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MIAA SELECTS SITES FOR FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT GAMES

Franklin, MA - The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) announced it has reached agreement for eight locations to host 2006 Eastern Massachusetts football tournament games. This represents more venues than may be needed. The list includes several new locations.

The sites are Greater New Bedford Regional H.S., Brockton H.S., Stonehill College (Easton, MA), Veteran's Stadium (Quincy), Arlington H.S., Cawly Field (Lowell), Acton Boxborough H.S. and Reading H.S.

"We are pleased so many schools and cities came forward to offer their fine venues for this year's football tournament," William N. Gaine Jr., MIAA Deputy Director, said. "All have the safe turf surfaces required by our Sports Medicine Committee, offer ample seating and parking, as well as relatively easy access from nearby highways". New stadiums offering state-of-the art facilities at Lowell, Quincy and Stonehill also should be especially appreciated by our student-athletes and their school communities.

Football tournament pairings and site selections for the playoffs will not be made until the regular season ends on Thanksgiving Day. MIAA will announce games, times and sites by November 24th, the Friday after Thanksgiving. The playoff games will be held on Tuesday, November 28th with the Super Bowl games following on December 2nd.