



Executive Director's Update

Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association

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An Update from Executive Director Robert Baldwin
Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association

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Approved MIAA Rule Changes for the 2025-2027 Handbook

The 2025-2027 MIAA Rule Change Proposal process has been completed. In accordance with MIAA Rule 88.2.4, the MIAA Board of Directors convened on January 8, 2025, to review and vote on the proposed rule changes. Of the 26 submitted proposals, 13 were approved.

All approved rule changes will be forwarded to MIAA Legal Counsel for legal review before being incorporated into the handbook, effective July 1, 2025.

To view the 13 approved rule changes, please [click here](#).

We sincerely thank all MIAA Committee Members for their time and effort in submitting, discussing, reviewing, and voting on the rule proposals.

MIAA Winter State Tournaments

Alpine Ski – February 25 – Berkshire East
Basketball – March 14-16 – Tsongas Arena
Gymnastics – March 1 – Algonquin RHS
Ice Hockey – March 16 – TD Garden
Indoor Track – February 22 – Reggie Lewis Center
Nordic Ski – February 11 – Prospect Mountain
Swim & Diving – February 15 & 16 – Boston University
Wrestling (All State & Girls All State) – February 28 & March 1 – Methuen HS

Student & Coach Contest Disqualification Forms

Please make sure to use the most up-to-date version of the MIAA Student and Coach Contest Disqualification Forms. The forms are available in the ["Officials" section](#) of the MIAA website.

When a student or coach is disqualified from a contest, the required form **must be completed by the game official and submitted to the athletic director in charge of the contest before leaving the site**. Below are links to each form:

[Student Contest Disqualification Form](#)
[Coach Contest Disqualification Form](#)

Please note - All fields within the form are required to be completed by the game official with a description of the disqualification **including the violation called**. Forms submitted with incomplete information may be returned to the host school/game official to provide missing information.

Student Eligibility Waiver Deadlines

As a reminder, below is the deadline for student eligibility waiver submissions as outlined in MIAA rule 87.1. This is a firm deadline and late waivers will not be accepted.

- Spring – April 1, 2025

Winter 2025 Power Rankings

The first power rankings for winter 2025 sports were released to schools and published on the MIAA web site on Friday, January 10. Updated power rankings will be released each Tuesday and Friday through the remainder of the winter 2025 regular season. 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.

Middle Level and Coop Team Application Deadlines

The spring 2024-25 middle level waiver and cooperative application deadline is April 4, 2025.

Swimming Software - Hy-Tek Team Manager

All Swimming programs must use Hy-Tek Team Manager beginning in the 2024-25 school year. Team Manager Lite **cannot** be used anymore. There are three versions of the software which can be accessed at this link: [Team Manager pricing and selection](#). Any version, bronze, silver or gold can be used for MIAA Tournament Entry. Additional information can be found at the links below:
[Team Manager software overview](#)
[Hy-Tek support page](#)
[Hy-Tek Swimming main page](#)

Basketball Shot Clock Procedure

NFHS Basketball Shot Clock Guidelines state, "An alternate-timing device or procedure shall be available when a visible shot clock malfunctions." In accordance with this rule, the MIAA Board of Directors has approved the following procedure.

If **one** visible shot clock malfunctions:

- Continue play with one visible clock.

If **both** shot clocks malfunction:

- An alternate-timing device must be utilized at the scorer's table.
- Time should be announced at 10 and 5 seconds remaining.
- The shot clock operator should use a horn different from the game clock.

Neck Laceration Protectors for Ice Hockey Required 2024-25

In the spring of 2024, the NFHS Ice Hockey Rules Committee added neck laceration protectors to the required ice hockey equipment. All high school ice hockey players are now required to wear a neck laceration protector – in its original manufactured state and as intended by the manufacturer – during all MIAA interscholastic contests, scrimmages and practices.



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NFHS National High School Spirit of Sport Award and Heart of the Arts Award

Each year, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) recognizes representatives from fine arts programs through the **National High School Heart of the Arts Award**, as well as individuals who exemplify the core mission of education-based athletics through the **National High School Spirit of Sport Award**. The MIAA is currently accepting nominations for these awards. One nominee will be selected to represent Massachusetts for consideration at the sectional and national levels.

Spirit of Sport Award:

- Seeks to recognize those individuals who exemplify the ideals of the positive spirit of sport that represent the core mission of education-based athletics
- May be given in recognition of a specific act or for an activity of longer duration
- Could be awarded to an individual or group that has demonstrated exemplary sportsmanship and/or citizenship in playing the game as it should be played; has exceeded normal expectations in assisting others within the school or community; or has overcome adversity or a challenging circumstance.

[Click here](#) for the Spirit of Sport Award Nomination Form. The Deadline is January 29th.

Heart of the Arts Award:

- Seeks to recognize those individuals who exemplify the ideals of the positive hearts of the arts that represent the core mission of education-based activities
- May be given in recognition of a specific act or for an activity of longer duration
- Covers a plethora of performing arts disciplines: Music, Speech, Debate, Theatre, Visual Arts and other performing arts activities
- The recipient could be any student, adult or group associated with the school's performing arts program.

[Click here](#) for the Heart of the Arts Award Nomination Form. The Deadline is January 29th.

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 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.

January & February Calendar

- January 21 – Soccer Committee – Virtual
- January 22 – Lacrosse Committee – Virtual
- January 22 – Sportsmanship Committee – Virtual
- January 23 – TMC
- January 28 – Ice Hockey Committee – Virtual
- January 29 – Volleyball Committee – Virtual
- January 29 – Basketball Committee – Virtual
- January 29 – Football Committee – Virtual
- January 29 – Student Advisory Committee
- February 5 – Tennis Committee – Virtual
- February 6 – Field Hockey Committee – Virtual
- February 12 – MIAA Board of Directors
- February 13 – TMC



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