



# NEWS

*Building the Future Through Athletics*

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### FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Dick Neal

#### 7-1 With Gratitude and Best Wishes

As the high school athletic year comes to a close, it is very easy to be thankful. Thousands of men and women over millions of hours of time have cared for our almost 200,000 student athletes this year. To each and every one of you, know that without the role that you played, successes would have been fewer. The school year was full of challenging moments. Reward yourself over the next two months. Take advantage of whatever the summer might provide. Treat yourself well. Thanks for everything! May God bless you and your families.

#### 7-2 Blue Book/White Book mailing

Principals and athletic directors are receiving with this "News" the revised editions of the Blue Book and White Book of useful forms. As I state in the Blue Book "Foreword", we try with each edition to make the document more user friendly and helpful to school and athletic administrators. You should take a look at the inside front cover, and acquaint yourself with the rules that I have indicated as "points of emphasis." The outside back cover lists executive staff responsibilities and contact information. Each of these cover pages I hope represents positive change. Most forms within the White Book also have been modified to make them more easily used. Providing loose-leaf formats of both the Blue Book and White Book to each school principal and athletic director should bolster the "local team" in protecting against rule violations. My goal is to support you to reduce the

number of contests which might be forfeited during this upcoming year. To that end, you might consider attending the August 15 MIAA Clinic (See article 7-4) here at the Association headquarters. I plan to discuss rules that seem to lead some of our school and athletic leaders into difficulty from time to time.

#### 7-3 Office Shut Down

The practice of closing the office for the first two full weeks in July has proven beneficial as the entire staff takes common vacation time. Last

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summer was the exception, given the need to transition from Milford to the Franklin office. This year the Association offices will be closed for the weeks of July 2 and July 9. (If an emergency arises, a series of emergency phone numbers will be part of our message when you call the main number for the Association.)

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#### **7-4 August 15 Summer Workshop**

It is not too late to register for this annual Association seminar. Registration materials were mailed previously, but you may feel free to contact Jean Ciliberto if you wish to register by phone (508-541-9802) or by e-mail [jciliberto@miaa.net](mailto:jciliberto@miaa.net). This will be a good opportunity to review changes in the MIAA Blue Book before the new year begins.

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#### **7-5 A Fond Farewell**

Change is part of life. Some is good, some is bad, and some is accompanied by a sense of melancholy or bittersweetness. Four active, contributing members of the Board of Directors attended their final meeting as Board members on June 12. Past Presidents Bruce Hutchins and Tom Russo, along with Dick Salinetti and Dr. Maynard Suffredini each moved on from the Board for different reasons. They will be missed. Bruce chose not to run for re-election as the District A representative for MSSAA in order to give someone else the opportunity. Tom will be retiring as Director of Athletics for the Springfield Public Schools. Dick is looking forward to retirement, while Maynard has accepted the position of Superintendent of the Holbrook Public Schools. Their leadership and service as members of the Board are deeply appreciated.

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#### **7-6 Possible League Change – Norton HS**

Norton High School has indicated an interest to withdraw from the South Shore League and to join the Tri-Valley League. The South Shore League has voted to release Norton effective with the 2002-2003 academic year. The Tri-Valley League and the District C Athletic Committee have yet to act on this request.

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#### **7-7 Auerbach Foundation Withdraws Funding**

We were surprised to learn that the Auerbach Foundation is no longer able to continue financial support of the MIAA/Auerbach All State Winter Meet. We certainly appreciate the partnership we enjoyed with the Foundation as well as their support for this activity over the years. The Meet was originally created as a result of the Auerbach

Foundation's willingness to support this then new event. The Board of Directors will be discussing the future of this activity. It is hoped that another sponsor for the event will come forward.

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*End of Director's Column*

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#### **7-8 Recent Forfeitures**

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

- Triton Regional forfeits its May 3 boys' track meet to North Andover.
- Holyoke Catholic High School forfeits its April 19 varsity golf match to Smith Academy.
- Springfield Central High School forfeits its April 26 track meet to Holyoke Catholic High School.
- Cohasset High School forfeits its May 22 boys' varsity lacrosse game to Catholic Memorial.
- Belchertown High School forfeits the following boys' volleyball matches: May 1 and May 8 to Central High School; May 9 to Putnam Vocational High School.
- Weymouth High School freshman baseball team forfeits its May 15 game to Newton North High School.
- Dover-Sherborn Regional High School forfeits its May 18 girls' varsity and junior varsity lacrosse matches to Mansfield High School.
- Putnam Voc./Tech. High School forfeits its final 2 softball games to High School of Commerce and Dean Vocational High School.
- Nantucket High School forfeits boys' lacrosse matches on April 28 to Bedford High School and April 24 to Barnstable High School.
- Lowell Catholic High School forfeits its May 16 girls' tennis match to Austin Prep.
- Ayer High School forfeits its varsity softball game on April 24 to Tahanto Regional HS.

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#### **7-9 Interim Tournament Director Position**

Applications are being accepted for an Interim South Girls' Volleyball Tournament Director for the Fall 2001 season only. Please forward resume and cover letter to Virginia O. Anderson by mail to: MIAA, 33 Forge Parkway, Franklin, MA 02038, by fax to (508) 541-9888 or via e-mail to: [vanderson@miaa.net](mailto:vanderson@miaa.net).

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#### **7-10 Tournament Director Position Opening**

Applications are being accepted for a South Boys' Division III Golf Tournament Director for the Fall of 2001. Please forward resume and cover letter to Brian Halloran by mail to: MIAA, 33 Forge Parkway, Franklin, MA 02038, by fax to (508) 541-9888 or via e-mail to: [bhalloran@miaa.net](mailto:bhalloran@miaa.net).

**7-11 2001-02 Institutional Registration**

MIAA membership forms for the 2001-02 school year were mailed June 1 to member principals along with a memo delineating applicable deadlines. Athletic Directors were copied on the memo. Forms are due in the MIAA office no later than July 20 along with a promissory note or purchase order.

**7-12 Pre-Season Soccer Meeting**

Athletic Directors, soccer coaches and soccer officials are invited to attend a Pre-Season Soccer Meeting on August 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Association headquarters in Franklin to review Sportsmanship initiatives and rules for the 2001 soccer season. Please RSVP to Carol Tosches at 508-541-9815 or [ctosches@miaa.net](mailto:ctosches@miaa.net) if you are planning to attend.

**7-13 Girls' Ice Hockey**

This past year marked the first year of MIAA recognition of Girls' Ice Hockey as a varsity sport as well as the first year of MIAA sponsorship of a Girls' Ice Hockey Tournament. The Ice Hockey Committee would like to remind schools sponsoring a girls' ice hockey program that all members of their interscholastic hockey program must be under the supervision and jurisdiction of the high school principal. The Hockey Committee will also be forwarding to each athletic director a survey seeking feedback relative to injuries needing medical attention of an athletic trainer, EMT or Physician at a girls' ice hockey game.

**7-14 National Conference on "Character & Coaching"**

On August 9-12 there will be a national conference on "Character and Coaching" in Culver, Indiana. This conference is designed for high school coaches and athletic directors and provides a practical approach to creating and maintaining a character-based athletic program.

A Specific track for State Association Coordinators to support state-wide development of character-based athletic programs will be offered.

For more information or questions, please see the enclosed flyer or contact Dr. John Yeager, Director – Center of Character and Leadership at 219-842-8175 or e-mail: [yeager@culver.org](mailto:yeager@culver.org) or [ccl@culver.org](mailto:ccl@culver.org). Dr. Yeager is a former professor at Boston University and MIAA consultant on the MIAA Sportsmanship Committee.

**7-15 2001-02 Cheerleading Registration**

MSSAA Member principals were sent a student activities registration form for the 2001-02 school year in the June MSSAA Alert. If cheerleading falls under your responsibilities as athletic director please see your principal or visit the MSSAA website ([www.mssaa.org](http://www.mssaa.org)) to obtain the registration form.

**7-16 Tournament Alignments**

Now available on the MIAA website are the Final Fall and Winter Tournament Alignments for the 2001-02 thru 2004-05 academic years. Spring alignment appeals will be heard by the respective sport committee before November 1 with the final spring alignments being released on our website by December 21.

**7-17 MVP Offers Gender Violence Prevention Institute**

Northeastern University Center for Sport in Society will hold their third annual "Institute for Gender Violence Prevention and Education" on August 6-8. The three-day workshop will be presented by the Center's Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) Program.

The MIAA Wellness Department and Sport in Society have developed a partnership aimed at promoting healthy lifestyles. Male and female educators and youth service providers who work with young people are encouraged to attend the August seminar. Under its philosophy, the MVP program seeks to end violence against women by having racially diverse teams of men and women work together. Schools and organizations are encouraged to consider racial and gender diversity when selecting teams.

Training will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The registration fee is \$250 per person. For additional information contact Sport in Society at 617-373-4025 and ask to speak with an MVP staff member. Space is limited so applications should be submitted soon.

**7-18 Field Hockey Goggle Information**

As previously announced the field hockey goggle mandate is in place for the Fall of 2001. Goggles meeting the ASTM F803 standard for lacrosse/field hockey are appropriate options. Please see the MIAA website for more detailed information about models available, and a current list of vendors. We will continue to update as more information is received.

**“NEED TO KNOW”  
Late Filing Fees for Missed Deadlines**

	Due	Fine
Annual Enrollment Report	Oct. 13	\$200
Annual Participation Survey	May 21	\$200
Tournament Schedule/Commitment Form	Sept.30, Jan.15, Apr.15	\$200
End-of-Season Tournament Application	See Formats	\$300
Four-Year Alignment Appeals	Spring June 21, 2001	\$200
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	Aug. 1 - Fall Sports	\$200

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

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

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Office Vacation Closing..... Weeks of July 2 & July 9  
 Summer Rules Workshop .....August 15

**MIAA expresses gratitude for the unique support of the following organizations**

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