



NEWS



Building the Future Through Athletics

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4-1 With Appreciation

The Fall Tournament season is now behind us. Weather, venue availability and conditions, in addition to scheduling challenges, are factors that create conflict and frustration during our tournament seasons. Such issues often drown out the significant activities that are taking place. Thousands of boys and girls participated in hundreds of Association-sponsored tournament activities over a six to eight week period this Fall. The efforts of tournament directors, site managers and their supporting casts, as well as game officials, were all focused on making these experiences positive and wholesome for all participants. This is the season of reflection and family, and therefore a good opportunity to express sincere gratitude to all of you who contributed to the success our young people enjoyed as they participated in our high school regional and state tournaments.

4-2 Leadership

Leadership can be a reflective enterprise. Whenever a decision is made, particularly in an area that generates some passion, there are the unavoidable critics and criticisms quickly presented. Rarely does a decision resolving a contentious matter meet with unanimous support. A leader required to make multiple decisions during short periods of time is subjected to an almost unending bombardment of criticisms. If not for the responsibility of leadership, such a person might opt to "do nothing" for a while to

avoid the continuous barrage of "hits". Such is not the solution; it would take but a little time before you would be criticized for "not doing anything". Consequently the leader must continuously lead, or "surrender". During this most recent Fall tournament season I observed my colleagues on the executive staff executing their responsibilities in a way that good medical people perform triage. They moved from one problem or complaint to another with little time to enjoy the many successful results of their efforts

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and responsibilities. It is for the same reason that I am as impressed and appreciative of our school and athletic leaders, tournament directors, et al as I am proud of the efforts of your staff in Franklin. All decisions are made with a purity of heart with a singular focus on what can be done for young people within the limits of the moment.

4-3 Reference: The Board Addresses Concerns Regarding Foreign Athletes

High school leaders across the Nation have growing concerns about the impact of foreign athletes upon state association member school athletic programs. The national concern has been reflected by the MIAA Board of Directors, which has discussed this subject on several occasions over the past couple of years. There are international networks established for the purpose of moving "elite" athletes into American secondary or prep schools for the purpose of preparing them for later athletic careers. The state associations across the Nation are attempting to discourage such activity within their own states. Educators are concerned that enrollment of these foreign athletes causes displacement of student athletes within the receiving school, and that a competitive disadvantage faces student athletes in other schools who must compete against the foreign athletes. To protect the mission of interscholastic athletics, the Board of Directors adopted the following policy to become effective July 1, 2001:

Foreign athletes who are not in the United States under the auspices of a CSIET approved program, or attending a MIAA member school as a direct result of a change in residence of the parents, shall not be eligible for interscholastic athletics regardless of the length of his or her stay in the United States.

This policy is consistent with the focus of the MIAA Transfer Rule, and like all other "transfer students", a student ineligible by this policy may have access to the MIAA eligibility waiver process.

4-4 NCAA Amateur Deregulation Update

The NASSP Board of Directors unanimously adopted a Resolution which opposes the NCAA proposal to deregulate amateurism. This position creates the unprecedented alignment of unanimous opposition of the two national organizations (NASSP and the National Federation) for secondary schools. Both organizations and their respective membership

urge the rejection of the NCAA proposal that will have serious ramifications among the middle and high schools of the Nation. The Division II members of the NCAA will vote on the plan in January and the Division I members are scheduled for a vote as early as April. To date there is no significant indication that the NCAA will show serious respect for the positions of the Nation's secondary school leaders.



4-5 Recent Forfeitures

The following forfeited contests have been self-reported by the principals or athletic directors.

- *Holyoke football game on October 20 forfeited to Amherst.*
- *Norwood High School cross-country team forfeits its meet on October 24 to Dedham.*
- *Everett High School boys' soccer team forfeited its game on October 27 to Chelsea High School.*
- *Cathedral High School forfeits the following games: October 6th varsity football game to Austin Prep; October 26th volleyball match to Trinity Catholic; October 6th varsity soccer game to Lowell Catholic.*

4-6 Recent Items Posted to Website

Since the last issue of the "NEWS", several items have been posted to the web. Please visit our website at www.miaa.net to view these postings.

- ◇ Ski Cut-off Date Changes
- ◇ Information about Sport Physicals
- ◇ Tournament Director Positions available
- ◇ Directory/Information Updates
- ◇ Winter 2000-2001 Tournament Formats

4-7 Resolving Ice Hockey Rules Conflict regarding one-year disqualifications

MIAA Rule 75.9 is in conflict with 55.7. Rule 55.7 renders ineligible for one year **in all sports** a student who attempts to injure an opponent, while ice hockey rule 75.9 limits that ineligibility to the Winter sports season. Rule 75.9 should be considered modified so that the penalty is identical to that in 55.7. Any ice hockey player who violates this rule will be ineligible for one-year **in all sports**. Principals and athletic directors should share this information with members of their ice hockey teams.

4-8 Sherman Kinney Award Nominations

The MIAA Basketball Committee is now accepting nominations for the Sherman A. Kinney Award. This award is given annually to a woman or a man who has made significant contributions to the sport of basketball. A nomination form is included in this mailing. The deadline for nominations is Wednesday, January 10, 2001.

4-9 Basketball Coaching Box – It's a Rule

Federation High School Basketball rules are clear regarding where a coach may be during a game. Rule 10; Section 5; Article 3 states, "the head coach may be off the bench in front of his or her seat within the confines of the designated coaches' box to give instructions to his or her players and or substitutes."

Coaching Box: *The coaching box shall be outlined outside the side of the court on which the scorer's and timer's table and team benches are located. The areas shall be bounded by a line 28' from the endline, the sideline and a line 22' from the endline, and the team bench. These lines shall be located off the court, be two inches wide, and of a color contrasting with the boundary lines.*

The MIAA supports the enforcement of this rule as it does all rules. We would like to see it consistently enforced at every game, in every situation. Before the start of the game, game officials may want to remind coaches that they will be enforcing the rule as it is written.

4-10 Alignment Appeals

Proposed Fall and Winter Tournament Alignments for the 2001-02 through 2004-05 academic years are currently on the web. Schools are urged to check their divisional placement in the respective sports of participation. The deadline for appeals is December 21, 2000. Appeals by each sport committee will be heard during the winter of 2000-2001. Final Fall and Winter Alignments will be released during the spring of 2001.

Note: Spring Tournament Alignments for the 2001-02 through 2004-05 academic years are scheduled to be released on February 9, 2001.

4-11 7th Annual Sportsmanship Summit

More than 400 administrators, coaches and captains attended the 7th Annual Sportsmanship Summit on November 20.

Held at the Radisson Hotel in Milford, the

conference focused on coaches' education, the role of the captain and translating the sportsmanship message to fans. The goal of the annual event is to promote good sportsmanship and citizenship among athletes, spectators and the community. Under the MIAA philosophy, ethical behavior and integrity are essential ingredients for all interscholastic athletics.

Keynote presenters at the summit included Eddie Slowikowski, author and motivational speaker; Marlyn Goldhammer, President, National Federation of State High School Associations and Executive Director of the South Dakota High School Activities Association; and Daniel Doyle, Founder and Executive Director, Institute of International Sport, University of Rhode Island.

During the Summit, the MIAA also presented its annual awards to District Sportsmanship Winners. The district athletic committees chose the schools for exemplifying outstanding sportsmanship. Award winners are as follows:

District A	Tewksbury High School
District B	Cambridge Rindge & Latin Wakefield High School
District C	Abington High School
District D	Bourne High School
District E	St. Mary's Jr/Sr HS (Worc.)
District F	Hopkins Academy
District G	Lenox Memorial High School
District H	Our Lady of Nazareth Academy

4-12 Volleyball Tournament Director Vacancy

Applications for the North Girls' Volleyball Tournament Director are now being accepted for the Fall 2001 season. Please submit a letter of application, including qualifications, to Virginia O. Anderson at the MIAA, 33 Forge Parkway, Franklin, MA 02038. For additional information please call Virginia at 508-541-7997 or e-mail vanderson@miaa.net.

4-13 Leadership Training Institute

January 22-26, 2001 are the dates for the one-week residential Leadership Training seminar offered by the Wellness Department. Participants will have the opportunity to develop skills and resources to make significant contributions to their school community in the area of Sportsmanship, Wellness and student leadership. The program is offered at no cost to member schools and participants receive 40 PDPs. Please call Stacy Juba (508-541-9834) or Mike Kane (508-541-9825) for the application procedure.

4-14 Leadership Training Alumni

Invitations will be forwarded to all Alumni who have attended Leadership Training over the past 13 years to participate in a Reunion Workshop scheduled for January 24, 2001. Our nationally recognized trainers, Kevin Ringhofer and Marty Harding, will be with us to lead the session. For more information please call Stacy at the MIAA Wellness Department, 508-541-9834.

4-15 Massachusetts Celebrates Girls and Women in Sport Day

Enclosed please find information and a registration form for the Massachusetts celebration of National Girls and Women in Sport Day. This annual event will be held on Friday, February 2, 2001 at Faneuil Hall. Please submit the names of your participants as soon as possible. Tickets to the event will be sent to your school with the names of the students on them. Each school may send up to 2 students and 4 chaperones/guests, for a maximum of 6 people. As you know, space is limited and we cannot exceed the maximum number that can safely be accommodated by the facility. Students will be seated in the order in which the registrations are received. If you wish to order T-shirts, a check or purchase order must accompany your registration form.

4-16 MIAA Communications Card

Each member school should have received a MIAA Communications Card. These cards were sent directly to principals during the week of December 11th. The information on this card will allow access to the "Members Only" section of the MIAA website. Please be sure this information is safeguarded.

4-17 Superbowl Football

On December 1st, 2nd and 3rd, thirty-eight MIAA member schools participated in Superbowl XXIX. The tournament was administered by MIAA Football Committee members at college facilities throughout the state. Commendation is warranted for all schools and their communities for the outstanding display of sportsmanship reflected by participants, coaches and fans.

Attention ADs: Reminder that **all** leagues must have a Cheerleading Tournament by March 4th for teams to qualify this winter.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Launch of Members Only Website	Dec 15, 2000
Leadership Training Institute	Jan 22-26, 2001
Girls and Women in Sport Day	Feb 2, 2001
Winter Tournament Director Wkshp	Feb 8, 2001
Proposed Spring Alignments Released	Feb 9, 2001
Spring 2001 Tournament Formats	Feb 23, 2001
High School Girls Summit	Mar 8, 2001

"NEED TO KNOW"

Late Filing Fees for Missed Deadlines

	<u>Due</u>	<u>Fine</u>
Annual Enrollment Report	Oct. 13	\$200
Annual Participation Survey	May 8	\$200
Cooperative Teams	Fall Feb. 1	\$300
	Winter May 1	
	Spring Sept. 1	
Tournament Schedule/Commitment Form	Sept.30, Jan.15, Apr.15	\$200
End-of-Season Tournament Application	See Formats	\$300
Four-Year Alignment Appeals	Fall Dec. 21, 2000	\$200
	Winter Dec. 21,2000	
	Spring June 21, 2001	
MIAA Membership Process (\$200 per step beginning with 9/1 deadline)		\$200
Middle-Level Participation Waivers	60 days before start of each season	\$300
Multi-School/Interstate/Int'l Events	Nov. 1 - Winter Sports	\$200

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

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

CHECK OUT:



- ◆ News Releases
- ◆ Tournament Alignments
- ◆ Tournament Formats
- ◆ Coaching Vacancies
- ◆ Open Dates
- ◆ Association Leadership Vacancies
- ◆ Coaches Ed Clinic Dates
- ◆ Certified Coaches
- ◆ Directory Updates
- ◆ Sportsmanship Commendations
- ◆ Team Academic Excellence Awards
- ◆ Monthly Calendar

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