

RIVIER ICE HOCKEY PROGRAMS JOIN MASCAC

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The Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) Council of Presidents and Commissioner Angela Baumann announced recently that Rivier will be joining the league as an affiliate member in the sport of ice hockey.

The Raiders primarily compete in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference, but that league does not sponsor men's or women's ice hockey. Joining the MASCAC as an affiliate member gives Rivier student-athletes access to championship opportunities, both at the conference and national levels through the MASCAC's automatic qualifying bid to the NCAA Division III National Championship.

The Rivier men's ice hockey team will compete in the MASCAC beginning with the 2024-25 academic year; the women's ice hockey team was accepted provisionally. While a men's ice hockey league presently exists in the MASCAC, the conference is positioned to launch women's ice hockey as a championship sport in the future.

The Raiders are set to battle conference members Fitchburg State University, Framingham State University, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, Plymouth State University, UMass Dartmouth, Salem State University, Westfield State University, Anna Maria College, and Worcester State University. ■