

Fall State-Wide Athletic Program Rankings



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We have appreciated Thanksgiving and all of its nourishment and the naps that follow. Before the trophies for individual turkey day rivalries found their homes, the Bay State-shaped hardware was handed out. MIAA Final Four and State Champion banners have found their way to various athletic offices in recent weeks.

And yet, there is one prize remaining: who is the Fall Favorite?

Last spring, we introduced the Kings and Queens of Spring across Massachusetts, with Newburyport taking home the state crown

As in the spring, tournament play is our chief indicator, with seedings and power rankings going out the window for these rankings. This here, a comprehensive Massachusetts rankings, is based solely on postseason or big-meet performance.

So, based off their work in November and even back to late October, which schools are in the running for our Fall Favorites?

How the teams were scored: In order to narrow the field, we limited each sport to the final eight teams in each bracket. Sports included in the points calculation are football, boys' and girls' soccer, field hockey, girls' volleyball, golf, boys and girls cross-country and girls swimming (which only three schools from our area do in the fall). For those sports, the bracket winner receives 14 points (2 for a quarterfinal win; 4 for a semifinal win; 8 for a final win), the runner-up receives 6 points (2 for a quarterfinal win; 4 for a semifinal win), the semifinalists receive 2 points (for a quarterfinal win) and those who reached the Round of 8 receive 1 point.

For cross-country, golf, and swimming, we awarded 8 points to the divisional champions, 7 to runner-up, 6 to third place and so on.

Additionally, no division was given more weight than another, as schools do not control their division and there is not uniformity across sports (at least 5 schools in our rankings participated in 3 different postseason divisions).

STATEWIDE RANKINGS: Key: **Weston** / **DCL Schools that received points this Fall**

- 1: OLIVER AMES (28)
2. SUTTON (27)
- T3: ANDOVER, ST. JOHN'S PREP, WELLESLEY, **WESTON** (24)
- T7: BROMFIELD, BROOKLINE (22)
- T9: MOUNT GREYLOCK, NEWTON NORTH (21)
- T11: COHASSET, FRONTIER, UXBRIDGE (19)
- 14: NEWBURYPORT (18)
- T15: HANOVER, LONGMEADOW, NEEDHAM (17)
- 18: HINGHAM (16)
- T19: DUXBURY, SOUTH HADLEY, WAKEFIELD, WESTBOROUGH (15)
- T23: DOVER-SHERBORN, IPSWICH, LENOX, SILVER LAKE, TEWKSBURY, WATERTOWN (14)
- T29: BC HIGH, KING PHILIP (13)
- T31: DEDHAM, DENNIS-YARMOUTH, SANDWICH (12)
- T34: **ACTON-BOXBOROUGH**, OLD ROCHESTER, **WESTFORD ACADEMY**, WINCHESTER (11)
- T38: HOLLISTON, STONEHAM (10)
- T40: DANVERS, ST. BERNARD'S, WHITINSVILLE CHRISTIAN (9)
- T43: BLACKSTONE VALLEY TECH, **CONCORD-CARLISLE**, GRAFTON, MANCHESTER ESSEX, XAVERIAN (8)
- T48: BISHOP STANG, CHELMSFORD, JOSEPH CASE, **LINCOLN-SUDBURY**, MARTHA'S VINEYARD, MILTON, NORTH READING, ST. JOHN'S (SHREWSBURY), WALPOLE, WESTWOOD (7)
- T57: ALGONQUIN, BURLINGTON, **CAMBRIDGE R&I**, CATHOLIC MEMORIAL, HAMPSHIRE, HOPKINTON, HULL, KIPP ACADEMY, LEXINGTON, MEDFIELD, MONSON, NASHOBA, NORTHBRIDGE, ST. MARY'S, SHAWSHEEN VALLEY TECH, SPRINGFIELD CENTRAL, TRITON, WEST BOYLSTON (6)