

MIAA Tournament Management Committee

Meeting Minutes – Virtual

October 21, 2025

1. Call to Order – 10:14 AM by Shaun Hart

Attendance –P. Brangiforte, S. Burndrett, E. Dawley, M. Denise, J. Forrest, P. Fry, S. Hart, A. Linkenhoker, C. Mastrangelo, J. Newhall, S. Paine, K. Sheridan, D. Vega, S. Bryant (TMC liaison), K. Brouillard (MIAA), J. Clark (MIAA) and members of the media.

The Conflict-of-Interest policy was briefly discussed and asked that members sign and return the completed form.

2. Motion to Approve Minutes September 26, 2025 (D. Vega, J. Newhall) Approved 12-0-0

3. Board of Directors Initiatives

A. Add-Drops: The Board of Directors had a first read of new initiative in October and will possibly vote on the proposal at their November meeting. No TMC vote is necessary.

B. Calendarization: There are 4 components to this initiative. After discussing each component, a **Motion for an Advisory Vote on each component** (S. Paine, C. Mastrangelo) was made as follows:

1. Change to Fall start date to 2nd Monday prior to Labor Day - **Not Supported 1-12-0**
2. Change to Winter start date to Tuesday after Thanksgiving - **Not Supported 0-13-0**
3. Change to Spring cut-off date to 3rd weekend of June - **Supported 13-0-0**
4. No Weekend Seeding Dates - **Not Supported 0-13-0**

4. Sub-Committee Updates

A. Hybrid Sports – Steve Burndrett

Collecting data and getting a rating system down and then presenting as a pilot.
Consideration of sizes for sectionals and states based on qualifiers.
Consistency regarding scoring - stroke play for everyone to opt into tournament.

B. Alignment / Power Rankings – Andy Linkenhoker

Use ranking data from past 4 years.
Look at alignments and help to eliminate appeals.
What do divisions represent? Competition, school size, other.
How can we use power rankings to better align divisions?

C. Division 1A Tournaments – Shaun Hart

Sports Committees are having discussions.
Reminding them that a 1A tournament does not have to mirror what we had.

Requesting that TMC members interested in serving on this sub-committee to please reach out to Shaun. The intention is to set specific guardrails, such as venues, power rankings, and equity.

5. Basketball – Round 8 discussion for Neutral Sites

Shaun Hart reviewed the MIAA Site Determination Policy regarding size, safety, and the protocols available for moving to the lower seed school or to a neutral site venue, if necessary.

The Winter 2024 & 2025 average ticket sales data was reviewed. Much discussion regarding fairness and optics but also on student experiences. It was determined that the committee would like to see more data.

The comparison to Ice Hockey using neutral sites for Round of 8 games was made but acknowledged the difference as all high schools have gymnasiums, but very few have ice rinks.

6. New Business

A. Lacrosse Cut-Off Dates – Girls Lacrosse cutoff date is 5 days earlier than Boys Lacrosse cutoff date. The formats have been previously approved and therefore it was determined that we will leave it as is and look at for next year. Lacrosse committee representatives will be invited to the next meeting.

B. Basketball MOV change from, 10 to 6 – Jeff Newhall, Chair of Basketball Committee and Peter Smith, MIAA Basketball liaison presented the Basketball Committee's request to adjust the MOV in basketball from 10 to 6. Jim Clark was thanked for providing data for the committee.

Motion to Approve Change to Basketball MOV from 10 to 6
(S. Paine, J. Forrest) **Approved 9-3-1**

Next Meeting Dates: November 20, 2025 - Virtual

Meeting Adjourned 12:08 PM