



Executive Director's Update

Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association

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An Update from Executive Director Robert Baldwin

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Growing Courageous Leaders

Last year we developed a Plan for Growth and Improvement, intended to provide vision and leadership to the Association and its membership. One of the main objectives of this plan is to:

Utilize interscholastic athletics as the platform that promotes behavior change that supports the respectful treatment of all members of a school community.

Our Vision and Leadership begins with a clear proclamation of our core values and beliefs, where the cornerstone of our existence shall be to promote the development of the personal and interpersonal growth of our membership so they may learn the key attributes inherent in lives well lived.



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MIAA Executive Director Dr. Bob Baldwin speaking to DCL winter sports captains/leaders at today's Sportsmanship Workshop. @MIAA033



Addressing incidents of hate and bias is a top priority and we cannot do it alone. The collaborative efforts of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), the attorney general's office, the Northeastern Center for the Study of Sport in Society, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), and the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents are working to counter these behaviors.

Excerpt from Boston Globe Article:

[Anti-Defamation League, Mass. attorney general step up campaign with MIAA to fight abuse in sport](#)

by Bob Hohler | November 2, 2022

“As state and human rights leaders wage a campaign to address the misconduct, the Anti-Defamation League Wednesday released a comprehensive guide to provide schools the resources they need to properly address the causes and cases of abuse in sports.

The ADL, one of the nation's leading antidiscrimination organizations, is distributing the guide to school superintendents across New England and will make it available to hundreds of participants at the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association's Sportsmanship Summit at Gillette Stadium on Nov. 10.

The ADL's 27-page guidebook, '[School Sports and Bias: Best Practices and Resources for Athletic Directors, Coaches, and School Administrator](#),' is a detailed blueprint for school officials who are entrusted to protect student-athletes from abuse and respond to incidents of bias, bullying and hazing.”

Addressing Hate in School Sports

CONFERENCE - The Attorney General's Office, DESE, the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, the MIAA, and the MSAA – in collaboration with community partners, including Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society and the Anti-Defamation League New England – invite you to our [Addressing Hate in School Sports Conference on Thursday, December 8th at TD Garden, Boston](#).

REGIONAL TRAININGS - During 2022-2023 school year, the organizations will host 12 regional trainings across the state for school and athletic leadership. The trainings will be conducted by the Center for the Study of Sport in Society at Northeastern University. At least one training will be held in each of the nine sports districts organized by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association. Schools can sign up to send select staff to an interactive two-day training in their area. Through the use of a “train-the-trainer” model, attendees will be equipped to bring the programming back to their schools and train others. For more information about the Center for the Study of Sport in Society, please visit the Center's [website](#). Additional information about the trainings, including dates and registration forms, will be available soon.



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Sports and Society

Dan Leibowitz, Executive Director of Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society, talks with WCVB Channel 5 Boston.



Educational Athletics Summit - October 21, 2022

The MIAA Educational Athletics Summit was hosted at the Doubletree Hotel in Westborough on Friday, October 21. Approximately 300 student and adult leaders from across the state participated in this event that focused on the theme "Growing Courageous Leaders". Magician and motivational speaker Jason Michaels was the keynote speaker presented a session entitled "#DoTheImpossible: Resilience." Attendees had the opportunity to attend workshops sessions presented by the Anti-Defamation League New England, Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society, KyleCares, and the MIAA Student Advisory Committee. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the program for this event.

Sportsmanship Summit - November 10, 2022

Over 900 student and adult leaders attended the 28th Annual MIAA Sportsmanship Summit at Gillette Stadium on Thursday, November 10. The event included student workshop sessions presented by Omari Pearson, Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society, and the Anti-Defamation League New England. An adult workshop session focused on name, image and likeness and was presented by Advance. The event also included the presentation of the MIAA District Sportsmanship Award to nine schools and the presentation of the first place and runner-up entries in the Student Sportsmanship Essay/Multimedia Contest. Please click the following links to view the [program for this event](#) or the [booklet of finalist and honorable mention essays](#) from this year's contest.

Student-Athlete of the Month Award

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.

Becoming a Student of Leadership Workshop December 2, 2022

This free student leadership workshop will be hosted at the MIAA Office on Friday, December 2. The workshop will be facilitated by Deb and Trevor Hult from Core Trainings. Workshop topics include Defining Leadership, Courage and Collaboration, and Why I Can. Schools may register up to 10 students to participate in the training. **Registration is currently at capacity.**

Fall Tournament Tidbits

- A total of 321 member schools (out of 385 ... 83.4 percent) participated in at least one of the MIAA's five power seeded fall tournaments – Field Hockey, Football, Boys or Girls Soccer, and Girls Volleyball.
- Of those 321 schools, a total of 245 hosted at least one event (76.3 percent).
- A total of 22 schools had a team participating in postseason tournaments in all five power-seeded sports.
- Two schools – Oliver Ames and South Hadley – earned No. 1 seeds in two different sports (both in Boys and Girls Soccer).
- A total of 13 schools reached at least the state semi-final round in two different sports. Four of those schools – Cohasset, Dover-Sherborn, Newburyport, and Stoneham – advanced to the state semi-final round in three different sports.

Winter Season Reminders & Deadlines

As we're close to wrapping up an exciting Fall Tournament, it is important to note that two vital Winter Season Deadlines are quickly approaching.

- **Schedules are due via Arbiter no later than December 2, 2022**
- **The last day to apply for a Cooperative Team or a Middle Level Waiver is the first date of competition – December 8, 2022 for this Winter Season.**

[CLICK HERE](#) for Sport Limitations Information Document

[CLICK HERE](#) for Winter Formats



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Basketball Shot Clock Information

Beginning with the 2022-23 season, MIAA basketball will be played with a **35-second shot clock** as described in the [NFHS Shot Clock guidelines](#). In adopting these guidelines, the Basketball Committee and the Board of Directors have affirmed that shot clocks are not required to be mounted on backboard supports. In addition, MIAA Handbook Rule 66.10 has been updated as follows, "The shot clock will reset to **20 seconds** when there is an intentionally kicked or fisted ball with **19 seconds or less** left in the possession. If the violation occurs with **20** or more seconds on the shot clock, no reset will take place and the offense will have the remaining time left in the possession."

With this new national high school standard for shot clock use, the NFHS Officiating Services Department has released a video reviewing the NFHS basketball rules and recommended guidelines for states that have adopted a 35-second shot clock. Please [click here for the video](#) and share this information to ensure that coaches, officials and shot clock operators have the tools they need to be successful for the upcoming season.

Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) Update

The National Federation of State High School Associations and ADVANCE, powered by Anomaly and TeamAltemus, have partnered to address Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) with a new, free course by the NFHS Learning Center that details the expectations and realities of NIL in the current interscholastic landscape. [CLICK HERE](#) for official press release.

MIAA Committee Highlights

Basketball Committee – October 12, 2022

The Basketball Committee reviewed NFHS rule changes and the new [NFHS Shot Clock Guidelines/35-second shot clock](#) that will be in place beginning with the 2022-23 season. Supporting information for schools including the NFHS Rule Interpretations and Points of Emphasis are posted on the [MIAA Basketball page](#). The committee also discussed a potential football tournament proposal and voted not to support an extension of the football season beyond the currently established tournament schedule. The following officers were elected: Jeff Newhall, St. Mary's High School Athletic Director (Chair) and Matt Trahan Old Colony Reg. Voc/Tech High School Athletic Director (Vice Chair).

Wrestling Committee – October 13, 2022

The MIAA Wrestling Committee met and discussed a variety of topics, including alignments, postseason tournaments and the upcoming regular season. The wrestling committee unanimously supported a recommendation that female wrestlers are permitted to participate in the Sectional and Divisional State Tournaments (if they qualify) before having to make a decision on whether to enter the traditional MIAA All-State Tournament or the MIAA Girls All-State Tournament. Currently, wrestlers must

choose which "tournament path" to enter prior to the Sectional Tournament. This recommendation requires approval from the MIAA Blue Ribbon Committee and MIAA Tournament Management Committee.

Calendar

- December 2 Becoming a Student of Leadership Workshop (9:00 am)
- December 7 Board of Directors (11:00 am virtual)
- December 7 Awards Banquet (5:30 pm at DoubleTree, Milford)
- December 8 Addressing Hate in School Sports Conference (8:30 am – 1:00 pm at TD Garden)
- December 13 Swimming & Diving Committee (10:00 am virtual)

In case you missed it...

[Executive Director's Update October 20, 2022](#)

Thanks for your continued support.

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