

MIAA SPORTSMANSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2025 – 10:00 am

Attendance

Derek Atherton, Ric Beaudoin, Jesse Carpenter, Ryan DeMar, Michelle Hopkinson, Michael Jackson, Wesley Jackson, Kevin May, Peter Serino, Peter Smith, Donna Harrington

Meeting called to order at 10:02 am.

Minutes of January 22, 2025 Meeting

- The minutes were approved unanimously. (Motion Kevin May, Second Michelle Hopkinson)

Follow Up – 1/22/25 Motion to Tournament Management Committee

- Tournament Management Committee (TMC) representatives Sherry Bryant, Shaun Hart and Scott Paine attended the meeting to participate in a discussion regarding the Sportsmanship Committee's motion from the 1/22/25 meeting:
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)
- TMC members shared information about ongoing work related to data analysis and the process for potential MOV adjustments for specific sports.
- TMC relies upon objective data to support margin of victory adjustments. Data supporting the concept that margin of victory has an impact on sportsmanship related behaviors is not available.

Updated Contest Disqualification Data (2024-2025)

- The committee reviewed the updated student and coach contest disqualification data for the 2024-25 school year.
- The total number of disqualifications has increased from 350 (2022-23) to 423 (2023-24) to 477 (2024-25).
- The largest increases were in boys/girls basketball and boys lacrosse. Both committees will be made aware of the increased numbers with the details of the disqualifications.
- Data will be shared with member schools through the MIAA Executive Director Update.
- It is recommended that the data be shared by school and league to make administrators aware of specific data as it relates to the local level.

Sportsmanship Resources

- Sportsmanship Guidelines for Fan/Spectator Support Items - an updated draft will be prepared for review at the next Sportsmanship Committee meeting.
- Taunting Policy - an updated draft will be prepared for review at the next Sportsmanship Committee meeting.
- It is the goal of the committee to approve updated versions of these resources for review by the MIAA Board of Directors.

Sportsmanship Summit Planning

- The committee discussed options for next year's Summit.
- Derek Atherton and Michelle Hopkinson will assist in the planning for the essay/multimedia contest and summit format. This working group will meet to begin the work before the end of June.

Upcoming Events

- The deadline to submit nominations for the MIAA Coach of the Year and Official of the Year Awards is June 30.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- The committee recommended a similar meeting schedule for the 2025-26 school year with meetings in September, January and June.
- Sportsmanship Summit planning will take place virtually during the summer months.

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 AM.

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