



NEWS

Building the Future Through Athletics

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Dick Neal

Welcome back to a year of new challenges and wonderful successes that are yet to unfold. Do not hesitate to contact staff anytime that we may make your life easier. I thought this brief issue of the "NEWS" might be all you have time to read as you gear up for your new athletic and academic year. We are creating this issue believing that we can gently bring you up to date on important or helpful subjects.

1-1 Hot Weather Cautions

If you have not already done so, please check the Association's website for hints that will protect your student-athletes from unsafe situations brought on by heat and humidity. Additional relevant material will be mailed to athletic directors this week.

1-2 Avoid Pre-Season Rule Violations

Our website also includes a caution against "camps" that violate Association season limit rules. Be sure to protect your program from such violations.

1-3 Fall Formats

Your fall tournament package is available on the website as of August 17. Each season we try to make this important information more efficient and useful to you. If you have suggestions for improvement, please do not hesitate to forward them along.

1-4 New Corporate Partner

Bob's Stores has stepped forward to provide significant support to the Association over the next five years. One part of our agreement will be reflected in a mailing to athletic directors later this week. A wallet-sized card entitling each of your student-athletes to a 20% discount at Bob's Stores also includes an attachment of key MIAA student-athlete eligibility rules. Athletic directors

will receive one such card for each student-athlete. I encourage you to distribute cards to all student-athletes (i.e. those boys and girls who intend to participate in a winter or spring sports as well as to your fall sport student-athletes). Hopefully the student eligibility card will reduce the number of forfeitures this year. If students are aware of some of the more common eligibility rules, then they may actually help in monitoring eligibility.

1-5 Plan to Attend a Fall Workshop

Every member school principal and athletic director should attend one of the annual MIAA fall workshops. Although it may be more convenient to attend the workshop in your region of the state, if that date represents a conflict please plan to attend a scheduled workshop that is more compatible with your schedule. The fall workshop schedule is found on our website (and is listed on page 2 of this "NEWS"). Do not hesitate to call or e-mail if you wish an advance copy of the agenda for any of the scheduled workshops.

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1-6 Monthly Meeting Black-Out Date

We have developed an Association calendar for the first time which sets aside one day each month free of Association activities. The idea was to provide leagues and principals' groups the opportunity to schedule meetings so that their members would not have a conflict with any Association responsibility. The Association calendar with an "open date" each month is on the website.

1-7 District B Board Opening

MIAA District B principals/assistant principals will be considered by the MSSAA Nominating Committee to complete the final two years of a three-year term on the MIAA Board of Directors. Those interested must be MSSAA members and should contact MIAA District B Chair, John Graceffa at Waltham High School or Dick Neal at the MIAA Office.

End of Director's Column

1-8 Soccer Pre-Season Meeting

August 21st will be the 9th Annual Soccer Rules/Sportsmanship Clinic for Commissioners, Athletic Directors, Game Officials and Coaches to review new changes for the 2001 Soccer Season. The meeting will take place at the MIAA office in Franklin at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Carol Tosches if you plan to attend (508-541-9815).

1-9 2001-02 MIAA Membership Renewal

Institutional Registrations were mailed on June 1 to principals along with a memo to principals and athletic directors delineating membership deadlines. Membership renewals were due in the MIAA office by July 20, along with a promissory note or purchase order. If not received by September 4 a late fee of \$200 must be assessed. To assist you, a second mailing in mid August will be sent to those schools who have not complied.

1-10 MIAA Tournament Passes

Over the next month we will be mailing complimentary tournament passes to the attention of MIAA member principals for their administrators and coaches. Also, included to the principals and mailed separately to athletic directors will be an order form for purchasing additional or replacement passes throughout the school year.

As a reminder, these are generic tournament passes to be used in the fall and reused in the winter and spring season. The quantity you receive is based on the number of your varsity teams.

1-11 Golf Tournament Director Positions

Applications are being accepted for the South Boys' Division I and South Boys' Division III Tournament Director Positions. Please forward resume and cover letter to Brian Halloran at the MIAA office (e-mail: bhalloran@miaa.net, fax: 508-541-9888).

"NEED TO KNOW"

Late Filing Fees for Missed Deadlines

	Due	Fine
MIAA Membership Process (\$200 per step beginning with 9/1 deadline)		\$200
Tournament Schedule/Commitment Form	Sept.30, Jan.15, Apr.15	\$200
Annual Enrollment Report	Oct. 13	\$200
End-of-Season Tournament Application	See Formats	\$300
Middle-Level Participation Waivers	60 days before start of each season	\$300
Multi-School/Interstate/Int'l Events	Nov. 1 - Winter Sports	\$200

DATES TO REMEMBER

District E Workshop	Sept 14
District G Workshop	Sept. 20
District F Workshop	Sept. 21
Dists. C/D Workshop	Sept. 28
Dists. B/H Workshop.....	Oct 3
Dist. A Workshop.....	Oct. 5

MIAA expresses gratitude for the unique support of the following organizations

- Massachusetts Department of Public Health
- Massachusetts Department of Education
- Massachusetts Medical Society
- United States Marine Corp.
- Harvard Pilgrim Health Care
- Bob's Stores



***** OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT BALLS *****

		Through
Football	Rawlings	2003
Soccer	Spalding	2002
Volleyball	Wilson	2001-02
Basketball	Wilson	2001-02
Baseball	Wilson	2002
Softball	Wilson	2004

CHECK OUT:

www.miaa.net

- Fall Tournament Formats
- Members Only Section
 - * *Interactive Tournament Formats*
 - * *Up-to-Date Membership Directory*
 - * *Cooperative Team Document and Application*
- Tournament Alignments
- 2001-02 Monthly Calendar
- News Releases
- Coaching Vacancies
- Open Dates
- Coaches Education Clinic Dates