

Executive Director's Update

Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association

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An Update from Executive Director Robert Baldwin Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association

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Nordic Ski Championship

The Nordic Ski Championship was held at Prospect Mountain in Woodford, VT on Tuesday, February 12th. Over 280 student-athletes competed from 21 schools. The Mount Greylock Girls and Boys teams took home the titles. Congratulations to all.



MIAA Winter State Tournaments

Alpine Ski – February 25 – Berkshire East Basketball – March 14-16 – Tsongas Center Gymnastics – March 1 – Algonquin RHS Ice Hockey – March 16 – TD Garden Indoor Track – February 22 – Reggie Lewis Center Swim & Diving – February 15 & 16 – Boston University Wrestling (All State & Girls All State) – February 28 & March 1 – Methuen HS

Winter Tournament Seeding Guidelines and Schedule

As we proceed through Year 4 of the Statewide Tournament format, the MIAA – including tournament directors and seeding committees -- will continue to follow the guidelines developed in Fall 2022 in an effort to streamline the process of producing the final power rankings, and create a smoother process of building and releasing the tournament brackets. <u>Click here</u> for the guidelines and seeding/bracketing schedule for each of the four Winter 2025 power ranked sports, as published in the tournament formats.

Tournament Entry – Opt-in vs Opt-out

Beginning with the Fall 2024 season schools no longer are required to submit a tournament entry. Schools will be required to submit communication if choosing to opt out of tournament play. This new process is only for sports that utilize the MIAA power ranking system (Basketball and Ice Hockey for Winter 2025). Hybrid sports will continue to require a tournament entry process. Click here to complete the "Opt-Out" Form (located in the Members Only area of the MIAA website).

Statewide Tournament Director Positions

The MIAA is currently looking to fill Tournament Director positions for the following fall sports:

• Golf - Division 1 North and Division 3 West <u>Click here</u> for more information.

Student and Coach Contest Disqualification Forms

Please make sure to use the most up-to-date version of the MIAA Student and Coach Contest Disqualification Forms. The forms are available in the <u>"Officials" section</u> of the MIAA website.

When a student or coach is disqualified from a contest, the required form **must be completed by the game official and submitted to the athletic director in charge of the contest before leaving the site**. Below are links to each form:

Student Contest Disqualification Form Coach Contest Disqualification Form

Please note - All fields within the form are required to be completed by the game official with a description of the disqualification **including the violation called.** Forms submitted with incomplete information may be returned to the host school/game official to provide missing information.

MIAA Alignment Process

TMC alignment process calendar for spring 2025:

*Spring Alignments for 2025-26 & 2026-27	
Proposed alignments released	April 1, 2025
Deadline to appeal	May 1, 2025
Appeal hearings	Throughout May 2025
Final alignments released	June 1, 2025
*Using October 2022 oprollment numbers	

*Using October 2023 enrollment numbers

Student Eligibility Waiver Deadlines

As a reminder, below is the seasonal deadline for student eligibility waiver submissions as outlined in MIAA rule 87.1. This is a firm deadline and late waivers will not be accepted. **Spring – April 1, 2025**

Middle Level and Coop Application Deadlines

The spring 2024-25 middle level waiver and cooperative application deadline is April 4, 2025.

Student-Athlete of the Month Award Nominations

are being accepted for the MIAA Student- Athlete of the Month Award. This award recognizes two student-athletes on a monthly basis (from September through May) who display excellence in the areas of academics, athletics and community service. Students in grades 9-12 who attend MIAA member schools are eligible to receive the award. To nominate a Student-Athlete of the Month please click here.

Boston Bruins – MIAA Sportsmanship Awards

The Boston Bruins and MIAA are pleased to announce that the presentation of this year's Boston Bruins-MIAA Sportsmanship Awards will take place at the TD Garden on Tuesday, March 17, 2025. <u>Click here</u> for more information and award selection form. League selection deadline: March 3, 2025.

Social Media Accounts

Please be aware of fake social media accounts impersonating the MIAA (Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association). The official MIAA account is @miaa033. Any other accounts claiming to be the MIAA may contain scam links or misleading information.



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NFHS Sport Rules Questionnaires

Each year, the NFHS invites coaches and officials to take part in the NFHS rules-writing process by completing a sport-specific rules questionnaire. These questionnaires are provided to obtain a national sampling of feedback which will be considered by the NFHS Sport Rules Committees. Questionnaires are currently open for Basketball, Girls Gymnastics, Ice Hockey and Wrestling and will close on February 26, 2025. To access these questionnaires, please click here.

MIAA Committee Highlights

In adhering to committee protocols, it is stated that the secretary of each committee shall keep the records of the meeting and shall send copies of these records to the Executive Director. <u>Click here</u> to view the records of the meetings that were received by the Executive Director.

Upcoming Events

- March 14 Becoming a Student of Leadership Workshop
- April 2 MIAA Annual Meeting (registration information will be available soon).

February/March Calendar

- February 24 SMC (virtual)
- February 26 Golf Committee (virtual)
- February 26 Field Hockey Committee (virtual)
- March 4 Football Committee
- March 5 Swim & Dive Committee
- March 5 Track Committee
- March 6 Volleyball Committee (virtual)
- March 12 Board of Directors Meeting
- March 13 Golf Committee (virtual)
- March 14 Student Advisory Committee
- March 18 Rugby Committee
- March 19 TMC
- March 20 Game Officials Committee (virtual)

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