



Executive Director's Update

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An Update from Executive Director Robert Baldwin

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March 23, 2023

On the heels of highly successful tournaments, meets, and events in gymnastics, swimming/diving, track and field, alpine and Nordic skiing, and wrestling we would like to continue to accentuate the positive. ESPN is famous for their 30 for 30 series. We reflected back upon a 96-hour period of time between Friday March 17 and Tuesday March 21, 2023. The following events took place in a four-day span (96-hours). We celebrate our member schools, our student athletes, coaches, officials, and fans from over one-third of our member schools. From Taconic High School in Pittsfield to Nauset High School on Cape Cod, the Association was extremely active serving our member schools. We are pleased with the energy and enthusiasm that these events generated. The following is our version of 133 (schools) for 96 (hours). How much fun it was!

2023 MIAA Basketball and Ice Hockey

Boys and Girls Basketball Championship Games were held at the Tsongas Center (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) in Lowell. The competing teams were.

- D1 Girls - Andover vs. Bishop Feehan
- D2 Girls - Foxborough vs. Dracut
- D3 Girls - St. Mary's vs. Bishop Fenwick
- D4 Girls - Cathedral vs. Wahconah
- D5 Girls - Millis vs. Springfield International
- D1 Boys - Needham vs. Worcester North
- D2 Boys - Malden Catholic vs. Mansfield
- D3 Boys - Archbishop Williams vs. St. Mary's
- D4 Boys - Wareham vs. Springfield International
- D5 Boys - Taconic vs. David Prouty

At the MIAA State Basketball Finals, the following teams were recognized as recipients of the 2023 Boys and Girls Basketball Team Sportsmanship Awards.

- Bromfield School (Boys)
- Shepherd Hill Regional High School (Boys)
- Douglas High School (Girls)
- Notre Dame Academy, Hingham (Girls)
- Old Colony Reg. Voc/Tech High School (Girls)
- Nauset Regional High School (Girls) are also award recipients and will receive the award at a later date.

Boys and Girls Ice Hockey Championship Games were held at the TD Garden (Sunday) in Boston.

- D2 Girls - Duxbury vs. Canton
- D2 Boys - Canton vs. Hopkinton
- D1 Boys - Pope Francis vs. Xaverian Brothers
- D4 Boys - Norwell vs. Sandwich
- D3 Boys - Scituate vs. Nashoba
- D1 Girls - St. Mary's vs. Shrewsbury

Also at the MIAA State Hockey Finals, the following teams were recognized as recipients of the 2023 Boys and Girls Hockey Team Sportsmanship Awards.

- Boston Latin School (Girls)
- Medfield High School (Girls)
- Hingham High School (Boys)
- Lynnfield High School (Boys)

Addressing Hate in School Trainings

Three Addressing Hate in School Sports Trainings were hosted across the state (College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Endicott College in Beverly, and Stonehill College in Easton) for Superintendents, Principals, and Athletic Directors as part of the MIAA's initiative with the Attorney General's Office.

- Avon Public Schools
- Ayer Shirley Public Schools
- Beverly Public Schools
- Blue Hills RV School District
- Bridgewater-Raynham Public Schools
- Brockton Public Schools
- Dover-Sherborn Public Schools
- East Bridgewater Public Schools
- Everett Public Schools
- Fitchburg Public Schools
- Franklin Public Schools
- Lynnfield Public Schools
- Marblehead Public Schools
- Montachusett RVT School District
- North Reading Public Schools
- Northampton Public Schools
- Norwell Public Schools
- Quaboag Regional
- Reading Public Schools
- Rockport Public Schools
- Saugus Public Schools
- Shawsheen Valley Technical School
- Sizer Essential Charter School
- Somerset Berkley Reg. School District
- South Middlesex RV School District
- South Shore RV School District
- Southern Worcester County RVTHS
- Spencer-East Brookfield Reg. School District
- Westford Public Schools



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Softball Ed Camp

On March 18, 2023, the MIAA conducted their first ever "Softball Coaches EdCamp." This event was highly successful, with 40 coaches from across Massachusetts attending. The agenda for the day was guided by the participants and included collaborative conversations on topics such as motivation and teambuilding, how to build participation, working with small teams, best practices for warm-ups, skill drills and practice structure as well as sharing of resources and tools. Feedback clearly indicated participants left feeling supported, connected and energized for the season. Thank you to all participants.

Dario Alvarez, Wayland High School
Beth Arguin, Dartmouth High School
Kip Brown, Randolph High School
Larry Burnham, Rockport High School
Samuel Carde, Rising Tide Charter School
Peter Cardoza, Blackstone Valley RVTHS
Jill Carneglia, Monson High School
Jim Casey, Hopedale Jr/Sr High School
Steven Cerce, Oliver Ames High School
Allicyn Cole, Norfolk County Agricultural HS
Hannah Depoutot, Stoughton High School
Andrew Dietrich, Hopedale Jr/Sr High School
Abby Dornbusch, Lexington High School
Marissa Flynn, Marlborough High School
Christopher Forte, Ursuline Academy
Manny Gomes, Ashland High School
Beckie Gray, Sharon High School
Scott Hutkoski, St. Mary's High School, Westfield
Michael Hyde, West Bridgewater High School
Shelley Hynes, Uxbridge High School
Monique Jones, Westport High School
Angela Kaizer, Clinton High School
Abbey Keeler, Gateway Regional School
Josh Lemay, Greenfield High School
Allison Lima, Old Rochester Reg. High School
Michaella Mahoney, Marlborough High School
Kate Marchand, Lincoln-Sudbury Reg. HS
Matthew Matsen, Ashland High School
Hayley McCarthy, Haverhill High School
Casey Regan, Holbrook Middle High School
Jillian Russo, Leicester High School
Julia Ryan, Barnstable High School
Constancia Santiago, AWRSD Overlook Middle School
Ashley Saquet, Dartmouth High School
Breanna Shaffer, Franklin High School
Ashley Siffard, Duxbury High School
John Skogstrom, Minuteman Reg. High School
Bill Spiller, Nashoba Tech High School
Yaixsa Vargas, Holyoke High North
Laura Whittaker, Stoughton High School

2023 Boston Bruins-MIAA Sportsmanship Recognition

For the 21st consecutive year, the MIAA and Boston Bruins have partnered to honor a student-athlete from boys and girls high school ice hockey leagues across the state for best exemplifying a commitment to sportsmanship throughout the season.

Jacob Quinn, Abington High School
Allison Corrieri, Acton-Boxborough Reg H.S.
Christopher Woo, Bedford High School
Cam Fici, Belmont High School
Ethan Cliff, Billerica Memorial High School
Josh Millman, Bishop Fenwick High School
Zoe Elwell, Bishop Fenwick High School
Jacob Schofield, Bristol-Plymouth Reg Voc Tech
Abigail Sousa, Burlington High School
Jack Flynn, Danvers High School
Eathon Bryant, Greenfield High School
Hannah Tsouvalas, Hamilton-Wenham Reg HS
Cailyn McCarthy, Hanover High School
Benjamin Corbin, Ludlow High School
Brendan Zinck, Malden Catholic High School
Haley MacLeod, Medway High School
Declan Daley, Newton South High School
Matthew Young, North Reading High School
Kevin Roach, Norwood Senior High School
Matt Lawson, Oliver Ames High School
Bailey Mooers, Oliver Ames High School
Silas Ohman, Sandwich High School
Makena Clark, Sandwich High School
Aiden Dunphy, Silver Lake Reg. High School
Matt Costa, Somerset Berkley Regional HS
Sean Farley, Stoughton High School
Gwendolyn Walsh Ursuline Academy
Jason Finkelstein, Walpole High School
Madison Clark, Walpole High School
Reagan MacPherson, Waltham High School
Garrett Barriere, Westborough High School

The Sherm Kinney Award

This award is given to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the sport of basketball in their school or community, who has consistently served as a positive role model for young student athletes, whose actions consistently exemplify the tenets of the MIAA Sportsmanship Philosophy and who has provided long term service in the sport of basketball in their school or community.

Congratulations to Mike Lahiff, Athletic Director at Matignon High School (formerly of Watertown High School) on receiving the 2023 Sherm Kinney Award for outstanding contributions to the sport of high school basketball.



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A Night of Champions

A Night of Champions was held at Gillette Stadium in partnership with the New England Revolution. This inaugural, and hopefully annual event, honored all 2022-2023 MIAA State Champions. (All teams were invited). Participating teams and schools were.

Acton-Boxborough	D1 Girls Swim
Bromfield	D5 Boys Soccer
Hanover	D3 Girls Soccer
Hingham	D1 Girls Soccer
Manchester-Essex	D4 Boys Baseball
Newburyport	D3 Boys Soccer
Newton North	D1 Volleyball
Oliver Ames	D2 Boys Soccer
Silver Lake	D2 Girls Soccer
St Johns Prep	D1 Boys Soccer
Sutton	D5 Girls Soccer
Uxbridge	D4 Field Hockey
Wakefield	D2 Boys Cross Country
Watertown	D3 Field Hockey
Westfield	D2 Softball/Boys Volleyball
Westwood	D1 Girls Lax

Leadership Training Workshops

Two Leadership Training Workshops took place at member's schools over the past two days:

Monday, March 20- Monomoy High School hosted an MIAA Leadership training workshop facilitated by Deb and Trevor Hult, Core Trainings. More than 40 student-athletes representing Monomoy, Dennis-Yarmouth, Sturgis East, Falmouth and Sandwich High Schools benefited from this engaging and informative training.

Tuesday, March 21 – Mount Greylock hosted an MIAA Leadership training workshop facilitated by Deb and Trevor Hult, Core Trainings. More than 50 student-athletes representing Mount Greylock, Pittsfield, Taconic, Mount Everett, Lenox, Drury and Hoosac took part in this engaging and educational day of learning.

Thank you Winter Season Host Schools

As the Association concludes another season, we would like to thank the numerous member schools that hosted games during the tournament. The success of the tournament is dependent on these schools willingness to open their campuses as we strive to have a first-class event. Our student-athletes benefitted from your generosity. Thank you.

Winter Tournament Data

The MIAA administers the state tournaments based upon an objective criteria for qualification in order to energize athletic teams and schools, and to provide experiences for entire communities to rally around their student-athletes. [CLICK HERE](#) for Winter Tournament analysis.

MIAA Power Rankings once again reflect accurate tournament brackets. [CLICK HERE](#) for The Eagle Tribune article titled, "MIAA power rankings should be here to stay" by Hector Longo.

Spring Season Reminders & Deadlines

As we transition from our Winter Tournaments to the start of the Spring Season it's important to note that two vital Spring Season Deadlines are quickly approaching. • Schedules are due via Arbiter no later than March 24, 2023 • The last day to apply for a Cooperative Team or a Middle Level Waiver is the first date of competition – March 30, 2023 for all sports except golf which is March 27, 2023 this Spring Season.

[Click Here](#) for Sport Limitations Information Document

[Click Here](#) for Spring Formats

Individual Tennis Tournament 2023

At the fall Tennis Committee meeting the members discussed the Individual Tennis Tournament and appointed a subcommittee to meet with TMC representatives to consider the structure and future direction of that tournament. The group met to discuss parameters and aspects of the Individual Tournament and how it fits into Association goals for the entire membership. For this spring 2023 there will only be a MIAA Team Tournament. The subcommittee will continue to dialogue and report back to the Tennis Committee.

MIAA Rule Clarifications

As a reminder, the MIAA Board of Directors supported the effort to allow MIAA staff to re-word and/or edit MIAA handbook rules for clarity and for better understanding by member school leaders. All Rule Clarifications will be accessed through the same MIAA Handbook link on the front page of the MIAA website ([click here](#)). Please make note of the March 15, 2023 BOD approved clarifications on MIAA Rule 18 (Canceled Season Policy), Rule 42 (League Organization & Membership Changes) and Rule 79.7 (Softball).

Student Eligibility Waiver Deadlines

Please be reminded that April 1, 2023 is the deadline to submit spring student eligibility waivers. This is a firm deadline and waivers will not be accepted beyond the deadline. EAB hearings for the spring have been scheduled for March 8, March 23 and April 11.

Reminder - Board of Directors Actions Required MIAA Form Acknowledging MIAA Rules 57 & 59

On August 17th, the MIAA Board of Directors adopted a new form that will be required for any students transferring to or reclassifying at an MIAA Member School. This required form is intended to serve as a supportive document for MIAA Member School leaders, the student-athletes and their families to



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ensure they are educated on MIAA rules and the future impact they may have on one's eligibility. This form must be implemented in schools beginning on October 1, 2022. Form #9, titled "Acknowledgement of MIAA rules 57 and 59", is required for all incoming transfers and/or students reclassifying.

MIAA Student Workshop

Every year your MIAA Student Advisory Committee works to create and implement their "footprint", which is the legacy they wish to leave behind. This year's committee has been working diligently since September to design a free, in-person, workshop for student-athletes that will focus on life after sports, community service and mental health. **The Act of Being vs The Act of Doing** workshop will be held on **Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at the MIAA Office from 9:00am-1:00pm**. This workshop will be led by the MIAA Student Advisory Committee and will include [Omari Pearson](#) as the Guest Speaker. [Click here](#) to register.

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 that 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 29, 2023). If you would like to take part in this recognition, kindly click on the link below and provide the requested information for each student to be recognized.

[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT STUDENT INFORMATION](#)

Deadline: May 5, 2023

In an effort to avoid omitting or duplicating any of your students, we ask that you assign ONE staff member from your school to be in charge of submitting the names. If you have any questions about the form or submitting more than 10 students at one time, please contact Donna Harrington at dharrington@miaa.net.

Calendar

Start time 10:00am unless otherwise noted:

- March 23 TMC (virtual)
- March 28 MIAA Orientation Workshop (11AM Resort & Conference Center at Hyannis)
- April 4 Student Advisory Workshop (9AM)
- April 5 Baseball Committee
- April 5 Unified Sports Advisory Committee
- April 6 MIAA Annual Meeting. Westboro (8:30AM)
- April 17 OFFICE CLOSED
- April 19 Coaches Ed Clinic (Franklin Office 9AM)
- April 25 Wrestling Committee
- April 26 Ice Hockey Committee
- April 28 GWS Day (Faneuil Hall)

In case you missed it...

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Thanks for your continued support.

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