

**MIAA SPORTSMANSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 29, 2026 – 10:00 am**

**Attendance**

Derek Atherton, Jesse Carpenter, Chris Carrig, Keith Davie, Tina Games, Michael Jackson, Kevin May, Patricia Puglisi, Kelley St. Coeur, Jessica Stephens, Peter Smith, Donna Harrington

**Meeting called to order at 10:05 am.**

**Minutes of September 22, 2025**

- The September 22, 2025 meeting minutes were approved unanimously. (Motion Kelly St. Coeur, Second Keith Davies, Unanimous)

**Sportsmanship Summit Review**

- Feedback from the Sportsmanship Summit was reviewed. Overall the event was well received by attendees and accomplished the goal of providing an interactive format for students to address sportsmanship related topics.
- Appreciation was expressed to committee members that participated in the planning and facilitation of the student breakout sessions.
- The tentative date for next year's Summit is Friday, November 20. Derek Atherton will lead a subcommittee to begin planning for next year.

**Updated Contest Disqualification Data**

- The committee reviewed contest disqualification data for the 2025-26 school year to date. Disqualification totals increased during the fall season, particularly in tournament games. Committee members suggested analyzing data regarding the rule violations (ex. dissent vs. foul play) for soccer disqualifications at the next meeting. Winter totals will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- League based disqualification data reports will be available soon.

**Updated Resources**

- MIAA Sportsmanship Expectations – Committee members discussed edits to the draft document and feedback received from the Sportsmanship Summit. An updated draft will be shared with the MIAA sport committees, Game Officials Committee and District Athletic Committees with feedback requested by May 8. The committee will utilize this feedback to create a final document to share with the MIAA Board of Directors.
- A suggestion was made to support the finalized Sportsmanship Expectations information with a poster that could be shared with all schools including a QR code link to the document.
- MIAA Sportsmanship Handshake Toolkit – The committee reviewed the updated document/form and discussed the need for increased awareness regarding the process when a postgame handshake is cancelled. The committee also suggested adding this topic to the MIAA Orientation Workshop. The committee voted 9-0 to approve the document. (Motion Jesse Carpenter, Second Keith Davie, Unanimous).
- MIAA Taunting Policy – An updated draft was reviewed. Further work will be done to clarify rules and content within the document.

**Subcommittee for Rule 49.5 Appeals**

- A subcommittee was established to hear appeals of Rule 49.5 if necessary. Appeals of this rule address tournament ineligibility due to the overall number of contest disqualifications by a team within the season.

**Other**

- The committee reviewed a draft message regarding court storming to be shared by the MIAA Basketball Committee in advance of the tournament. Committee members expressed support of the message and suggested that it be included in the MIAA Executive Director Update.

**Upcoming Events**

- Girls and Women in Sport Day @ Faneuil Hall – March 6
- Becoming a Student of Leadership Workshop @ MIAA Office – March 13

**Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

- June 10, 2026 at 10:00am (Virtual)
- An additional meeting may be added in the spring to review feedback from other MIAA committees regarding the Sportsmanship Expectations draft.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:11 am.**