

PART XI: RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE MIAC

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Council (MIAC).

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The MIAC shall hear and act on appeals and protests from decisions or acts of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA), Assembly, and/or Board of Directors. Such appeals shall be presented according to procedures adopted and published by the MIAC. The MIAC shall have authority to approve or revise decisions of the Assembly or Board of Directors including rules and regulations issued by the Board. The MIAC shall not act on appeals or protests which have not first been presented to either the Assembly or Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III - ADMINISTRATION

The responsibility for the administration of the athletic policies approved and adopted by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Council shall be vested with the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Before any question of policy is presented to the MIAC for its action, it shall first be carefully considered by the MIAA and recommendations obtained through its Board of Directors and representative committees.

Athletic policies approved and adopted by the MIAC shall be published as a responsibility of MIAA and disseminated to the chief executive officers of affiliated associations.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Council shall consist of 18 voting members; four members to represent the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC), four members to represent the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (MASS), four member school Principals/Assistant Principals to represent the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA), two middle school member principals to represent the Massachusetts School Administrators Association (MSAA), and four to represent the Massachusetts Secondary School Athletic Directors' Association (MSSADA). If a minority member is not elected or appointed through the aforementioned, then the MIAC Chair will appoint a minority member to serve as an "at-large" MIAC member for the year.

The school committee representatives shall be selected by the MASC. The superintendents' representatives shall be selected by the MASS. The middle school principals' representatives shall be selected by the MSAA. The athletic directors' representative shall be selected by the MSSADA. The Principals/Assistant Principals shall be selected by the MIAA. The term of each appointment shall be for a period of three years.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

The officers of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Council shall consist of a chair, vice-chair, and a secretary.

The chair shall be elected annually by a majority vote of members in attendance at the spring meeting. The chair shall always be a school committee representative. It shall be his/her duty to preside at all meetings.

The vice-chair shall be elected annually by a majority vote of members in attendance at the spring meeting. It shall be his/her duty to preside at all meetings in the absence of the chair.

The secretary shall always be the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association. It shall be his/her duty to keep minutes of all meetings and to notify all members of regular and special meetings in writing at least two weeks in advance of such regular or special meetings.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

At least two regular meetings of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Council shall be held annually; one in the Fall and another during the Spring. Other meetings may be called by the chair when he/she deems such meetings are essential, or upon the written request of five members of the Council.

ARTICLE VII - APPEAL PROCEDURES

A sub-committee hearing board, comprised of voting members of MIAC and the ERB, shall act on individual student eligibility waiver appeals. Whenever possible, the MIAC chair and the vice chair will serve on this hearing board.

A quorum of MIAC will be required to take action on appeals which affect more than one individual student's athletic eligibility.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

The Rules and Regulations of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Council may be amended by a majority vote at any regular meeting. Any proposed amendments must be presented to the secretary at least three weeks previous to the meeting to enable the secretary to refer such proposed amendments to the entire Council membership at least two weeks prior to the meeting.