

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
SOCCER COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 19, 2016

A meeting of the MPA Soccer Committee was held on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Hampden Academy.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Josh Frost, Eric Hall, Nick Raymond (Chair), Jonathan Spear, and David Wakana.

LIAISONS ABSENT: Mike Jeffrey and Sheldon Tozier.

GUEST: Brad Fogg (MASO).

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Burnham.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by Wakana/Hall, the minutes of the August 1, 2016 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file:

- An e-mail with a question about holding a clinic during the “hands-off” period.
- An e-mail from a school pointing out an error on their schedule.
- A series of e-mails with questions about drafting grade 8 athletes to compete on the high school team.
- An e-mail with a question about required membership in a National Coaches’ Association.
- An e-mail discussing the need for a number on a goalies jersey.
- A series of e-mails discussing the formation of a cooperative boys’ soccer team.
- An e-mail with a question about a transgender athlete participating in soccer.
- An e-mail with a question about the use of the “approved” game ball during the regular season.
- An e-mail with a question about an athlete wearing a knee brace.
- A series of e-mails with questions about the Transfer Waiver Policy.
- A series of e-mails discussing the Cumulative Card System.
- An e-mail with a question about the required number of practices required for an athlete that joins the team after the start of the season.
- An e-mail with suggestions about the assignment of officials for the regional and state championship games.
- A series of e-mails from schools seeking clarification of the Cumulative Card Policy.
- An e-mail with a question about the Cumulative Card Policy as it relates to coaches.

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- An e-mail discussing the assignment of officials for the regional and state championship games.
- An e-mail from a school asking if the committee had ever considered a 9 vs. 9 small school class.
- An e-mail with a question about when an athletic trainer should be beckoned onto the field.
- An e-mail with a question about the 2016 championship schedule.
- A series of e-mails discussing an incident that took place during a game.
- An e-mail from a company that sells a product, Vanishing Spray, that officials may use to mark a spot on the field.
- An e-mail with a question about an athlete who plays on both the varsity and junior varsity teams and how the Cumulative Card Policy applies to these athletes.
- An e-mail discussing the forfeiture of games for the use of an ineligible player.
- An e-mail informing the committee that Brad Fogg would be replacing Sheldon Tozier as the soccer officials' liaison to the MPA Soccer Committee.
- A series of e-mails discussing waivers of the NFHS Uniform Rule.
- An e-mail pointing out an error with the soccer Heal Points.
- An e-mail discussing the penalty kick procedure to be followed when an athlete receives a yellow card just prior to the penalty kicks or during the penalty kicks.
- An e-mail describing a very nice positive gesture shown by a team toward an official that worked a game at the school.

REVIEW OF 2016 SITE PACKET: The soccer site packet was reviewed and updated.

COACHES' REPORT: No report.

OFFICIALS' REPORT: Working on a training program for officials as well as an assessment program for all officials.

REGIONAL AND STATE CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICIAL ASSIGNMENTS: The list of recommended officials for each school will be provided to the state assigner. Once the assignments have been made they will be shared with the committee prior to notifying the officials.

OTHER:

- Cumulative Card Report: A list of all cards given during the past season was provided to the committee. This item will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Sportsmanship Award: Voting will take place during the week after the season.
- Classification: Table to the next meeting.

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NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Soccer Committee will be held on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

ADJOURNMENT: On a MOTION by Frost/Spear, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, the meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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