

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION

SOCCER COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 17, 2018

A meeting of the MPA Soccer Committee was held on Wednesday, October 17 at 10:03 a.m. at the Maine Principals' Association.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Josh Frost, Eric Hall (Chair), Ryan LaRoche, Jason Mills, and Jonathan Spear.

LIAISONS PRESENT: Mike Jeffrey and Brad Fogg.

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Bisson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by Mills/LaRoche, the minutes of the July 10, 2018 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Bisson shared a series of emails with the committee that were reviewed and placed on file at the MPA. No official action was taken on any of the correspondence.

COACHES' REPORT: Mr. Jeffrey reported the following:

- A request to schedule the last meeting of the year to be after the first Sunday in December to allow coach input.
- The coach's association is trying to be transparent with the regional all-star voting process.
- Planning for the Senior Bowl at Thomas College using both fields at 12:00 and 2:30.

OFFICIALS' REPORT: Mr. Fogg reported the following:

- Will work on accuracy of card reporting and preseason card reporting.
- Brad Lunt has established referee recruitment and assessment as a priority. He has asked each Board to do a local assessment, followed by fitness test and written test, before becoming probationary Class 1 official. They will then need two satisfactory field assessments in their first two years before becoming a permanent Class 1 official.
- Looking at the recruitment efforts for each Boards. They want to have a uniform training program across all of the Soccer Boards in Maine.
- A request to have an annual rule meeting versus the use of the NFHS PowerPoint.

REGIONAL AND STATE OFFICIALS ASSIGNMENTS: The voting data has been shared with the State Assigner, Bob Stedt. He will send all assignments to Mike Bisson to check for no votes against any assigned official, as Bob is a working official and shouldn't see that data.

REVIEW OF CHAMPIONSHIP PACKET: The 2018 Soccer Site Packet was reviewed and updated. Committee assignments were made. The 4th official will be assigned.

Hampden Academy – Josh Frost and Jason Mills.
McMann Field in Bath – Eric Hall, Ryan LaRoche, and Jonathan Spear.

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8 OR 9 PERSON SOCCER: The committee discussed the possibility of adding an eight or nine-person division for the future of soccer for the small schools.

On a MOTION by Frost/Mills, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to explore an eight-person division at 156 students or less for the 2019-2020 season.

The committee would like all soccer schools to be surveyed. Mike Bisson will work with Patty Newman to develop a survey and tabulate the results.

CLASSIFICATION: The committee looked over the April 1, 2018 enrollment numbers and compared them to the current classification to check for impact of keeping the same enrollment numbers.

On a MOTION by Mills/Spear, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to recommend the cutoffs for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 for Class A 650+, Class B 376-649, Class C 156-375, and Class D 0-155, pending the development of eight-person soccer.

OTHER:

- The tie-breaker procedure was reviewed and compared to other sports to try to establish some consistency.
- Cumulative Cards Report.
- Sportsmanship Awards – voting ends on Friday, October 19. Committee members will be informed and asked to help with notifying winning schools.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Soccer Committee will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Maine Principals' Association.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Cumulative Cards
- 8-Person Soccer
- Tie Breaker Procedure

ADJOURNMENT: On a MOTION by LaRoche/Mills, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, the meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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