



# Executive Director's Update

Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association

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**An Update from Executive Director Robert Baldwin**  
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## Fall 2023 Power Rankings

The first Power Rankings for Fall 2023 sports – Field Hockey, Football, Boys and Girls Soccer, and Girls Volleyball -- will be released and published on the [Tournament Central](#) section of the MIAA web site on Friday, September 29.

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.

Beginning in October, updated power rankings will be published on the MIAA web site every Tuesday and Friday throughout the remainder of the Fall 2023 regular season.

## Soccer Infraction Reporting

All varsity soccer infractions (yellow cards and red cards) must be submitted via the online [Soccer Infraction Reporting Form](#) following each game. The home school athletic director is required to submit this information. Sub-varsity should not be reported through this online system. Please note – when a red card is issued, the new student/coach disqualification forms referenced in this newsletter must also be emailed to Donna Harrington at [dharrington@miaa.net](mailto:dharrington@miaa.net). The MIAA Soccer and Sportsmanship Committee appreciate the assistance and attention to detail of member schools when submitting this required information.

## NEW Student and Coach Disqualification Forms

Please make sure that the new [MIAA Student Contest Disqualification Form](#) and [MIAA Coach Contest Disqualification Form](#) are available at each contest site and discard any previous versions of these forms. When a student or coach is disqualified from a contest, these forms must be completed by the game official and submitted to the athletic director in charge of the contest, or designee, before leaving the site. Please reference [MIAA Handbook Rule 49](#) for additional school requirements when a student or coach is disqualified from a contest.

## MIAA Tournament Passes

MIAA Tournament Passes have been mailed to the High School Principal.

## National Officials Appreciation Week

Member Schools received notice earlier this week of the National Officials Appreciation Week, October 1-7. MIAA staff members travel around the state to personally thank officials and support their efforts on the local level. We'd like to also recognize the tremendous support shown to officials by our Member Schools.

## MIAA Student Eligibility – Fall Waiver Deadline

As a reminder, the deadline for fall student eligibility waiver submissions is Friday, September 22, 2023. These are firm deadlines and late waivers will not be accepted.

## Statewide Tournament Director Positions

The MIAA is currently looking to fill Tournament Director positions for the following winter sports:

- Wrestling – Division 1
- Wrestling – Division 2

## MIAA Constitution Revision

At the 2023 MIAA Annual Meeting, the Assembly approved revisions to the [MIAA Constitution](#).

## Winter Cooperative Team and Middle Level Waiver Applications

Last year the DAC's placed deadlines for submitting Cooperative Applications and Middle Level Waiver Applications. ML waivers and Coop Applications "... cannot be applied for after the first possible date of competition for each season." The final day of application is December 7.

Applications submitted after these dates will not be considered. Link(s) to [Middle Level Waiver](#) and [Cooperative Team](#) guidelines.

## Please Review the Draft Sportsmanship Honor Roll

Each year, the MIAA 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 for the entire school year. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to review the draft 2022-23 MIAA Sportsmanship Honor Roll. If your school is included on this list, please double check to confirm that no student or coach disqualifications were received during the 2022-23 school year. Conversely, if your school is not included on this list and did not receive any disqualifications during the 2022-23 school year, please contact Donna Harrington at [dharrington@miaa.net](mailto:dharrington@miaa.net) by Friday, September 22. The Sportsmanship Honor Roll will be considered final after this date and honor roll schools will be recognized at the annual MIAA Sportsmanship Summit.

## Student Sportsmanship Essay/Multimedia Contest

The entry deadline for the Student Sportsmanship Essay/Multimedia Contest is Wednesday, October 11 at 12:00pm. Entries must be submitted as an essay of no more than 500 words or as a public service announcement of 30 or 60 seconds in duration. The theme of this year's contest is "How can you use social media to positively promote sportsmanship in your school?" First place (\$400) and Runner-Up (\$200) prizes will be presented in both contest categories at the annual Sportsmanship Summit on November 9. For additional contest information, please [click here](#).



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## Student-Athlete of the Month Award

Nominations are now 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. Each recipient will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and be recognized with an award presentation at their school. To submit a nomination for the MIAA Student-Athlete of the Month Award please [CLICK HERE](#).

## Student Ambassador Information

Registration for the 2023-2024 MIAA Student Ambassador Program is now open! Principals and Athletic Directors can register students by [clicking here](#). More information about the MIAA Student Ambassador Program can be found on the [Student Ambassador Program Page](#).

## Upcoming Events

- October 11 – Student Sportsmanship Essay/Multimedia Contest Deadline
- October 20 – MIAA Educational Athletics Summit (Doubletree Westborough)
- November 9 – MIAA Sportsmanship Summit (Gillette Stadium)

## Calendar

- September 19 – Sportsmanship Committee
- September 20 – District 8 Workshop
- September 20 – Student Advisory Committee
- September 20 – Track Committee
- September 20 – DEI Committee
- September 21 – MIAA Board of Directors
- September 22 – District 1 Workshop
- September 26 – TMC Virtual
- September 26 – Unified Sports Committee
- September 28 – Ski Committee
- October 3 – District 4 Workshop
- October 4 – District 6 Workshop
- October 4 – Gymnastics Committee
- October 5 – Lacrosse Committee
- October 10 – District 9 Workshop
- October 12 – Wrestling Committee
- October 16 – Game Officials Committee
- October 16 – Urban AD Virtual Meeting
- October 16 – Sports Medicine Committee
- October 17 – Rugby Committee
- October 18 – Track Committee
- October 19 – Basketball Committee
- October 23 – Tennis Committee
- October 25 – Board of Directors Virtual
- October 25 – Baseball Committee

**Thanks for your continued support.**

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