



# Tournament Management Committee

April 9, 2021



# Road to Statewide





# TMC Committee Members

**Executive Liaison** - Ms. Sherry Bryant, MIAA Associate Director

## **District 1**

Ms. Kara Sheridan, Assistant Principal, Northampton High School  
Mr. Jared Shannon, Athletic Director, Wahconah Regional High School

## **District 2**

Mr. David Reid, Athletic Director, Montachusett RVT High School  
Mr. Desi Vega, Assistant Principal, Douglas High School

## **District 3**

Mr. Todd Bazydlo, Principal, Shrewsbury High School  
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## **District 4**

Mr. Ed Maguire, Assistant Principal, Woburn Memorial High School  
Mr. Shaun Hart, Athletic Director, Burlington High School

## **District 5**

Mr. Adam Gagne, Assistant Principal, Whittier Vocational Technical HS  
Mr. Dick Newton, Athletic Director, Lynn English High School

## **District 6**

Mr. James O'Leary, Chair, Assistant to Principal, St. John's Prep School  
Mr. Jeff Newhall, Athletic Director, St. Mary's High School (Lynn)

## **District 7**

Mr. James Forrest, Principal, Dedham High School  
Mr. John Brown, Athletic Director, Wellesley High School

## **District 8**

Mr. Michael Devoll, Principal, Old Rochester Regional High School  
Mr. Dan Buron, Athletic Director, Bridgewater-Raynham High School

## **District 9**

Mr. Paul Funk, Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School  
Mr. Scott Paine, Athletic Director, Hull High School

**MASS** - Ms. Pam Gould

**MASC** - Ms. Stacey Rizzo

## **At-Large**

Mr. Dwayne Early, Athletic Director, Commerce High School  
Ms. Mary Ryan, Coach, Rockport High School



# Statewide Tournament Communication Timeline

2018	2019	2020	2021
TMC FULL AND SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS (60+)			
		NEW ALIGNMENTS AND APPEAL PROCESS	
LEAGUE & DISTRICT MEETINGS ( <i>too many to list</i> )			
VISITS WITH ALL SPORT COMMITTEES / MIAC / MIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS			
FALL DISTRICT WORKSHOPS (34)			
SUPERINTENDANT ROUNDTABLE MTGS (2)		SUPERINTENDANT EXECUTIVE BOARD	
MSSADA STATE CONFERENCES (2)		STATEWIDE PROPOSAL INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS (6)	MSSADA STATE CONF
			TOWN HALL MEETINGS
ANNUAL MEETING PANELS (2)		SPECIAL ASSEMBLY MEETING 2/28/20	ANNUAL MEETING PANEL



# Statewide Tournament

Approved on February 28, 2020 at the Special Meeting of the Assembly by a vote of 193 – 140 in favor of the Statewide Tournament beginning Fall 2021



# Statewide Tournament Benefits

- Gender Equity issues addressed
- Schools play like-sized schools
- Path to Championships is equal
- Same format used across the state
- One seeding and qualifying method for all teams
- Allows teams from same area of the state or league to play for championship
- Brings state together; new opponents; ADs meet ADs from other parts of the state
- Student athletes compete against student athletes they know from other MIAA educational programs



# Statewide Tournament Season Timeline

The move to Statewide tournament structure does not necessitate a change in season start dates or cutoff dates. (see MIAA Handbook)

Season schedule commitment dates:

Fall	Sept. 1
Winter	Nov. 1
Spring	Mar. 1



# Statewide Tournament Structure

Team tournaments will be conducted in divisions established STATEWIDE vs. current N/S/C/W sectionals.

*Districts/Regions/Leagues may elect to conduct regional end of season tournaments of their own design.*





# Statewide Tournament Structure (cont.)

- All team sports will qualify the top 32 teams by division (modified rule 97)
- Teams not power seeded in the top 32 but meeting 50% qualifying criteria will be eligible for the tournament
- All team sports will be seeded by power ranking system
- Top 4 seeded teams placed in four brackets (1,2,3,4)
- The rest of bracket positions filled with remaining teams by power ranking system. After the top 32 teams are power seeded, the remaining teams with 50 % or better record will be seeded from the bottom of each bracket
- All games will be at home site of higher seed for the Preliminary Play in games, Round of 32, Round of 16 and Round of 8



# Statewide Tournament Site Determination

If home team site is not acceptable the following will apply:

- Home school AD finds an acceptable site
- Lower seed will host the game
- If both sites are not acceptable, Tournament Director will place game at an acceptable site within MIAA site policy

The MIAA will provide sites for State-Semi Finals (round of 4), and State Finals as defined by TMC site policy



# Statewide Tournament Site Determination (cont.)

Home field venues must meet the following standards from MIAA handbook:

- Condition of playing surface
- Crowd Control
- Seating capacity
- Ticket sales control
- Locker rooms
- Acceptable Lights for night games



# Statewide Tournament Financial Structure

Pursuant to Finance Committee of BOD approval

- Preliminary Play in games and First Rounds games – revenue remains with Host School
- Second Round games (round of 16)– revenue share or revenue to MIAA with standard set fees for hosting school
- All State Quarter Finals, Semi Finals, and Finals are 100% MIAA Games (MIAA assumes all expenses)
- Move exclusively to online ticketing beginning with Second Round games (Round of 16)



# Statewide Tournament Number of Divisions

8 Divisions	Football
6 Divisions	Outdoor Track
5 Divisions	Soccer, Volleyball (Fall), Basketball, Indoor Track, Baseball, Softball
4 Divisions	Field Hockey, Hockey (Boys), Lacrosse, Tennis
3 Divisions	Cross Country, Golf - Sectionals (Fall), Wrestling – Sectionals (Boys)
2 Divisions	Swim - Sectionals (Fall/Winter), Hockey (Girls), Volleyball (Spring), Rugby (Boys)
1 Division	Gymnastics – Sectionals (Fall/Winter), Alpine Ski, Nordic Ski, Wrestling (Girls), Golf (Spring), Rugby (Girls)



# Statewide Tournament Alignments

## 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Sport Alignment Proposals

Cross Country

Fall Golf

Field Hockey

Football

Soccer - Boys

Soccer - Girls

Swimming/Diving - Fall Girls and Boys

Volleyball - Fall Girls



# Statewide Tournament Alignments (cont.)

## ✓ Two-Year Alignment Process for 2021-22 thru 2022-23

### THE PROCESS:

- Sport Committees develop alignment modifications to become effective for the next alignment cycle
- Sport Committee Chairs will present alignment proposals to the Tournament Management Committee (TMC)
- Alignment proposals will be voted on by the TMC

### Appeals

- Alignment proposals are released
- Schools may send an appeal request form to the MIAA Office
- The MIAA TMC Liaison will receive all appeal request forms
  - If the request is to move up a division(s), the request will be granted by the MIAA TMC Liaison
  - If the request is to move down a division(s), the request will be reviewed by the MIAA TMC Liaison, TMC Chair, and Sport Committee Chair. The request will be approved or denied based on the divisional appeal criteria set forth by the TMC
  - If an appeal request form is denied, schools may make an in person appeal to the appeal committee

### Appeal Committee

- The appeal committee will hear in-person appeals that were initially rejected based on the alignment criteria. All alignment committee decisions will be final.
- Members of the committees (fall/winter/spring) will include:
  - One (1) preselected Chair from the TMC
  - Three (3) TMC members - regional representation from across the state
  - One (1) representative from each sport committee that is being discussed

[CLICK HERE FOR A PRINTABLE \(PDF\) VERSION OF THE PROCESS](#)

### Alignment Appeal Form

The Alignment Appeal form is now available as a link in the MIAA Members Only site ([Login Here](#))  
The link can be found in the Announcement for the Appeal Form and also on the Tournament Information tab as the first item in the "Rules and Forms" box (top right)



# Statewide Tournament Power Rating System

## Power Rating Information

### PROPOSED STATEWIDE POWER RATING INFORMATION

INFORMATION SHEET FOR POWER RATINGS

POWER RATINGS	SAMPLE BRACKETS
Field Hockey	Field Hockey
Football	Football
Boys Soccer	Boys Soccer
Girls Volleyball	Girls Volleyball
Boys Basketball	Boys Basketball
Girls Basketball	Girls Basketball
Boys Ice Hockey	Boys Ice Hockey
Girls Ice Hockey	Girls Ice Hockey
Baseball	Baseball
Girls Lacrosse	Girls Lacrosse
Softball	Softball





# Where can I get more information?

- Resource documents on TMC webpage
- MSSADA meeting sessions:
  - Statewide Session – Monday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:30 – 10:30 AM
  - League/District Session – Friday May 7<sup>th</sup> 10:00 – 10:45 AM
- Town Hall meetings (virtual) - May / June
- League/District meetings - Fall 2021
- Reach out to your TMC representatives



Thank you for attending!