

HCBWMBO Meeting Minutes – December 5th, 2024

Joe called the meeting to order and had the minutes from the November meeting approved without edit.

Joe reminded members to fulfill concussion course and MIAA requirements (for high school only)

Joe went over missing assignments protocol. If you need to miss an assignment due to a personal issue or health problem and it is within 48 hours of the start time, please call or text your game assigner and reach him/her to explain problem and get a replacement. If greater than 48 hours before start time, you should call, text or email the assigner with issue and reason for turnback.

If you can make the assignment but may be tardy, please call or text partner to inform partner of delayed arrival. If partner will be more than 5 minutes late, ask coaches if they would prefer the game to be started with single official until partner arrives (many games lined up at many sites especially on weekend).

A good practice is to reach out to partner and discuss meeting time for game and to verify location. Keep partner's number in phone in case of delayed arrival due to unforeseen traffic or car issues. Use your cell to manage schedule when possible to keep record of commitments, locations and start times.

If there is a snow cancellation at the suburban level, you will receive an email notification from Horizon and a text or call from Joe. Postponements at the high school level will be indicated on Arbiter or by phone call, text or email from home school.

Mike did a refresher on POE and rule changes for the year. He also spoke to in-bounds in the front court as described last year. Mike also discussed filling out the disqualification forms attached to this email.

Mark reported that members averaged quite high on Federation exam; problem questions were #42 and #47 both addressed by Mike in his shot clock and in-bounds discussion.

Joe went over differences between high school and suburban rules, see attached document.

Remember to call Greg Procino or Joe Ciejka if any technical fouls are administered to a coach or player for an unsporting act. Please load Procino, Ciejka and Carnevale cell numbers into your phone for easy access.

Reminder to keep your Horizon and Arbiter availability up to date; be kind to your assigners!!

Thank you to members for working the Wilbraham tourney, no misses for GB25!! Nice work by all!

An initial design idea for a Board patch was introduced, see attachment. Additional ideas will be accepted as we work towards the patch for next season.

Spots were still available for the West Side and WNEU tourneys.

The membership voted to keep a winter social in January; we will try to return to Pics in January.

We are also considering the Danet Club for the return of our sportsmanship banquet in March.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 12th, 10Am at the Hall of Fame room at Western New England University Living Center (gymnasium)