



Executive Director's Update

Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association

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An Update from Executive Director Robert Baldwin

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Nordic Ski Championship

The Nordic Ski Championship was held at Prospect Mountain in Woodford, VT on Wednesday, February 14th. Over 280 student-athletes competed from 21 schools. This year, we welcomed Arlington High School as a first-year entry. The Mount Greylock Girls and the Newton South Boys took home the titles. Congratulations to all.



Deadline: Tournament Entry Forms

Tournament Entry Forms for Basketball, Ice Hockey and Alpine Ski are **due Friday, February 16, 2024 by 4:00pm**

Middle Level Waiver and Coop Application Deadlines

The spring 2024 middle level waiver and cooperative application deadline is March 28, 2024.

Student Eligibility–Spring Waiver Deadline

Deadline for spring student eligibility waiver submissions is Monday, April 1, 2024. This is a firm deadline and late waivers will not be accepted.

Tournament Pairings

In an effort to streamline the process of producing the final power rankings and create a smoother process of building and releasing the tournament brackets, guidelines have been developed to be used by sport tournament directors, seeding committees, and MIAA staff. [Click here](#) for Winter 2024 seeding information for Basketball and Ice Hockey.

Endowment Games

On February 7, 2024, The MIAA Board of Directors voted to discontinue Endowment Games as of July 1, 2025.

2024 MIAA Annual Meeting Registration

The 2024 MIAA Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at Gillette Stadium. [Click here](#) to register.

Un-Played Contests ~ Forfeits and No-Contest Determinations

Please [click this link](#) to request a determination of a "Forfeit" or "No Contest" for an un-played contest. All sections must be completed thoroughly. This information will be reviewed by a Seasonal Seeding Committee consisting of the chair or designee from each in-season

sport and TMC representatives. Tournament Directors and Executive Liaisons may be present but are non-voting members. All decisions made by the Seasonal Seeding Committee are final. Once a determination is made, it will be shared with the schools included on this form. Every attempt should be made to reschedule the contest on the next available date. NOTE: This form does not need to be filed in the case of forfeits due to a canceled season (Rule 18), over scheduling (Rule 34.6), or ineligible player (Rule 86).

Addressing Hate in School Sports

The Attorney General's Office, in partnership with M.A.S.S., MIAA, MSAA, and DESE will offer **8 Regional Trainings** this Spring for school district and athletic leadership, as part of the next phase of the Addressing Hate in School Sports statewide initiative. **PLEASE NOTE: If you are interested in attending, please coordinate with your superintendent, who can complete the registration form on behalf of up to three district staff members.**

Previously attended a Regional Training? Contact your superintendent and other district leaders if you are interested in scheduling a **follow-up, onsite training** for coaches, teachers, students, or a combination for your individual school. Review the [Local School Trainings flyer](#) for more information on how to schedule these trainings and the opportunity for financial assistance.

For more information, see the following links, and the Q&A below.

- [Regional Trainings](#)
- [Local School Trainings](#)

New report on student success examines 6 New England public high schools after the pandemic

The Center for Reinventing Public Education (CRPE) and the Center for Public Research and Leadership (CPRL) have released ["A 'good life' for every student: High schools embrace many pathways to success."](#) In six public high schools across New England, researchers conducted more than 250 interviews with students, educators, administrators, and caregivers to explore whether lessons learned during the Covid-19 recovery period may lead to more lasting, transformative shifts. The interviews yielded a resounding message: **High schools should prepare young people not just for college or work, but to live a "good life" on their own terms—to be fulfilled, happy adults with stable, family-sustaining incomes, strong communities, and choices about which opportunities to pursue.** [Read the report.](#)

Suspended Game and Overtime Procedures

In an effort to support our Athletic Directors, linked below is a document that outlines all MIAA suspended game and overtime procedures. This document is intended to assist



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Athletic Directors and Game Officials with the suspended game policies and overtime procedures of the MIAA and NFHS. [Click here](#) to access the document.

MIAA Rule Change Proposals

Reminder! MIAA Rule Change Proposals must be submitted to Phil Napolitano (pnapolitano@miaa.net) by June 1, 2024. The form can be found by [clicking here](#).

MIAA Sports Theme Week

The 2023-2024 MIAA Student Advisory Committee has designed and implemented a 'Sports Theme Week' with the goal of increasing student support and attendance at all athletic events, not just the popular sports. We hope this information is passed along to your student-leaders who can encourage participation in this 'school spirit' driven initiative. [Click here](#) to access the flyer.

MIAA Coach of the Year Award

Coach of the Year Award Nominations – Due June 30

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](#). Anyone can submit a Coach of the Year Award nomination and follow up communication will be sent to nominees to help provide any missing or additional details. There are many outstanding role models serving as coaches across Massachusetts. Please consider nominating a coach that has positively impacted students.

Boston Bruins – MIAA Sportsmanship Awards

The Boston Bruins and MIAA are pleased to announce that the presentation of this year's Boston Bruins-MIAA Sportsmanship Awards will take place at the TD Garden on Tuesday, March 19, 2024. [Click here](#) for more information and award selection form.

Call for Nominations: MIAA Massachusetts Women in Athletics Distinguished Service Award

The MIAA Women in Leadership Committee yearly recognizes women who have worked with distinction on behalf of the girls' sports in their communities with the Massachusetts Women in Athletics Distinguished Service Award (MWADSA). This award celebrates the efforts of those whose contributions have had a lasting and profound effect on female student athletes. [Click here](#) for nomination form.

Student and Coach Disqualification Forms

The [MIAA Student Contest Disqualification Form](#) and [MIAA Coach Contest Disqualification Form](#) were updated for the 2023-24 school year. Please make sure to have these new forms available at all interscholastic contests and discard any previous versions of the forms. When a student or coach is disqualified from a contest, these forms must be completed by the game official and submitted to the athletic director in charge of the contest,

or designee, **before leaving the site**. Please reference MIAA Handbook Rule 49 for additional school requirements when a student or coach is disqualified from a contest.

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 Orientation/Induction Workshop for Principals & Athletic Directors

The MIAA is excited to announce that the next MIAA Orientation Workshop for Principals & Athletic Directors will be offered on **Tuesday, March 26, 2024** in conjunction with the MSSADA Conference in Hyannis. [Click here](#) to view the flyer.

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

- March 1–Student Leadership Workshop

Coaches Education Classes

- February 22 – MIAA Office
- March 5 – Madison Park High School
- March 9 - Virtual

Calendar

- February 28 – Softball Committee - Virtual
- February 29 - TMC Committee
- March 5 – Football Committee
- March 6 – Track Committee – Virtual
- March 6 – Swim Committee – Virtual
- March 7 – Rugby Committee – Virtual
- March 13 – MIAA Board of Directors
- March 14 – Golf Committee – Virtual
- March 21 – Game Official Committee – Virtual

Thanks for your continued support!

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