



## **MIAA Baseball Committee Meeting Wednesday, October 22, 2025**

1. Call to Order – Meeting started at 10:00 am  
Eric Castonguay, Patrick Lemieux, Jay Costa, Michael Mocerino, John Harrison, Gerald O’Connell, Marc Talbot, Brian Lafata, Paul Spear, Thomas Zaya, Justin Richards, Patrick Leonard, Kevin McCaskill, Scott, Joe Cacciatore, Tom Conly, Zach Brown, Seith Bedard, Scott Urban.
2. Welcome & Attendance – Review of a. and b. below. Jim Clark liaison with Keith Brouilliard of MIAA.
  - a. [Conflict of Interest Form](#)
  - b. [MIAA Organizational Structure](#)
3. Election of Officers – Nomination and Election  
  
Chair – Tom O’Brien, Haverhill High School  
Vice Chair – Mike Denise, Blackstone Valley Tech  
Secretary - TBD
4. [Minutes of Previous Meeting – April 9, 2025](#)  
  
Motion to approve –Kevin McCaskill  
Approved Unanimously
5. 2025 Baseball Tournament Review –
  - a. Playing games on time – was fair and successful
  - b. Thank you to schools and communities that hosted tournament games
  - c. Rain delay pushed games back at Polar Park
  - d. Baseball ran in the red from operation budget aspect
  - e. Round of 8 paper work needs to be done in a more timely manner by host school
    - Student Ticket Prices are too high – travel price and ticket price
    - Mercy Rule – not during playoffs; postseason - coaches can mutually agree to end game - usually at 10 runs; officials were asking

- Format wording – pre-determined rather than neutral for sites in semifinal rounds (check TMC site policy)

## 6. Annual Calendar Discussion

- Standard calendar for school year
- Advisory Votes to Board of Directors
  - #1 – 10 to 4 to 2
  - #2 - 0 to 14 to 3
  - #3 – 17 to 0 to 1
  - #4 – 16 to 0 to 1

## 7. Pitch Count Clarification

New pitch count guidelines (look at FAQ document) – FAQ to be reviewed by MBCA

## 8. NFHS Rule Changes

- Double 1<sup>st</sup> base in 2027
- Courtesy Runner for MA – NFHS rule is by state adoption (currently can't use courtesy runner – MA has not adopted as of yet)
- Votes to the BOD for Suggested Speed-up Rules to be adopted
  - Courtesy Runners – Motion by Paul Spear to adopt language for courtesy runner 15-1-1
  - After Putouts – No Motion

## 9. 1A Discussion – Sub-Committee (Tom O'Brien, Mike Denise, Paul Spear, Marc Talbot, Jay Costa, Keith Brouillard, Zach Brown)

- Dates to meet for discussion – come to table with ideas
- Equal path to the championship (5-6 games)
- Sell to TMC
- Based off objective data – power rating
- Financial

Possible Topic – to look at 1A Tournament or All-State Division

## 10. Officials Topics

- State Umpire Association Meetings – questioning why there are not 3 umpires in the Round of 32
- Fees – proposal was denied last year for 2026. Proposal for 2028. Look at Recommended 1.5x for working JV alone – not to make more than a varsity fee.

## 11. Coaches Topics

- Continuing conversation of 1 A
- MBCA submit rule proposal in June – 3 or 4 days for pitcher/catcher earlier than tryouts
- Pitch count
- Final 8 or Final 4 teams to be informed when games will be in advance

## 12. Other

- New England Baseball Journal – MIAA Player of Year (It is the best baseball player in MA)

Meeting ended at 11:37 am.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- Wednesday, January 14, 2026 @ 10:00am
- Wednesday, April 8, 2026 @ 10:00am