



# Executive Director's Update

Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association

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**An Update from Executive Director Robert Baldwin**  
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## Addressing Hate in School Sports

The Attorney General's Office, in partnership with M.A.S.S., MIAA, MSAA, and DESE is offering **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.**

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

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

## Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Symposium

When: May 3rd, 2024

Theme: From Ally to Activist: Creating More Just and Equitable Schools

Join us for a day of learning, growth, and community-building as we explore the journey from allyship to activism in creating more just and equitable schools.

[Register Now!](#)

## RefReps/Officiating

You may have seen the [RefReps/Officiating](#) introduction at the Annual Meeting. Included here is a link to the PPT from the day ([RefReps Annual Meet Apr 2024 Presentation](#)). Please feel free to use as needed.

Additionally, here are two other links, one a flyer about the RefReps product and the other a more detailed description of what course content and implementation looks like:

[MIAA RefReps Flyer](#) & [MA Sports Officiating Course](#)

[Implementation](#). If you want more information about RefReps contact Shane Mattingly ([Shane@RefReps.com](mailto:Shane@RefReps.com)) or click on this link ([RefReps Interest Form \(pipedrive.com\)](#)) to register for more info. For info about the implementation at Taunton High School, you can contact Mark Ottavianelli ([mottavianelli@tauntonschools.org](mailto:mottavianelli@tauntonschools.org)). Thank you to Mark, Chris and the RefReps team for their presentation. Let's together grow the ranks of new officials.

## Spring Season Reminder

Thank You Athletic Directors! The success of the Winter Tournament and the ability to release Power Rankings twice a week was due, in large part, to the efforts of the Athletic Directors across the state and their commitment to updating Arbiter in a timely manner. Again, we are asking Athletic Directors to record their team results expeditiously so power rankings are accurate and up-to-date. Spring 2024 Power Rankings will be available starting in late April.

## Spring 2024 Power Rankings

The first power rankings for spring 2024 sports will be released and published on the Tournament Central section of the MIAA website on Friday, April 26. Athletic directors are asked to make sure their schedules and results are accurate and up-to-date on Arbiter on a nightly basis throughout the school year. The power rankings and tournament seedings depend on complete and accurate data from all MIAA schools. After April 26, updated power rankings will be published on the MIAA website every Tuesday and Friday throughout the remainder of the spring 2024 regular season.

## Endowment Games

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

## MIAA Rule Change Proposals

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

## Winter 2024 Tournament

The MIAA administers a state tournament based upon 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. According to Peter Gay of the [Attleboro Sun Chronicle](#), "The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association is better at seeding their state basketball tournament than the people who run college's March Madness."

## MIAA Exclusionary School Status Required Application

The MIAA Board of Directors approved the following application process for MIAA member schools to apply for exclusionary status. Applications can only be filled out by the member school Principal or Athletic Director. Each school will be required to present their case to the MIAA Board of Directors before a final decision is made.

Please note that all schools with current exclusionary status will remain in effect through next year, 2024-25, with the exception of the GBL schools (see notes below). Beyond that, only those schools approved through this process will have exclusionary status and the approval is good for two years. [Click here](#) to view the current list of exclusion schools. For those schools interested in applying for exclusionary status, please fill out the [application](#) by Wednesday, May 8, 2024. Schools will present their application to the MIAA Board of Directors at a virtual meeting that will be scheduled for the late spring 2024.

Note: On November 13, 2023, the MIAA Board of Directors approved the Greater Boston League's (GBL) request to



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have their exclusion status removed beginning on July 1, 2024. These schools include Everett, Malden, Medford, Revere, and Somerville.

## 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 27, 2024). Certificates will be sent to individual schools during the third week in May. In addition, the MSAA and MIAA website recognition during the week of May 27th will include the student's name, school, and selected branch of service. [Click here](#) to submit student information. Deadline, May 3, 2024.

## 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.

## 2023-2024 Participation Survey

Please [click here](#) to access the 2023-2024 National Federation Athletics and Activities (non-athletic) Participation Survey. **All MIAA member schools are required to submit this information.** The results of this annual survey are used at both the state and national level to promote interscholastic activities. Submission deadline: April 26, 2024.

## MIAA/NFHS National Officials Appreciation Week

The NFHS in partnership with member states is promoting a National Officials Appreciation week in each of the three seasons of play. As far as helping with the shortage of officials that we are all facing, recognizing, and appreciating officials may seem like a "little thing" but it goes a long way! Spring Sports Officials Appreciation Week April 14-20, 2024! Participation in spring sports officials' appreciation week can be as simple or as extravagant as schools want it to be. Schools could get their teams involved or ask other groups to serve as ambassadors to your school and community. Additionally, MIAA staff members will be attending games throughout the state to help support the effort recognizing officials!

## 2024-25 MIAA Student Advisory Committee Application

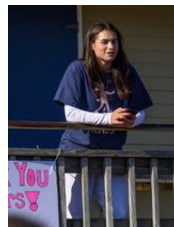
Please [click here](#) to access the 2024-25 MIAA Student Advisory Committee Application. We kindly ask that you share this with your 2024-25 junior and senior MIAA Student Ambassadors and those students that you consider to be exceptional leaders. The deadline to apply is **April 26, 2024**.

## 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 athletic directors and game officials with the suspended game policies and overtime procedures of the MIAA and NFHS. [Click here](#) to access the document.

## Call for Nominations: MIAA Distinguished Service Awards

The Distinguished Service Award is one of the most important awards given by the Association. The Distinguished Service Award Committee is looking for recommendations for this prestigious award. When considering nominees, please weigh longevity, contributions, and distinguished service as important factors. [Click here](#) to nominate. Nominations are due by Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.



## 2023-2024 MIAA Community Service Challenge

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) is excited to announce Emily Lucien of Melrose High School as the winner of the first half of the 2023-2024 MIAA Community Service Challenge!

Members of the MIAA Student Advisory Committee reviewed 160 incredible submissions before selecting the winner. Please be reminded to continue to submit your projects on the website. The second half of this challenge will run from January 1, 2024 – May 15, 2024! Winners will be selected shortly after May 15th! Thank you to all MIAA member schools and student-athletes who participated in this year's service challenge. To view all projects submitted, [click here](#).

## 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 may 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.



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## 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 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.

## SAVE THE DATE

**The Massachusetts Celebration of National Girls and Women in Sport Day** is fast approaching. We will gather at Gillette Stadium on **Thursday, May 23, 2024** at 10:00 a.m. for this inspiring and affirming celebration.

Consider registering two deserving female athletes from your school for this important event using the link below. If your school has a Unified Sports program, you may register a third student-athlete. [Click here](#) to register.

## Coaches Education Classes

- May 4 – Virtual
- May 11 – MIAA Office

## Calendar

- April 23 – TMC
- April 24 – Ski Committee
- April 24 – Sportsmanship Committee
- April 25 – Wrestling Committee
- May 1 - Gymnastics Committee
- May 7 – Ice Hockey Committee
- May 7 – Soccer Committee
- May 8 – Basketball Committee
- May 8 – Volleyball Committee
- May 13 – Sports Medicine Committee
- May 15 – Track Committee
- May 15 – Board of Directors Meeting

## Thanks for your continued support!

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