

PART I: GOVERNANCE OF INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

A. Legend

MASC	Massachusetts Association of School Committees
MASS	Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents
MIAA	Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association
MIAC	Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Council
MSAA	Massachusetts School Administrators' Association
MSSADA	Massachusetts Secondary School Athletic Directors' Association
PRINCIPAL	A principal or assistant principal of a member school

B. Overview

For the governance of interscholastic athletics in the Commonwealth, the MSSPA was the policy-making body from 1942 to 1950, and the regulatory body from 1942 to 1978.

From 1950 to January 31, 2023, the MIAC had been the high school athletic rules-making and final appellate body of the MIAA. Those responsibilities are now with the MIAA Board of Directors.

Since July 1, 1978, the MIAA Board of Directors has been the administrative and regulatory body for conducting athletic events, contests, tournaments, for enforcing rules, and for recommending changes in rules to the MIAC. As of January 31, 2023, the MIAA Board of Directors serves as the final appellate body of the MIAA and final decision maker on recommended rule changes. The ASSEMBLY of principals is the legislative body of the MIAA.

C. The Assembly

The ASSEMBLY consists of the principal or designee of the principal of each member institution.

D. The Board of Directors

The 26 regular voting members of the Board of Directors consists of nine (9) members elected by the MSAA (one from each athletic district), four (4) elected by the MASC, four (4) elected by the MASS, and nine (9) elected by the MSSADA. Nine athletic directors, representing districts 1 through 9, must be members of the Board at all times. The term of each member shall be three years beginning July 1 of the year of election. A minimum of four women, and at least one minority, must be members of the Board at all times. Employees of the Association starting on or after 8/13/2014 are not eligible to serve as voting members of the Board.

E. The Officers

The President and Vice President of the Board of Directors are elected by the Assembly from members of the Board. The President presides at Board meetings, the Annual Meeting, and all special meetings of the Association. The term of each office is one year, with the possibility of only one re-election.

F. The Executive Director

The Board appoints the Executive Director. The Executive Director is the chief executive officer of the Association and has charge and direction of the day-to-day operation of the Association, acting at all times in accordance with the established policies of the Association as interpreted by the Board of Directors.

The Executive Director is a non-voting member of the MIAC and of the Board of Directors, serves as an ex-officio member of each committee, and is elected for a continuous term with regular review.

G. Eligibility Appeals Board, Standing, and District Athletic Committees

The Board of Directors delegates:

- * to the MIAA ELIGIBILITY APPEALS BOARD (EAB) all appeals from executive decisions on requests for individual student waivers of eligibility rules, as well as for individual one year student contest disqualifications. Each appeal hearing is presented before a subcommittee of the ERB and MIAC board members.
- * to 25 plus statewide STANDING COMMITTEES responsibility for specific functions involved in the proper administration of the Association's responsibilities.
- * to the DISTRICT ATHLETIC COMMITTEES (DAC) the supervision of athletics and the adjudication of protests, disputes, conflicts or controversies within their districts. They also serve as the Nominating Committee of the Association, and directly appoint a principal and athletic director to each MIAA Sport Committee. They control the alignment or realignment of Leagues, approve all co-operative and middle school students on high school team's requests within their districts (see *links below*), and play an important role in the Rules Change Process, given that they have the opportunity to review all input on each rule before recommending a position to the Board of Directors. District Committees will also have the responsibility of approving requests within their districts of co-operative teams looking to add Middle School participation in one or more of their co-operative teams. The Board of Directors or Executive Director may request them to "fact find" or to conduct hearings with regard to alleged rule violations. That authority also permits District Athletic Committees to determine and enforce appropriate penalties. (*Links to the cooperative team and middle level guidelines can be found in the MIAA Handbook and on the MIAA website*)

The District Athletic Committee (DAC) will be comprised of no more than eight members. The DAC should be comprised of either an administrator or an athletic director annually nominated by each league in that district and elected by the Board of Director's. Membership on each district athletic committee should be evenly divided between principals and athletic directors. On district committees with an uneven number of members, administrators, whenever possible, shall sit in the majority. Each DAC shall elect its chair annually.

H. Sportsmanship, Integrity & Ethics Committee

Membership of the Sportsmanship, Integrity & Ethics Committee elected by the Assembly consists of one principal and one athletic director from each of the nine athletic districts, two coaches, two enrolled game officials, one school committee member and one superintendent elected or appointed by their respective associations.

I. Game Officials' Committee

Membership of the Game Officials Committee (GOC) consists of at least one principal and athletic director from each of the nine MIAA districts, two school committee members, two school superintendents, a coach's representative, and a game official's representative. Game officials representing each sport which has elected to enroll with the MIAA serve as non-voting advisors to the GOC.

J. Sports Medicine Committee

Membership of the Sports Medicine Committee (SMC) consists of at least one principal or athletic director from each of the nine MIAA districts, one school committee member, one school superintendent, and several sports specialists who are licensed physicians or certified athletic trainers. Two game officials and two coaches (respectively one representing gender specific sports) may serve on the SMC.

K. Educational Athletic Committee

This broad-based committee supports student program initiatives through both the MIAA and the MSAA.

L. Tournament Management Committee

Membership of the Tournament Management Committee (TMC) consists of one principal and one athletic director from each of the nine athletic districts, one school committee member: one school superintendent, and one coach.

M. Voting Committee Members

All voting members of committees, boards, and the Council must be affiliated with a MIAA member school except for licensed physicians and game officials (who must be enrolled with the MIAA).

The voting membership of the 19 standing sport committees is one principal ("principal" may be either a principal or assistant principal who spends at least 50% of their time in duties related to the general administration of the school) and one athletic director from each athletic district, one school superintendent, one school committee member, as well as one or two coaches and enrolled game officials.

N. Member School

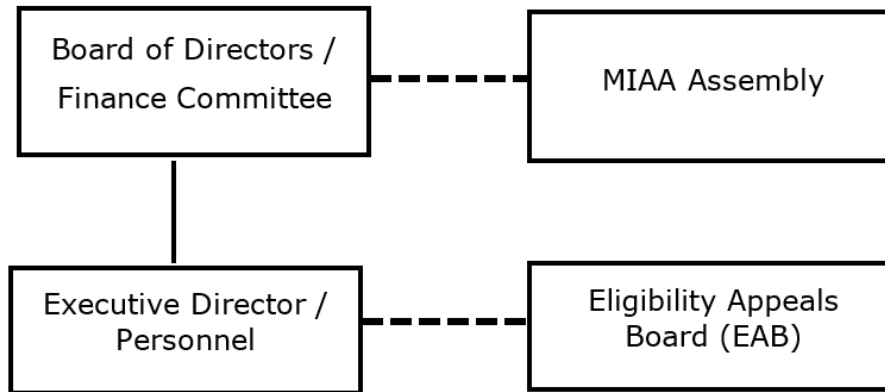
Any public or private high school (defined as a school which includes grade 12) in Massachusetts approved by the MIAA Board of Directors. When fulfilling the conditions for membership, a school will receive all the rights, privileges, and benefits of the Association.

O. Constitutional Organization Chart

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MIAA Constitutional Organization



P. The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Council (MIAC)

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 Executive Director of the MIAA serves as secretary.

Q. The National Federation of State High School Associations

The National Federation consists of the state high school associations of all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The mission of the Federation is to:

Mission Statement

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) serves its members by providing leadership for the administration of education-based high school athletics and activities through the writing of playing rules that emphasize health and safety, educational programs that develop leaders, and administrative support to increase opportunities and promote sportsmanship.

We Believe

Student participation in education-based high school athletics and activities:

- Is a privilege.
- Enriches the educational experience.
- Encourages academic achievement.
- Promotes respect, integrity, and sportsmanship.
- Prepares for the future in a global community.
- Develops leadership and life skills.
- Fosters the inclusion of diverse populations.
- Promotes healthy lifestyles and safe competition.
- Encourages positive school/community culture.
- Should be fun.

The NFHS

- Serves as the national authority that promotes and protects the defining values of education-based high school athletics and activities in collaboration with its member state associations.
- Serves as the national authority on competition rules while promoting fair play and seeking to minimize risk of injury for student participants in education-based high school athletics and activities.
- Promotes lifelong health and safety values through participation.
- Develops and delivers impactful, innovative, and engaging educational programs to serve the changing needs of state associations, administrators, coaches, directors, officials, students and parents.
- Provides professional development opportunities for member state association staffs.
- Promotes cooperation, collaboration, and communication with and among state associations.
- Collects and provides data analysis in order to allow its membership to make informed decisions.