place (see BOD Initiatives) may help to define their proposal going forward. Some of the parameters include A) all games count, B) Thanksgiving Day games count, and C) Superbowls must be concluded by the second weekend after Thanksgiving.

#### **6. Motion to Approve all FY2026 formats – Any uniform updates required will be included once known. Alpine & Nordic Ski formats will be submitted for the April meeting.**

**Motion to Approve - Unanimously Approved all submitted FY26 Formats 14-0-0**

#### **7. Hybrid Sports**

Looking at a statewide format for Hybrid Sports, which may need to be done in steps. Some sports closer to a statewide structure currently include Indoor Track, Outdoor Track, and Swim may be a good starting point for next steps. There have been ongoing conversations with executive liaisons and sport committee representatives. The Hybrid Sport Sub-Committee needs to continue working on this item.

#### **8. MOV**

Jim Clark shared the MOV data for pre-statewide through current statewide years to show on a graph that the points won by have not fluctuated much. This is not a sportsmanship issue.

#### **9. Next Meeting Dates**

April 10, 2025 - Virtual  
May 21, 2025 - In-Person  
June 12, 2025 - Virtual

Meeting Adjourned 12:03 PM