

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION**  
**SOCCER COMMITTEE**  
**NOVEMBER 29, 2016**

A meeting of the MPA Soccer Committee was held on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

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

**LIAISONS PRESENT:** Brad Fogg and Mike Jeffrey.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Michael Burnham.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On a MOTION by Spear/Hall, the minutes of the October 19, 2016 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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

- An e-mail with a question about penalty kicks and a player that receives a yellow card.
- An e-mail with a question about classification.
- An e-mail discussing the assignment of officials for the regional and state championship games.
- An e-mail with a question about playing a playoff game on a turf field.
- An e-mail discussing a problem with the card reporting system.
- An e-mail with a question about a suspended player.
- An e-mail from a coach with a concern about not being allowed to coach outside of the soccer season.
- An article from NFHS discussing injury rates and sport specialization.
- An e-mail expressing concern about private schools participating in MPA events.
- An e-mail discussing a school's sportsmanship award.
- An e-mail discussing the streaming of the championship games.
- An e-mail discussing the use of field spray by soccer officials.
- An e-mail discussing athletes with concussions.

**REVIEW OF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES:**

**Hampden Academy:** The Class B and C games went very well with the exception of an issue with the behavior of a school's student section.

**Fitzpatrick Stadium:** The Class A and D games went well, with three of the four games going into overtime. There was a situation in one of the games and where two athletes were injured on the same play and there was only one ATC available.

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A special thanks to site directors Mike Bisson and Nick Raymond at Hampden Academy and Thor Nilsen at Fitzpatrick Stadium for their outstanding work at this year's state soccer championships.

**COACHES' REPORT:** Mr. Jeffrey reported on the following:

- Most coaches were pleased with the elimination of the 10-minute sit-out rule.
- Coaches would like to know what information is needed prior to the classification recommendation from the committee.

**OFFICIALS' REPORT:** Mr. Fogg reported the following:

- The officials were pleased with the upgraded reporting system.
- There may have been a reluctance by some officials to issue cards because of the new Cumulative Card Policy.
- MASO would request that the table officials be a working official with specific guidelines. These recommended guidelines will be presented at the next committee meeting.

**REVIEW OF BULLETIN:** The 2017 Soccer Bulletin was reviewed and updated.

**OTHER:**

- Cumulative Card Rule: After discussion, and a review of the soccer card data from the past season, it was determined to leave the rule as written for another year.
- Classification: After discussion, a classification proposal was developed and will be passed along to the MPA Classification Committee.
- Sportsmanship Award: After discussion, it was determined that a sportsmanship banner will not be presented to a team finishing any lower than 4<sup>th</sup> in the sportsmanship voting.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR:** On a MOTION by Wakana/Hall, and supported 4-0-1, Nick Raymond was selected as the chair for the 2017-2018 year.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting of the Soccer Committee will be held on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a MOTION by Wakana/Spear, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, the meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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