



# Executive Director's Update

Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association

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## **An Update from Executive Director Robert Baldwin**

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### **October 20, 2022**

#### **MIAA Fall Tournaments**

**Tournament Entry Forms** - Fall post-season tournaments in Football, Field Hockey, Soccer, and Volleyball are rapidly approaching. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the tournament entry forms as well as other timely fall tournament information. Tournament entry forms are due **no later than October 26, 2022 at 4:00pm.**

**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, the MIAA has developed new guidelines to be used by sport tournament directors, seeding committees, and MIAA staff. [CLICK HERE](#) for additional information.

**Online Ticketing** - There is a free GoFan webinar scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am to share a brief demo on how to utilize GoFan during tournament contests. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

The Board of Directors recently voted to approve a measure clearly outlining that for MIAA State Tournament contests where MIAA tickets are sold, in order for a Member School to host, they must implement on-line ticketing. This has become a part of the Intent to Enter Form for the MIAA State Tournament.

#### **National Officials Appreciation Week**

Member Schools received notice last week of the National Officials Appreciation Week, October 17-21. MIAA staff members have been traveling around the state to personally thank officials and support their efforts on the local level. We'd like to also recognize the tremendous support shown to officials by our Member Schools. For more information [CLICK HERE](#).

#### **Bench Bad Behavior**

In an effort to improve the climate of interscholastic sports, the NFHS is promoting a national campaign #BenchBadBehavior. Member Schools can access various assets including signage, social media resources and more to help support this initiative by [CLICKING HERE](#). Additionally, Dr. Karissa Niehoff, Chief Executive Officer of the NFHS, and Robert Baldwin, Executive Director of the MIAA penned an Op-Ed ([CLICK HERE](#)) stressing the importance of good behavior at high school athletic events.

#### **2021-2022 Game Officials of the Year**

The MIAA would like to congratulate the 2021-2022 MIAA Official of the Year Award recipients. Not only are these officials being recognized for their outstanding service to all student-athletes, but also for being an integral part of the Educational Athletics opportunity. We thank them for their efforts to support

the highest ideals of sportsmanship, fair play and athletic achievement. [CLICK HERE](#) for press release.

#### **MIAA and USA Field Hockey Partner to Offer FREE Field Hockey Clinics Featuring Head Men's National Team Coach Harry Singh**

The MIAA and USA Field Hockey are pleased to announce FREE CLINICS for players, coaches, and umpires to celebrate the sport of field hockey on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at [MacDonald Stadium in Malden](#). Special guests from USA Field Hockey include **Harry Singh**, Head Men's National Team Coach, and **Jill Reeve**, 1996 Olympian and former Head Coach at Brown University. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

#### **Student-Athlete of the Month Award**

The MIAA Student-Athlete of the Month Award will now be presented through the month of May. In addition, all monthly award recipients will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. This award recognizes two student-athletes on a monthly basis 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 submit a nomination for the award, please [CLICK HERE](#).

#### **Sportsmanship Summit – November 10, 2022**

The MIAA Sportsmanship Summit is scheduled for Thursday, November 10 at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough. This program is designed for student and adult leaders. The registration fee is \$65 per person. The program will feature student workshop sessions presented by the Anti-Defamation League, Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society and Omari Pearson. An informational session for adults will focus on Name, Image and Likeness and be presented by Advance. The registration deadline is November 3. To register a group from your school, please [CLICK HERE](#).

#### **Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) Update**

In August, MIAA Board of Directors added Name, Image and Likeness information to MIAA Amateurism Rule 47. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access a helpful quick reference document. Athletic Directors and school leaders can use these ideas to help advise student-athletes.

#### **Congratulations to McKenzie Quinn of Brockton HS!**

Congratulations to McKenzie Quinn of Brockton High School who not only became the first female to play football for the Boxers in their 125 year storied history, but she also scored a touchdown last Friday evening.

Have a unique accomplishment that should be highlighted? Please send to Nathan Bonneau at [nbonneau@miaa.net](mailto:nbonneau@miaa.net) for the next Executive Director's Update.



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## MIAA Hosted Annual Media Day – October 19, 2022

The MIAA hosted its annual Media Day on Wednesday, October, 19 at MIAA offices in Franklin. A total of 15 media members attended, representing 10 different newspaper, digital, local television and radio outlets from across the state. MIAA staff also was on hand for the roundtable discussion that covered a variety of topics pertaining to media coverage of tournaments and association business.

### **Matt Feld – Boston Herald via Twitter:**

“Impressed by the MIAA's media day today, which allowed reporters from different outlets to come together and throw around ideas on a variety of topics with MIAA personnel and directors.

Open, roundtable discussion. 11 outlets were there altogether. It was well done.”

### **Todd Robbins – Media Rivalry via Twitter**

“Incredibly honored to represent @MediaRIVALRY & @WHSonWCATV @MIAA033 Media Day. A fantastic open discussion between media professionals, educators, & athletic administrators. Thank you for the invitation.”

## MIAA Committee Highlights

### **Volleyball Committee** – September 28, 2022

The Volleyball Committee met and elected Peter Boucher, Director of Athletics for Milford as Chairperson, Marc Arria, Director of Athletics for Winchester, as Vice Chairperson, and Stephanie Ridolfi, Director of Athletics for Hopedale, as Secretary. Terry Riley, Tournament Director, provided updates for the 2022-2023 Girls' and Boys' state tournaments. The official's representatives also reviewed updates to the NFHS rules for this school year.

### **Sports Medicine Committee** – October 17, 2022

The Sports Medicine Committee met at the Franklin office with 15 committee members in attendance. After approval of the minutes, the committee elected leadership positions: Chair- Alan Ashare, Vice Chair-David Stratton and Secretary-Bob McQuaid.

[CLICK HERE](#) for full highlights.

## Calendar

Start time 10:00am unless otherwise noted:

- October 24 Field Hockey Committee
- October 25 TMC (virtual)
- October 25 Game Officials Banquet (5:30pm)
- October 26 Board of Directors (11:00am)
- October 27 Baseball Committee
- November 8 Rugby Committee
- November 10 Sportsmanship Summit (8:30am at Gillette Stadium)

## In case you missed it...

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## Thanks for your continued support.

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