



Executive Director's Update

Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association

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An Update from Executive Director Robert Baldwin
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MIAA Hosts 47th Annual Meeting



On April 2nd over 300 principals and athletic directors attended the 47th Annual Meeting at the Doubletree Hotel in Westboro. President Tom Arria and Executive Director Bob Baldwin reviewed the accomplishments of the Association. Four panels followed the business meeting:

- Addressing Hate in School Sports – 4 Years and Moving Forward
- From Tragedy to Triumph – the Rhode Island Hockey Story
- InsideOut – Creating a Purpose-Based Sports Culture
- Student Athlete Health and Well-Being, The Impact of Well-Meaning Adults on a Young Person

Spring 2026 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.

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.

The Massachusetts Council on Gaming and Health

[Click here](#) for more information on Middle School Curriculum & Programming for Spring 2026. More information to follow, including a new NFHS course.



Executive Director Bob Baldwin presenting on a panel at the NFHS Headquarters on **Youth Sports Betting Safety Coalition**

Spring 2026 State Championship Dates/Locations

Baseball – June 12 & 13, Polar Park
Golf – June 1, Indian Pond Country Club
Lacrosse Boys – June 13 – Worcester State
Lacrosse Girls – June 10 & 11 – Babson
Outdoor Track – June 4 & 6 – Merrimack
Rugby – June 11 – Veteran's Memorial Stadium, Quincy
Softball – June 12 & 13
Tennis – June 13, MIT
Volleyball – June 11 & 12
Unified Track & Field – May 27 – Natick HS

MIAA Exclusionary School Status Application

In the winter of 2024, the 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 & 2028–29). [Click here](#) to view the current list of exclusionary schools. Schools interested in applying for exclusionary status must complete the application below by Friday, April 17, 2026. Schools may be asked to present their application to the Board of Directors at a meeting scheduled for May 13, 2026. [Click here](#) for the MIAA Exclusion Status Application



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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.

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 Advisory Committee 26-27 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.

Game Officials Appreciation Week (April 6-12)



Lacrosse Officials – Westfield vs Longmeadow

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 6-12. MIAA staff members will travel around the state to personally thank officials and support their efforts on the local level.

Tournament Director Vacancy

The MIAA is currently looking to fill a Tournament Director position for Division 1 Wrestling. [Click here](#) for more 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.



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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.

Recognition for Graduating Seniors Entering the Armed Forces

In partnership again this year, the Massachusetts School Administrators' Association (MSAA) and the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) would like to offer you an opportunity to recognize your graduating seniors who have chosen to enter the Armed Forces. This recognition will be in the form of a specialized certificate and a presence on both association websites during the week of Memorial Day (May 25, 2026). If you would like to participate in this recognition, please [click here](#) and provide the requested information for each student to be recognized. The deadline to submit this information is April 29, 2026. Certificates will be sent to individual schools by the third week of May. The MSAA and MIAA website recognition during the week of May 25th will include the student's name, school, and selected branch of service. The MSAA and the MIAA memberships send their best wishes to you and the Class of 2026 for a special Commencement Week.

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](#).

Upcoming Events

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

April/May Calendar

- April 16 – TMC
- April 16 – Wrestling Committee
- April 28 – Gymnastics Committee
- April 29 – Ski Committee (virtual)
- April 29 – Football Committee
- May 5 – Soccer Committee (virtual)
- May 6 – Basketball Committee
- 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 20 – TMC (virtual)

Thanks for your continued support!