



Executive Director's Update

Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association

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An Update from Executive Director Robert Baldwin
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2022 MIAA Girls State Basketball Champions

Congratulations to the 2022 MIAA Girls State Champion Basketball Teams for their participation in Governor Healey's Inauguration celebration at the TD Garden on Thursday, January 5th. The teams that were honored were Springfield Central, Oliver Ames, Amesbury, and St. Mary's of Lynn. As James Gee, Springfield Central coach stated, "The experience was great and our girls took part in history."



Winter 2023 Power Rankings

The first power rankings for winter 2023 sports will be released and published on the [Tournament Central section of the MIAA web site](#) on Friday, January 13. Athletic directors are asked to make sure their schedules and results are accurate and up to date on Arbiter by the end of the night Thursday, and on a nightly basis throughout the school year. The power ratings and tournament seedings depend on complete and accurate data from all MIAA schools. The intention is to have updated power ratings on the MIAA web site every Tuesday and Friday throughout the remainder of the winter 2023 regular season.

2022-23 MIAA Wrestling Girls All-State Tournament Entry Update

[Click here](#) to view a significant and positive update related to the MIAA Girls All-State Tournament entry decision timeline.

Swimming & Diving Information and Dates

Please see the MIAA Swimming & Diving page at this [link](#) for very important dates and times for the upcoming MIAA Swimming and Diving Tournament in February. Please pay close attention to the fact that sectional diving will take place at the Dedham Pool on Weds. & Thurs., Feb 8 & 9 separate from the sectional swimming event on the weekend. Other important information will be updated and added to the swimming and diving page as the tournament approaches. Please ask coaches to be attentive to this information and all communication.

Thank you Athletic Trainers/Medical Personnel

As many of us followed the recovery of Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin this past week, it raised awareness of the role of athletic trainers and medical personnel at athletic events. Although we understand the dedication and hard work of athletic trainers and first responders, we wanted to take a moment to express our appreciation again for their tireless efforts in all they do for our student-athletes, coaches, and referees. You are a vital part of the success of any sporting event. Thank You.

AEDS

MIAA rules began recommending AEDs at all athletic events beginning in the 2017-18 school year in advance of the state law requirement for the 2018-19 school year. The recent publicity surrounding Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin is a good reminder for all schools to re-visit their Emergency Action Plans, AEDs, and preparedness in an emergency.

2023 Winter State Final Tournament Venues

- Alpine Ski - Berkshire East Mountain Resort
- Basketball - Tsongas Arena
- Gymnastics - Algonquin RHS
- Ice Hockey - TD Garden
- Indoor Track - Reggie Lewis Center
- Nordic Ski - Prospect Mountain, VT
- Swimming & Diving - MIT
- Wrestling - Reading Memorial High School

NFHS Future Rule Changes

During the annual NFHS rule change writing process, specific sports work to plan for future rule changes and/or equipment changes. During this time of budget development with your schools, please take a moment to read upcoming sport rule changes. Pay particular attention to the uniform changes that may impact current purchases. [NFHS Future Rule Changes](#).

Statewide Tournament Director Vacancies

Application deadline for winter sport tournament director positions is Friday, January 20th. [Click here](#) to apply.



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ArbiterGame Website Training

MIAA staff are offering an ArbiterGame training session on January 25th at the MIAA office in Franklin starting at 9:00 am. [Click here](#) to sign up for this NO COST training.

Winter 2023-24 & 2024-25 Proposed Alignments

Available on the [MIAA website](#). Alignment appeal deadline is January 26, 2023.

Student-Athlete of the Month

Nominations are currently being accepted for the MIAA Student-Athlete of the Month Award. This award recognizes two student-athletes on a monthly basis (September-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. Award recipients will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and be honored at an event in collaboration with their school. Nominations are due by the last day of each month. Please [click here](#) for the nomination form.

Sherman A. Kinney Award

For outstanding contributions to the sport of high school basketball

Each year, the Sherman A. Kinney Award is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the sport of basketball in the school or community, has consistently served as a positive role model for young student athletes; whose actions consistently exemplify the tenets of the MIAA Sportsmanship Philosophy; and has provided long term service in the sport of basketball in the school or community. Please [Click here](#) to submit a nomination. Nominations are due February 10, 2023.

Boston Bruins/MIAA Sportsmanship Awards

For the past 21 years, the MIAA and Boston Bruins have partnered to honor one student-athlete from each boys' and girls' high school ice hockey league in the state for best demonstrating a commitment to sportsmanship in their conduct on and off the ice. Each league is asked to select one student-athlete that meets the criteria described on the nomination form to serve as the league's award recipient. After selecting this recipient, the student-athlete's information must be submitted on the online [nomination form](#) no later than 12:00pm on March 1, 2023. Award recipients will be honored on March 21 during the Boston Bruins game at the TD Garden.

GWS Day Date Change

The date for our Girls and Women in Sports (GWS) Day has changed. The new date is April 28, 2023. If you have already registered for this event, we will keep your registration and honor it for new date. If you can no longer attend or you need to make any changes to your

registration, please email or call Sue Cauley at 508-541-9851 or scauley@miaa.net.

Coaches Education Classes

The NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Course is being offered on a variety of dates over the coming weeks. Registration for the following virtual and in-person options is available at [this link](#).

- February 6 & 8 Virtual
- February 11 – Gateway RHS
- February 15 Nipmuc RHS
- February 16 Middleboro HS
- March 4 Medford HS

Calendar

Start time 10:00am unless otherwise noted:

- January 17 Track Committee
- January 18 TMC
- January 19 Football Committee
- January 20 DEI Summit
- January 25 ArbiterGame Training (9:00am)
- January 27 [Student Ambassador Huddle](#)
- January 31 Ice Hockey Committee
- February 1 Student Advisory Committee
- ~~February 3~~ GWS Day – NEW DATE April 28
- February 8 MIAA Board of Directors
- February 13 Sports Medicine Committee
- February 14 Tennis Committee
- February 15 Volleyball Committee

In case you missed it...

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- Addressing Hate in School Sports Conference
- Promote the Respectful Treatment of All Members of a School Community
- Board of Directors Actions
- Fall Tournament
- Winter Season Reminder
- 2021-2022 MIAA Awards Banquet
- DPH Get Boosted Campaign
- Student Athlete of the Month Award

Thanks for your continued support.

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