

MIAA Rule Clarifications Handbook 2025-2027

5/15/2026

Rule	Name	Clarification	Date of Clarification
34.1	Recognized Sports and Scheduling Limits	Exclusionary school application process was added to rule	6/12/2024
34.6	Recognized Sports, And Scheduling Limits for Schools	Clarification of schedule commitment deadlines, including the consequences of playing unapproved games or overscheduling.	5/14/2025
40.7	Out-of-Season Coach-Athlete Contact Limitations	Add clarifying language to the definition of a 'candidate', which is listed as MIAA Rule 40.7.2	10/9/2024
54	Student Eligibility: Home Educated Students	MIAA Board of Directors approved the addition of Commonwealth Virtual School Students to the title of this rule	11/13/2023
59	Student Eligibility: Time Allowed for Participation After First Entering Grade Nine	Reorganized the rule to align with the approved rule change from 2022 stating that students who choose to repeat a grade	5/14/2025
68	Field Hockey	Removed rules 68.1.1, 68.1.2, 68.2 and 68.2.1 about uniforms and match length as those rules were already covered in the NFHS Field Hockey rules. Also, moved rule 68.3 regarding red	5/13/2026
69.3	Football	BOD Approved the adoption of the NFHS overtime/resolving tied games procedure.	5/13/2026
71	Gymnastics	Removed all of Boys' Gymnastics language as it is no longer a recognized MIAA sport.	6/18/2024
71	Gymnastics	Added clarifying language to gymnastics rules 71.1.5, 71.1.6, and 71.1.9	6/18/2024
71	Gymnastics	removed rule 71.3 and 71.4 as they were not necessary per NFHS rules	6/18/2024

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72	Ice Hockey	removed rule 72.5.6 as it does not apply with the state wide tournament, <i>"If game ends in a tie, each team will receive 1</i>	12/6/2023
72	Ice Hockey	removed rule 72.5.7 as it does not apply with the state wide tournament, <i>"If game ends with a goal, winning team receives</i>	12/6/2023
74	Lacrosse	Rule 74.2 - added language that outlines NFHS rule 2.7.2 contains all ASTM standards for required eye protection	3/21/2024
74	Lacrosse	Rule 74.3 - added language that outlines NFHS rules 2.7.1 and 2.9.1 detail all mouthguard/tooth protector requirements	3/21/2024
74	Lacrosse	Rule 74.4 - added language that outlines the length of matches under NFHS rule 3.1.1 and 4.1.1	3/21/2024
74	Lacrosse	Removed rules 74.7 and 74.10 as they were not modifications from NFHS rules.	3/21/2024
81.4	Tennis	removed rule 81.4 as it pertained to the old MIAA individual tennis tournament, which no longer exists. <i>"If a singles player or doubles team in the MIAA Tournament cannot participate</i>	6/24/2024
87	Student Eligibility Waiver- The Process	PVIAC requested the removal of language in rule 87 that states, <i>"Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference (PVIAC) has been delegated by the MIAA Board of Directors to deal with some student eligibility waivers from their schools. Decisions made by the PVIAC Eligibility Appeals Board (EAB)</i>	6/12/2024
Part IX	Tournaments	Removed the tournament philosophy and cut-off dates from the MIAA Handbook as the cut-off dates do not need to be	6/18/2024

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	Cooperative Team and Middle Level Policies	Reviewed and updated by all DACs. Changes to these documents, as well as to the Maximum Numbers document, were approved by the MIAA Board of Directors in May 2025.	5/14/2025
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