



# Executive Director's Update

Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association

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**An Update from Executive Director Robert Baldwin**

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**December 4, 2025**

## **2025-26 Schedule Commitment Deadline & Process (including placeholder games)**

Reminder that the MIAA winter schedule commitment deadline is Friday, December 19 for basketball and ice hockey. After that point, no changes can be made to your opponents or the number of games/matches that can be played. After the December 19 commitment deadline, all schedules will be considered **FINAL**. Three days before the Schedule Commitment deadline, MIAA staff will produce and publish schedules for each sport based on the available data for review and verification by member schools. Below is the breakdown for 2025-26 school year:

- o First contest date: December 11
- o Schedule data published for review: December 16
- o Schedule Commitment deadline: December 19

For any tournament contests without a predetermined opponent, placeholder games **MUST** be entered with the opponent listed as **TBA**. Please be sure to check the [MIAA Sport Limitations Information Sheet](#) for the maximum number of competitions allowed per week and per season in each sport. ***Should you need any assistance on entering schedules or adding placeholder games, please contact Jim Clark, MIAA Assistant Director ([jclark@miaa.net](mailto:jclark@miaa.net)).***

## **Winter Individual Tournament Deadlines:**

- o **Gymnastics-Sectionals**, February 12 (12pm)
- o **Indoor Track-Divisionals**, February 8 (8pm)
- o **Indoor Track-Meet of Champions**, February 16 (8pm)
- o **Ski-Alpine**, February 13
- o **Ski-Nordic**, February 2 (8pm)
- o **Swim & Diving-Sectional**, February 2 (5pm)
- o **Swim & Diving-State**, February 9 (5pm)
- o **Wrestling-Mixed Gender Sectional**, week of February 8 (prior to seeding meeting)
- o **Wrestling-Girls Divisional**, February 15

## **Winter Team Tournament Deadlines:**

Basketball and Ice Hockey: February 19

## **Winter Coop & Middle Level Waiver Applications**

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

## **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.

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

## **Winter Season Reminders (previously emailed):**

- [Wrestling Seasonal Reminder](#)
- [Ice Hockey Seasonal Reminder](#)

## **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.

## **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 winter Seeding Committee consisting of the chair or designee from each winter 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](#).

## **Upcoming Events**

- December 8 – MIAA Awards Banquet at DoubleTree Hotel, Milford
- December 12 – [Becoming a Student of Leadership Workshop](#) (click on the link to register)

## **December Calendar & Holiday Hours**

- o December 10 – MIAA Board of Directors
- o December 11 – Swim & Dive Committee
- o December 24-26 – Office Closed
- o December 31, January 1 & 2 – Office Closed

**Thanks for your continued support.**  
**Robert Baldwin**