In preparation for the upcoming high school basketball season, the MIAA Basketball Committee is pleased to share the 2019-20 edition of its annual preseason newsletter. This publication is designed to provide helpful information relative to the upcoming basketball season and tournament, as well as serve as a supplement to the MIAA Basketball Tournament Format.

Since the conclusion of last school year, several changes have taken place within the MIAA Basketball Committee leadership. The Basketball Committee welcomes new member, Billy Sittig, Assistant Athletic Director of the Boston Public Schools as a new District B representative. In addition, new MIAA Assistant Executive Director, Keith Brouillard, joins the committee leadership. Keith, along with MIAA Associate Director, Peter Smith, will assume the role of liaisons to the Basketball Committee for the upcoming season. Jeff Newhall, Athletic Director at St. Mary’s of Lynn, will continue to serve as Chair of the Basketball Committee.

This season, there are two key dates that the MIAA Basketball Committee would like to bring attention to as the season nears. The first date is the MIAA Basketball Cut-Off date of February 20, 2020. Please keep in mind that all games must be completed by this date and must be completed by 6:00pm. This time specific deadline is new for this season and the Basketball Committee asks for your assistance in notifying respective coaches of this change as soon as possible.

Another key date is the March 14th SAT Date. This year, the State Finals are scheduled for Saturday, March 14, 2020 - the same date as the SAT’s. Please notify all coaches and student-athletes as soon as possible so alternative plans may be made. A listing of all dates and sports that may take place on scheduled College Board exam dates can be found on the MIAA website.

In order to facilitate the start of the season, the following pages contain helpful information to assist in planning and preparation for a successful 2019-20 campaign. Please do not hesitate to contact your local representatives on the MIAA Basketball Committee (see page 8) or the MIAA staff with additional questions or for further assistance.

Best wishes to all for a great 2019-20 MIAA Basketball season and tournament experience during the coming months.
NFHS Basketball Rules Changes

3-4-3e (2): The option of the number style that uses the team jersey color itself bordered with not less than two 1/4-inch solid border(s) contrasting with the team jersey color will be eliminated by 2024-25.

3-5-4b: If worn, only one headband is permitted, and it must be worn on the forehead/crown. It must be nonabrasive and unadorned, and it must be no more than 3 inches wide.

3-5-4d: The statement “Hair-control devices are not required to meet color restrictions” was added to the rule.

3-5-5 NOTE (NEW): Provided the shorts are not in conflict with Rule 3-4-5, no drawstring or other part of the shorts intended to maintain them in a normal position causes potential harm to the player or others and wearing of the shorts is not objectionable in exposing the anatomy, there is no restriction on folding or rolling the shorts at the natural waistband seam.

3-5-8 - MOUTHGUARD:
1. A tooth and mouth protector (intraoral), if worn must:
   a. Include an occlusal (protecting and separating the biting surfaces) portion;
   b. include a labial (protecting teeth and supporting structures) portion;
   c. cover the posterior teeth with adequate thickness
2. It is recommended that the protector be properly fitted, protecting the anterior (leading) dental arch and:
   a. constructed from a model made from an impression of the individual’s teeth, or:
   b. constructed and fitted to the individual by impressing the teeth into the tooth and mouth protector itself.
3. State associations may deem a tooth and mouth protector required equipment.

10-5-5 NOTE - The head coach and any number of assistant coaches may enter the court in the situation where a fight may break out—or has broken out—to prevent the situation from escalating.

Official Signal 3 - When a held ball occurs, the covering official(s) must stop the clock using Signal 2 (straight arm, open palm extended) while simultaneously sounding the whistle, then give the held-ball signal.

Major Editorial Changes
9-9-1 EXCEPTION - A ball in team control of Team A in the frontcourt that is deflected by a defensive player, which causes the ball to go into the backcourt, may be recovered by either team unless the offense was the last to touch the ball before it went into the backcourt. If the offense was last to touch the ball in its frontcourt, only the defense can legally recover the basketball.

NFHS Basketball Rules Interpretations

SITUATION 1:
A1 is waiting at the table to substitute into the game. The official recognizes the substitute is wearing pre-wrap tied in the back as a headband.

RULING: The substitute is permitted to enter the game wearing the pre-wrap as a headband provided it meets all guidelines for a headband. (3-5-4b)

SITUATION 2:
A1 is wearing a ribbon to control her hair.

RULING: Illegal. Ribbons are considered decorations and the athlete should not be allowed to enter the contest while wearing a ribbon in the hair. (3-5-4e)

SITUATION 3:
Members on Team A are wearing headbands that have two manufacturers’ logos.

RULING: Team A members wearing headbands with two manufacturers’ logos should not be allowed to enter the contest until the headbands are removed. Headbands with one manufacturer’s logo should meet the headband requirement. (3-5-4, 3-6).

SITUATION 4:
Team A is wearing a patch on its uniforms to honor one of its teammates who was injured in an accident. The patch is the school logo with his/her number on it.

RULING: This is not legal. A commemorative/memorial patch may be worn on the jersey, provide it is not a logo or number, and must be worn above the neckline or in the side insert. Such patches shall not exceed 4 square inches. (3-4-2c)

SITUATION 5:
B1 is observed wearing a mouth guard, but no other member of Team B is wearing this type of equipment.

RULING: This is legal (personal choice), but is not mandatory. (3-8)

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NFHS Basketball Rules Interpretations (Continued)

SITUATION 6:
During the pre-game warm-up period, an official notices that A1 is wearing a religious medal on the end of a chain.

RULING: The player shall be instructed that in order to wear the religious medal, the medal must be taped to the body and worn under the uniform. (3-5-4 EXCEPTION b).

SITUATION 7:
A player, for religious reasons, may not wear shorts. Would he/she be able to wear tights under the basketball uniform shorts or warmups instead of shorts?

RULING: NHFS basketball uniform rules do not require that the uniform pants be “shorts.” Wearing tights below the uniform shorts would be legal. The player has the option of wearing long pants as the uniform “bottom” to be in compliance with NFHS rules as well. (3-4-5, 3-5-3)

SITUATION 8:
During the pre-game warm-up, the officials observe that A4 is wearing a ring with tape covering it. The officials notify A’s head coach that A4 must remove the ring in order to participate in the pre-game warm-up and the game. The coach and A4 respond that the ring cannot physically be removed.

RULING: The referee informs A’s head coach that A4 cannot participate while wearing the ring, even with the tape covering it. (3-5-7)

SITUATION 9:
A1, while dribbling the ball in the frontcourt near the midcourt line, has the ball strike the midcourt line and as the ball comes up from the dribble, A1 touches the ball and continues to dribble.

RULING: Backcourt violation. A1 may not be the first to touch the ball after it has been in the frontcourt, if he/she or a teammate last touched or was touched by the ball in the front court, before it went to the backcourt. (9-9-1)

SITUATION 10:
At halftime, Team A is leading the game. A1, A2 and A3 are passing the ball among themselves to run time off the clock while not allowing Team B to gain control of the ball. B1 goes out and pushes A1 to stop the clock. The official calls a personal foul.

RULING: Incorrect call. The foul was deliberate and should have been called an intentional foul. A1 should shoot two free throws and Team A should be awarded the ball for a throw-in at the spot nearest the foul. (4-19-3c)

NFHS Basketball Points of Emphasis:
Pre-Game Meeting with Administrator on Supervision and Crowd Control:

It is a necessity to have a game administration representative to meet with the official crew. This meeting will allow for communicating the expectations of each group. The contest officials are there to manage the contest, which includes the players and coaches. It is the expectation that school administration will manage the student body, parents and all other spectators.

Game administration should be proactive in crowd supervision and control. Administration should address inappropriate spectator behavior before it escalates.

Spectator behavior remains a critical concern. Too often, spectators are using abusive language toward coaches, players and officials. Spectators are also approaching the court, team areas and locker rooms - places that used to be “off limits” - to confront participants.

Game administrators must create and follow security procedures and support efforts to have offending spectators removed from the premises. Proactive policies lead to fewer problems. It is the game administrator’s ultimate responsibility to provide a safe environment for coaches, players and officials. Do not wait for the official to point out the problem.

Click here for information about additional 2019-20 NFHS Basketball Points of Emphasis

Headband and Hair-Control Devices
Medical Bracelets
Throw-In Violations
Pre-Game Meeting with Administrator on Crowd Supervision and Control

Rule Change Information

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Council (MIAC) approved a rule change proposal submitted by the MIAA Basketball Committee for implementation during the 2019-20 season. Please see the updated MIAA Handbook language below.

MIAA Handbook Rule 66.6

A coaching box, as described in current National Federation rules, shall be utilized in all games. If the head coach is charged with a technical foul (either direct or indirect), coach will be allowed to use the coaching box and remain standing.
Site Determination Policy

The MIAA Tournament Management Committee has established a Site Determination Policy that is included in all sport tournament formats. This information is located on page 3 of the MIAA Basketball Tournament Format:

Site Information:

1. Early round tournament games: will be hosted by the higher seeded team through the quarter finals providing the site meets the sport specific quality standards.

2. Sectional Semi-Final and Final rounds: will be played at one of these potential sites (see Tournament Sites) to be procured by the Tournament Director before the season starts. The Tournament Director, in conjunction with the MIAA liaison will make every effort to ensure that a lower seed is not hosting a sectional semi-final or final game.

3. State Semi-Final and Final rounds: will be played at predetermined sites. This means that a team may play on their home field/site if that site has been predetermined as a tournament host.

4. If possible, geographic consideration should be given to the sections participating in these games (vs. sectional rotation criteria focus).

Tournament Directors welcome and encourage the consideration of schools in making facilities available to host tournament games. Venue size, seating capacity, parking and safety concerns are all considerations when selecting sites. If your school is interested in hosting such, please contact your sectional tournament director or the MIAA staff.

Seeding Tiebreaker

The MIAA Tournament Management Committee has worked on building consistency across Association sponsored tournaments. The updated 2019-20 Seeding Tiebreaker Process for all sports is listed below and can also be found on page 2 of the MIAA Basketball Tournament Format:

Tie Breaking Procedure
1. Head to Head Competition
2. Winning Percentage Against Common Opponents
3. League Champion
4. Coin Flip

In a tie breaker for tournament seeding every game played including exclusion games, but excluding endowment games, are counted.

If a tie involves multiple teams (more than 2) and a team is eliminated, the procedure starts over at step one with the remaining teams.

Beginning with the sectional semi-finals and through the state finals the official Spalding ball will be used and supplied by the tournament director.

Boys Basketball: Spalding TF1000 Legacy (74-7168)
Girls Basketball: Spalding TF1000 Legacy (74-7358).
Revenue Sharing for 2020 Tournament

The MIAA Board of Directors has approved the Basketball Revenue Sharing Program again for the 2020 tournament. As in the past four years, revenue sharing will begin with the Sectional Quarter Final round games. Games conducted prior to this round of the tournament are managed by the host schools with no ticket or financial reconciliation required to the Association and all revenue remaining with the host school. This Board of Directors action has made an important financial impact on member schools and the Board is pleased to provide this financial benefit for member schools hosting MIAA Basketball Tournament games.

Court Storming

The MIAA Basketball Committee wishes to thank the Tournament Directors, tournament staff, school supervision staff and participating schools for their enhanced efforts in maintaining the safest possible environment at tournament venues. In addition to the Participating School Supervision Protocol (page 5 of the Tournament Format), the committee wishes to share the following guidance in their continuing efforts to monitor this topic:

- Spectator behavior expectations (and consequences) should be consistently communicated and applied throughout the season, beginning with our first regular season games and extending through tournament play. Student sections are ultimately the responsibility of each individual member school administration. Whether at a home or predetermined site, “Court Storming” is strictly prohibited. At no time, whether it is before, during, or post game, are spectators allowed on the playing court.

- Recommendations include 1.) The distribution of spectator expectations prior to the start of regular season and tournament play. 2.) Reinforcement of stated expectations throughout the tournament. 3.) Reminders through the school’s written communications (school/athletic handbooks, newsletters, etc.) and PA announcements at strategically determined times. 4.) Through placement of designated school supervisors at the game site, school leader visibility will prove to be the most effective deterrent.

- Prior to any level of tournament play, school leaders with any concern over potential spectator issues should address these topics with tournament/site staff as soon as possible. These concerns can also be addressed during a pre-game meeting between the site director and the designated school leaders.

Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Association

“Helping Coaches Help Kids”

The MIAA and the Basketball Committee are happy to support and communicate the great efforts of the Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Association (MBCA) in improving and promoting high school basketball.

Annual programs offered by the MBCA include:

- Coaches’ Clinic (October)
- Hall of Fame Banquet (December)
- Statewide Foul Shooting Competition (April)
- Senior Awards Breakfast (May)

In addition, a variety of awards are presented to students, coaches and basketball community members in recognition of academic and athletic achievement and contributions to the sport of basketball.

Please visit www.mbcaorg.com for membership information and additional details.
Basketball Awards

Each year as part of the MIAA Educational Athletics mission, awards are presented to teams and individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, sportsmanship and dedication to the sport of basketball. Please see the following information for additional details about each of the award recipients for the 2018-19 school year, as well as how to nominate a team or individual for the upcoming season.

Team Sportmanship Awards

These awards are presented to teams for outstanding demonstrations of sportsmanship and respect during the basketball season. The awards are presented at the state finals. The nomination form for the 2019-20 MIAA Basketball Team Sportmanship Award is located on page 6 of the Basketball Tournament Format and is due by February 14, 2020.

Girls Basketball - 2018-19 Recipient

Fellowship Christian Academy

Boys Basketball - 2018-19 Recipients

Lenox Memorial Middle & High School

Mansfield High School

Basketball Coaches of the Year

The MIAA Coach of the Year Award seeks to recognize and honor “teacher coaches” who have had an impact on the lives of student-athletes, by encouraging them to succeed and by helping them develop self-confidence, ambition, a sound work ethic, and other skills or values necessary or helpful for success in their later lives. The recipients of the 2019 MIAA Basketball Coach of the Year Award are listed below. To submit a nomination for the 2020 MIAA Coach of the Year Award please click here. Nominations are due by Friday, March 27, 2020.

Boys Basketball

Dave Fazio
Andover High School

“My philosophy on athletics is defined by the following pillars of success; academic achievement in the classroom, developing leaders through accountability, being visible in the community, promoting social and emotional well-being and competing at the highest level while having the highest standards on the basketball court.”

Girls Basketball

John Rice
Fenway High School

“My mission as a coach is to create an unparalleled high school level basketball experience for student athletes, through the guidance and expertise of my coaching staff and myself. Players start each season with personal goals for themselves. My responsibility as the coach is to make them dream bigger, push harder and make them believe that they can accomplish more than they realize, not only as athletes but in any element of life. Our top priorities as a team are to instill: the importance of leadership, sportsmanship, progression and development, on and off the court.”
Basketball Awards

Sherman A. Kinney Award

Steve Gaspar
Dartmouth High School Boys Basketball Coach (retired)

This award honors Sherman Kinney, who passed away in 1999 after serving the MIAA in an executive capacity since its inception. Kinney left a legacy of integrity, honesty and sportsmanship, and the award is intended to recognize an individual who reflects those values and has made outstanding contributions to the sport of high school basketball. The 2019 MIAA Sherman A. Kinney Award Recipient is Steven Gaspar.

Steve Gaspar devoted 42 years of coaching to the Dartmouth Public Schools. He began in 1971 as a volunteer coach and quickly became an appointed sub-varsity coach. He went on to take over the head coaching position for the 1985-86 season. Under his leadership, Dartmouth High School qualified for postseason play nineteen times and compiled 324 wins.

Coach Gaspar’s impact was felt off the court as well. A long time Health and Physical Education Teacher at Dartmouth, he was a founding member of the After Prom Committee, a position he held even after his retirement. He also ran several camps and clinics in town for decades each summer.

To nominate an individual for the 2020 MIAA Sherman A. Kinney Award please click here. Nominations are due by February 7, 2020

Basketball Officials of the Year

The MIAA Official of the Year Award seeks to recognize and honor officials who have displayed character, integrity and dignity, while displaying the highest standards of ethical conduct. Award recipients have a record of exceptional performance, as well as a reputation, among their peers and the athletic community, for fair play, for good sportsmanship, and for the development of these attributes in our student-athletes. The recipients of the 2019 MIAA Basketball Official of the Year Award are listed below. To submit a nomination for the 2020 MIAA Official of the Year Award please click here. Nominations are due by March 27, 2020.

Girls Basketball

Cathy Silva
Southern Mass Board of Officials (SMBO)

“Athletics provides an opportunity for personal growth through the pursuit of excellence in sports. Athletics encourages and cultivates qualities such as teamwork, service, persistence, humility, empathy, resilience, sportsmanship and ethical conduct. Athletics endorses a lifelong, healthy lifestyle and a mind, body, spirit connection through the joy of participating in sports.”

Boys Basketball

Jahmal Galloway
Eastern Mass IAABO #27

“Athletics brings people together as one; no matter your race, religion or creed. It’s a brotherhood/sisterhood that helps shape your future. You have to be disciplined and realize that your decisions affect not just you but your team and coaching staff. I believe sports BREED strong family foundations and force you to be accountable.”
### Basketball Committee Members

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Charlestown HS  
Mr. Billy Sittig  
Assistant Athletic Director  
Boston Public Schools | Mr. Bill Runey  
Principal  
Attleboro HS  
Mr. Bob Rodgers  
Athletic Director  
Whitman-Hanson Reg. HS | Mr. David Lanczycki  
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