



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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**Congratulations to all MIAA member schools
2025-2026 state champions!**

Visit [Tournament Central](#) complete results.

2026 MIAA Annual Meeting

The MIAA Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 2, 2026 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Westboro. Registration and a full breakfast will begin at 8:00am. Registration link has been emailed to High School Principals. Hope to see you there.

Middle Level and Coop Application Deadlines

The spring 2026 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.

MIAA Exclusionary School Status Application

In the winter of 2024, the MIAA Board of Directors approved the following application process for member schools to apply for exclusionary status. Applications may only be submitted by the member school principal or athletic director. Please note that all schools with current exclusionary status will remain in effect through the 2026–27 school year. Beyond that, only those schools approved through this process will be granted exclusionary status, and such approval will be valid for two years (2027–28 and 2028–29). [Click here](#) to view the current list of exclusionary schools. Schools interested in applying for exclusionary status should complete the application below by Friday, April 17, 2026. Schools may be asked to present their application to the MIAA Board of Directors at a meeting scheduled for May 13, 2026.

[Click here](#) for the MIAA Exclusion Status Application

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

Reminder that the MIAA schedule commitment deadline is Friday, April 3 for the following Spring sports: Baseball; Spring Golf; Lacrosse; Rugby; Softball; Tennis-Team*; and Spring Volleyball. After that point, no changes can be made to your opponents or the number of games/matches that can be played. After the April 3 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 2026 Spring season:

- First contest date: Thursday, March 26
- Schedule data published for review: Tuesday, March 31
- Schedule Commitment deadline: Friday, April 3

For any tournament contests without a predetermined opponent (including league tournament championship games), 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).

* NOTE: Please be sure to use the correct Tennis – Team category. Any entries in the incorrect Tennis category will result in missing matches and incomplete schedules.

Spring 2025 Power Rankings

The first power rankings for spring 2026 sports will be released and published on the Tournament Central section of the MIAA website on Tuesday, April 28. Athletic directors are asked to make sure their schedules and results are accurate and up-to-date on Arbiter on a nightly basis throughout the school year. The power rankings and tournament seedings depend on complete and accurate data from all MIAA schools. After April 28, updated power rankings will be published on the MIAA website every Tuesday and Friday throughout the remainder of the spring 2026 regular season.

Girls and Boys Lacrosse Season

The girls and boys lacrosse committees suggested the development of a Season Welcome notice. The notice includes some rule change information as well as a few other important items. Please pass along the links below to your lacrosse coaches. Good luck this spring season.

Boys Welcome–<https://www.miaa.net/media/5108>

Girls Welcome–<https://www.miaa.net/media/5107>

MIAA Handbook Rule Change Proposal Form

MIAA Handbook Rule Change Proposals for July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2029, must be submitted by June 1, 2026. [Click here](#) for the form.



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Sportsmanship Committee Update

The MIAA Sportsmanship Committee has been working on a new resource for member schools to replace the current [MIAA Sportsmanship Guidelines for Fan/Spectator Support Items](#).

Please see the link below for the draft "MIAA Sportsmanship Expectations" that have been developed: <https://www.miaa.net/sites/default/files/2026-02/draft-miaa-tournament-sportsmanship-expectations.pdf>

As part of the process in finalizing this document, the Sportsmanship Committee is requesting feedback from MIAA sport committees, Games Officials Committee, Tournament Management Committee and District Athletic Committees. The goal is to utilize feedback from these committees to create a final document for proposal to the Board of Directors.

In order to accomplish this goal, feedback is requested by Friday, May 8. This deadline will allow the Sportsmanship Committee time to make edits and prepare a proposal before the end of the school year.

New Bona Fide Team Waiver Submission Process

To improve efficiency and streamline the Bona Fide Team waiver process, we have implemented a new online submission system. A Formstack application has been created in lieu of the previous Bona Fide Team form for principals and athletic directors.

Please note that only principals and athletic directors are permitted to submit this form. Once your application has been submitted and reviewed, you will receive an email notification indicating whether the waiver has been approved or denied. Moving forward, please use this [online form](#) for all Bona Fide Team waiver requests. This is also in the Members Only section of the MIAA website.

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.

Game Officials Appreciation Week (April 5-11)

The MIAA, in conjunction with the National Federation of State High School Associations, once again is looking to collectively recognize the efforts of our MIAA Game Officials during Spring 2026 National Officials Appreciation Week from April 5-11. MIAA staff members will travel around the state to personally thank officials and support their efforts on the local level. We hope that MIAA member schools will consider recognizing them in some manner.

Spring 2026 Game Officials Newsletter

[Click here](#) to access the latest edition, featuring important NFHS rules updates and other valuable information:

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 Student Advisory Committee 2026-2027 Application

Please [click here](#) to access the 2026-27 MIAA Student Advisory Committee Application. We kindly ask that you share this with your 2026-27 rising juniors and seniors, MIAA Student Ambassadors and those students that you consider to be exceptional leaders. The application deadline is April 24, 2026, and each school is limited to submitting a maximum of two (2) applications for consideration.

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.

February/March Calendar

- March 31 – Swim & Dive Committee
- April 2 – MIAA Annual Meeting
- April 7 – TMC (Virtual)
- April 8 – Baseball Committee
- April 8 – Unified Sports Advisory Committee
- April 16 – TMC
- April 16 – Wrestling Committee
- April 28 – Gymnastics Committee
- April 29 – Ski Committee

Thank you for your continued support!