MIAA Notice

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The purpose of this e-mail is to notify all game officials that the 2003-2005 edition of the Game Officials' Handbook has been posted on the MIAA Homepage (www.miaa.net). You may access this document by scrolling down the menu in the left-hand column and clicking on "Game Officials". This will bring you to the Game Officials Homepage where you will click on Game Officials' Handbook. You may utilize the search tool (binocular icon on the Acrobat Reader toolbar) if you are looking for particular information in the handbook. We will mail copies to enrolled Fall Game Officials as soon as we receive them from the printer.

Also, since this is the first statewide communication to game officials since the Spring 2003 meeting of the Game Officials Committee, we direct your attention to the action of the Game Officials Committee related to contest fees for the 2003-2004 academic year, as referenced by MIAA Executive Director in the foreword to the Game Officials' Handbook:

"In the spring of 2003 the Game Officials' Committee voted to recommend that contest fees paid to officials in academic year 2002-2003 be maintained for the 2003-2004 academic year. This decision was in response to a "call for help" from member schools as they face the most critical fiscal issues since Proposition 2 ½. (One school Principal reports zero funding for athletics this year, and that all but one coach has agreed to return to their athletic positions without compensation.) We hope that this impact upon you will not be upsetting. The recommendation will allow our schools to accumulate \$500,000 in savings from the one or two dollar increase that had been previously recommended for FY04."

We appreciate your continued support of and contribution to our interscholastic athletic programs.

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