

IAABO 152

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As all of you are aware, this pandemic has had a serious impact on all our lives, activities (current and future) and none of us know what is going to happen as we move forward, specifically related to basketball.

This email is long but contains a plethora of information so please read to the end.

IAABO 152 News

At the end of the survey cycle, 43 respondents (65 in our board) indicated that MONDAY's would be the Virtual meeting dates for our board. There will be 7 meetings using WebEx (courtesy of Broadcom INC) from which attendance will be registered and the meetings will be recorded. Our virtual meetings will be free of charge to the board. Some boards will be incurring costs for their meetings (Zoom) and IAABO will not assist. You will receive a WebEx Meeting invitation that you can save into your calendar. When the meeting is started, you will be able to Join the meeting and download the software for the meeting (either computer or phone) so that you may attend. By joining the meeting, your attendance will be registered for our attendance reporting. Each meeting invitation will include an agenda. As in the past, the Secretary and Treasurer report will be posted on the IAABO152.org website for your perusal prior to the meeting.

Our meeting dates for 2020-2021 are:

November 2
November 23 (Interpretation)
December 7
December 21
January 11
January 25
February 8

Our by-laws state that each member must attend 4 meetings including the Interpretation meeting. Having 7 virtual meetings should enable 100% compliance of this by-law, however, credit CAN be attained by listening to the recordings and satisfying the identified requirements (more on that during the first meeting).

Rule Books and Collateral materials

As reported in an earlier email, Rule books and collateral information has been delivered to me. Some of you have obtained your material already. Those who have not yet obtained their material should contact me directly and request an opportunity to do so coming to my home (address is below). **I WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FROM FRIDAY 10/9 THRU MONDAY 10/12.**

MSBOA Items

This past Sunday, the MSBOA Board 15 met virtually to discuss and prepare for the upcoming 2020-2021 basketball season using ONLY the information currently in hand with regards to IAABO and MIAA. The information we have is minimal, but all of you deserve to know what that information is and how it impacts our upcoming season.

These are the subjects we discussed:

1. Special Olympics
2. IAABO National update regarding Life Membership
3. Zoom meetings assistance
4. Insurance Schedule
5. MSBOA dues
6. MIAA Registration
7. Interpretation matters
8. Sports activities regulations
9. Liability Waiver form
10. Board Interpretation meetings
11. IAABO University and New Candidates

Special Olympics

There are no known changes with regards to Special Olympics. The Pandemic has caused school systems to be closed to outside usage, so Special Olympics is impacted by the closures. Taking into consideration that there are fewer new candidates, ALL boards will be expected to fill the void for coverage. Most boards provide coverage from new and veteran officials so it is expected that it will continue in that regard. But nothing has yet been scheduled for 2020-2021 season.

IAABO National/Life Membership

The Life membership induction has been delayed because the IAABO Spring meeting was held virtually. The recommendation process for 2021-2020 has been tabled until it has been established that there will be live meetings to honor the Life members.

Zoom Meeting Assistance

Zoom offers a free membership/usage of their platform but there are limitations (45-minute maximum length up to 100 attendees). Membership without limitations is about \$15 per month. Boards have asked IAABO to assist with cost coverage for membership platforms, but IAABO will not assist and each board must manage their own meeting process as they do now.

Insurance Schedule

The IAABO Insurance coverage has had changes ONLY in the schedule. The coverage now is from October 1 through September 30 of the calendar year. With this new schedule, our insurance must be paid in October to avoid coverage lapse for any members.

MSBOA Dues

MSBOA dues for 2020-2021 have been waived. The dues collected by each board for MSBOA dues (\$3 per member) will be held by each board until such time as a season is announced and live meetings are planned because the ONLY expenses MSBOA incurs are for travel for the board secretaries. Without live meetings, travel is no longer an expense.

MIAA Registration

At this moment, the Arbiter Registration for sports has yet to be open for basketball. MIAA does not yet know what will happen with basketball so registration is delayed. Officials are free to register on their own. There is a basketball meeting scheduled for October 14 with many items on the agenda (See Interpretation matters).

Interpretation Matters

The MSBOA interpreter will attend an MIAA meeting on October 14th. Agenda items are:

Waiver Form

Season start/end

Handshake

State of MA regulations

Pre-game meeting with coaches only

For future Rules changes in MA

Reset of Team fouls at the end of each quarter

Shot Clock location Adjustment

Coaches time outs

Sports Activity Regulations

It was announced that the STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS is determining the regulations and guidelines for HS sports. The MIAA is not involved and is only responsible for their own post-season activities so will abide by what comes from the Governor's office.

Liability Waiver Form

It was announced that there is a Liability Waiver Form making its way around the school systems that is related to Covid-19 and indemnification should anyone contract Covid during a contest officiated by officials. The officials will be held responsible for all litigation that may arise during a contest. This liability form (attached) is to be signed by the officials that prior to officiating a contest. This form contains language that could cause serious impact upon any official that signs it. Read the form carefully and know that the MSBOA has "recommended" that it NOT BE SIGNED. The MSBOA Interpreter will discuss with the MIAA regarding its history and requirements.

Board Interpretation Meetings

ALL the IAABO boards of MA will be conducting virtual meetings for their mandatory Interpretation. That means that should anyone from Board 152 cannot attend OUR virtual Interpretation meeting, then they would ONLY be able to attend another virtual meeting. These meetings will be announced as they are known. There are still many unknowns specific to other boards requirements.

IAABO University

Most boards and candidates are utilizing IAABO University for their candidate classes and using virtual mechanics training to certify officials. There are no guidelines being established that are different from prior year's, so each board is on their own.

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