

MIAA Tournament Management Committee

Meeting Minutes –Virtual

January 20, 2026

1. Call to Order – 10:03 AM by Shaun Hart

Attendance –T. Bazydlo, J. Brown, S. Burndrett, E. Dawley, M. Denise, M. Devoll, D. Early, J. Forrest, S. Hart, A. Linkenhoker, E. Maguire, C. Mastrangelo, S. Paine, K. Sheridan, K. Wolff, S. Bryant (TMC liaison), K. Brouillard (MIAA), J. Clark (MIAA), P. Smith, and members of the media.

2. Motion to Approve Minutes October 21, 2025 (A. Linkenhoker, K. Wolff)
Approved 13-0-0

3. Cross Country Divisional Expansion Proposal – members of the Cross Country/Track committee (Scott Ouellet and John Monz) and Keith Brouillard, MIAA Cross Country/Track liaison spoke about the proposal of a fourth division (currently three) which was unanimously approved by the track committee before sending to TMC.

The intent of the additional division is to address the increase in number of teams and participants since the pandemic. The proposed numbers would allow the ability to balance like-sized schools within the middle of the current divisional structure. Overall number of schools entering during the last two seasons: 244 boys, 215 girls. The proposal intent is to put cross country into number of divisions per statewide model reflective of current team sports.

TMC thanked the committee representatives for their thorough proposal. TMC members will discuss with their districts, review with intent to vote on this proposal at the next meeting.

4. Baseball Division 1A Proposal – members of the Baseball committee (Justin Richards, Tom O'Brien) and Keith Brouillard, MIAA Baseball liaison spoke on the Division 1A proposal.

The proposal for a new Division 1A would take the top 8 schools based on power rankings regardless of division. The intent of this proposal is to provide more equitable and competitive play to all divisions. There would be no Opt-Outs, unless the school is opting out of the entire tournament. If a team opts out, the next highest power ranked team would get in. First Round is best of 3 – and all teams get at least one home game. The tournament dates being used for rounds of play are consistent with the current statewide model for all divisions.

TMC thanked the committee for their thorough proposal. TMC members will discuss within their districts, review with intent to vote on this proposal at the next meeting.

5. Lacrosse Cut-off Dates Committee representatives Tom O'Brien (boys) and Lindsey Von Holtz (girls) were in attendance to discuss the different 2026 cutoff dates for these

sports. The Girls Lacrosse cutoff date is 5 days earlier than Boys Lacrosse date. There were discussions regarding scheduling, the previous change to the number of games played (18 vs 20), and the impact of weather in certain areas of the state.

TMC thanked the committee representatives for sharing their insight and answering questions. No change will be made for the 2026 season. The TMC may discuss a request to the lacrosse committees to consider aligning the dates at a future meeting.

6. Sub-Committee Updates

A. Hybrid Sports – Steve Burndrett

Currently focused on golf. The committee is looking at scoring, length of play, rankings, and number of divisions. Conversations are also underway with wrestling, gymnastics, and swim committee representatives.

B. Alignment / Power Rankings – Andy Linkenhoker

The committee has been looking at power rankings data over the past four years. Consideration of how to possibly expand alignment formula to include power ranking data component. The committee is assessing the various weightings of power ranking vs CEM numbers in such a formula.

The intention is to improve alignment process and minimize / eliminate appeals. This group will be looking at number of divisions and qualifiers for each sport during this process.

7. Other Business

The Baseball Committee presented a request for change to the Margin of Victory (MOV) for extra inning baseball games to 1. The softball committee will be discussing the same topic next week. TMC will add to next agenda.

Sherry Bryant advised TMC members that FY27 Sport Formats will be forwarded to TMC for review and approval in February/March. Once approved, the formats will be provided to the Board of Directors.

Next Meeting Dates: February 24, 2026 In-Person & March 17, 2026 Virtual
Meeting Adjourned 11:55 AM