

MARIN MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

August 2026

Providing Educational Athletic Opportunities for Every Student in Marin County



► Important Dates

- August 14th-Board of Managers Survey due
- August 26th-XC Coaches Meeting
- Sept 4th: Fall Sports Registration Due
- Sept. 14th: Fall Sports Games Begin

► What's Ahead

- League Website Launch
- Athletic Director Resources
- Parent Handbook
- Coach Resources
- Fall Schedules & Calendar

DID YOU KNOW?

MMAL will serve over
2,500 student athletes
across Marin County

WELCOME FROM THE COMMISSIONER

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Marin Middle School Athletic League Newsletter!

I am excited to begin this journey with all of you as we work together to build a league that provides meaningful athletic opportunities for middle school students throughout Marin County.

Our goal is to create a well-organized, positive, and educational athletic experience that emphasizes sportsmanship, teamwork, inclusion, and character development while supporting our student-athletes, coaches, schools, and families.

Over the coming months, you'll see many exciting developments, including league resources, schedules, standings, branding, coaching materials, website improvements, and streamlined communication tools designed to make participation easier for everyone.

Thank you for your partnership and commitment to providing outstanding opportunities for our students. I look forward to working with each of you and building something our schools can be proud of.



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ATHLETIC DIRECTOR PLAYBOOK

August Focus: Season Preparation Checklist

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League Administration

- ☐ Review the MMAL Constitution/Bylaws and league policies.
- ☐ Confirm school contact information is up to date.
- ☐ Verify student eligibility procedures are in place.
- ☐ Notify the MMAL Commissioner of any facility conflicts, scheduling concerns, or anticipated issues.

Coaches

- ☐ Hire coaches & make sure they complete HR paperwork
- ☐ Set Up Meeting & Review league rules and playing procedures.
- ☐ Review sportsmanship expectations.
- ☐ Discuss coaching responsibilities

Facilities

- ☐ Ensure all game-day equipment and supplies are available and in working order.
- ☐ Reserve facilities for practices & games.
- ☐ Verify emergency equipment is accessible.
- ☐ Confirm facility availability.

Safety

- ☐ Review Emergency Action Plan with coaches.
- ☐ Confirm first aid & emergency supplies.
- ☐ Review heat and air quality procedures.
- ☐ Ensure injury reporting procedures are understood.

Communication

- ☐ Send families information about fall sports registration.
- ☐ Notify Commissioner of any facility conflicts.
- ☐ Share league updates & important announcements with coaches and families.
- ☐ Respond promptly to parent, coach, and school inquiries.



THIS MONTH'S DEADLINES

- August 14th–Board of Managers Survey due
- August 26th–XC Coaches Meeting
- Make sure equipment is ready for handout
- Reserve facilities for practices and games.

NEXT MONTH

- Sept 4th: Fall Sports Survey Due
- Sept 14th: Fall Season Begins
- Sept 16th: Board of Managers Mtg



COMMISSIONER TIP OF THE MONTH

Schedule a brief preseason meeting with all coaches to review league expectations, communication protocols, and sportsmanship. Starting with consistent expectations helps prevent issues throughout the season.