

MIAA Tournament Management Committee

Meeting Minutes –Virtual

June 12, 2025

1. Call to Order – 10:05 AM by Shaun Hart

Attendance – T. Bazydlo, J. Brown, E. Dawley, M. Denise, M. Devoll, J. Forrest, S. Hart, E. Maguire, S. Paine, K. Sheridan, J. Jardin (guest), S. Bryant (TMC liaison), J. Clark (MIAA) and members of the media

2. Statements from the audience

Shaun Hart introduced Karrah Ellis and Mike Jackson. Both Karrah and Mike spoke on the difficulties of hosting round of 8 basketball games, particularly boys' games.

They recommended to TMC that the Round of 8 Basketball games be held at neutral sites. Shaun thanked both presenters and let them know that TMC would put this item on a future agenda for discussion, including reviewing attendance data, and will follow up with Karrah and Mike at a later date.

3. Approval of Minutes April 10, 2025

Motion to Approve (J. Brown, S. Paine) **Approved 10-0-0**

4. FY26 Wrestling Format for approval

This was a change to reduce the number of All State qualifiers per weight class from each Divisional State tournament from 6 to 5.

Motion to Approve FY26 Wrestling Format (S. Hart, S. Paine) **Approved 10-0-0**

5. Board of Directors Initiatives

Shaun reviewed the following initiatives again and the pathways for each (via TMC to BOD or BOD only) noting that these pillars will require much time and attention over the next year.

A. Standardized Annual Calendar for Interscholastic Athletics

B. An Objective Process to Adopt/Remove Sports

C. Standards for Number of Championship Divisions

D. Establish Division 1A Component of Statewide Tournament

6. Alignments

The next 2-year Alignment Cycle has been completed. Shaun expressed his thanks to all those that put in the work (Sport Committee members, Appeals committee members, ADs presenting their appeals, and MIAA staff).

Implementing item 5.C. above (Standards for Number of Championship Divisions) will help to remove any subjectivity by standardizing the number of divisions based on participation and enrollment data. Appeals should become non-existent if we come up with a formula, however if movement should be necessary, there needs to be some rationale (data) behind the move.

Sherry will be inquiring with other State Associations as to their alignment procedures and will share with the committee in the Fall.

7. Hybrid Sports

A TMC sub-committee with Steve Burndrett as chair, as well as other TMC members, including Jim Forrest and Kara Sheridan, should begin working with Golf & Wrestling to move towards a statewide model.

8. Other

John Jardin thanked the committee for allowing him to sit in on the meeting.
Shaun wanted to publicly thank Dick Newton for all his years of service as he retires.

Next Meeting Dates: August 14, 2025 - In-Person

Meeting Adjourned 10:58 AM