



## The 2015 MIAA Soccer Newsletter



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# Team Sportsmanship Award Winners

The Massachusetts high school soccer community-school administrators, coaches, players, game officials, and the MIAA State Soccer Committee has worked diligently over the past decade to improve the quality of interscholastic soccer, with a strong emphasis on sportsmanship. Through a unified effort and with a balance of educational programs and strict accountability measures, the goal has been to significantly reduce the negative behaviors exhibited by some soccer players, coaches, and spectators.

The MIAA Soccer Committee would like to recognize those schools, whose soccer teams, during the 2014 season, distinguished themselves in the area of good sportsmanship, which earned them an MIAA Soccer Team Sportsmanship Award presented at the 2014 State Soccer Finals. These are teams which, through the collective efforts of their coaches, players, fans, and administrators, demonstrated their unique commitment to sportsmanship, integrity, and ethics. Congratulations to:



**Boston Latin School**  
(Boys)



**Central Catholic**  
(Girls)



**Easthampton**  
(Girls)



**Nantucket**  
(Girls)



**2015 Cut-Off Date:**  
The cut-off date for the 2015 Soccer season has been moved from November 3rd to **Sunday, November 1, 2015.**  
  
\*Please note that this is a 1-year consideration

# 2015 Dates to Remember

**August 27, 2015**  
-First Practice Date

**September 6, 2015**  
-First Contest Date

**-Varsity Rosters to be entered in "Members Only" of the MIAA Website prior to your first varsity contest.**

**September 30, 2015**  
-Schedule & Commitment Due

**October 23, 2015**  
Sportsmanship Responsibility of Competing Schools Compliance Policy Due

**November 1, 2015**  
-Cut-Off Date

**November 2, 2015**  
-Tournament Seeding

**November 21, 2015**  
-Championship Saturday, All divisions.

## From the State Interpreter...

And here we go again! 2015-16 Soccer season is all but here and the players can't wait to get back on the field and show their stuff! Their "stuff" is getting faster and better all the time, too! It behooves us as officials to NOT trail far behind! Summer is not over yet - several weeks to go and, of course, the finale, Labor Day weekend, then it's back to the usual! I'm not down in the mouth about Summer being over, either. After all, the Fall in New England with all its colors, is enough of a reason to live here and endure the Winters! It is time, however, for all of us to get re-involved with OUR game!

The rule book is not changing - a nuance here and there - but the game is what it is! That is NO reason to not have a quick perusal of the rule book - perhaps more than quick! In our part time employment as officials, we must act as the professionals we are! We are hired to be judge and jury of the rules of the game. As such, we assume an obligation to know and understand those rules AND the mechanics to enforce them. The players,, the coaches and, certainly our employers, the schools, have every right to expect nothing less! To that end,

chapter officers and interpreters plan meetings - information sessions ; not a small task, either! Let's everyone wearing our badge do their part to see this will be a great and SAFE season for all!

Calvin G Perry, O.D.  
MIAA Interpreter

## MIAA Soccer Scoresheets—Infractions

A copy of the MIAA scoresheet no longer needs to be sent to the MIAA office. All scores and infractions must be entered online in the MIAA Members-Only section.

Please do not confuse the soccer scoresheet with the coach/student contest disqualification form. A copy of all DQ forms must still be sent to the MIAA office.

## Soccer Uniforms

78.1.6 The home team shall wear white or light jerseys and socks, and the visiting team shall wear dark jerseys and socks (which maintains the 2010-11 NF Rule indefinitely).



## 2015-16 NFHS Soccer Rule Changes

**3-3-3(e) New:** Since the clock is stopped when bench personnel are cautioned or disqualified, substitutes from both teams who have already reported may be beckoned by the referee and may enter the field of play. Previously, there was no provision for substitutes to enter the field of play during this type of stoppage.

**4-1-1(h)3:** Currently, the jersey of the goalkeeper must be distinctly different in color from his/her teammates and opposing field players. To differentiate opponents, it is important that the goalkeeper's socks be included in this rule. Therefore, the goalkeeper's socks must differ in color from the opposing field players.

## Think Taylor: Concussion Awareness Week September 21-25, 2015



\*During the week of September 21st, all MIAA member high school boys' and girls' soccer matches will be played with an INARIA/Think Taylor-branded soccer ball.

\*Each player, coach and referee will wear an orange INARIA/Think Taylor branded armband.

\*Every attendee at every match will receive a Think Taylor/MIAA/INARIA-branded concussion awareness information card.



## Breast Cancer Awareness Soccer Matches October 2015

If any school is hosting a fundraising soccer match or tournament for breast cancer, please email Phil Napolitano ([pnapolitano@miaa.net](mailto:pnapolitano@miaa.net)) with the event name and date by September 18, 2015.

Brine, the official soccer ball of the MIAA, has graciously provided us with a limited amount pink/white Brine soccer balls for these events.

Don't forget to email Phil a photo of your team holding the pink/white Brine soccer ball prior to the Breast Cancer awareness match!!



## MIAA Soccer Rule Highlights

78.1.1 Any red or yellow card issued to a high school player/coach must be reported on the MIAA Soccer Roster and Score Sheet and also entered on-line in the Members Only section of the MIAA website. *(Please see rule 78.2.18 for infraction reporting requirements.)*

78.2.2 Regarding "incidental" use of vulgar or profane language, the referee must caution (yellow card) a player/coach who uses incidental vulgar or profane language.

78.2.5 A player committing a second yellow card infraction in the same contest receives a red card. There are no exceptions. It should be reported as only a red card *(not two yellows or a yellow and a red)*.

78.2.6 Any player who receives a red card is ejected from the contest and shall be suspended from further participation for the next two contests; if a player receives a second red card within the same season, the player is suspended from further participation in that contest and the next two contests.

78.2.8 Any team whose players/coaches receive collectively a total of more than four red cards during the regular season shall not qualify for the MIAA tournament.

78.2.9 After a combination of five red cards, subsequent violations will result in a team forfeiture of the next MIAA contest. These penalties will carry over to the next season should the violation occur in the final contest of the season.

78.2.10 Any team whose players receive collectively more than three fighting penalties during the regular season shall not qualify for the MIAA tournament.

78.2.11 Any player who receives a third yellow card in a season shall be suspended from the next contest; a fourth yellow card and subsequent yellow cards in a season shall result in suspension for two contests. ***This penalty carries over to the next soccer season (or next season if senior) if happens in last contest, or the next to last contest.***

78.2.12 A coach who receives a third yellow card in a season shall be suspended from coaching the next two contests. A fourth yellow card in a season shall result in a one year suspension. ***The penalty carries over to the next soccer season if happens in last contest, or the next to last contest.***

78.2.14 A deliberate (intentional) handball to prevent a ball from entering the goal is a red card offense. However, the offender will be suspended from the remainder of that contest and only the next regularly scheduled contest.

78.2.16 For purposes of obtaining tournament eligibility, no team may exceed a four red or thirteen yellow cards during the regular season. Delay of game encroachment and deliberate (intentional) handball are infractions, which will continue to be enforced and penalized. The impact of these infractions will be assessed and will be considered towards tournament ineligibility.

78.2.17 Any team whose players/coaches receive collectively five (5) yellow and/or red cards in a contest (including pre & post game) will result in immediate termination of the contest, and result in forfeiture by the offending team.

A full list of MIAA Soccer specific rules can be found on pages 80-83 of the [MIAA Handbook](#)

# Athlete & Coach Contest Disqualifications/Suspensions

49.1 The contest official who disqualifies a student or coach under the provision of this rule should immediately inform the coach of each team, official scorer (if any), and state the violation. If the game official fails to file his/her written coach/student contest disqualification form, the individual is nevertheless bound by the suspension. An Official who fails to complete the form required as a result of an athlete or coach disqualification shall be suspended from officiating any MIAA contest in that sport for at least two weeks or until the form is completed and received by the principal of the disqualified athlete or coach. Judgments of game officials are not subject to appeal. If the event does not have officials (e.g. golf, tennis) it is the responsibility of the site manager to report any disqualification to the Athletic Director who in turn will complete the MIAA Coach or Student Contest Disqualification Form.

49.2 The athletic director in charge of the contest, or his/her designee, is responsible for: (1) having the official disqualification forms available for game officials, and (2) sending copies to the principal of each school involved, the athletic director of each school involved, and the executive director of the MIAA. Contest official(s) should complete the forms before leaving the site of the contest.

## Rule Infraction Reporting Summary

<b>Infraction</b> <b>Code and Name</b>	<b>Total Cards</b>			<b>No. of Red</b>			<b>No. of Yellow</b>		
	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>
1. Delay of game	57	64	63	1	0	0	56	64	63
2. Encroachment	19	27	20	1	0	0	18	27	20
3. Tactical handball foul	19	21	24	0	0	0	19	21	24
4. Equipment violation	12	4	13	0	0	0	12	4	13
5. Persistent infringement	99	66	81	0	0	0	99	66	81
6. Dissent	183	150	179	5	1	0	178	149	179
7. Incidental language	47	46	68	4	1	0	43	45	68
8. Holding, kicking, tripping	443	458	578	8	5	0	435	453	578
9. Faking injury or foul	11	4	8	0	1	0	11	3	8
10. Subsequent caution	6	4	11	5	3	9	1	1	2
11. Excessive celebration	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
12. Violent conduct	19	8	20	17	8	20	2	0	0
13. Serious foul play	11	11	12	9	11	12	2	0	0
14. Insulting, abusive language	12	13	18	6	13	18	6	0	0
15. Taunting	5	7	5	3	3	5	4	0	0
16. Other	156	53	45	3	14	10	50	48	35
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>1146</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>1071</b>

# November 2015/MIAA Soccer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p style="color: magenta; font-size: small;">First Practice Thursday August 27th</p> <p style="color: blue; font-size: small;">First Contest/ Roster Due Online Sunday September 6th</p>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<p><b>Cutoff Date</b> Sunday, November 1st</p>	<p><b>Seeding</b> (N/S/C/W)</p>	<p><b>No Games</b> <b>Brackets</b> <b>Posted</b></p>	<p style="color: red;"><b>Sectional</b> <b>Games Begin</b> (N/S/C/W)</p>			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
						<p><b>Championship</b> <b>Saturday!</b> <b>D1, D2 D3 &amp; D4</b> <b>State Finals</b></p>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<p><b>State Finals</b> (Rain/Snow Date)</p>				<p>Thanksgiving</p>		



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