

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

AUGUST 6, 2009

A meeting of the Football Committee was held on Thursday, August 6, 2009 at the MPA Office at 1:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Butch Arthers, Mike Bisson, Todd Livingston, and Michael Poulin (Chair).

MEMBER ABSENT: Jim Marascio.

LIAISONS PRESENT: Allan Snell and John Morin.

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Burnham.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by Arthers/Bisson, the minutes of the December 4, 2008 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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

- A copy of the revised off-season training definition developed by the Sports Medicine Committee.
- A memo from NFHS with the 2009 rule changes and rule interpretations.
- A consensus statement from the NFHS concerning sport concussions.
- A pamphlet developed by the NFHS titled, "Suggested Guidelines for Management of Concussion in Sports".
- An article from *The Journal of Athletic Training* titled, "Preseason Heat-Acclimatization Guidelines for Secondary School Athletics".
- Copies of the 2009 SMAA and PTC Class A football schedules.
- An e-mail from a parent asking for clarification regarding a student that attends school in a district that does not sponsor football being allowed to participate with a district that does offer the sport.
- An e-mail concerning an incorrect date that was included in the 2009 Football Bulletin.
- An e-mail and a letter from the coach of a newly formed cooperative team.
- An e-mail asking about the possibility of a student at Hodgdon High School playing football on the Mattanawcook football team.
- An e-mail asking for clarification of the two-week "hands-off" period.

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REVIEW OF UPCOMING SEASON:

- Games will continue to be played at Fitzpatrick Stadium in Portland.
- That the coin toss procedure at the state championship games will now be as follows:
 - Introduction of Players
 - National Anthem
 - Coin Toss
 - Start of Game
- That all classes, with the exception of Class B West, will qualify eight teams for the playoffs. Class B West will qualify four teams.

COACHES' REPORT:

- The coaches support the new off-season training policy that was developed by the Sports Medicine Committee.
- The coaches ask that the Football and Classification Committees consider, with the growing number of schools that are sponsoring varsity football, that the Football Coaches' Association will be included in the discussions about the possible formation of a fourth classification in football.
- The coaches continue to be concerned about the current structure of the preseason where a scrimmage and an exhibition game are both scheduled during the second week of the preseason.

OFFICIALS' REPORT:

- Distributed a packet of information illustrating the rule changes for 2009.
- Distributed a proposed rule change that the Maine Association of Football Officials would like to have submitted to the NFHS.
- Distributed a possible press release to use in the recruitment of new officials.

REVIEW 2009 FOOTBALL BULLETIN: The 2009 football bulletin was reviewed with minor editorial changes.

REVIEW 2009 FOOTBALL SITE PACKET: Copies of the site packet will be sent electronically to all committee members prior to the November 16, 2009 electronic meeting.

OTHER:

- The final classification recommendations were reviewed.
- On a MOTION by Arthers/Bisson, and supported UNANIMOUSLY, the Football Committee will submit a proposal to the Interscholastic Management Committee recommending that the football season be extended by one day.

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- Reviewed the revised ejection policy, allowing a student or a coach ejected during the last game of season to participate fully in the next preseason prior to serving their one game suspension.
- On a MOTION by Arthers/Livingston, and supported UNANIMOUSLY, to submit the proposed rule change presented by the Maine Association of Football Officials.
- Reviewed the process to be used in the case of a three-way tie.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Football Committee is scheduled for an electronic meeting to determine the order of play for the state championship games on Monday, November 16, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. There will also be a meeting on Thursday, December 3, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

ADJOURNMENT: On a MOTION by Livingston/Bisson, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m. (4-0).

Respectfully submitted,

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