



Executive Director's Update

Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association

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An Update from Executive Director Robert Baldwin

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M.A.S.S. presents the 2026 Distinguished Service Award



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MIAA Board of Directors May 13, 2026 Meeting

The MIAA Board of Directors met on Wednesday May 13, 2026. The following is a selective recap:

- Board members received the upcoming 2026–2027 tournament formats. The finalized formats will be published on the MIAA website shortly.
- Statewide components (Division 1A/All State):
 - Baseball approved 20-3 (effective 2027)
 - Ice Hockey approved 20-3 (effective 2028)
- Football Start Date: The MIAA Football Committee requested a reconsideration to the football start date. The Board of Directors voted 6-17 to deny this request and uphold their November 12, 2025 19-4 vote. Football start date will remain August 24, 2026.
- Cross Country Divisional Expansion: Approved 22-1 to expand to 4 divisions, effective fall 2027.
- The Football Committee proposed a new Overtime Rule ([click here](#) to view). The MIAA Board of Directors voted 23-0 to approve.

MIAA Institutional Dues 2026-2027

Institutional Dues Registration forms will be available in the members area of the MIAA Website on July 1, 2026. Members will access the members area by clicking on the "User Login" link in the upper right-hand corner.

Student Ambassador Information

Registration for the 2026-27 MIAA Student Ambassador Program is now open! Principals and Athletic Directors can register students by [clicking here](#). More information about the MIAA Student Ambassador Program can be found on the [Student Ambassador Program Page](#).

MIAA Student Advisory Committee

The MIAA is proud to announce the selection of the 2026-27 Student Advisory Committee following an extensive application and interview process. Representing schools from across the Commonwealth, these 20 exceptional student leaders will serve as ambassadors for more than 200,000 MIAA student-athletes and help shape the future of educational athletics in Massachusetts.

[Click here](#) to view the list of 2026-27 MIAA Student Advisory Committee members.

NEW Sanction of Multiple School Athletic Events Submission Process

To improve efficiency and streamline the application for Sanction of Multiple School Athletic Events application, we have implemented a new online submission system. A Formstack application has been created in lieu of the previous Sanction of Multiple School Athletic Events 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 the following online forms. These interactive forms are also linked on the MIAA website.

- [Application for Sanction of Bordering State\(s\) Athletic Event](#)
- [Application for Sanction of Multiple School Athletic Event](#)

MIAA 2026 Distinguished Service Awards

The Distinguished Service Award is one of the most important awards given by the Association. When considering nominees, please weigh longevity, contributions, and distinguished service as important factors. [Click here](#) to nominate. Nominations are due by Tuesday, June 30th.

MIAA Coach of the Year Award Nominations

This award seeks to recognize and honor "teacher coaches" from each MIAA sponsored sport. Nominations will be accepted through June 30 and must be submitted via [this link](#). There are many outstanding role models serving as coaches across Massachusetts. Please consider nominating a coach that has positively impacted students.

MIAA Game Official of the Year

This award seeks to recognize and honor officials who have displayed character, integrity and dignity, while displaying the highest standards of ethical conduct. Award candidates should have a record of exceptional performance, as well as a reputation, among their peers and the athletic community, for fair play, good sportsmanship, and the development of these attributes in our student-athletes. Submission deadline – June 30, 2026. [Click here](#) to nominate.



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MIAA Committee Meeting 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.

Calendar

June 9 – Unified Sports Advisory Committee (virtual)

June 10 – MIAA Board of Directors (virtual)

June 10 – Golf Committee

July 8 – Track Committee

August 12 – [MIAA Rules Orientation Workshop](#)

Summer Office Hours

The MIAA offices will close at noon on Fridays beginning June 26th through September 4th. The office will also be closed July 27 through July 31.

Thanks for your continued support!

Robert Baldwin