

MIAA Tournament Management Committee

Meeting Minutes –In Person

May 20, 2026

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

Attendance –T. Bazylido, J. Brown, E. Dawley, M. Denise, D. Early, J. Forrest, S. Hart, A.Linkenholker, J. Newhall, S. Paine, B. Sidwell, T. Tarpey, D. Vega, K. Wolff, staff and members of the media.

2. Motion to Approve Minutes April 16, 2026

Approved 13-0 (S. Paine, J. Brown)

3. Girls Lacrosse Format & Change Form - updated

The Girls Lacrosse committee reconsidered changing cut-off date to reflect same as the Boys Lacrosse cut-off date beginning in May 2027 and resubmitted format to reflect that change.

Approved 13-0 (J. Newhall, K. Wolff)

4. TMC Site Policy – Discuss Feedback from districts

Feedback was discussed to include language that would reflect “mutually agreed upon” decisions regarding the use of locker rooms, electronic scoreboards, etc. This may be sufficient language for items that may or may not be included but are more of a request. Leaving these decisions up to the Executive Liaison, Tournament Director, and Athletic Directors to resolve would be part of the ongoing communications for site determinations.

5. Tournament Structure

A. **Fifty percent qualifying criteria discussion** – discussed different iterations of percentages to use to come up with a seeding formula for top 32 power seeded teams. Jim Clark will run numbers using approximately 50% - 60% and share results. The committee members will then discuss these options with their district and come back with feedback at a future TMC meeting. This will be implemented for Fall 2027.

B. **Number of divisions and qualifiers** - the Board of Directors has approved the minimum number of teams at 76 for one division tournaments. The grid shared at the previous meeting shows the potential divisional structures based on number of teams and new groupings. Football and Rugby will have more divisions than dictated by the grid, based on health and safety concerns. This new structure will be voted on in June or August.

C. **Alignments** – Andy Linkenholder updated the committee on the sub-committee efforts. The weight of the components for alignments includes a portion for Competitive Equity and a portion for historical power ranking data, based on four years of prior data. This work is being done to help minimize or eliminate appeals.

6. Hybrid Updates – Steve Burndett – Steve was not in attendance and will report out at the next meeting.

7. Tournament Dates Calendarization

This initiative focuses on reviewing cut-off dates to better structure the preliminary schedule as well as overall schedule of tournament dates. We are currently seeking committee members interested in joining a dedicated sub-committee for this project. John Brown, Jeff Newhall indicated they would serve. Any other interested members should email Sherry Bryant or Shaun Hart if interested.

8. Sportsmanship draft document – Discuss feedback from districts

No feedback or issues were reported, with the exception of an inquiry regarding the recourse for non-compliant teams or spectators. Sherry will provide feedback prior to the document going to the Board of Directors for approval.

New Business – Anticipating the new Football tournament proposal will be sent along to TMC to be included on the next agenda. Presentation may be from the football committee and/or the football/tmc sub-committee that created the proposal.

Next Meeting Dates: June 9, 2026 – In Person

Meeting Adjourned 10:51 AM