



Executive Director's Update

Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association

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An Update from Executive Director Robert Baldwin

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MSAA MIAA

Respect & Civility Symposium

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Event Information

- Friday, May 8, 2026**
8:30 am to 1:00 pm
- MSAA/MIAA Offices**
33 Forge Parkway, Franklin
- 3 Participation Hours in Content Area Safe and Supportive Learning Environments**
- Fee: \$60 / Person**

Brave Leadership in Difficult Moments: Responding to Challenging Incidents at School

This workshop is designed to equip school leaders with the tools and strategies needed to navigate challenging incidents in our schools. Participants will gain a better understanding of the complex nature of difficult situations in educational environments while gaining practical strategies for effective leadership.

Register Now

Spring 2026 Power Rankings

The first power rankings for spring 2026 sports were 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. Updated power rankings will be published on the MIAA website every Tuesday and Friday throughout the remainder of the spring 2026 regular season.

Introducing: "Game Day": MIAA Website Added Features and Enhancements

The MIAA, in conjunction with the web agency Gravity Works Design & Development, is excited to announce the addition of "Game Day" – featuring many new features and enhancements – to the MIAA website. The new Game Day package takes scores and schedules data already entered by MIAA member schools into the Arbiter platform, and displays it across multiple views and filter-able options.

[Click here](#) for more information.

NFHS Learning Center Course on Sports Betting

Since its founding almost 20 years ago, the NFHS Learning Center (www.NFHSLearn.com) has repeatedly created new online education courses to address the most important current issues in high school sports and other activities in our nation's schools.

Two weeks ago, another key issue was addressed with the launch of the [Sports Betting](#) course, which was started to help high school students understand the potential lifelong risks.

High school students are growing up in a sports culture where sports betting is highly visible, with commercials, sports odds and commentators picking teams to win. Our society, in fact, glorifies gambling and there's a double-standard, in some cases, at higher levels of sports.

The interscholastic sports scene is – and must remain – different. The tag line of the Sports Betting course is "It's Not Worth the Bet," and the NFHS highly encourages leaders in our nation's schools to take this course, and then arrange for all student-athletes in schools – middle schools and high schools – to also take this free course in which they will discover the potential dangers of making that first bet.

For starters, the legal consequences of sports betting by high school students must be emphasized. It is against the law, and breaking the law could mean loss of high school eligibility, and it could start high school students down a lifelong path that could adversely affect their career, finances and family.

Sports betting can take a toll on an individual's mental and emotional well-being, and if a person becomes too involved, it can become an obsession and lead to destructive behaviors. And for high school students, becoming involved in sports betting could affect students' performances in the classroom and on the court or field.

Fortunately, education-based sports programs provide structure, supervision and trusted adult relationships that can help protect student-athletes from gambling-related behaviors. We encourage everyone in our nation's schools to take the free Sports Betting course and to remember, "It's Not Worth the Bet."

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.

Tournament Director Vacancy

The MIAA is currently looking to fill a Tournament Director position for Division 1 Wrestling.

[Click here](#) for more information.



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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.

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 Coach of the Year Award

Nominations for the MIAA Coach of the Year Award are due June 30 and must be submitted via this [link](#). This award recognizes "teacher-coaches" who have a positive impact on the lives of student-athletes. The ideal candidate inspires students to succeed, builds self-confidence and a strong work ethic, and helps them develop skills for success in life beyond sports. Nominees should also encourage well-roundedness in their student-athletes (including excellence in academics and citizenship) and have a reputation for fair play and good sportsmanship. Nominations are valid for two years. A follow-up communication will be sent to all nominated coaches to gather any additional or missing details not provided by the person submitting the nomination.

Student Certificates Available



A variety of certificates are available in the [Members Only](#) section of the MIAA website to celebrate the achievements of students in your school. These certificates include "Pillar Awards" for Community Service, Leadership, Sportsmanship, Wellness, and Coaches Education. In addition, a recognition certificate for your school's MIAA Student Ambassadors is also available in this section. These certificates are great resources to recognize student leaders at Senior Award Nights and end of season banquets.

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 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

- May 8 – [Respect & Civility Symposium](#)
- May 19 – Girls and Women in Sport Day

April/May/June Calendar

- May 5 – Soccer Committee (virtual)
- May 6 – Basketball Committee (virtual)
- May 6 – Ice Hockey Committee
- May 7 – Track Committee
- May 7 – Volleyball Committee
- May 11 – Sports Medicine Committee
- May 12 – Lacrosse Committee
- May 13 – MIAA Board of Directors
- May 18 – Sportsmanship Committee
- May 20 – TMC (virtual)
- June 9 – Unified Sports Advisory Committee
- June 10 – Golf Committee

Thanks for your continued support!