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## **Accuracy of Entries:**

It is the athletic director's and/or the coach's responsibility to correctly submit all tournament entries. Inaccurate or incorrect entries will be rejected and the athlete will not be accepted into the meet. A violation of qualifying criteria will result in a follow up with school administration and may involve a hearing before the MIAA Cross Country/Track & Field Committee.

Electronic entry via Athletic.net certifies that you have read and agree to the following: *We have read, understand, and will abide by the MIAA Handbook as well as the rules for Cross Country. Further, we have received and read the entire Cross Country Format and agree to abide by all of the requirements contained therein. We alone are responsible for rule violations and realize that they will result in Tournament disqualification.*

## **Athletic.net:**

1. Each school must have a user name and password for Cross Country, Indoor Track, and Outdoor Track. Schools have the option of setting up one account for all three seasons, or separate accounts for each season. Athletic Directors with input from their coaches should make this decision. If you already have an Athletic.net account for your team/school, you do not need to create a new one.
2. All entries must be completed through Athletic.net website: <https://www.athletic.net/>
3. For information and help setting up an Athletic.net account please visit the [Quick Start Guide](#).
4. Contact information: The coach must be listed as the contact. Each tournament director will have access to this information. Please do not list the school Athletic Assistant or Secretary, as this will delay the process when an issue arises or last minute information is needed. Information should include current e-mail and phone number(s), the number should be accessible beyond school hours, since most meets occur on weekends.
5. Rosters need to be updated as the season goes along, this will make the entry process go smoother at the deadline time.

## **Entry Deadline Dates and Times:**

1. Monday, November 3, 2025 – Deadline for entries to be completed.
2. Once your entries are completed you must print out a copy of your entries and check for accuracy. Entries can be submitted, edited or changed any time prior to the deadline
3. Each school only has to enter maximum of 10 names (you can enter less); you do not have to declare which 7 will run.
4. **NO LATE ENTRIES** – Late entries will not be accepted for the MIAA Cross Country Tournament. Entries can be submitted any time prior to the deadline.

## **Entry Rules/Limits:**

1. Each school may list ten (10) boys/girls, seven (7) of whom will be allowed to compete. The first five (5) boys/girls to finish will score for their schools. Five (5) boys/girls must leave starting box and finish for a team to score.
2. **Divisional Placement** - See MIAA Fall Tournament Alignments for 2025-26 through 2026-27. Divisional Class Waves (A, B and C) are created to equalize numbers within each division. The Divisional Class A, B and C waves are available on the MIAA Cross Country tournament webpage.

## **Athlete Supervision & Packet Pick Up:**

1. All teams must have adult representation in control of participants at all times. Such representation must be an employee or designated representative of the school district. If not the coach, representative must have written designation from the school principal.
2. Numbers should be distributed only to the seven (7) actually competing. The remaining three (3) bibs MUST be returned during packet pick up. All numbers should be pinned securely on the front of the jersey. All will have a chip attached to number.
3. Athletes should come dressed in proper school uniform, (school colors - jersey and shorts) ready to compete. The Uniform Rule will be strictly enforced. In case of inclement weather the Tournament Director MAY modify the Uniform Rule.





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## General Rules

1. **All MIAA rules will be followed:** High school cross country and track & field in Massachusetts is governed by the latest edition of the National Federation (NFHS) rule book for Track & Field, except where modified within this document/by the Games Committee.
2. **Awards Ceremonies** - Award Ceremonies will commence approximately one hour after the start of the last race in each wave. Medals will be awarded to the first fifteen (15) individual finishers in each race. Trophies will be awarded to each team Wave Champion and Wave Runner-Up.
3. **Finality of Decisions** - The referee's decision in all matters shall be final and without appeal except in those meets for which a Jury of Appeals has been established for that special purpose. The Jury of Appeals (3 officials and 2 coaches) then will have the final authority. In order to have an appeal processed a coach must submit the appeal in writing to the referee within thirty (30) minutes after the results are announced.
4. **Medical Coverage** - Medical coverage will follow local guidelines and policies. At least one licensed athletic trainer and at least one of the following: physician, physician's assistant, certified EMT, or nurse practitioner will be available at the MIAA Divisional Class Meet and MIAA State Championship Meet. The MIAA will compensate for this coverage at these sites.
5. **MIAA Drone Policy** - Prohibiting the Use of Drones (Unmanned Aircraft Systems or UAS's)  
The use of drones (UAS), for any purpose, is not permitted at any MIAA tournament event. This prohibition applies to all fields of play, courts, arena, mats, gym floor or pool, and covers a ban on the entire facility being used as part of the MIAA event, including the spectator stands and parking areas.
6. Bikes or Dogs **ARE NOT ALLOWED** at any of the facilities.

## MIAA Divisional Championship Meets

Saturday November 8, 2025

1. Teams qualifying will be posted on MIAA website. If listed, you are in, no further information will be sent. The performance list will be declared final 24 hours after being released.
2. Ties in team scoring shall be resolved by comparing the sixth-place finishers from the tying teams. The team with the best sixth-place finisher shall prevail. If one team does not have a sixth-place finisher, the team with the sixth-place finisher shall prevail.
3. Chips are in the bibs. Student Athletes must cross the finish line. Remind student athletes not to stop and check their watch as it could affect their time.
4. Officials will be assigned by the Tournament Directors.

## State Championship Meet

Saturday November 15, 2025

Three Divisions of Boys

Three Divisions of Girls

In each division - 23 teams and 30 individuals from non-qualifying teams will compete.

## State Championships Qualifications:

- Top seven (7) teams from wave A, B & C
- Top ten (10) individuals from wave A, B & C - not on one of the qualifying teams
- Wildcard #1 - The fastest 8<sup>th</sup> place team from wave A, B & C
- Wildcard #2 - Will be the next fastest team from the remaining two 8<sup>th</sup> place teams and the 9<sup>th</sup> place team finishing immediately behind Wildcard #1 (Fastest: cumulative time of the top 5 finishers from a team).

A trophy and medals will be presented to the winning Team Champion and Team Runner Up in each division. Medals will be awarded to the first fifteen- (15) finishers in each race.



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# 2025 Field Hockey Tournament

## A. TENTATIVE TOURNAMENT DATES\*

Cut-off Date: Sunday, October 26, 2025

Bracket Release: Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Tournament Begins: October 30, 2025

*Note: If both ADs agree, games may be played on October 29, 2025*

Anticipated State Finals: November 14-15, 2025

*\*Dates Subject to change*

## B. QUALIFYING CRITERIA

1. A school must schedule and compete in a minimum of nine (9) games to be eligible for tournament play.
2. As many as three games with a single opponent may be played and will count toward tournament qualification.
3. All team sports will qualify the top 32 teams by division
4. Teams not power seeded in the top 32 but meeting 50% qualifying criteria will be eligible for the tournament
5. All team sports will be seeded by power ranking system
6. Top 4 seeded teams placed in four brackets (1,2,3,4)
7. The rest of bracket positions filled with remaining teams by power ranking system. After the top 32 teams are power seeded, the remaining teams with 50 % or better record will be seeded from the bottom of each bracket
8. All games will be at home site of higher seed for the Preliminary Play in games, Round of 32, Round of 16 and Round of 8

## C. FORFEITED CONTESTS

When a forfeit win is awarded to a school due to the termination of their opponent's field hockey team or failure to fulfill their contractual obligation, for power ranking purposes, the score will be entered as 3-0.

## D. SEEDING/ PAIRING ANNOUNCEMENT

1. Seeding is to be done by a Seasonal Seeding Committee. Members of the Seasonal Seeding Committee will include one chairperson (or designee) from each sport of current season, and 4 Tournament Management Committee members. Tournament Directors and Executive Liaisons will be present but are non-voting members. All decisions made by the Seasonal Seeding Committee are final. No appeals regarding seeding decisions will be allowed.
2. Seeding will be done by a power rating system:
  - Team's average margin of victory + average of opponents' ratings = overall rating
3. Tie Breaking Procedure (Seeding)
  - a. Head-to-head Competition
  - b. The higher average of each team's opponents' rating, based on the power rating formula.
  - c. League Champion
  - d. Coin flip
    - Only 2 teams tied – use coin flip
    - More than 2 teams, all team names will be put into a hat. Once team name will be drawn – that team wins the tiebreaker. All other remaining teams will return to step 1.

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

*Note: 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.*





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4. Pairings and Tournament Information will be available on MIAA website, <http://www.miaa.net> throughout the tournament.
5. Tournament game results should be called in to the Tournament Director by the winning team, as soon as possible, from the game site.

## E. SITE INFORMATION

1. All games will be at home site of higher seed for the Preliminary Play-in games, Round of 32, Round of 16, and Round of 8.
2. If home team site is not acceptable the following will apply:
  - Home school AD finds an acceptable site
  - Lower seed will host the game
  - If both sites are not acceptable, Tournament Director will place game at an acceptable site within MIAA site policy
3. The MIAA will provide sites for State Semi Finals (round of 4) and State Finals as defined by TMC Site policy.
4. Home field venues must meet the following standards:
  - Condition of playing surface
  - Crowd Control
  - Seating capacity
  - Ticket sales control
  - Locker rooms
  - Acceptable lights for night games

## F. ASSIGNMENT OF TOURNAMENT GAME OFFICIALS

1. All officials must be enrolled with the MIAA in order to receive a tournament assignment.
2. Umpires must have officiated a minimum of seven (7) MIAA high school varsity games during the regular season.

## G. GAME MANAGEMENT

1. a. Team Size – No more than 36 people are allowed on the field. No more than 30 players (as listed on the roster), a scorer, a timer, a coach and assistant coaches. The total number may not be more than 36. If there are more than two assistant coaches then the number of players must be reduced
- b. Participating teams shall have two (2) adults responsible for crowd control at each tournament game and ***identify them to the site director before starting game.***
2. Field & Goals
  - a. Goals shall have the **required white facing** and be safely and securely anchored.
  - b. Provision shall be made at the field site for maintenance of a five (5) yard apron around the playing field with a restraining rope.
  - c. Minimizing risk for all participants, and to ensure a more consistent and uniform playing surface, it is strongly recommended that the grass be cut to a maximum height not to exceed 1½ inches.
  - d. Fields shall be properly lined for contests.
3. Start Time
  - a. Tournament games on school days shall be scheduled to start no later than 2:30 P.M. if there are no lights or no later than 7:00 P.M.



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- b. Teams will be provided a minimum of 30 minutes of field time. No team may enter the field of play more than 45 minutes before game time at neutral field sites.
- c. Games at a neutral site, no team may enter the field of play until both teams are at the field.
- 4. Adverse Conditions or Postponements
  - a. The decision to postpone a game due to weather shall be made by the tournament director at least three hours prior to the start of the game on the day of the game. Teams should check with the tournament site administration if the weather is questionable.
  - b. In case of postponement due to weather or poor field conditions, the tournament director will determine a new game date which will be the next day if possible.
  - c. A game in progress that is terminated by the decision of the game officials shall be replayed in its entirety on the next day as designated by the tournament director.
- 5. Game Equipment
  - a. Through the round of 8, each tournament team shall provide four (4) new official game balls.  
*The ball shall be spherical with a plastic seamless outer surface. It may be of any solid color that contrasts with the playing surface. The ball shall be hard, solid or hollow and be smooth or with indentations. The ball shall include the NFHS Authenticating Mark. A current list of NFHS authenticated products can be found on the website: [www.nfhs.org](http://www.nfhs.org).*  
The officials shall choose which balls should be played.  
The MIAA will provide yellow tournament balls for the state semi-finals and state finals.
  - b. Each team will provide a time clock.
  - c. Each team is to ensure their roster is entered into the MIAA Game System to be available to spectators and press.
  - d. Each team is to bring to the tournament site a copy of the tournament format.
- 6. Uniforms
  - Tops: The home team shall wear single solid white uniform tops. The visiting team shall wear single solid black or dark colored uniform tops.
  - Socks: Knee length solid color sock / sock guards are required. The home team shall wear white colored socks / sock guards and the visiting team shall wear contrasting dark colored sock guards.
- 7. Reporting Scores - The **host athletic director** of the tournament game will be responsible for calling in the score the day of the game **from the game site** to the tournament director **immediately after the game**.

### H. GAME RULES

- 1. Rules - The 2025-2026 National Federation Field Hockey Rules as modified in the MIAA Hand Book or this format will be used.
- 2. Regulation Playing Time – The game shall consist of four quarters of 15 minutes and an interval of two minutes between quarters one and two and between quarters three and four. There shall be a halftime between quarters two and three of no more than 10 minutes after which the teams shall change ends of the field.
- 3. Experienced timer provided by host school. Official scorebook provided by home team or higher seeded team at neutral site.
- 4. Coin Toss:
  - 1) Home site - the visiting captain will call the toss
  - 2) Neutral site - the captain of the team with the higher seed will call the toss





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5. Teams – No more than 36 people are allowed on the field. No more than 30 players (as defined on the official team roster), a scorer, a timer, a coach and assistant coaches. The total number may not be more than 36. If there are more than two assistant coaches then the number of players must be reduced. - Players, coaches, managers, and bench players are restricted at ALL Tournament games to the Team Area defined below:  
TEAM AREA: The team area shall extend from each team's own 25-yard line to the substitution line on its side of the scorer's table and 5 yards from the side line.  
PENALTY: as per NFHS rule book: Rule 12.
6. Each team is to warm up on designated half of field
7. Spectators - All spectators must be behind the five (5) yard restraining line/rope.
  - a. PENALTY - Violation of the five (5) yard apron will be penalized as follows:  
First offense ..... warning  
Second offense..... penalty corner awarded to opposing team  
Third offense ..... penalty stroke awarded to opposing team  
Fourth offense ..... penalty goal awarded to opposing team
  - b. There shall be **NO ONE** allowed behind the **END/GOAL LINE** while the game is in progress. If **ANYONE IS** behind the goal/end line, the officials will stop the game until school authorities clear the end/goal line. If this stoppage occurs after a goal is scored, the game will resume with the appropriate Center Pass.
8. Unsportsmanlike Behavior - All incidents of unsportsmanlike behavior should be reported to the director immediately.
9. Tournament Protest Procedure  
National Federation Rule 4, Section 3 (Review of official's decision) is waived during tournament play.  
A coach may protest in the following manner mindful that misapplication of a rule, not officials' judgment, is grounds for protest.
  - a. Notify the official on their side of the field that she/he is protesting when her/his team is in possession of the ball or the first stoppage in play by saying "protest". Scorer's table shall sound timer's horn.
  - b. Time out shall be called.
  - c. A protest conference shall be held (both coaches and both officials).
  - d. If protest is accepted - the appropriate correction shall be made.
  - e. All results will be final when the contest is ended/concluded by the officials.
  - f. Protest Denials will be treated as follows:
    - 1) DURING REGULATION PLAYING TIME AND OVERTIME PERIODS:  
First Denial - Charged a time-out if one remains or/if the allotted time-outs have been taken a penalty corner is awarded.  
Second Denial - Opposing Team will be awarded a penalty corner.  
Third Denial or More - Opposing Team will be awarded a penalty stroke.
    - 2) DURING SHOOTOUT:  
Any Denial - Opposing Team will be awarded additional an additional shootout for each denial.
  - g. To re-start the game:
    - 1) If the protest is accepted, with the appropriate penalty or a bully on a spot chosen by the officials.



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- 2) If a time-out is charged, the award of a pending penalty, a bully on the spot, or a center pass if a goal was scored.
- 3) If a penalty corner, the official's whistle to start the penalty corner.

### 10. OVERTIME PROCEDURE OF TIED GAMES

If a game is tied after the completion of regulation play, the following overtime procedures shall be followed:

#### a. FIRST OVERTIME PERIOD

- 1) A five (5) minute intermission
- 2) A coin toss to determine position or direction with the lower seeded or visiting team captain making the call
- 3) A 10-minute sudden victory 7v7 overtime period shall be played
- 4) All game rules shall apply except as modified:
  - Each team will have no more than 6 field players and one goalkeeper.
  - Penalty corners: A maximum of four (4) defenders behind the endline, which includes the goalkeeper.
  - Each team is permitted one time out.
- 5) The first team to score is declared the winner, and the game will immediately conclude.

#### b. SECOND OVERTIME PERIOD

- 1) A three (3) minute intermission
- 2) A coin toss to determine possession or direction with the home or higher seeded team captain making the call
- 3) A second 10-minute sudden victory 7v7 overtime period shall be played
- 4) All game rules shall apply except:
  - Each team will have no more than six (6) field players and a goalkeeper
  - Penalty Corners: A maximum of three (3) defenders behind the endline which includes the goalkeeper
  - Team timeouts will be permitted, if a time out is available (not used during first overtime)
- 5) The first team to score is declared the winner, and the game will immediately conclude:

#### c. TIE AT THE END OF 2ND OVERTIME PERIOD

- 1) A two-minute intermission. A coin toss to determine whether a team will attack or defend to begin the series of five 10-second attacks in a one-on-one shoot out. The visiting or lower seeded team captain will make the call.
- 2) At the end of the two-minute intermission, each team will submit a list of five designated attackers, in the order in which they will attack (name and number). Any non-disqualified member of the roster may be a designated attack player. If a goalkeeper is an attacker, the person must be equipped as a field player.
- 3) Procedure for administering the shoot out:
  - a) The officials will select the goal to be used.
  - b) One official will be near the end line, timing the 10 second shootout.
  - c) One official will be near the 25-yard line, following play and will administer any fouls should one occur.
- 4) Taking the shoot out
  - a) The goalkeeper starts on or behind the goal line between the posts.
  - b) The ball is placed on the nearest 25-yard line opposite the center of the goal.
  - c) The attacker stands outside the 25-yard line near the ball.
  - d) The umpire blows the whistle to signal the start of the shootout. The attacker and goalkeeper may then move in any direction.





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- e) The shootout is completed under the following conditions:
  - i) Ten seconds has elapsed.
  - ii) The attacker scores a goal.
  - iii) The attacker commits an offense.
  - iv) The goalkeeper commits an unintentional offense (the shootout is re-taken).
  - v) The goalkeeper commits an intentional offense (A penalty stroke is awarded).
  - vi) The ball goes out of play over the backline or sideline. This includes the goalkeeper intentionally playing the ball over the backline. The ball simply going outside the circle a second time does not constitute the end of the shoot-out.
- f. If a penalty stroke is awarded, an eligible player on the roster may take the penalty stroke. This penalty stroke will take place before the next available shoot-out takes place.
- g. A player may be suspended by a yellow or red card, but not a green card, during the shoot-out competition.
- h. If a goalkeeper is suspended during the shoot-out, they may not take further part in that competition but can be replaced by any eligible player from the team. The replacement goalkeeper is allowed reasonable time to put on protective equipment.
- i. If an attacker is suspended during the shoot-out competition, there is no replacement allowed. Any further shoot-out the suspended player was entitled to take counts as no goal.
- j. During the shoot-out competition, team members and the coaching staff for that match are permitted to enter the field of play, but only in the area outside the 25-yard area used for the shoot-out and at the 30-yard line outside the goal posts. Only a player who is authorized to take or defend a shoot-out may enter the 25-yard area. Goalies may stand behind the end line by the broken line circle.
- k. Substitution is permitted only in the event of injury of an attacker or goalkeeper.
- l. No time out will be permitted.
- 5) If no decision is reached after the first series of shoot outs:
  - a) A "sudden victory" procedure will be used to break the tie. The same five players must be used but the order may be changed.
  - b) The team who defended first in the first set will attack first in this set.
  - c) The first team awarded more goals than its opponent after an equal number of shootout attempts shall be the winner.
- d. OT PROTOCOL During all overtime play.
  - 1) A player receiving a red card in regulation play may not play in the overtime period. A team playing short in regulation because of a disqualified player shall play short in the overtime period.
  - 2) A player still serving a 2, 5 or 10-minute suspension when the regulation game ends, must serve the remainder of the 2, 5 or 10-minute time during the overtime period and the team will play short. The suspended player shall not enter the first overtime period until the player's suspension time has expired.
  - 3) A player receiving a yellow card during an overtime period may not be replaced. The suspended player may not return during the overtime period or any subsequent timed overtime periods until the suspension time has expired. If the suspension period has not been completed and time runs out, the player is ineligible to participate in untimed overtime procedures (i.e. one-on-one shootout), however, the team must have 5 designated attackers for the one-on-one shootout. A player receiving a red card during an overtime period may not return to the game and the team will play short for the rest of the timed OT. However, the team must have 5 designated attackers for the one-on-one.



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### H. 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.

### I. SAT/SAT Subject Tests:

1. Tournament events may be scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup>, the same date of the SAT and SAT Subject Tests. Please tell all coaches & student-athletes now so alternative plans may be made. A listing of all dates and sports that may take place on schedule College Board exam dates can be found at:  
<https://www.collegeboard.org>
2. The **College Board** offers a **SAT® Program Alternate Test Date Policy**. As stated in their published material: "The SAT Program will consider granting an alternate test date when the following criteria are met:
  - a. The conflicting event must be unexpected. Regularly scheduled sporting events or previously scheduled school activities, such as a prom, are not considered unexpected. **An event such as an academic or athletic competition, in which students have advanced through the competition or into post-regular season competition, can be considered an unexpected event.**
3. **SAT School Day**: Allows high schools to administer the SAT to students during the school day, thus avoiding weekend athletic conflicts. To date, the MA school districts that participate are Plymouth, Springfield, Revere, and most recently Fitchburg. SAT School Day is contracted through the College Board with participating districts. Contact Info: **Alan Bernstein, Senior District Director**, K-12 Services, New England Regional Office, The College Board, 1601 Trapelo Road, Suite 12, Waltham, MA 02451;

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# Football

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1. Tentative Tournament Dates

- a) Cut-Off Date: November 1, 2025
- b) Bracket Release: November 2, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.
- c) Tournament Begins: no earlier than Thurs. Nov. 6 \*\*
- d) State Finals: TBD

**2. Tournament Entry Information:** Tournament entry information must be submitted via the MIAA website according to the deadlines and procedures established by the TMC.

**2. Rosters:** The number of uniformed team members eligible for football tournament participation may vary based upon the following requirements: All athletes have been declared eligible according to MIAA rules by their High School Principal; only athletes who dress regularly as a member of the varsity team may be on the postseason squad; and only uniform players will be allowed on the sidelines. Teams may only dress a maximum of 85 players.

**3. Schedules:** Team schedules must adhere to the following guidelines to be eligible for the State Tournament:

- **Minimum and Maximum Game Limitations**

Beginning September 2, 2025 through the established Cut-Off dates, teams must schedule and compete in the minimum of 7 games and a maximum of 8 games.

**\*\*\*\* Fall 2025: there is an extra week in the qualifying period before the cutoff date. Teams will have 9 weeks to play 8 games. Exclusion games are not permitted in football. Endowment Games are permitted and must follow all endowment game application rules.**

| Calendar | Information      | 2025 (Fridays) |
|----------|------------------|----------------|
|          | Practice Begins  | 8/15           |
| Week 1A  |                  | 9/5            |
| Week 1   |                  | 9/12           |
| Week 2   |                  | 9/19           |
| Week 3   |                  | 9/26           |
| Week 4   |                  | 10/3           |
| Week 5   |                  | 10/10          |
| Week 6   |                  | 10/17          |
| Week 7   |                  | 10/24          |
| Week 8   |                  | 10/31          |
| Week 9   | Round of 16      | 11/7           |
| Week 10  | Round of 8       | 11/14          |
| Week 11  | State Semifinals | 11/21          |
| Week 12  | Thanksgiving     | 11/27          |
| Week 13  | State Finals     | Week 11/30     |

- **Minimum Games Won to Qualify for Tournament Play**

To qualify for Tournament Play, teams must have won no less than three (3) games during the 8-week Qualifying Period. After teams are power ranked, any team with less than three (3) wins will be replaced in the brackets by the next power ranked team with a minimum of three (3) wins. Once the bracket is filled, no more teams will be placed for Tournament Play.

- **Out of State Opponents**

For the game to count against an out-of-state opponent, the opponent must meet all TMC and MIAA requirements. If the criteria are met, power ranking value will be used based upon the approved MIAA Power Ranking System.

If an out-of-state opponent has played more than the MIAA Tournament maximum at the time of seeding, the results of that opponent's first eight games will be used for power ranking purposes.





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- **Forfeited Games**

For power ranking purposes, if a game is determined, by rule or by the Seeding Committee, to be a forfeit the score will be entered as 14-0.

If a team forfeits their season, MIAA Handbook rule 18 must be followed.

- **Postponed Games**

Postponed contests should be immediately re-scheduled on the first day that the teams do not have a scheduled competition (MIAA Handbook Rule 32.4).

- **Cut-Off Date**

The football cutoff date is Saturday, Nov. 1. In the event of a postponement of a game, due only to weather or other emergency, the game can be played on **Sunday, Nov. 2**. The game should be scheduled as early in the day as possible, morning preferred.

#### 4. Power Ranking and Bracket Release

Teams will receive a power ranking for tournament seeding purposes using the MIAA Power Ranking System. In the event no games are postponed to **Nov. 2**, final records will be posted at 8:00 a.m., **Sunday, Nov. 2**. Schools will have until 12:00 p.m. (noon) **Nov. 2** to make corrections to any posted team record. After 12:00 p.m., brackets will be compiled and released at 1:00 p.m.

| Cutoff Date             | Working time **                                 | Bracket Release                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday, Nov. 1</b> | <b>Sunday, Nov. 2</b><br>8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | <b>Sunday, Nov. 2 – 1:00 p.m.</b> |

Working Day/Time: \*\*

- By 8:00 a.m., staff will produce and publish a report on MIAA.net with each team's record (*broken down by division, listed alphabetically by school*), and all schedules and score data as reported to Arbiter throughout the season. No power rankings data will be published at this time.
- Schools will have until 12:00 p.m. to correct any errors in final team records. The final and completed brackets will be released at 1:00 p.m. on MIAA.net.

\*\* Should a game be postponed from **Nov. 1**, final brackets will not be posted until 1 hour after the final game is complete on Sunday, **Nov. 2**.

#### 5. Non-Playoff Scheduling Committees

Non-Playoff Scheduling Committees will assume jurisdiction for implementing games for non-playoff qualifying teams and teams eliminated from the playoffs. Each Non-Playoff Scheduling Committee will appoint a chair as a point of contact. These committees will consist of the following representatives:

##### West Region

- Representatives from District 1 on the MIAA Football Committee and representatives from each league in the West section.

##### Central Region

- Representatives from District 2 & 3 on the MIAA Football Committee and representatives from each league in the Central Section.

##### North Region

- Representatives from Districts 4, 5 and 6 on the MIAA Football Committee and representatives from each league in the North section.



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### South Region

- Representatives from Districts (6 - geographically in the Southern area of the state), 7, 8 and 9 on the MIAA Football Committee and representatives from each league in the South section.

### 6. Assignment of Officials

For Non-Playoff Games and Non-Playoff Games between teams eliminated from the State Tournament (Weeks 9 & 10), the officials will be assigned by the home team commissioner.

#### Round of 16 & Round of 8 Games

Five field officials and one clock operator will be assigned for all games through the round of 8.

#### Round of 4 (State Semi-Final) & State Finals

Seven field officials and one clock operator will be assigned for all state semi-final and state final tournament games. Note the following abbreviations for official's positions R=Referee, U=Umpire, HL=Head Linesman, LJ=Line Judge, FJ=Field Judge, BJ=Back Judge, SJ=Side Judge, and C=Clock Operator.

#### The following conditions must be adhered to:

1. Only officials who are registered and on the MIAA List of Approved Officials will be assigned playoff games.
2. All Officials must have at least 5 years varsity experience and officiated at least 40 games in that period.
3. All Officials must have worked at least 4 varsity high school games during the Fall Season.
4. Officials are to be assigned positions they usually work.

#### Chain Crews:

1. For the Round of 16 and the Round of 8 home teams will provide 4-person chain crews. The Chain Crew must report to the Head Linesman assigned to the game no later than 15 minutes prior to game time.
2. State Semi & State Final Tournament Games (Weeks 11 and 13) - The Head Linesman assigned will provide the chain crew for both games. The chain crew will be football officials. If the Head Linesman cannot provide a chain crew, he must notify the Tournament Director immediately.

## QUALIFICATION AND SEEDING

### Seeding Process

- Teams will be seeded using the official MIAA Power Ranking System.

### Other Information

- If a game ends in a tie after regulation time, all football games will adhere to the MIAA Tie Breaker procedure to determine the winner of the game.
- Seeding Tiebreaker
  1. Head-to-Head competition
  2. The higher average of each team's opponents' ranking, based on the MIAA Power Ranking Formula.
  3. League Champion
  4. Coin Flip





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## TOURNAMENT GAME ADMINISTRATION

### 1. Rules:

All games will be played under NFHS Football Rules.

### 2. Game Sites:

- a) All games will be at home site of higher seed for the Round of 16 and Round of 8.
- b) If home team site is not acceptable the following will apply:
  - Home school AD finds an acceptable site.
  - Lower seed will host the game.
  - If both sites are not acceptable, Tournament Administrator will place game at an acceptable site within MIAA site policy.
- c) The MIAA will provide sites for State Semi-Finals and State Finals as defined by TMC Site Policy.
- d) Home field venues must meet the following standards from the MIAA handbook:
  - Condition of playing surface
  - Crowd Control
  - Seating capacity
  - Ticket sales control
  - Locker rooms
  - Acceptable lights for night games

### 3. Home Team/Higher Seed: (determines sideline)

The Home Team for all games will be the higher seed.

### 4. Uniforms

The higher seeded/home team will wear colored jerseys and lower seeded/away team will wear white jerseys throughout the entire tournament.

### 5. Official Ball:

*Preliminary, Round of 16 & Round of 8* – Ball of choice, supplied by participating schools.

*Round of 4 and State Finals*

The Wilson WTF 1003B GST football will be the official ball. Two game balls will be provided by the Tournament Director to each team participating in the Round of 4 prior to competition. In addition, Wilson has agreed that the F1001 (Traditional Pro Pattern), F1004 (GST Collegiate Pattern) and F1005 (Traditional College Pattern) can be used for these tournament rounds. All game balls must be approved by the Head Official at midfield prior to the beginning of the game.

### 6. Tie Games in Tournament Games

(The MIAA Tiebreaker System below will be used in all tournament games.)

Immediately following the conclusion of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, the teams will go to their team area for two minutes.

The officials will escort the captains to the middle of the field to conduct an Extra Periods coin toss.

The winner of the overtime coin toss shall choose one of the following options:

1. Offense or Defense
2. Which end of the field shall be used for both possession series of that overtime period.

The loser of the coin toss shall exercise the remaining option.

In subsequent even numbered overtime periods, the loser of the coin toss will have the first choice of the two options.





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In subsequent Odd numbered overtime periods, the winner of the coin toss will have the first choice of the two options.

Each series shall begin at the ten-yard line unless a penalty overrides. First down chains will not be used. It is always goal-to-go. If penalty enforcement calls for an automatic first down, it will be first and goal.

For the first and subsequent tie breaking periods, any team that scores a touchdown must attempt a two-point conversion by run or pass from scrimmage.

If there is a change of team possession during any play of an overtime period, live ball personal fouls or live ball unsportsmanlike conduct fouls by opponents of the team last gaining possession, that occur after the change of possession, gives the team in possession the option of putting the ball in play, where the penalty leaves the ball, for one down free of penalty or penalize as a dead ball foul at the succeeding spot in the subsequent overtime period. This option is exercised only if the team last gaining possession is free of foul during the down.

- Example: Second Series - Team B intercepts Team A's pass and, during Team B's run back, Team A commits a personal foul.
- Ruling: Team B has the option of extending the overtime period for one down free of penalty, with Team B putting the ball in play where the penalty leaves the ball, provided Team B has not fouled during the down. Or Team B may choose to penalize as a dead ball foul at the succeeding spot in the subsequent overtime period (see MIAA Handbook Rule 69.3).

### 7. Halftime

The home team will accept responsibility for the organization and administration of the halftime program. This program shall be conducted within the time limits established by the rules of the game.

*State Semi-Finals and State Finals* – Halftime information will be provided by the Tournament Director to participating schools in advance.

### 8. Medical Coverage

As per MIAA Handbook rule 69.2 “A licensed physician, licensed athletic trainer or certified EMT must be in attendance and on duty for all interscholastic football games. For all varsity football games, each team must employ a licensed physician, licensed athletic trainer or certified EMT to be with their team.” This applies to all games through the Round of 8

*State Semi-Finals and State Finals* – Should it be necessary, MIAA will provide Medical Coverage according to MIAA Handbook Rules. If a school has provided its own medical coverage, he/she shall be responsible for the members of that team (see MIAA Handbook Rules 56.3).

### 9. Film Exchange

Schools must make available to their opponents, films or tapes of any three of their games that the opposing coach desires. This exchange must take place by 3:00 pm on Sunday of each playoff week.

### 10. Postponements

Tournament game postponements due to inclement weather or other unusual circumstances will be the decision of the Tournament Director in consultation with the MIAA Executive Football Liaison and Host Site Administration. The rescheduling of a postponed game will be determined by the Tournament Director in consultation with the MIAA Executive Football Liaison and administration of the participating schools.

### 11. Administrative Supervision

All member schools participating in the MIAA Football Tournament are required to provide school personnel to assist in maintaining the control and conduct of student spectators at all MIAA Football Tournament sites in which their team is a participant (see page 8).





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### 12. MIAA Drone Policy – Prohibiting the Use of Drones (Unmanned Aircraft Systems or UAS's)

Unless granted special permission by the MIAA Executive Director, the use of drones (UAS), for any purpose, is not permitted at any MIAA tournament event. This prohibition applies to all fields of play, courts, arena, mats, gym floor or pool, and covers a ban on the entire facility being used as part of the MIAA event, including the spectator stands and parking areas.

### 13. SAT/SAT Subject Tests

- Games may be scheduled on a Saturday - the same date as an anticipated SAT Test Date. Schools are encouraged to be aware of this date and collaborative if scheduling a game on this date. A listing of all dates and sports that may take place on scheduled College Board exam dates can be found on the MIAA website. College Board dates can be found here - <https://www.collegeboard.org/>
- The **College Board** offers an SAT® Program Alternate Test Date Policy. As stated in their published material: The SAT Program will consider granting an alternate test date when the following criteria are met:
  - The conflicting event must be unexpected. Regularly scheduled sporting events or previously scheduled school activities, such as a prom, are not considered unexpected. An event such as an academic or athletic competition, in which students have advanced through the competition or into post-regular season competition, can be considered an unexpected event.*
- SAT School Day: Allows high schools to administer the SAT to students during the school day, thus avoiding weekend athletic conflicts.

## NON-PLAYOFF GAME SCHEDULE

***For teams that do not qualify for the MIAA Football Tournament and teams that are eliminated from the MIAA Football Tournament***

The MIAA Power Ranking System will be used as a guide for the Non-Playoff Scheduling Committee.

If a team does not wish to play in week 9 and/or 10, the Scheduling Committee must be notified by the athletic director by Saturday at 10:00 pm on the **weekend of week 8 (11/1) and/or week 9 (11/8)**

### SCHEDULES

Non-Playoff Schedules for Weeks 9-10 will be developed by the Scheduling Committees by the process below. Please note – Non-Playoff Schedules developed by the Scheduling Committees will be considered final:

- Games based on league/rivalry games, competitive matchups, and home/away considerations. The Scheduling Committee will avoid rematches whenever possible.
  - Week 9 will be completed after bracket release of 1:00 p.m. on **Sunday, Nov. 2** \*\*
  - Week 10 will be set on **Sunday, November 9**; Time: TBD
- \*\* In the case a game is postponed from **Saturday, Nov. 1**; brackets will be released approximately one hour after the conclusion of the final game; non-playoff seeding committees will communicate procedure, time and plans should this situation present itself. (see Cutoff Date and Section 4 above for more information)

Teams that are eliminated from the State Tournament will have their remaining schedules determined by the Scheduling Committees.

In addition to these games, teams in all sections can play on Thanksgiving Day as the final game of the season.

No member of a school may schedule their own non-playoff games. Scrimmages cannot be played during weeks 9 & 10 and games not assigned by the non-playoff Scheduling Committee are not permitted in weeks 9 & 10. The Non-Playoff Scheduling Committee will give consideration for vocational schools to align vocational



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opponents for week 10. *If a school/team does not adhere to these guidelines the team/school will be removed from the opportunity for post-season play in the next year.*

All non-playoff games during Weeks 9-10 will be managed as regular season games per MIAA Handbook guidelines. Officials shall be assigned by the home team commissioner.





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## MIAA Football Tournament Sportsmanship Responsibility of Competing Schools Compliance Policy & School Monitor Job Description

As part of MIAA continuing efforts to promote the concepts of sportsmanship and provide the on-site atmosphere that will keep interscholastic athletic events in an educational perspective, the Football Committee has adopted the following regulations relative to participation in the MIAA Football Tournament.

These regulations specifically provide the requirement, that all member schools who elect to enter the MIAA Football Tournament, after meeting the necessary requirements, will provide for the presence of school personnel that will assist the efforts of on-site management in MAINTAINING CONTROL AND CONDUCT OF THEIR STUDENT SPECTATORS AT ALL GAMES IN THE TOURNAMENT IN WHICH THEIR TEAM IS A PARTICIPANT. THIS IS A REQUIREMENT FOR ENTRANCE INTO THE TOURNAMENT.

These school staff members, designated as school monitors shall be appropriately identified. They are to report by name to the Site Manager and seat themselves in their school-student section. Vests or other identifiable symbols will be supplied by the MIAA and worn by school staff members, designated as school monitors, for the first round through the conclusion of the tournament. It is the responsibility of the Site Manager to distribute vests to the designated school representatives. The competing schools must return vests to the Site Manager at the conclusion of the game. The Site Manager shall review the functions of school monitors as listed below:

- A. SIT WITH STUDENT POPULATION OF THEIR SCHOOL
- B. DISCOURAGE ALL UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR AND ACTIVITY THAT PROVOKES OR RESULTS IN UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR BY OTHERS OR IS RETALIATORY TO UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR OF OTHERS.
- C. KEEP STUDENT POPULATION IN THEIR OWN AREA
- D. ASSIST IN ENFORCING TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS RELATED TO SIGNS, BANNERS, NOISEMAKERS, RADIOS, ETC.
- E. PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE SITE MANAGEMENT PERTAINING TO ENTRANCE AND EGRESS OF STUDENT SPECTATORS

### **COMPLIANCE WITH THESE REGULATIONS IS MANDATORY:**

Schools **WILL NOT** be permitted to enter the State Tournament if the Tournament Entry information is not completed by the established deadline.

Schools not in compliance with the minimum school monitors for their scheduled game will have this action of noncompliance subject to review by the Football Committee. Noncompliance may lead to ineligibility for the State Football Tournament the following year.

This requirement for participation in the State Football Tournament has been approved by the Board of Directors in the interest of good sportsmanship and of conducting the tournament in an educational atmosphere.

### **Non-Discrimination Statement**

MIAA does not discriminate in its educational programs or activities on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, ancestry, age, religion or religious creed, disability or handicap, sex or gender, gender identity and/or expression, sexual orientation, military or veteran status, genetic information, or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal, state or local law. Retaliation is also prohibited.





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## Policies and Procedures

### A. ANTICIPATED TOURNAMENT DATES\*:

- **Cut-off Date:** Thursday, October 9, 2025
- **Sectionals:** Tuesday, October 14, 2025 and Wednesday, October 15, 2025
- **State Finals:** Monday, October 20, 2025
- **New England's:** Girls- Sunday, October 26, 2025  
Boys- Monday, October 27, 2025

*\*Dates subject to change*

### B. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE HIGH SCHOOL GOLF COACH

Failure to observe this rule will result in the Team/Athlete being defaulted.

"In case of an emergency the principal may write and sign a letter written on school letterhead designating a member of the school staff (**not a parent**) as the official school designee. This letter must be presented by the designee to the MIAA Tournament Director upon arrival at the championship site. The designee must remain at the tournament site throughout the entire round."

### C. STARTING TIMES - Starting times and pairings will be listed on the MIAA Tournament website as soon as the Tournament Director has established them.

### D. COACHES RESPONSIBILITIES AND ASSIGNMENTS

At all qualifying rounds and at the State Finals, the MIAA Tournament Director will assign coaches, or official school designee present, to serve as monitors; i.e. whenever possible, a coach will go with each group, monitor play, observe behavior, etc. Coaches will not be monitoring their own players.

While the players keep the official scores for each other, monitors should keep an unofficial score for back-up, help locate balls and assist the Rules officials with situations requiring rulings. Cell phones may be used by monitors for safety precautions and contacting officials when necessary.

Any coach or official school designee who refuses to complete their assigned duty may result in the school Principal, Athletic Director and Coach being required to attend a hearing with the MIAA Golf Committee and the program being censured or put on probation (ineligible for tournament).

### E. UNIFORM RULE - All players and coaches must be dressed in proper golf attire that conforms to the golf course dress code and clearly identifies the school they represent. School names on golf bags are also helpful especially during cooler weather. No denim or blue jean pants, cargo shorts or tank tops are permitted. **Those in violation will not be allowed to compete.**

### F. ELECTRONIC DEVICES

During the play of the MIAA Sectional and State Championship, a player MAY obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. A player MAY NOT use any device to measure other conditions such as gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc. A player MAY NOT use a Cell Phone at any time for any purpose, other than an emergency situation and cell phones are not allowed to be used as a measuring device. **Any player found in breach of this rule will be removed from the competition.**

### G. SPECTATORS - Spectators should have cell phones in silent/vibrate mode while on the golf course. If it is necessary to make or take phone calls spectators should do so out of the range of any golfers. Spectators are not allowed to give any advice to players. Coaches may carry a cell phone in a silent/vibrate mode. This is to allow coaches to contact help in an emergency situation. [Click here to view the MIAA Spectator Guidelines and Advice.](#)

### H. MIAA DRONE POLICY: Prohibiting the Use of Drones (Unmanned Aircraft Systems or UAS's)

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### I. RESPONSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

All schools are responsible before, during and after a contest for the proper conduct of their coaches, athletes, students and spectators. When requested, a school must complete a report regarding a contest in which a problem occurred.

- I. **INCLEMENT WEATHER RULE** - In case of inclement weather, the MIAA Executive Liaison and Tournament Director will collaborate. *The decision of the MIAA Tournament Director will be final (USGA rule).* Please do not contact the golf course as they may not have the official information.

- J. **TOURNAMENT MEDICAL COVERAGE** - It is the responsibility of each participating school to provide for the first aid/medical needs of their student athletes.

### K. Fall Golf State Finals Rotation

|            | Fall 2025 | Fall 2026 | Fall 2027 | Fall 2028 |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| DIVISION 1 | South     | North     | West      | Central   |
| DIVISION 2 | North     | Central   | South     | West      |
| DIVISION 3 | Central   | West      | North     | South     |

## 2025 MIAA FALL GOLF SECTIONAL & STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

### RULES OF GOLF TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

The Rules of Golf as approved by the [United States Golf Association](https://www.usga.org) and the R&A Rules Limited will govern play. Any charges or additions to the MIAA Standard Local Rules (hard card) or information on the MIAA website, including the Handbook, will be supplied by the Notice to Competitors and Local Rules for the event/course and will supersede anything printed on the host club's scorecard. Complete text of the Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2023. ([usga.org](https://www.usga.org))

- [MIAA Standard Local Rules](#) (hard card)
- [MIAA Pace of Play Policy](#)
- [MIAA Spectator Guidelines and Advice](#)

Administrative issues such as dress codes and sportsmanship, will be settled by the MIAA Tournament Director, in collaboration with the MIAA Executive Liaison. Questions will be settled by the MIAA Tournament Director, any USGA Rules Official(s), MIAA staff, and any other individual appointed by the MIAA Golf Committee, whose decisions will be final.

- **ENTRIES** are made through online survey links sent out from MIAA Office to Athletic Directors.
- **LINEUP CHANGES (Team Only)**- A replacement golfer is inserted directly into the slot of the golfer they are replacing. *Example: A coach replaces their #3 golfer due to an injury; the #7 golfer is added into the #3 position.*
- **FORMAT:** Stroke play, 18 holes. Pairings will separate teammates. Typically a shot-gun start (when possible).
  - **NEW Maximum Score Policy – Double Par + One Stroke.** Par 3's - max score of 7, Par 4's - max score of 9, Par 5's -max score of 11.
- **ASSIGNMENT OF TEES:** All competitors must play from the same set of tees throughout the Sectional and State Championships.
- **TRANSPORTATION:** All players must walk. Push/Pull carts are allowed if allowed by the golf course. No caddies.
- **ADVICE:** There will be NO Coaching or Advice Giving Allowed during the stipulated round by Coaches or Spectators. The Local Rule allowing coaching has not been adopted. Coaching is allowed between the stipulated round and any play-off that may occur.
- **USGA General Penalty** – Two-strokes in stroke play (and loss of hole in match play)

The competition will be deemed closed when the results have been approved and the trophies and medals awarded.





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### SECTIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

There will be **4 Sectional Team Championships** – North, South, Central, and West.

Reference the [MIAA Fall Tournament Alignments 2025-26 through 2026-27](#) to make sure your school is going to the correct tournament location.

**QUALIFYING CRITERIA AND SCORING-** Teams must have played a minimum of 50% of the season competition limits per Handbook Rule 34 (10 contests) and meet the championship qualifications as set forth below:

- A team will consist of 6 players. Each qualified team will be required to complete the formstack tournament and list their players' ranked #1 - #6. In the event a school brings less than six (6) players, there must be a minimum of four (4) to participate in the Team Championship.
- All teams winning 50% of their matches against any and all MIAA member schools and out of state schools in good standing of their own state high school association.
- Please note that in golf you must accumulate 50% of the total number of points possible:
  - 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss.

**ENTRY DEADLINE** - Qualifying teams must complete a Team Entry by **Friday, October 3, 2025** if their golf team may qualify for the championship. This must be done even if the team has not completed its regular season but has the potential to meet the criteria. The entry is *through* an online survey link that will be emailed to Athletic Directors.

#### TEAM SCORING AND SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS

- The 4 lowest stroke play scores on each team will make up the team score. The score of the 5th lowest player will be used to break ties. If a tie still exists, the 6th players' score will be used to break the tie. If a tie still exists, co-champions will be declared.
- MIAA Trophies will be awarded to the Sectional Champion and Runner-Up. If Co-Champions, then each school will be awarded a Champion Trophy.

#### QUALIFYING FOR STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Each section will qualify a minimum of 2 teams for States.
  - If a section has 7 to 14 teams participating, 3 teams will qualify for States.
  - If a section has 15 or more teams participating, 4 teams will qualify for States.

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### DIVISIONAL STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

There will be **3 Divisional State Championships** – Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3

#### TEAM SCORING AND DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONS

- Each team will consist of 6 players.
- The 4 lowest stroke play scores on each team will make up the team score. The score of the 5th lowest player will be used to break ties. If a tie still exists, the 6th players' score will be used to break the tie. However, if the 6th players' score fails to break the tie, all six team members, of each tied team, will enter into a sudden death playoff, at a hole to be determined by the MIAA Tournament Director. The four best scores from each team will be counted, if still tied, the fifth score will be counted, if still tied, the sixth score will be counted. If the tie still remains, the playoff will continue to a second playoff hole.
- MIAA Trophies will be awarded to the Divisional State Team Champion and Runner-Up.





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### CONCURRENT INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

#### SECTIONAL INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

All members of qualifying teams and those registered as individuals who meet criteria outlined below are eligible to compete in the Sectional Individual Championship.

**QUALIFYING CRITERIA IN THE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP** for those athletes from a team that does not qualify:

- Individual must score **4 over par or better** in a minimum of 50% of their 9-hole rounds during the regular season.
- Only one (1) individual athlete per school is allowed entry. Waivers are available if a school feels they have more than one athlete that meets the criteria outlined above. Contact the MIAA Golf Liaison to request the waiver.

**ENTRY DEADLINE** - All Entries for the Sectional Individual Championship **MUST** be submitted by **Friday, October 3, 2025** *through* the online survey link that will be emailed to Athletic Directors (same survey as the team entries).

**AWARDS** - The player that records the lowest score will be declared the **MEDALIST**. In case of ties for the lowest score at each Sectional the players will be declared **CO-MEDALISTS**. There will not be any play-offs for individuals at the Sectional Championships.

#### QUALIFYING FOR STATE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- The **top 10%** (and ties) of the scores from each of the sections will qualify to play for the State Individual Championship in each division. Any percentage points above a whole number will be rounded up. *Example: If there are 81 players, then 10% would equal 8.1% which is rounded up to 9 players and ties.*
- Golfers that do not post scores in the top 10% at their sectional tournament cannot individually qualify for the state tournament. The top 10% of posted scores may include individuals that also qualified to move on with their team.

#### EXAMPLE:

|               |    |   |             |    |                            |
|---------------|----|---|-------------|----|----------------------------|
| J. Rahm       | 71 | 1 | J. Nicklaus | 74 | 6                          |
| R. McIlroy    | 72 | 2 | T. Finau    | 74 | 7                          |
| X. Schauffele | 72 | 3 | A. Palmer   | 74 | 8                          |
| K. Bradley    | 72 | 4 | T. Woods    | 74 | 9                          |
| M. Homa       | 73 | 5 | C. Morikawa | 74 | 10 ( qualifies due to tie) |

### STATE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

**ALL PLAYERS PARTICIPATING IN THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS** whether they qualified at the Sectional Individual Championship or are participating as a member of a team that qualified at the Sectional Team Championship are eligible to compete for and to win the Individual Championship.

**INDIVIDUAL SCORES** - The player that records the lowest score will be declared the State Individual Champion.

- **TIE BREAKER** – If at the conclusion of play, two or more players are tied for the Individual Championship, the players who are tied will playoff starting at a hole determined by the-MIAA Tournament Director. If two or more players are still tied at the conclusion of the first playoff hole, those players will continue to a second playoff hole and play will continue in this manner until the tie is broken.

**AWARDS** - The winner of this championship will receive an MIAA Medal designating them the State Individual Champion.





# 2025 Fall Swimming & Diving Information

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### Swimming and Diving Qualifying Standards are posted on the MIAA Swimming and Diving page and Formats page

#### A. Tournament Entry, Requirements and Deadlines

1. All tournament entries are done using Hy-Tek. All schools are required to use Hy-Tek Team Manager. Hy-Tek TM Lite cannot be used for MIAA Tournament Entry.
2. In championship meets each team is permitted a maximum of four (4) entries in each individual event and one (1) team in a relay event. (NFHS Rule 3-1-1).
3. Individuals are permitted to enter a maximum of four (4) events comprising individual and relay events, with a maximum of two (2) individual events (NFHS Rule 3-2-1).  
~~Corrections to entries or missed entries can be made on the Tue following registration with a purchase order (P.O.) issued as a late entry registration fine. See below for more detail. P.O. must be sent to the Swimming/Diving Liaison, Richard Pearson at [rpearson@miaa.net](mailto:rpearson@miaa.net) by 9:00 on Weds. (of both weeks; see below)~~
4. Relay participants may be changed until the event before the relay.
5. Divers and coaches should develop a seasonal plan that leads to a meaningful progression of qualifying all eleven (11) dives for post season competition that meets all requirements.
6. Corrections to entries or adding missed entries can be made on the Tuesday following registration. See below for more detail.
7. Changes to entries, other than secretary error or psych sheet administrative corrections, may not be made after the entry correction deadline of 3:00 PM on the Tue. following the initial sectional/state registration,

#### Important Deadlines

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| • Sectional Meet Entry Deadline:                                                    | Monday, Oct. 27 by 5:00 PM.            |
| • Psych sheets posting                                                              | Tue. morning by 10:00 AM, Oct. 28      |
| • Sectional-Corrections or Missed entries by school/coach                           | Tue. Oct. 28 from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM     |
| **** Any corrections or missed entries by school/coach must be submitted by 3:00 PM |                                        |
| • State Meet Entry Deadline:                                                        | Monday, Nov. 3 by 5:00 PM.             |
| • Psych sheets posting                                                              | Tue. morning by 10:00 AM, Nov. 4       |
| • State - Corrections or Missed entries by school/coach                             | Tue. Nov. 4 from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM      |
| **** Any corrections or missed entries by school/coach must be submitted by 3:00 PM |                                        |
| • Secretary error correction deadline                                               | Tues., Oct. 28 (sectional) by 5:00 PM. |
|                                                                                     | Tues., Nov. 4 (state) by 5:00 PM.      |

#### B. Tournament Divisions

A two divisional alignment will be used at the girls' and boys' state championship meets. For divisional alignments refer to the Swimming and Diving page of MIAA website.

#### C. Tournament Entry Data

1. All Sectional and State Championship qualifying entries will be entered using Hy-Tek Team Manager. Each championship meet event file will be posted on the MIAA Swimming and Diving page. Teams will need to download the appropriate file to enter their team.  
Roster must include:





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- relay only swimmers entered with a relay time.
- divers entered with their best six dive score.

For information on how to submit entries using Hy-Tek visit the MIAA Swimming and Diving page at [miaa.net](http://miaa.net).

2. Diver sheets/information must be entered additionally through eDive. eDive instructions can be found on the MIAA Swimming and Diving page at [miaa.net](http://miaa.net).

### D. Qualifying Criteria – Team Members

1. Individuals must be bona-fide members of their high school swim team as recognized by the MIAA and must achieve the qualifying standards, during the current season. **as published in this format.**
2. Qualifying times/diving standards must be obtained during the dual meet season, invitational meets or post season championships officiated by certified MIAA swimming officials.
3. Relay times must be achieved by team members of the same gender to qualify for the appropriate post season championship meet. Teams can only enter one relay team in each event at the sectional and state tournaments.
4. The coach or official school representative must be able to verify the swimmer's times or diver's scores at the meet by providing documentation.
  - a. Any times that do not meet minimum qualifying times **will may** be challenged by the Tournament Director.
  - b. Other times can be challenged during a meet.
  - c. Any swimmer or diver found not to have met qualifying standards shall be disqualified from the meet, including any prior meet performances.
5. A violation of qualifying criteria may involve a hearing before the swim committee.

### E. Team Roster

- Team members attending a meet can only be those swimmers and divers who have met qualifying standards, reasonable relay alternates, plus one (1) manager and all approved school coaches.
- The names of the approved school coaches and manager must be emailed to the appropriate Tournament Director prior to the meet.
- No ancillary staff (i.e., team photographers, masseuses etc.) will be allowed on deck.
- Relay only swimmers must be listed on the team roster that is entered in Hy-Tek.
- Only the individuals listed on the entry and approved by the school's athletic director will be allowed on the pool deck.

### F. Coaches/Adult Representation

- The coach or official school representative (as designated by the principal on the entry forms) must remain at the championship site throughout the meet or the swimmer/diver will not be accepted by tournament directors for participation in the meet.
- Last-minute changes must be verified in writing by the principal before the swimmer/diver is allowed to compete or warm-up.

### G. Adaptive Athlete Participation

The following events will be available to adaptive athletes:

- 50-yard Freestyle





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- 100-yard Freestyle
- 100-yard Breaststroke

Point of contact at Adaptive Sports New England: Joe Walsh, 617-690-9103.

## **H. Meet Rules, Scoring, Team Championship**

1. National Federation Swimming and Diving Rules shall be the official rules for championship meets.
2. Specific MIAA diving rules are detailed in this format, pages 6-8.
3. The meet will be conducted in event order, girls' heats preceding boys' heats (i.e., Girls' 200 MR, Boys' 200 MR, Girls' 200 Free, Boys' 200 Free etc.)
4. 16 Place Scoring will be used for all MIAA Championship Meets (NFHS Rule 7-1-3a & 3b - for Individual and Relay point values).
5. Medals will be awarded to the top eight (8) finishers.
6. For team championship awards to be presented, a minimum of ten (10) schools (per gender) must be entered into the championship.

## **I. Officials**

Officials will be assigned by the Tournament Director.

## **J. Order of Facility Entry**

Teams will be admitted to the facility based on their girls' team order of finish, at that previous year's meet. Full teams need to be in line a minimum of 20 minutes prior to the designated check in time. If a full team is not present, their place in line may be skipped until all are present.

## **K. Ticket Information**

During the fall season, the boys' and the girls' meets are run concurrently, therefore, only one (1) admission will be charged at the Sectional and State Tournaments. Only qualified athletes will be admitted free of charge. All tickets will be managed through GoFan digital ticketing. When ticket allocation is necessary based on venue capacity, the ticket allocation process will be posted on the MIAA Swimming and Diving page.

## **L. Requested School Timers**

- Teams will be notified by the Tournament Director if they are requested to provide timers, with watches, for the meet.
- Coaches will be asked to confirm the names of the timers in advance of the meet.
- Timers will check in with the coaches upon entry and do not have to pay the entry fee.
- Athletes competing in the meet are not to be designated as timers.
- Timers are expected to be in the appropriate lanes at the designated times and remain there for the entire meet.

## **M. Signs, Banners, and Photography**

- Coolers, handheld signs, shakers, balloons, and noisemakers of any kind are not allowed at tournament sites.
- School banners, approved by the Tournament Director, will be allowed but must be hung where directed by host site/tournament personnel.
- Only credentialed and MIAA approved media personnel will be allowed on deck.





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- No photography or videography of any type is allowed behind the starting blocks during the warm-up sessions or actual meet. This includes the deck area as well as any seating spaces located directly behind or above the starting end of the pool. (NFHS Rules)

### **N. Conduct**

All schools are responsible before, during and after a contest for the proper conduct of their coaches, athletes, and spectators. When requested, a school must complete an incident report if a problem occurs.

### **O. Unsporting Conduct (NFHS rules)**

- Shaving - Shaving is not permitted at any tournament sites (NFHS Rule 3-6-1).
- Deck changing before, during or after a meet is not permitted (NFHS Rule 3-6-1). Additional clarification for 3-6-1: Removal of all or part of a primary swimming suit (next to the swimmer's skin), is prohibited on the deck and in any space around the pool not specifically designated for changing purposes. (NFHS Rule(s) 1-3-2, 3-6-1d)

### **P. Medical Coverage**

A licensed athletic trainer, physician, physician's assistant, certified EMT, or nurse practitioner will be available at all contests.

### **Q. Inclement Weather**

In the event of a potential weather postponement/cancelation, a timely decision will be made. The postponement policy can be found on the MIAA Swimming and Diving page at [miaa.net](http://miaa.net).



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## Diving Information and Requirements

Divers must be entered with swimmers in Hy-Tek and eDive. Instructions can be found on the MIAA Swimming and Diving page at [miaa.net](http://miaa.net).

**\*\* Careful attention should be paid to this diving information as there are specific MIAA requirements and procedures for MIAA Championship meets detailed in this format\*\***

### **A. MIAA Qualifying Requirements**

1. A score of 5 or higher must be awarded on a dive by each scoring judge during regular season dual meets or invitational meets. If 5 or more judges are present, the 3 scoring judges must have awarded 5's or higher on a dive for it to qualify for tournament entry.
2. The dive as qualified in season will be the only dive accepted (i.e., 1 ½ tuck  $\neq$  1 ½ pike).
3. No diver may perform a dive in the Sectional or State Tournament that has not been performed and qualified during the regular season.
4. An official diving sheet must be submitted for each diver by the entry deadline.
  - Divers will be allowed to change dives up to 10 minutes before the start of the diving competition.
  - Dive numbers and position are the official description of a dive (ex: 103B). Responsibility for accuracy rests with the diver and coach. Penalty: Failed Dive.

### **B. Diving Proof Instructions**

Check that the following three items have been completed with proper documentation per MIAA and NFHS rules.

1. Verification of all dives and compliance with the maximum DD for voluntary dives must be presented prior to competition at each tournament site.
2. Provide copies of diving sheets, showing the two (2) meets where the qualifying total score standard was attained.
3. Provide copies of dual, invitational and/or championship meet diving sheets, highlighted for each entered dive (a total of 11) that a score of 5.0 or higher has been received from all scoring judges.

### **C. Meet Diving Requirements**

In championship meets, the competition shall consist of five voluntary dives and six optional dives.

1. The five (5) voluntary dives must cover all five (5) categories. The total DD can be no more than 9.0.

Two voluntary dives must be in the preliminary rounds (1-5), two in the semifinal rounds (6-8) and one in the final rounds (9-11).
2. The 6 optional dives must cover all 5 categories (one category will be repeated). Optional dive categories cannot be repeated through the semifinal rounds (1-8).
3. All 5 categories must be represented through the semifinal rounds (1-8).
4. Preliminaries shall have two (2) voluntary & three (3) optional; Semifinals shall have two (2) voluntary & one (1) optional; Finals shall have one (1) voluntary and two (2) optional.
5. Only Dives listed on the NFHS Diving Table can be performed.
6. Refer to NFHS Rule 9-4-1 as well as the sample dive sheet that follows for dive placement.





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### D. Diving Specific Meet Details

1. At the sectional & state meets divers will be seeded initially by lot. After the completion of the semifinal round (8 dives), the finalists will be reseeded with the lowest scoring contestant performing first through the highest scorer diving last over the final 3 rounds. (NFHS 9-2-2)
2. When more than 32 contestants have qualified for the 1-meter diving event, the field will be reduced to 32 divers after the completion of three (3) rounds. With the field reduced, the remaining 2 dives of the preliminaries will be performed followed by the semifinal and final rounds. To allow for the appropriate placement of individual dives in a contestant's program, the Tournament Director will notify the coaches of the participating divers in advance of the start of the meet if the field is going to be reduced after three (3) dives.
3. Warm up will be provided prior to the 11-dive session for all contestants. (NFHS Rule 9-2-1) After the completion of the eighth round, the boards will be available for those who have qualified for the finals. An administrative break will take place after the fifth round (and third round if more than 32 contestants are entered). There will be no on-board diving warm-ups during designated administrative breaks.
4. Coaches are responsible for picking up signed diving result sheets before departing the facility at the conclusion of the meet. Meet directors and/or diving referees are not responsible for providing copies of these sheets after the facility has been vacated.

### E. All-American Diving Requirements

To be considered for All-American status in diving, athletes must:

1. Score a minimum of 375 points.
2. Have a total Degree of Difficulty for Optional Dives of 13.0 or higher for girls, 13.3 or higher for boys.
3. Submit a film of their 11-dive performance at a championship meet.
4. Submit All-American forms signed by the Tournament Director and the Diving Referee

Permission to Film: Only approved individuals are allowed on deck to film the performance of legitimate All-American candidates. The following protocol must be followed to gain access to pool deck for photographers:

- School Administration must submit the name and contact information of the proposed videographer (address, phone number) to Richard Pearson via email ([rpearson@miaa.net](mailto:rpearson@miaa.net)) on letterhead at least 3 days prior to the date of the meet.
- A request to film will be valid for both sectional and state meets.
- The approved videographer must sign-in at the team entrance, come in with the team, and must provide a valid photo ID.
- An identifying name badge may be provided and must always be worn on deck.

### SAT/SAT Subject Tests

1. Meets may be held on a weekend date - the same date as an anticipated SAT Test Date. Schools are encouraged to be aware of this date and collaborative if scheduling a game on this date. A listing of all dates and sports that may take place on scheduled College Board exam dates can be found on the MIAA website. College Board dates can be found here - <https://www.collegeboard.org/>
2. The College Board offers an SAT® Program Alternate Test Date Policy. As stated in their published material:



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The SAT Program will consider granting an alternate test date when the following criteria are met:

- The conflicting event must be unexpected. Regularly scheduled sporting events or previously scheduled school activities, such as a prom, are not considered unexpected. An event such as an academic or athletic competition, in which students have advanced through the competition or into post-regular season competition, can be considered an unexpected event.
3. SAT School Day: Allows high schools to administer the SAT to students during the school day, thus avoiding weekend athletic conflicts.

MIAA does not discriminate in its educational programs or activities on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, ancestry, age, religion or religious creed, disability or handicap, sex or gender, gender identity and/or expression, sexual orientation, military or veteran status, genetic information, or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal, state or local law. Retaliation is also prohibited.





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## DIVING CHAMPIONSHIP DIVE FORMAT \_\_\_\_Sectional \_\_\_\_State

The signatures of the coach & diver on score sheet, confirms its accuracy, and indicates that the diver is capable of performing the dives listed. Dive numbers and position are the official description of a dive.  
Responsibility for accuracy rests with the diver and coach. PENALTY: Failed Dive.

|                               |        |              |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------------|
| PRINT NAME                    | SCHOOL | DATE         |
| REQUIRED SIGNATURES:<br>DIVER |        | DIVING ORDER |
| COACH                         |        |              |

|                                                                                                                                                                              | NO. | DIVE | POS. | DD | JUDGES AWARDS |  |  |  |  | TOTAL | SCORE |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|------|------|----|---------------|--|--|--|--|-------|-------|
| 1.                                                                                                                                                                           |     |      |      |    |               |  |  |  |  |       | _____ |
| 2.                                                                                                                                                                           |     |      |      |    |               |  |  |  |  |       | _____ |
| 3.                                                                                                                                                                           |     |      |      |    |               |  |  |  |  |       | _____ |
| 4.                                                                                                                                                                           |     |      |      |    |               |  |  |  |  |       | _____ |
| 5.                                                                                                                                                                           |     |      |      |    |               |  |  |  |  |       | _____ |
| 2 Voluntary – 3 Optional from Different Groups      SCORE AFTER PRELIMINARIES<br>(NO on-board warmups allowed during the break between the preliminary and semi-final round) |     |      |      |    |               |  |  |  |  |       |       |

|                                                                                                                                                                 | NO. | DIVE | POS | DD | JUDGES AWARDS |  |  |  |  | TOTAL | SCORE |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|------|-----|----|---------------|--|--|--|--|-------|-------|
| 6.                                                                                                                                                              |     |      |     |    |               |  |  |  |  |       | _____ |
| 7.                                                                                                                                                              |     |      |     |    |               |  |  |  |  |       | _____ |
| 8.                                                                                                                                                              |     |      |     |    |               |  |  |  |  |       | _____ |
| 2 Voluntary – 1 Optional Different Group      SCORE AFTER SEMI-FINALS<br>(Dive Boards Open for warm-up for participants who have qualified for the Final Round) |     |      |     |    |               |  |  |  |  |       |       |

|                                           | NO. | DIVE | POS | DD | JUDGES AWARDS |  |  |  |  | TOTAL | SCORE |
|-------------------------------------------|-----|------|-----|----|---------------|--|--|--|--|-------|-------|
| 9.                                        |     |      |     |    |               |  |  |  |  |       | _____ |
| 10.                                       |     |      |     |    |               |  |  |  |  |       | _____ |
| 11.                                       |     |      |     |    |               |  |  |  |  |       | _____ |
| 1 Voluntary – 2 Optional      FINAL SCORE |     |      |     |    |               |  |  |  |  |       |       |





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## Information

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## 2025 Fall Volleyball Tournament

### A. TENTATIVE TOURNAMENT DATES

- Cut-off Date: Sunday, October 26, 2025
  - Bracket Release: October 28, 2025
  - Tournament Begins: October 30, 2025  
*Note: If both ADs agree, matches may be played on October 29, 2025*
  - Finals: November 14-15, 2025
- \*Dates subject to change*

### B. QUALIFYING CRITERIA

1. A school must schedule and compete in a minimum of 50% of the season competition limits per Handbook Rule 34 (10 contests) to be eligible for tournament play.
2. As many as three matches with a single opponent may be played and will count toward tournament qualification.
3. All team sports will qualify the top 32 teams by division
4. Teams not power seeded in the top 32 but meeting 50% qualifying criteria will be eligible for the tournament.
5. All team sports will be seeded by power ranking system
6. Top 4 seeded teams placed in four brackets (1,2,3,4)
7. The rest of bracket positions filled with remaining teams by power ranking system. After the top 32 teams are power seeded, the remaining teams with 50 % or better record will be seeded from the bottom of each bracket
8. All matches will be at home site of higher seed for the Preliminary Play in matches, Round of 32, Round of 16 and Round of 8

### C. FORFEITED CONTESTS

When a forfeit win is awarded to a school due to the termination of their opponent's volleyball program or failure to fulfill their contractual obligation, for power ranking purposes, the score will be entered as 3-0.

### D. SEEDING/ PAIRING ANNOUNCEMENT

1. Seeding is to be done by a Seasonal Seeding Committee. Members of the Seasonal Seeding Committee will include one chairperson (or designee) from each sport of current season, and 4 Tournament Management Committee members. Tournament Directors and Executive Liaisons will be present but are non-voting members. All decisions made by the Seasonal Seeding Committee are final. No appeals regarding seeding decisions will be allowed.
2. Seeding will be done by a power rating system:
  - a) Team's average margin of victory + average of opponents' ratings = overall rating
3. Tie Breaking Procedure (Seeding)
  - a) Head-to-head Competition
  - b) The higher average of each team's opponents' rating, based on the power rating formula.
  - c) League Champion
  - d) Coin flip
    - Only 2 teams tied – use coin flip
    - More than 2 teams, all team names will be put into a hat. Once team name will be drawn – that team wins the tiebreaker. All other remaining teams will return to step 1.

In a tie breaker for tournament seeding every match played including exclusion games are counted.

*Note: 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.*
4. Pairings and Tournament Information will be available on MIAA website throughout the tournament.
5. Tournament match results should be called in to the Tournament administrator by the winning team, as soon as possible, from the site.





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### E. SITE INFORMATION

1. All matches will be at home site of higher seed for the Preliminary Play-in matches, Round of 32, Round of 16, and Round of 8.
2. For volleyball tournament matches, home sites must have the following minimum capacity per round:
  - a) Preliminary Play-In, Round of 32, and Round of 16: Minimum capacity of 250
  - b) Round of 8 Minimum capacity of 500 or permission of the Tournament Director.
3. If home team site is not acceptable the following will apply:
  - a) Home school AD finds an acceptable site
  - b) Lower seed will host the match
  - c) If both sites are not acceptable, Tournament administrator will place match at an acceptable site within MIAA site policy
4. The MIAA will provide sites for State Semi Finals (round of 4) and State Finals as defined by TMC Site policy.
5. Home court venues must meet the following standards from the MIAA handbook:
  - a) Condition of playing surface
  - b) Crowd Control
  - c) Seating capacity
  - d) Ticket sales control
  - e) Locker rooms
6. Higher seeded team will have the choice of bench at neutral site final four and championship matches.

### F. Contest Rules

All matches shall be governed by rules stated in the **NFHS 2025-26 Volleyball Rules**, except as modified in the MIAA Handbook or this format.

1. The Volleyball Tournament will be three out of five sets, rally scoring to 25 points, with the 5th set to 15 points, must win by 2. In a 5<sup>th</sup> set the teams will change courts when a team reaches 8 points.
2. Each team will consist of those players submitted on the Official Tournament Roster. Only submitted players will be eligible and sit/stand on the bench.
3. The decisions of the MIAA Volleyball Committee relative to the operation of the tournament shall be final. The Tournament administrator or designated site manager is responsible for making all decisions at the site.
4. Electronic scoring is allowed but school must also have manual backup in place.

### G. Assignment of Tournament Game Officials

1. All officials must be enrolled with the MIAA in order to receive a tournament assignment.
2. Officials must have officiated a minimum of ten (10) MIAA high school matches during the regular season.
3. When possible there will be four officials at all tournament matches – to be used as follows: first official, second official, two line judges.
4. Officials will be used as written scorers and libero trackers beginning with State Semi-Finals.
5. No high school student is allowed to be a line judge.
6. The host (higher seeded team) is responsible for securing the officials (through the league assignor most likely) in the preliminary round, round of 32, round of 16 and round of 8. The state semi-finals and state finals will be assigned by the MIAA.

### H. Postponement

The rescheduling of a postponed tournament match will be the decision of the MIAA Staff Liaison and Tournament administrator after consultation with the two principals of the schools involved.

### I. Practice Regulations

No competing team is to practice on a tournament site after having qualified for the tournament. (Exception – if it is a team's home site.)





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### J. Official Ball

The official Mikasa VFC1000 series volleyball will be used for State Semi-Finals and State Finals and will be provided by the tournament administrators.

### K. Team Roster

Team rosters shall include a maximum of eighteen (18) players. In addition, each team will be allowed not more than eight (8) additional people on the bench for a total of twenty-six (26). These eight (8) people shall include coaches, managers, and medical personnel. NO spectators are allowed on the bench.

### L. Medical Coverage

A licensed athletic trainer, physician, physician's assistant, certified EMT, or nurse practitioner will be available at all tournament contests. Coverage and compensation for medical coverage will be the host school's responsibility through the Round of 8. The MIAA will begin compensation starting with State Semi-Final play.

### M. Participating School Supervision Protocol (State Semi-Finals & State Finals)

1. No later than 24 hours before the match, please contact the respective Tournament administrator with the names of your school's designated site supervisors.
2. The list should include a minimum of **3 supervisors. (Principal or designee, Athletic Director or designee, and a minimum of one additional adult designee).**
3. Supervisors are asked to arrive at the site and sign in with the Tournament administrator or designated Site Director no later than 30 minutes before the match starting time.
4. Upon arrival, the Tournament/Site Director shall review the roles/responsibilities, to include:
  - a) Observe and monitor the school's spectators upon entrance into the gymnasium and assist in seating students in your designated area. **It is understood that the Tournament administrator /Site Supervisor will determine and post the designated student seating section for all participating schools.**
  - b) Remain stationed in close proximity to your spectator section. The Site Director will request any specific supervisor placements based on venue and spectator needs.
  - c) Remain visible to your spectator base and accessible to tournament staff until spectators exit gymnasium.
  - d) Help ensure positive behaviors and sportsmanship.
  - e) Assist in ensuring that no one other than team players, bench personnel, and school leaders has access to the playing court (before, during, and after match).

### N. SAT/SAT SUBJECT TESTS:

1. Tournament contests may be scheduled for the same date of the SAT and SAT Subject Tests. Please tell all coaches and student-athletes now 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 at: <https://www.collegeboard.org>
2. The College Board offers a SAT® Program Alternate Test Date Policy. As stated in their published material: "The SAT Program will consider granting an alternate test date when the following criteria. The conflicting event must be unexpected. Regularly scheduled sporting events or previously scheduled school activities, such as a prom, are not considered unexpected. An event such as an academic or athletic competition, in which students have advanced through the competition or into post-regular season competition, can be considered an unexpected event."
3. SAT School Day: Allows high schools to administer the SAT to students during the school day, thus avoiding weekend athletic conflicts. To date, the MA school districts that participate are Plymouth, Springfield, Revere and most recently Fitchburg. SAT School Day is contracted through the College Board with participating districts. Contact info: Alan Bernstein, Senior Director, K-12 Services, New England Regional Offices, The College Board, 1601 Trapelo Road, Suite 12, Waltham, MA 02451.





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### PRE-MATCH PROTOCOL / WARM-UP PROCEDURE

#### Sample Warm-up Procedure

*Will be utilized in all MIAA Volleyball Tournament Contests*

| Actual Time<br>(e.g. 7:00 match) | Visible Clock | Protocol                                                                                          |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6:30 – 6:47                      | :30 – :13     | COIN FLIP<br>(Court available for shared warm-ups)<br>( <i>NO hitting or serving across net</i> ) |
| 6:47 – 6:53                      | :13 – :07     | Visiting Team Court                                                                               |
| 6:53 – 6:59                      | :07 – :01     | Home Team Court                                                                                   |
| 6:59 – 7:00                      | :01           | Team Huddle / Announcements                                                                       |
| 7:00                             | :00           | Match begins with introductions and<br>National Anthem                                            |

*A minimum of 30 minutes will be allotted between matches*

### MIAA Volleyball Tournament Protocol

*Every tournament contest is the last match of the tournament for one team and their fans. Please do everything that you can to make every single volleyball tournament match that you host a special event for the participating students.*

#### **Before the contest:**

1. Contact the Athletic Director of the visiting school(s) and insure that they know how to get to your school, when to arrive and if you are going to sell tickets at the contest. Tell them where to park their buses and where fans are expected to park. Arrange to have a trainer present at every tournament site.
2. Prepare a secure place for officials to meet and change. Keep in mind that you may have male and female officials.
3. Ensure that the officials use the Warm-up-Protocol as published in the Volleyball Tournament Format. Have a copy available at the scorer's table.
4. Provide a scorer, scoreboard operator, libero tracker and announcer.
5. Make sure that the officials meet with the coaches, and that officials and captains hold a pre-match meeting addressing proper conduct of the match and expectations for sportsmanship. Read the MIAA Taunting Policy.
6. Announce the names of **all** individual players, coaches and officials before the contest.
7. Play the National Anthem immediately before the match begins.