



# Executive Director's Update

Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association

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## An Update from Executive Director Robert Baldwin

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We are often asked how does the process work? Remember how we used to do this. That is not the way we have always done that. Who made this decision? How was it made?

The purpose of this section in the Update is to reiterate the Governance Initiative, resulting in a Constitutional Revision approved unanimously at the 2023 Annual Meeting. One of the many objectives was to **delineate clear lines of absolute and advisory authority to best serve the membership.**

### Governance Initiative

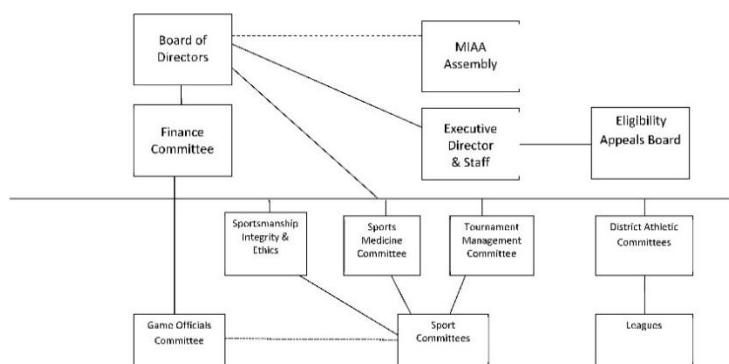
The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association's (MIAA) Organizational Analysis and the Executive Director's Plan for Growth and Improvement were presented and approved at two consecutive Board of Directors meetings in 2022 (February and March). This analysis concluded that **the status quo was not an option.**

### Constitutional Revision

The execution of this plan entailed constitutional revisions of the MIAA and the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Council (MIAC). The MIAC was created in 1950. Its constitution was separate and independent of the MIAA. The first step in this initiative was that the MIAC needed to vote to approve its own constitutional revision.

On January 31, 2023, the MIAC voted unanimously (10-0) to replace their current constitution with new language defining their new role. On April 6, 2023, the Assembly voted unanimously to enact this significant regulatory revision to the MIAA constitution. In doing so, the Board of Directors became the final regulatory authority in the rule change process.

### MIAA Organizational Structure



### MEMBERSHIP DRIVEN ASSOCIATION

The MIAA is a membership driven association that provides a platform for over 550 voluntary members to voice concerns related to interscholastic athletics by providing **representative opportunities to address issues collectively, promoting open dialogue and collaboration throughout the State.** We are encouraged to see so many members utilizing these opportunities to make their association "even better." The makeup of these entities is presented below.

### Board of Directors

The Board is comprised of nine (9) members elected by the MSAA, four (4) elected by MASC, four (4) elected by MASS, and nine (9) elected by MSSADA. The board is comprised of a cross-section of peer colleagues throughout the Commonwealth.

### Assembly

The Assembly shall consist of the principal or written designee of the principal of each member institution communicated in writing to the President.

### District Athletic Committees

District Athletic Committees (DACs) represent nine (9) geographical regions of the Commonwealth. Each athletic league within the MIAA nominates at least one representative to serve on its DAC. The DAC should be composed of either a school principal/assistant principal or an athletic director. At the discretion of the DAC, they may choose one representative (either school administrator and/or athletic director) from one independent school from within that district. Membership on each DAC should be evenly divided between school administrators and athletic directors. Each DAC shall elect its chair annually.

### Sport Committees

The District Athletic Committees directly appoint a school administrator and athletic director to each MIAA Sport Committee. Each committee shall be represented by one school committee member appointed by MASC from school systems having one or more schools that are institutional members of the MIAA. Each committee shall be represented by one school superintendent appointed by MASS from school systems having one or more schools that are institutional members of the MIAA. The MIAA liaison and the chair of the committee will appoint coaches(s) to the specific sports committee from the nominated list of candidates from each District. All candidates must be active athletic coaches. The MIAA liaison and the chair of the committee will appoint officials(s) to the specific sports committee from the nominated list of candidates from each District. All candidates must be active game officials.

### Non-Sport Standing Committees

The Assembly shall elect all members of non-sport standing committees (Sports Medicine, Tournament Management, Game Officials, Sports Medicine). The term of office of all committees shall begin July 1.



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## Winter Tournament Entry Deadlines

Alpine Ski – February 13  
Gymnastics – February 12  
Indoor Track – February 8  
Nordic Ski – February 2  
Swim & Diving – February 2  
Wrestling – week of February 8 (prior to seeding meeting)

## Now Available: Gymnastics Sectional Rankings

Beginning this winter, the MIAA is publishing Sectional team rankings for Gymnastics along with the regular Power Rankings updates each Tuesday and Friday. The Gymnastics rankings are based on scores entered into Arbitrator by schools, and will be used to seed the North and South Sectional Championships, which will be held Saturday, February 21. [Click here](#) to view the Gymnastics rankings, as well as Power Rankings for Basketball and Ice Hockey.

## Middle Level and Coop Application Deadlines

The spring 2025 middle level waiver and cooperative application deadline is April 3, 2026.

## Student Eligibility–Spring Waiver Deadline

As a reminder, the deadline for spring student eligibility waiver submissions is April 1, 2026. This is a firm deadline and late waivers will not be accepted.

## Statewide Tournament Director Positions

The MIAA is currently looking to fill Tournament Director position for the following fall sport:

Golf - Division 3 Central

[Click here](#) 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 ([updated 6/16/25](#)). The forms are available in the ["Officials" section](#) 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 Sherman A. Kinney Basketball Award

Each year, this award is presented to one individual for outstanding contributions to the sport of high school basketball. The deadline to submit a nomination for this year's award is Friday, January 30. Please [click here](#) to submit a nomination.

## 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 – March 24, 2026

The MIAA is excited to announce that the next MIAA Orientation Workshop for Principals & Athletic Directors will be offered on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 from 11:00 AM 3:00 PM in conjunction with the MSSADA Conference in Hyannis. 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](#).

## Becoming a Student of Leadership

### March 13, 2026

Students who aspire to take on the responsibility of leadership within their teams, school and community need formal training in order to make their leadership roles both meaningful and effective. This workshop will provide an in person forum, where students will receive a customized and intensive training that introduces and reinforces basic leadership and life skills. For more information and to register, [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. [Click here](#) to view the records of the meetings that were received by the Executive Director.

## Upcoming Events

- March 6 – Girls and Women in Sports Day – Faneuil Hall
- March 13 – Becoming a Student of Leadership Workshop

## February/March Calendar

- February 4 – Tennis Committee (virtual)
- February 11 – MIAA Board of Directors
- February 23 – Sports Medicine (virtual)
- February 24 – TMC
- March 3 – Football Committee
- March 4 – Track Committee
- March 10 – Golf Committee (virtual)
- March 11 – Board of Directors (virtual)
- March 17 – TMC (virtual)
- March 18 – Rugby Committee (virtual)

Thank you for your continued support!

Bob Baldwin, MIAA Executive Director