



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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MASSACHUSETTS ATTORNEY GENERAL'S
**ADDRESSING HATE
IN SCHOOLS & SPORTS:
2025-26 OFFERINGS**

REGIONAL TRAINING
Join school administrators and athletic directors from across the region for a training designed to address and prevent incidents of hate and bias in schools and school sports. The trainings are led by Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society.
To register, please contact addresshate@mass.gov.

**MIAA (FRANKLIN, MA)
DECEMBER 5TH AND 6TH, 2025**

ADDITIONAL TRAINING OPTIONS
Previously attended a Regional Training and ready to embed these practices in your district? School districts are invited to schedule a follow-up, onsite training for staff, students, or administrators, tailored to your school community's needs. For training inquiries, contact Nicolette Aduama at n.aduama@northeastern.edu.
Common training formats are listed below:

- 1 A two-day (7-8 hours total) training for 20-30 participants
- 2 A one-day (3-4 hours total) training for 20-30 participants
- 3 A 45-60 minute assembly for a larger group

CAPE COD MULTI-DISTRICT REGIONAL TRAINING
This innovative and impactful training will include sessions for staff and students from multiple districts in the Cape Cod region. If interested, contact addresshate@mass.gov.

**CAPE COD REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL
OCTOBER 16TH, 2025**

FINANCIAL AID
A limited amount of financial assistance is available to cover the cost of follow-up trainings.
To request financial assistance, submit the AGQ Financial Assistance Application. Please reach out to addresshate@mass.gov with any questions.

Northeastern University
Center for the Study of Sport in Society

MIAA, MSA, dese, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and various school district logos.

Fall Tournament Seeding Guidelines and Schedule

As we enter Year 5 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 building and releasing the tournament brackets. [Click here](#) for the guidelines and seeding/bracketing schedule for each of the five Fall 2025 power ranked sports, as published in the tournament formats.

Student Eligibility Waiver Deadlines

As a reminder, below are the seasonal deadlines for student eligibility waiver submissions as outlined in MIAA rule 87.1. These are firm deadlines and late waivers will not be accepted.

- Winter – December 15, 2025
- Spring – April 1, 2026

Winter Coop & Middle Level Waiver Applications

Middle Level waivers and Coop Applications cannot be applied for after the Schedule and Commitment Deadline. Application date for Winter sports is December 19, 2025.

Fall Individual Tournament Deadlines:

- **Cross Country** – Monday, November 3rd. No late entries will be accepted after this date.
- **Swimming & Diving**
 - Sectional Meet – Monday, October 27th 5:00pm
 - State Meet – Monday, November 3rd – 5:00pm

Tournament Entry – Opt-in vs Opt-out

Schools will not be 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. Hybrid sports will continue to require a tournament entry process.

MIAA Fall Golf Tournament Information

For details on the upcoming MIAA Sectional and State Golf Tournaments, [click here](#). As a reminder, the MIAA will be using Golf Genius to bring you live scoring throughout the MIAA Fall Golf Tournaments. Live scoring will be provided through Golf Genius during all MIAA Fall Golf Tournaments. To follow the action in real time, visit the [MIAA Tournament Central Page](#), under the Golf tab.

MIAA Cross Country Tournament Information

[Click here](#) to view pertinent tournament information including sites & directions, wave start times, tournament director information and informational virtual meetings.

Un-Played Contests: Forfeit and No-Contest Determinations

In the event a contest is unable to be played on the scheduled date, for any reason, every attempt should be made to reschedule the contest on the next available date for both schools. If the competing schools are unable to find a makeup date, both schools must use this [FORM](#) to request a determination of a "Forfeit" or "No Contest" for an un-played contest. All sections must be completed thoroughly. This information will be reviewed by the Fall Seeding Committee consisting of the chair or designee from each fall sport and TMC representatives. Tournament Directors and Executive Liaisons may be present but are non-voting members. All decisions made by the Seasonal Seeding Committee are final. Once a determination is made, it will be shared with the schools. Schools do not need to use the Forfeit/No-Contest form in the following circumstances: Canceled season (Rule 18); Overscheduling (Rule 34.6); Ineligible player (Rule 86). Please **DO NOT** enter a score into Arbiter for any contest in question until a determination has been made by the Seasonal Seeding Committee. Any unverified score can affect the power rankings in that sport.

Student and Coach Contest Disqualification Forms

Updated [Student](#) and [Coach](#) Contest Disqualification Forms are available in the "Members Only" and "Officials" sections of the MIAA website. Please share these updated forms with your league assigners and have the forms available at all competition sites. When a student or coach is disqualified from a contest, the respective forms must be completed by the game official and submitted to the athletic director in charge of the contest before leaving the site. For additional information, please reference [MIAA Handbook Rule 49](#).

Soccer Infractions Reporting

Please remember to complete the Infraction Forms completely and accurately. It is imperative that players' names, numbers, and type of card (red/yellow) be accurate. Any questions, please email Donna Harrington at dharrington@miaa.net.



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Officials Shortage Initiative - RefReps

Goal: Click the link below to sign up and attend an informational webinar we will be co-hosting with RefReps on October 28th and November 10th:

<https://calendly.com/refreps/miaa-refreps-officiating-education-webinar-fall-2025>

Problem: Massachusetts continues to experience a shortage of sports officials across all sports, at nearly all levels of competition.

Solution: The MIAA has partnered with RefReps (www.refreps.com), the official and exclusive officiating education technology and curriculum partner of the NFHS. This partnership provides a valuable opportunity for schools to offer Sports Officiating education to students during their curricular day as an elective course.

- At present, more than 1,050 high schools and universities across 46 states are actively teaching Intro to Sports Officiating classes using RefReps' highly engaging learning experience.
- It is a belief that this curriculum, along with an engaged instructor from your school staff, will alleviate the barriers to offering this course to high school students.
- This will provide immediate benefits to students, MIAA member schools, and the Massachusetts sports community.

This educational initiative is making a deep impact nationwide, and the MIAA is excited to see it grow, expand, and contribute to the sustained success of education-based athletics in your community and around Massachusetts!

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](#).

MIAA Orientation Workshop for Principals & Athletic Directors – November 19, 2025

The MIAA is excited to announce that the next MIAA Orientation Workshop for Principals & Athletic Directors will be offered on **Wednesday, November 19, 2025** from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM at the MIAA office. This is an in-person workshop with no virtual option. This workshop fulfills the MIAA mandatory attendance requirement for new Principals and Athletic Directors per MIAA Handbook Rule 32.1. For more information and to register, [Click here](#).

National High School Activities Month Celebrates Value of Programs in Nation's Schools

NFHS will launch the 45th annual celebration of National High School Activities Month. [Click here](#) for more information.

Call for Nominations:

MIAA Massachusetts Women in Athletics Distinguished Service Award 2025-2026

The MIAA Women in Leadership Committee yearly recognizes women who have worked with distinction on behalf of the girls' sports in their communities with the Massachusetts Women in Athletics Distinguished Service Award (MWADSA). This award celebrates the efforts of those whose contributions have had a lasting and profound effect on female student athletes. [Click here](#) to nominate – deadline Friday, November 7, 2025.

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. [Click here](#) to view the records of the meetings that were received by the Executive Director.

Upcoming Events

- November 6 – Sportsmanship Summit at Gillette ([click here](#) to register)
- December 5 & 6 – Hate & Bias Training
- December 8 – MIAA Awards Banquet at DoubleTree Hotel, Milford
- December 12 – Becoming a Student of Leadership Workshop

October Calendar

- October 14 – Field Hockey Committee
- October 14 – Lacrosse Committee
- October 15 – Game Officials Committee
- October 15 – Basketball Committee
- October 16 – Softball Committee
- October 20 – Tennis Committee
- October 21 – TMC
- October 21 – Unified Sports Advisory Committee
- October 22 – Baseball Committee
- October 23 – Media Day
- October 28 – Rugby Committee
- October 29 – Track Committee

Thanks for your continued support.

Robert Baldwin