



Executive Director's Update

Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association

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An Update from Executive Director Robert Baldwin
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Franklin High School Unified Basketball

The Franklin High School Unified Basketball Team won the High School Interscholastic Division Gold Medal at the Special Olympics USA Games this past June. Coaches and team members shared their USA Games experience with the MIAA Board of Directors last week. To learn more about the exciting buzzer beating shot that won the gold medal game please [CLICK HERE](#).

Fall Pre-season Sports Medicine Updates

Heat Modifications - As the fall preseason begins please be attentive to the MIAA Heat Modification Policy found [HERE](#) and on the MIAA Sports Medicine page. The Sports Medicine page [HERE](#) also has other information and links for your use as you manage health and safety with your program.

Medical Personnel at Varsity Football Games - "For all varsity football games, each team must employ a licensed physician, licensed athletic trainer, or certified EMT to be with their team (MIAA BOD voted to delay implementation until Fall 2022 season). A single medical provider shall be responsible for both teams for all sub-varsity games unless the visiting team has its own medical coverage." (MIAA Handbook Rule 69.2, page 65)

[CLICK HERE](#) for more Pre-season Sports Medicine Updates

Board of Directors Actions

Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) - On Wednesday August 18, The MIAA Board of Directors voted overwhelmingly to edit Rule 47 Amateurism and insert Name, Image and Likeness language (NIL). High School Athletic Associations throughout the country are proactively editing their amateurism policies so student athletes can retain their amateur status within the changing NIL landscape. This updated amateurism regulation provides clear language so our student-athletes do not violate their amateur status. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

NFHS Basketball Shot Clock Guidelines - In accordance with NFHS Basketball Rule 2-14, each state association may adopt a procedure by which it implements a 35-second shot clock effective with the 2022-23 season. This update to NFHS Basketball rules provides the first national high school standard for shot clock use. The MIAA Board of Directors voted 14-0 to support the Basketball Committee's recommendation to adopt the NFHS Shot Clock guidelines for the upcoming season.

In adopting these guidelines, the Basketball Committee and the Board affirmed that shot clocks are not required to be mounted on backboard supports. [MIAA Handbook Rules 66.2 and 66.10](#) have been updated to reflect this change to the new 35-second shot clock and 20 second reset. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to review the complete NFHS Basketball Shot Clock Guidelines.

MIAA Rule Change Proposals for 2023-25

MIAA Rule Change Proposals for 2023-25 have been submitted and posted on the MIAA website. All MIAA Sport Committees and MIAA Administrative Committees will vote on these by November 1, 2022. The MIAA District Athletic Committees (DAC) and MSSADA votes are due by December 1, 2022. The MIAA Board of Directors will act upon the proposals by January 1, 2023. The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Council (MIAC) will act upon all proposals by February 1, 2023 and their decision is final. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the proposals.

Cooperative Team/Middle Level Waivers

The leadership of the District Athletic Committees (DAC) met in the spring to re-author both the Cooperative Team and Middle Level Waiver Guidelines as well as the Cooperative Team Maximum Numbers. A communication was sent out by all DAC's to district members. [CLICK HERE](#) for a copy of this communication. Links to the new guidelines and the maximum numbers can be found in the document link above.

Growth and Improvement Plan

Re-structuring the Roles and Responsibilities of Personnel MIAA - On Tuesday March 8, 2022, the Finance and Personnel Committee of MIAA voted unanimously to allow the Executive Director to move forward with his plan for Growth and Improvement. At the forefront of this initiative was to re-imagine the efficiencies of the tasks performed to effectively serve all of our member schools in a fiscally responsible manner.

Rule Clarification – Process and Information

At the August BOD meeting, the Board had a presentation from MIAA Directors Phil Napolitano and Richard Pearson addressing rule proposals and rule wording that does not rise to the level of a rule change. The Board supported the effort to allow MIAA staff to re-word and/or edit MIAA handbook rules for clarity and for better understanding by member school leaders. All Rule Clarifications will be accessed through the same [MIAA Handbook link](#) on the front page of the MIAA website. A good example of the editing process is Rule 39 where the title was changed for better clarity and less confusion.



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MIAA Student Advisory Committee

The MIAA Student Advisory Committee held their orientation on August 16, 2022. Twenty-six (26) student leaders from across the Commonwealth participated in a community service project with the Hockomock YMCA. The students assisted in preparing over 500 backpacks full of school supplies to ensure those children in need have a fresh start as they head into a new school year. Additionally, the students participated in team building exercises and goal setting activities at the MIAA Office. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the list of 2022-23 MIAA Student Advisory Committee members.

Fall Season Schedule Commitment Date

Sept. 1st Fall Schedule Commitment Date –

All fall schedules should be finalized by September 1, 2022. Schools may change dates, times and locations after this date but may not add or drop opponents.

*End-of-season district tournaments should be entered as TBAs.

MIAA Sportsmanship Honor Roll

Each year, the Sportsmanship Honor Roll is published to recognize member schools that did not have any students or coaches disqualified from an athletic contest at any level. In order to ensure the accuracy of this list for the 2021-22 school year, please [CLICK HERE](#) to review the Sportsmanship Honor Roll draft. Schools included on this document are requested to contact Donna Harrington at dharrington@miaa.net by Wednesday, September 14 to confirm that this information is correct.

Statewide Tournament Director and Assistant Tournament Director Positions

The MIAA is currently looking to fill Tournament Director and Assistant Tournament Director positions for the following Fall sports:

- Field Hockey
- Football
- Soccer
- Volleyball

See complete information at:

<https://miaa.net/tournament-director-position-vacancies/>

Thanks for your continued support.

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