

MANDATORY TRAINING NEEDED FOR HIGH SCHOOL OFFICIALS IN MASSACHUSETTS

Hi Everyone,

If you have not already completed the NFHS Concussion in Sports training, you must do so before Ted Wilcox will consider you for matches to the Boy's Spring volleyball season (see MA law below). You can access the training here: [Concussions in Sports: What You Need to Know](#) Follow the prompts and directions on the site.

105 CMR: Department of Public Health – 201.007 (E) Training Program

"Game officials **shall complete** one of the training programs approved by the Department as specified on the Department's website **annually** and shall provide independent verification of completion of the training program to schools or school districts upon request."

- The yearly certification requirement is only valid between July 1st and June 30th of a given academic year. In support of Department of Public Health (DPH) regulations cited above, and in the best interests of our student athletes, all MIAA Tournament Directors and Tournament Assignors will require successful completion of a DPH approved concussion training program as a condition for an official accepting an MIAA tournament assignment. Your acceptance of an MIAA Tournament contest assignment will be considered a implicit confirmation that you are a member in good standing with your local board, that you are enrolled with the MIAA, and that you have successfully completed a concussion training program as required by the DPH.

The National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) training module, "Concussions in Sports: What You Need to Know", is one of the MDPH approved training programs and may accessed using the link:

[Concussions in Sports: What You Need to Know](#)

(click link to get to training)



The screenshot shows the NFHS Learning Center website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'COURSES', 'NFHSLearn FOR YOU', 'USER LOOKUP', and 'HELP'. Below this, there is a section for 'CONCUSSION IN SPORTS' with a sub-section for 'Elective Course'. There are buttons for 'Coach', 'Parent', 'Administrator', 'Official', and 'Music Adjudicator'. A blue 'Order Course' button is visible, with a red arrow pointing to it.

REMEMBER TO DOWNLOAD AND SEND YOUR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION TO TED WILCOX AT:
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MANDATORY BACKGROUND SCREENING FOR MIAA HIGH SCHOOL OFFICIALS

If you have not completed the MIAA background screening or MIAA membership for the 2017-2018 season, that must be done immediately to be considered for assignments for the boys' High School volleyball season. To sign in, click [HERE](#). I will submit the list of officials who have completed their background screening and/or MIAA membership to Ted Wilcox so you can be considered for assignments.

That should be it for now. I think I made it fairly easy for you by providing the links and information needed to get you prepared for the upcoming boy's season. GOOD LUCK!

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