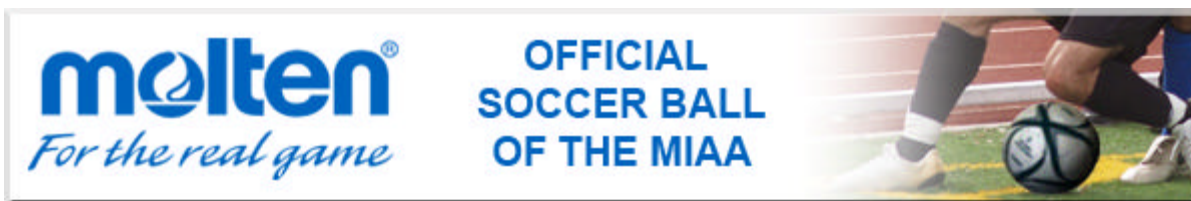


**2008 BOYS' & GIRLS'  
SOCCER  
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## 2008 SOCCER TOURNAMENT TIMETABLE

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & INFORMATION	DATES	TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS
Season Schedule & Commitment Form and Team/Site Forms Due	<b>Received on or before: September 30, 2008</b>	<b>North (B) &amp; (G)</b> Mr. Jack Stephenson
<b>Official Tournament Entry Form</b> (Results of game(s) played after October 30 <i>must be updated electronically on the MIAA entry form and e-mailed</i> to the Sectional Director NO LATER than 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4th)	Must be received by T.D.: Thursday, October 30, 2008	<b>South (B) &amp; (G)</b> Ms. Nancy Martens  <b>Central (B)</b> Mr. Steve Lynch  <b>Central (G)</b> Mr. Don Cushing
Cut-Off Date no later than:	Tuesday, November 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2008 at 6:00 p.m.	<b>West (B) &amp; (G)</b> <b>State (B) &amp; (G)</b> Mr. Thomas Ford
Annual Infraction Report	October 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2008	
Pairings by Tournament Committee	North, South, Central: Wednesday, November 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2008 9:30 a.m. @ the MIAA office  West: <b>Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 10:30 am at Northampton High School</b>	
Preliminary/First Rounds Begin	Fri., November 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2008 (N/S/C) Sat., November 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2008 (W)	
Sectional Finals to be completed by:	Sun., November 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2008	
State Semi-Finals to be completed by:	Wednesday, November 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2008	
State Finals	Saturday, November 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2008 (Sun., November 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2008 <i>Rain/Snow Date</i> )	

***In the event of postponement due to inclement weather the State Finals will be played on the first playable date.***

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The following forms must be submitted:

<b>Form</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Season Schedule & Commitment Form	<b>September 30, 2008</b>
Team and Site Information Form	<b>September 30, 2008</b>
Tournament Entry Form	Thursday, October 30, 2008
Official Tournament Roster	Thursday, October 30, 2008
Sectional Referees Recommending Form	Thursday, October 30, 2008
Tournament Code of Conduct Form	Thursday, October 30, 2008
Team Sportsmanship Award Nomination Form	Thursday, October 30, 2008

## **MASSACHUSETTS SOCCER TOURNAMENT RULES**

### **1. TOURNAMENTS**

MIAA sponsored Eastern Massachusetts, Central Massachusetts, Western Massachusetts sectional tournaments and state-sponsored competitions are the only tournaments in which Massachusetts high school soccer teams may participate.

A. Rules - National Federation Soccer Rules for Boys' & Girls' - Unless otherwise modified by MIAA.

### **2. GAME BALLS**

The Molten FX1000 soccer ball will be the official ball of the sectional and state tournament. Each team must provide three (3) multi-paneled, hand stitched leather or other similar material soccer balls in good condition and of official size. In the sectional finals and state finals each team will receive a Molten tournament game ball as a tournament memento.

### **3. REGULATION PLAYING TIME**

The time of the game will be two (2) 40-minute halves. There will be no stop time unless indicated by the officials. Half-time will be 10 minutes.

### **4. POSTPONEMENT OF GAMES**

Only the Tournament Director may decide to postpone a game. Postponed games are to be played the following day on the same field, if possible. Eligible teams will meet all scheduled commitments.

### **5. STARTING TIME**

All tournament games will begin no earlier than 2:00 p.m. on school days. On Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays, the time will be set by the Tournament Director. Schools are asked to check evening preference should lights be available at their home site. (Reference Tournament Site Information Form)

### **6. ADVERSE CONDITIONS**

The officials have charge of the game from the opening whistle on, and will be guided by the National Federation rules for the year in determining whether or not the game should be stopped. (Example: Playing conditions are unfair or dangerous for players, darkness, etc.)

- a. In the event a game must be suspended because of conditions which make it impossible to continue play, the referee shall declare it an official game if one (1) complete half or more of the game has been played. If less than one (1) half of the game has been played, the game will be replayed in its entirety the next day.

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- b. If the game is tied when called in the 2nd half or the overtime periods, the two teams will return the next day to the same field and play two (2) 20-minute halves in their entirety switching ends at the end of the first 20 minute half. If after 40-minute play, the score is still tied, then the tie breaking procedure, (ref., pg.5, 14.B) should be followed.

## 7. FIELDS

- a. ALL TOURNAMENT MATCHES WILL BE PLAYED ON A FIELD SIZE OF 60-80 YDS. WIDE AND 110-120 YDS. LONG AT THE SECTIONAL AND STATE SEMI FINAL AND FINAL GAME.
- b. Preliminary through quarter final round sectional games will be played at the home site of the higher seeded team if conditions are suitable.
- c. **Sectional and State Tournament Semi-finals and Finals are intended to be played at neutral sites, however, when a site has been established and the member school is a participant, it will be played at their home site.**
- d. It is recommended that all fields for tournament play have a minimum of 5 yards of surface parallel to the touch lines.

## 8. QUALIFICATIONS

- a. Independents - schools not in a soccer league - must have won 50% of a minimum eight (8) game varsity schedule. Scheduled games must be against MIAA member schools and out-of-state high schools in good standing with their state high school associations.
- b. Only the first three (3) games played between two (2) schools count towards qualification. League play-off games count.

## 9. OFFICIALS

**To be eligible to be assigned to an MIAA tournament game, an official must be enrolled with the MIAA and must have worked a minimum of ten (10) regular season high school soccer games.** There shall be two (2) officials for all preliminary and quarter-final round games. Three (3) officials shall be assigned for semi final and final round games, one of whom shall be assigned as an official timekeeper. In the Sectional and State Semi Finals and Finals (boys & girls) a three person diagonal officiating system will be utilized.

**10. BALL PERSONS** - Each team must have two ball persons who are asked to assist the Site Director.

## 11. GOALKEEPER HARASSMENT

In the interest of good sportsmanship, spectators will not be allowed to stand behind the end lines during tournament games. Officials and police will be asked to enforce this ruling. It is suggested that participating schools have faculty members and/or principal attend the games their school is playing so as to assist in enforcing all rules. Administration should make themselves known to officials prior to the game.

## 12. NUMBER OF PLAYERS

Maximum size of a tournament team shall be consistent with State Tournament requirements, which are 30 players per team. Extra players must be covered by liability insurance paid for by their school.

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### 13. UNIFORMS

The home team (higher seeded team) will wear light colored jerseys, and the visiting team (lower seeded team) will wear dark colored jerseys. Confirmation by schools to respective opponents is encouraged.

### 14. TIE BREAKING METHOD—(EXCEPT the STATE FINAL)

A. When the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the referee will instruct both teams to return to their respective team boxes. There will be a five-minute rest period where teams may confer with their coaches; and the head referee will instruct both teams as to the proper procedure.

B. Procedure

1. There will be a ten-minute sudden victory overtime period. **(In the State Final ONLY, this overtime period will be fifteen (15) minutes.)**
2. A coin toss shall be held as in National Federation Soccer Rule 5-2-2(e)(2).
3. If a tie still exists after the first ten-minute sudden victory period, a second ten-minute sudden victory period will be played and teams will change ends. **(In the State Final ONLY, this second overtime period will be fifteen (15) minutes.)**
4. If the score still remains tied all coaches, officials, and team captains shall assemble at the halfway line to review the procedure outlined below:
  - a. The referee(s) shall choose the goal at which all of the kicks from the penalty line shall be taken.
  - b. Each coach will select any five players, including the goalkeeper, on or off the field (except those who may have been disqualified) to take the kicks.
  - c. A coin toss shall be held as in rule 5-2-2e. The team winning the toss shall have the choice of kicking first or second.
  - d. Teams will alternate kickers. There is no follow-up on the kick.
  - e. The defending team may change the goalkeeper prior to each penalty kick.
  - f. Following five kicks for each team, the team scoring on the greatest number of these kicks shall be declared the winner.
  - g. Add one goal to the winning team score and credit the team with a victory. An asterisk (\*) may be placed by the team advancing to indicate the advancement was the result of a tie breaker system.
5. If the score remains tied after each team has had five kicks:
  - a. Each coach will select five different players than the first five who already have kicked to take the kicks in a sudden-victory situation, wherein if one team scores and the other team does not score, the game is ended without more kicks being taken.
  - b. If the score remains tied, continue the sudden-victory kicks with the coach selecting any five players to take the next set of alternating kicks. If a tie still remains after any round of 5 kickers, the coach will select any 5 players who did not kick in the previous round. (disqualified players are not eligible)
6. During the tie-breaker penalty kicks, the ball remains alive until its momentum is spent, it goes out of bounds, or it is retouched by the kicker.
7. MISCONDUCT PROCEDURES:
  1. Cautioned Players:
    - a. One of the five players listed to take a kick is cautioned after he/she takes the kick. That player is not eligible to kick again until one complete set of five kicks has been completed beyond the set of kicks in which the caution was issued.

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- b. One of the five players listed to take a kick is cautioned before he/she takes the kick. That player is not eligible to kick until the next set of five kicks. Another eligible player not listed in that set of kicks must take the cautioned player's original turn.
  - c. When a goalkeeper is issued a caution during any set of five kicks, he/she cannot re-enter until the next opponent completes his/her kick. A substitution is permitted for the cautioned goalkeeper.
2. Disqualified Players
    - a. Any player, including the goalkeeper, who is disqualified, may not participate any further. If his/her kick is not already completed, a substitute is permitted.

Examples:

- (1) Player "X" is one of the first five kickers, and is cautioned after taking his/her kick. Player "X" is not eligible to kick again until the set beginning with the 16th kick.
- (2) Player "Y" is one of the second set of five kickers and is cautioned after taking his/her kick. Player "Y" is not eligible to kick again until the set beginning with the 21<sup>st</sup> kick.
- (3) Player "X" is a kicker in any set of five kickers and is cautioned before taking his/her kick. Player "X" is not eligible to kick until the next set of five kicks. Player "X's" kick in the set of five in which he/she was cautioned must be taken by another eligible player not listed in that set of kicks.

## 15. SEEDING

In the North, South, and Central sections, to break any ties, teams will be seeded by a blind draw. In the West section, seeding will be done by the modified Walker system.

## 16. SPORTSMANSHIP RULES

All athletes serving game suspension(s) as a result of infractions during the regular season will have the remainder of their suspension continued into Tournament play. However, both players and team card accumulation will begin at zero (0) in Tournament play.

## 17. MEDICAL COVERAGE

A licensed athletic trainer, physician, physician's assistant, certified EMT, or nurse practitioner will be available at all contests. This coverage will be provided/compensated by the Host School in tournament rounds at the site of the higher seeded team. The MIAA will compensate for this coverage at MIAA designated neutral sites.



## Soccer Team Sportsmanship Award

The MIAA Tournament Management Committee has approved an Annual Sportsmanship Award to be presented to one school in every sport at the MIAA State Championship. We would like to encourage you to nominate a soccer team for consideration by the MIAA Soccer Committee for recognition at the MIAA Soccer Championships. Nominated teams do not have to be tournament teams but should exemplify the tenets of good sportsmanship to the highest degree. Criteria to include: Teamwork, Fair play/respect for opponents, Ethics and Citizenship. Self nominations are acceptable.

I would like to nominate the following team for consideration of the MIAA Soccer Sportsmanship Award:

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Girls: \_\_\_ Boys: \_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Director: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Captain(s) names: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Games Played \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Game Red Cards \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Game Yellow Cards \_\_\_\_\_

*Please provide a brief statement with regard to the reasons for this nomination below!*

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**Your Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position** \_\_\_\_\_ **School** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: MIAA, Attn: Soccer Committee  
33 Forge Parkway  
Franklin, MA 02038  
Fax: 508-541-9888

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY October 30, 2008**