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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING East Lansing, March 22-23, 2006

### Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan  
Keith Eldred, Williamston  
William Newkirk, Meridian  
Dan Flynn, Escanaba  
Karen Leinaar, Benzonia

### Staff Members Present:

Tom Rashid  
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The Executive Committee convened for a special meeting conducted over two days to consider requests by member schools to waive Regulation I, Section 1(F) relative to the maximum enrolment permitted for cooperative programs, which is 3,500 students. The largest enrollment of any individual school for MHSAA purposes in 2006-07 is 3,194 students.

Cooperative programs came to Michigan as a result of MHSAA staff initiative during the 1987-88 school year and approved by the Representative Council for the start of the 1988-89 school year. The original intent was to provide more opportunity to students enrolled in the MHSAA's smallest schools. Beginning with the 1988-89 school year, two or more member schools whose combined enrollment did not exceed the maximum enrollment for a Class D school were permitted to sponsor a team together following policies and procedures established to assure the involvement and support of the cooperating schools' administrators, boards of education and any league or conference to which the schools belonged.

The initial experience was beneficial; and in subsequent years, MHSAA rules were revised to permit larger schools to enter into cooperative agreements, first to two or more member schools whose combined enrollment did not exceed the maximum for a Class C school, and then to two or more member schools whose combined enrollment did not

exceed the maximum for a Class B school. In each case, opportunity was expanded for these schools without placing opposing schools at competitive disadvantage.

In 1992, in order to preserve or grow these sports, cooperative programs were made available to member schools regardless of combined enrollment in sports sponsored by 250 or fewer MHSAA member schools. In some cases, this additional focus frustrated the original intent of cooperative programs by relieving schools of responsibility for supporting and administering programs for their own students and reducing participation. Leagues often did not exist or were only loosely formed in these sports and provided less oversight authority than in other sports. Since 1992, the number of large schools involved in cooperative programs has grown, as has the combined enrollments and complaints from other member schools that such programs upset the competitive balance in the largest classification of MHSAA tournaments.

In response, the MHSAA established additional procedures and conditions for the biennial review of these programs. Concerns continued to be expressed by smaller Class A schools which had to compete against schools of four, five and six times their enrollment, although actual participation on the cooperative teams was sometimes small and some cooperative teams had only modest success.

Finally, in May 2002, the Representative Council capped the enrollment of cooperative programs at 3,500 students while providing two exceptions: (1) for cooperative programs in sports not previously sponsored by the schools involved – they could be approved for a maximum of three years; and (2) for cooperative programs in existence prior to Aug. 1, 2002 – they could continue to operate through the 2005-06 school year.

In March 2003 and at subsequent Executive Committee Meetings, specific cri-

teria and procedures for implementing the May 2002 action were developed and communicated to the schools involved in agreements over the 3,500 student cap. There were 24 such programs at the time, 22 programs exist currently. Ten of these programs have changed their makeup to comply by the 2006-07 school year, and one has its enrollment now beneath 3,500, while 14 cooperative programs are requesting waiver from the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee reviewed the variety of ways member schools have brought their programs into compliance with the rule adopted in 2002, noting that in several cases, additional teams had been or were in the process of being formed and increasing participation opportunities for students. The committee also reviewed Interpretation 204 which allows students of two or more schools to practice at the same time and place with the same coach and to compete on separate teams with the same coach at the same site and time.

The Executive Committee reviewed the report of the September 2002 meeting conducted by MHSAA staff for all affected schools; the Representative Council minutes of March 21, 2003; the Feb. 1, 2005 reminder memo to principals and athletic directors; the Jan. 6, 2006 letter to schools; and several letters and newspaper articles received more recently.

The Executive Committee discussed its process which would be to group the requests for waiver by sport but discuss and vote on each request separately, noting that different sports and different situations of schools might require different actions. Key questions to examine in each case were identified, and the committee listed possible courses of action depending on the facts and merits of each case. There was a discussion of unique features that might be considered for particular sports or school situations and of unintended consequences that should be considered as a result of actions or inactions by the schools or the association.

Then the Executive Committee discussed the material submitted in advance of the meeting on behalf of each of the 14 requests for waiver.

**Brighton, Howell and Pinckney High Schools** requested waiver of Regulation I, Section 1(F) for girls gymnastics. The com-

bined enrollment for MHSAA purposes in 2006-07 would be 6,349 students. An insufficient number of participants was cited as the key problem; and none of the three schools may coop with one of the others without exceeding the 3,500-student limit.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver. The schools may come into compliance by creating separate teams at each school or by forming a second team that splits evenly between two schools the enrollment of the third school. It is also recommended that the schools consider Interpretation 204, which permits more than one school to practice at the same time and place with the same coach and to be coached by the same person at competitions, which would continue the involvement of all student-athletes, who would be eligible to qualify for the individual competition of the MHSAA Gymnastics Meet. Each school would be eligible for the team competition if it has a sufficient number of participants to establish a qualifying team score.

**Dearborn-Edsel Ford, Dearborn and Dearborn-Fordson High Schools** requested waiver of Regulation I, Section 1(F) for ice hockey. The combined enrollment for MHSAA purposes in 2006-07 would be 5,464 students. The reasons cited for the district's lack of compliance to date were the sport's high expense, limited availability of ice time for a second team, and low participation rates affected by the culture of the student body.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver. If the schools do not come into compliance by creating a second team on its own at one of the schools in the district but by withdrawing Fordson High School from the cooperative agreement, then the one student at Fordson High School who actually participated in a contest on the varsity cooperative team in 2005-06 may continue to participate until his graduation, provided that student is eligible under all other regulations; and this cooperative program shall compete in Division 1 of the MHSAA Ice Hockey Tournament regardless of its combined enrollment as long as this student is a participant in the program.

**Farmington, Farmington Hills-North Farmington and Farmington Hills-Harrison High Schools** requested waiver of Regulation I, Section 1(F) for girls gymnas-

tics. The combined enrollment for MHSAA purposes in 2006-07 would be 3,916 students. Limited participation and facilities were cited as primary reasons the district had not yet complied with the 2002 rule change. Athletic Director Dennis Noe met with the committee and expressed reasons why the school district has been unable to comply with the requirement for girls gymnastics but has made plans for additional teams in ice hockey and girls golf that will adhere to the 3,500-student limit.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver. The district may come into compliance by withdrawing one of the schools or by forming a second team on its own at one of the three schools or splitting evenly the enrollment of one school to contribute to cooperative programs with each of the other two schools. It is also recommended the schools consider Interpretation 204, which permits more than one school to practice at the same time and place with the same coach and to be coached by the same person at competitions, which would continue the involvement of all student-athletes, who would be eligible to qualify for the individual competition of the MHSAA Gymnastics Meet. Each school would be eligible for the team competition if it has a sufficient number of participants to establish a qualifying team score.

**Hartland, Howell and Fowlerville High Schools** requested waiver of Regulation I, Section 1(F) for boys swimming & diving. The combined enrollment for MHSAA purposes in 2006-07 would be 5,251 students. The teams share a single pool at Hartland High School. It was indicated that the cooperative program will be dissolved when a second competitive pool is completed at Howell.

The Executive Committee took note of the plan to open a second school in Howell in 2007-08, providing a second competition pool in that district and a third competition pool among the three schools; and it granted the request for waiver for the 2006-07 school year only.

**Hartland, Highland-Milford and White Lake-Lakeland High Schools** requested waiver of Regulation I, Section 1(F) for girls gymnastics. The combined enrollment for MHSAA purposes in 2006-07 would be 5,109 students. While Hartland may have a suffi-

cient number of participants, the other two schools do not; and none of the three schools may coop with one of the others without exceeding the 3,500-student limit.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver. The schools may come into compliance by creating separate teams at each school or by forming a second team that splits evenly between two schools the enrollment of the third school. It is also recommended that the schools consider Interpretation 204, which permits more than one school to practice at the same time and place with the same coach and to be coached by the same person at competitions, which would continue the involvement of all student-athletes, who would be eligible to qualify for the individual competition of the MHSAA Gymnastics Meet. Each school would be eligible for the team competition if it has a sufficient number of participants to establish a qualifying team score.

**Muskegon, Muskegon-Reeths-Puffer and Norton Shores-Mona Shores High Schools** requested waiver of Regulation I, Section 1(F) for both boys and girls swimming & diving. The combined enrollment for MHSAA purposes in 2006-07 would be 4,218 students. The teams lack adequate participation and share a single pool at Muskegon High School.

The Executive Committee denied both requests for waiver. In each case, the schools may come into compliance by withdrawing one school from the agreement, or by forming a second team on its own at one of the three schools or splitting evenly the enrollment of one school to contribute to programs at each of the other schools. It is also recommended that the schools consider Interpretation 204 to continue involvement of all student-athletes (competing on two or three teams) who would be eligible to qualify for the MHSAA Swimming & Diving Meets as representatives of the school at which they are actually enrolled or of a cooperative program involving their school that is in compliance with the 3,500-student limit.

**Northville and Novi High Schools** requested waiver of Regulation I, Section 1(F) for girls gymnastics, citing insufficient and declining participation as the primary concern. The combined enrollment for MHSAA purposes in 2006-07 would be 3,991



students. Athletic Directors Bryan Masi and Curt Ellis met with the committee.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver. The schools may come into compliance by creating a second team. It is also recommended the schools consider Interpretation 204, which permits more than one school to practice at the same time and place with the same coach and to be coached by the same person at competitions, which would continue the involvement of all student-athletes, who would be eligible to qualify for the individual competition of the MHSAA Gymnastics Meet. Each school would be eligible for the team competition if it has a sufficient number of participants to establish a qualifying team score.

**Traverse City West, Traverse City Central and Traverse City-St. Francis High Schools** requested waiver of Regulation I, Section 1(F) for both boys and girls swimming & diving. The combined enrollment for MHSAA purposes in 2006-07 would be 3,918 students. Lack of funding and facilities were cited as the reasons why compliance with the 2002 rule change had not been achieved.

The Executive Committee denied both requests for waiver. In each case, the schools may come into compliance by forming a second team on its own at either Traverse City West or Traverse City Central High School or splitting evenly the enrollment of St. Francis to contribute to the program at each of the other schools. It is also recommended that the schools consider Interpretation 204 to continue involvement of all student-athletes (competing on two or three teams) who would be eligible to qualify for the MHSAA Swimming & Diving Meets as representatives of the school at which they are actually enrolled or of a cooperative program involving their school that is in compliance with the 3,500-student limit.

**Troy and Troy-Athens High Schools** requested waiver of Regulation I, Section 1(F) for ice hockey. The combined enrollment for MHSAA purposes in 2006-07 would be 4,002 students. The school district cited the high cost of the program, especially for practice ice time, as the chief among many reasons why it was unable to comply with the 2002 rule change. District Director of Athletics Mike Jolly met with the committee.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver. If the schools do not come into compliance by creating a second team in the district but by withdrawing one of the schools from this cooperative agreement, then any student of the withdrawn school who actually participated in a contest on the varsity cooperative team in 2005-06 may continue to participate until his/her graduation, provided the student is eligible under all other regulations; and this team shall compete in Division 1 of the MHSAA Ice Hockey Tournament regardless of its enrollment as long as any student from the other school is a participant on this team.

**Walled Lake Central, Commerce-Walled Lake Northern and Walled Lake Western High Schools** requested waiver of Regulation I, Section 1(F) for girls gymnastics. The combined enrollment for MHSAA purposes in 2006-07 would be 4,816 students. Lack of sufficient participation to sustain a second team was chief among the concerns cited by the district.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver. The district may come into compliance by withdrawing one school from the agreement, or by forming a second team on its own at one of the three schools or splitting evenly the enrollment of one school to contribute to programs at each of the other two schools. It is also recommended the schools consider Interpretation 204, which permits more than one school to practice at the same time and place with the same coach and to be coached by the same person at competitions, which would continue the involvement of all student-athletes, who would be eligible to qualify for the individual competition of the MHSAA Gymnastics Meet. Each school would be eligible for the team competition if it has a sufficient number of participants to establish a qualifying team score.

**Warren-Cousino, Warren-Mott and Sterling Heights High Schools** requested waiver of Regulation I, Section 1(F) for ice hockey. The combined enrollment for MHSAA purposes in 2006-07 would be 5,069. Insufficient participation was the chief reason cited by the schools for their inability to comply with the 2002 rule change.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver. The schools may come into compliance by withdrawing one of the

schools from the agreement, or by forming a second team on its own at one of the three schools or splitting evenly the enrollment of one school to contribute to cooperative programs with each of the other two schools. If a school is withdrawn from the agreement, then each student of that school who actually participated in a contest on the varsity cooperative team in 2005-06 may continue to participate until his/her graduation, provided the student is eligible under all other regulations; and the cooperative program shall compete in Division 1 of the MHSAA Ice Hockey Tournament regardless of its combined enrollment as long as any of these students is a participant.

**Westland-John Glenn and Wayne Memorial High Schools** requested waiver of Regulation I, Section 1(F) for girls gymnastics. The combined enrollment for MHSAA purposes in 2006-07 would be 4,178 students. Lack of participation was cited as the primary reason the school district had been unable to comply with the regulation.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver. The schools may come into compliance by creating a second team in the district. It is also recommended the

schools consider Interpretation 204, which permits more than one school to practice at the same time and place with the same coach and to be coached by the same person at competitions, which would continue the involvement of all student-athletes, who would be eligible to qualify for the individual competition of the MHSAA Gymnastics Meet. Each school would be eligible for the team competition if it has a sufficient number of participants to establish a qualifying team score.

In its final action, the Executive Committee determined that all schools previously involved in cooperative agreements of more than 3,500 students would have until April 21, 2006 to confirm to the MHSAA office the actions being taken to comply with Regulation I, Section 1(F) for the 2006-07 school year. This applies to schools which have been in the planning for changes as well as those for which the request for waiver has been denied. The MHSAA will not release classification/division lists for the MHSAA tournaments involved until after the April 21 deadline in order to improve the accuracy of those lists which would normally be released by April 1. ■

## McSHANNOCK, PRUCKA RECEIVE FORSYTHE AWARD

Dan McShannock (left), athletic director at Midland Dow High School; and Dail Prucka (right), who recently retired after 39 years of service at Monroe Jefferson High School, are the recipients of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Charles E. Forsythe Award for 2006.

This annual award is in its 29th year of existence and is named after former MHSAA Executive Director Charles E. Forsythe, the Association's first full time and longest-serving chief executive. One or two recipients are selected each year by the MHSAA Representative Council, based on an individual's outstanding contribution to the interscholastic athletics community. McShannock and Prucka were presented the award on March 25 at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing at halftime of the Boys Basketball Class A Final.



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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING East Lansing, March 23, 2006

### **Members Present:**

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Keith Eldred, Williamston  
William Newkirk, Meridian  
Dan Flynn, Escanaba  
Karen Leinaar, Benzonia

### **Staff Members Present:**

Tom Rashid  
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

**Executive Committee Authority and Responsibility** - The Executive Committee reviewed its authority under Article VII of the MHSAA Constitution and specifically its responsibility to consider each application for waiver of an eligibility requirement on its individual merits, determining if the regulation serves the purpose for which it was intended in each case or if the regulation works an undue hardship on any student who is the subject of a request for waiver. (These underlying criteria may not be restated for every subject of these minutes.)

The Executive Committee was reminded that it was the responsibility of each member school involved to provide sufficient factual information about the specific request for the Executive Committee to reach a decision without further investigation. If information is incomplete, contradictory or otherwise unclear or has been received too late to be studied completely, the Executive Committee may deny the request for waiver or delay action. Such requests may be resubmitted to the Executive Committee with additional information at a subsequent meeting or appealed to the full Representative Council.

It is possible that some of the information presented as facts to the Executive Committee by school personnel and others may be inaccurate. However, to avoid constant repetition in this report of phrases such as "it was alleged" or "it was reported," no attempt is made in the introduction of each

waiver request to distinguish between truth, allegation, hearsay, opinion, summary or conclusion. If any information provided to the Executive Committee is inaccurate, any decision of the Executive Committee to grant waiver of a regulation shall be null and void.

A determination of undue hardship is a matter addressed to the discretion of the Executive Committee within the educational philosophy and secondary role of voluntary extracurricular competitive athletics in the academic environment. The Executive Committee will avoid making exceptions that would create precedent that effectively changes a rule without Representative Council action or local board of education adoption, which would exceed Executive Committee authority. The Executive Committee is not authorized to grant waiver based on alleged or actual differences between schools based on "environment," demographics, curriculum or extracurricular offerings.

Students for whom waiver of a particular regulation is granted must be eligible in all respects under all sections and interpretations of the regulations prior to their participation.

Adoption of these regulations, as well as policies, procedures and schedules of MHSAA tournaments, is a choice schools make locally when they consider their option of MHSAA membership. Consistent with rulings of the Attorney General and Michigan Supreme Court, schools are not bound by the decisions of the Executive Committee, but the association may limit participation in the postseason tournaments it sponsors to those schools which choose to apply rules and penalties as promulgated by the MHSAA and adopted by each member school's board of education. The MHSAA exercises no independent authority over schools or students.

**Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F])** – Because support was lacking from the

league or likely opponents, the Executive Committee tabled the application for a cooperative program between these two schools of the same district in girls gymnastics, with Grosse Pointe South serving as the primary school. Both schools sponsored gymnastics previously. The combined enrollment in 2006-07 for MHSAA purposes would be 3,217 students.

**Lansing Catholic and Lansing Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these two schools in football. Only Catholic Central sponsored football previously and will be the primary school. The combined enrollment for MHSAA purposes will be 733 students. Support from the Capital Area Activities Conference was received.

**Livonia-Churchill, Livonia-Stevenson and Livonia-Franklin High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F])** – With the condition that the district submit by April 21, 2006, its plan for dividing the enrollment evenly between the two other schools, the Executive Committee approved two cooperative programs between these three schools of the same district in girls gymnastics. Previously, a cooperative agreement existed among all three schools with a combined 2005-06 enrollment of 6,139 students. For 2006-07, Franklin High School will split its enrollment (1,670 students) and combine with Churchill (2,336) and Stevenson (2,126) serving as primary schools, resulting in two programs with approximate enrollments of 3,171 at Churchill and 2,961 at Stevenson. Support from the Western Lakes Activities Association was received for both programs.

**Onokama High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D])** – A request was made to waive the enrollment regulation to permit 8th graders to participate with the high school softball team. Onokama's enrollment is 140 students; the regulation allows for 8th grade participation in schools with enrollments under 100. Only nine students have indicated an interest in playing softball; four of these nine also run track.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver, noting that making an exception to the Representative Council established and reviewed enrollment limit would exceed the committee's authority.

**Powers-North Central and Carney-Nadeau High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** – Because league support was not received, the Executive Committee tabled the application for a cooperative program between these two schools in football. The combined enrollment in 2006-07 for MHSAA purposes would be 247 students. North Central will be the primary school and has sponsored football previously.

**Orchard Lake-St. Mary's Preparatory High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5)** – A request to waive the maximum semesters of enrollment and competition portions of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who began the 9th grade at Bloomfield Hills-Lahser High School in the 2002-03 school year and then repeated the 9th grade at St. Mary's in 2003-04 where he has been enrolled since, currently in his eighth semester of high school. The student participates in lacrosse, which at the time the student first enrolled was not an MHSAA tournament sport and not subject to the maximum semesters regulation. The student was slow to develop physically, causing social/emotional issues which led to his repeating the 9th grade.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Monroe High School (Regulation I, Section 7)** - A request to waive the previous semester record regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who attended Monroe High School for the start of the 2005-06 school year and then left Monroe after two months to be home schooled. To start the second semester of the 2005-06 school year, the student reenrolled at Monroe High School without a satisfactory previous semester record from the first semester of the 2005-06 school year.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Powers-North Central High School (Regulation I, Sections 7 & 9)** - A request to waive the previous semester record and transfer regulations was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Rapid River High School for the 9th grade in the 2003-04 school year, began the 10th grade there, and then did not attend school from Dec. 20, 2004 to Jan. 23, 2006. The student did not complete home schooling provided to him.

The student enrolled to begin the second semester of the 2005-06 school year at the Phoenix Alternative School whose students are eligible at Powers-North Central High School. The student enrolled through the encouragement of a friend whose family the student stays with during the week while attending the Phoenix Alternative School. The student returns to his father's residence on the weekends. A completed Educational Transfer Form under Exception 12 was submitted.

The Executive Committee denied the requests for waiver.

**Bay City-All Saints Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred from Bay City-Central High School on Monday, Feb. 27, 2006, and enrolled at All Saints on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, two school days after the fourth Friday of February. All Saints was not in session on Monday, Feb. 27.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at All Saints Central High School.

**Charlotte High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year on behalf of a 9th-grade student who began the 2005-06 school year at Charlotte and then shortly thereafter moved to Florida with her mother. The student returned to Charlotte at the start of the second semester of the 2005-06 year and is residing with her brother. The student did not participate in athletics at either school.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year.

**Coldwater High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Parma-Western High School. The student has been diagnosed and is under treatment for chronic daily migraine headaches with complications which are severe enough to interfere with her ability to study.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Coldwater High School.

**Elk Rapids High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who began the 9th grade at Elk Rapids High School in the 2004-05 school year before enrolling at Traverse City West High School for one day on Feb. 21, 2006, and then reenrolling at Elk Rapids.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Farmington Hills-Mercy High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year on behalf of a 9th-grade student who was home schooled for the first semester before enrolling at Mercy on Jan. 18, 2006. The student did not participate previously in athletics and was home schooled for less than 270 calendar days.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year.

**Flint-Powers Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Catholic elementary schools and Powers Catholic High School for the 9th grade before moving to Colorado with her parents due to the father changing jobs. On Feb. 21, 2006, the student reenrolled at Powers when the father was transferred back to Michigan. The family was unable to sell their home in Grand Blanc and has returned to the original home, and Powers is not the closest nonpublic school to the student's home.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Flint-Powers Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Lake Fenton High School for the 9th and 10th grades before enrolling at

Powers Catholic to begin the 11th grade. The student left Powers on Nov. 20, 2005, and was admitted to Johns Hopkins Hospital. He then attended the RedCliff Ascent Wilderness Program from Dec 6, 2005 until re-enrolling at Powers on Jan. 28, 2006. The parents are divorced and the student is eligible under Exception 2 except that Flint-The Valley School is closer to the student's new residence than his previous school, Powers. The student has a satisfactory previous semester record.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Fremont High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Fremont-Providence Christian High School and participated in athletics. The student reenrolled at Fremont High School on March 6, 2006.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Fremont High School beginning March 6, 2006.

**Galesburg-Augusta High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Kindergarten through the 8th grade and then enrolled for the 9th grade in the 2004-05 school year at Galesburg-Augusta, participating in athletics and residing with his mother. Galesburg-Augusta High School and the parents determined that a temporary change in the student's social environment would benefit him, and the student enrolled at Portage-Northern for the first semester of the 2005-06 school year. The student reenrolled at Galesburg-Augusta on March 7, moving from the home of his mother in Galesburg to the home of his father in Climax, and has completed an Educational Transfer Form under exception 8. Within the past month, the father purchased a home in the Galesburg-Augusta School District, but the student continues to live with his father in the Climax-Scotts school district. The school requested waiver of the language in exception 8 that the change of residence be from one public school district to another.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Galesburg-Augusta High School beginning March 7, 2006.

**Grand Rapids-Creston High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Creston High School since the 9th grade (2002-03), residing with his mother. To begin the 2005-06 school year, the student and his family moved to Minnesota near other family members. The student and his family have returned to their former home in Grand Rapids, and the student enrolled at Creston High School on Jan. 23, 2006. The student does not reside in the Creston attendance area but is returning to the only school previously attended in Michigan.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Grand Rapids-East Grand Rapids High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously lived with her 71-year-old adoptive father and enrolled in high school in North Carolina. The student's mother died when she was 9 years old and the father was having difficulty caring for the student. The student has moved into the East Grand Rapids School District, residing with an aunt as there are no other family members available for the student.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Grand Rapids-NorthPointe Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended NorthPointe Christian Schools for the 8th and 9th grades before enrolling at Sparta High School for the 10th grade to begin the 2005-06 school year because the family could not afford tuition. When funds became available from family friends to pay tuition, the student reenrolled at NorthPointe Christian in January 2006 for the second semester of the 2005-06 school year. The student participated in athletics previously at NorthPointe Christian.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Hesperia High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who was the victim of a crime during the last two weeks of the 2004-05 school year that involved two students who were sentenced in October 2005. The student enrolled at Fremont High School to begin the 2005-06 school year where she did not participate in athletics and intends to return to Hesperia at the start of the third trimester.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Hesperia High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Cedar Springs High School, residing with her father and stepmother, before moving into Hesperia to live with an elderly grandmother.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Holland-West Ottawa High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment on behalf of a 9th-grade student who enrolled at West Ottawa High School on Nov. 28, 2005, after previously attending Saugatuck High School where he participated in football.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver, noting that neither the timing nor reason complied with the purpose of the exception.

**Jackson Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Parma-Western High School before enrolling at Jackson Christian on Feb. 9, 2006. The student did not participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year.

**Jackson Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previ-

ously attended and did not participate in athletics at Novi High School while residing with her mother. For approximately two weeks, the student was a resident of the Oakland County Children's Village until moving into her father's residence and enrolling at Jackson Christian High School on Feb. 9, 2006. Eligible under Exception 2 (returning to reside with a single parent, if divorced), the student's new residence is 3.3 miles closer to Jackson-Lumen Christi High School than to Jackson Christian. The student has three cousins who have attended Jackson Christian High School and a stepsister who also enrolled at the same time on Feb. 9, 2006.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Lake Odessa-Lakewood High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Ionia High School, residing with his father. On Jan. 31, 2006, the student relocated to the residence of his mother in the Lakewood School District and enrolled in Lakewood High School. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Lake Orion High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Lake Orion High School and participated in athletics while enrolled for the 9th grade in the 2004-05 school year. The student lived with her mother in Lake Orion until Sept. 21, 2005, when the student was removed from her mother's home and placed with an aunt and uncle who lived in Waterford and transported the student to Lake Orion High School each day until the end of the first quarter (Oct. 31, 2005), at which time the student and a younger sister enrolled in the Waterford Schools when the commute became too difficult. In mid December 2005, the student changed residences to live with her great-grandmother who also lives in Waterford. The student remained at Waterford Mott High School until the end of the first

semester of the 2005-06 school year and then reenrolled at Lake Orion High School to begin the second semester.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Lansing Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended Eaton Rapids High School, where she did not participate in athletics, before enrolling on the first day of the second semester at Lansing Catholic High School. She has not participated in an MHSAA tournament sport previously.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year.

**Mancelona High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended Ithaca High School before enrolling at Mancelona on Jan. 20, 2006. The student has not participated previously on any athletic teams at Ithaca.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year.

**Owosso High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred from Corunna High School and enrolled at Owosso High School on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, two school days after the fourth Friday of February.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Owosso High School.

**St. Louis High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended St. Louis High School before enrolling in September 2005 at Alma High School due to difficulties with other students at St. Louis. The student reenrolled at St. Louis on Jan.

30, 2006, and continues to reside with her family in the district.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Temperance-Bedford High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended Erie-Mason High School where he did not participate in athletics. The student enrolled at Bedford High School on Jan. 23, 2006.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year.

**Walled Lake Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C])** - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the boys lacrosse cooperative team only on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Walled Lake Northern High School before enrolling at Walled Lake Central on Jan. 14, 2006. The student previously participated as a member of the boys lacrosse cooperative program which includes the three schools of the same district.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for boys lacrosse only through the remainder of the 2005-06 school year.

**Watervliet-Grace Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 81 (maximum two semesters and then no further eligibility at a member school) on behalf of an 11th-grade foreign exchange student who intends to transfer to Grace Christian High School in the fall. The school has an enrollment of 58 students and is challenged to field athletic teams.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Allegan High School (Regulation II, Section 10[A]12)** - A request was made on behalf of the Wolverine Conference to permit students to participate in up to four matches in one day in its conference boys and girls tennis meets as long as the maximum number of sets played in the first three matches does



not exceed six. The result would equal the maximum during MHSAA Regional and Final Tournament play.

The Executive Committee referred this league request to the Representative Council, noting that it would exceed the Executive Committee's authority to make an exception to the limits of competition established by the Council.

**Essexville-Garber High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H])** – Pursuant to Interpretation 217, a request was made to waive the out-of-season coaching regulations on behalf of the Garber High School girls swim coach who is employed part-time by the Bay Area Youth Swim Club which provides 90 percent of his total income. The swim club is operated out of Bay City-Handy Intermediate School and John Glenn High School, and it has no affiliation with Garber High School. The program is open to the general public, ages 5 to 18 are involved, coming from a three-county area. Eight of the 85 participants in the upcoming 2006-07 season attend Essexville Public Schools.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for the 2006-07 school year only.

**Novi, Allen Park, Chelsea, Flint—Carman-Ainsworth, Hudsonville, Saline and Trenton High Schools (Regulation II, Section 14[B])** - A request was made to waive the regulation which prohibits same-day commercial telecasts of regular season athletic events for a four-game Big Day Prep Showdown on Saturday, Aug. 26, 2006, at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium. The event, in its second year, has been organized by the Detroit Metro Sports Commission and Novi High School and was presented on a tape-delay basis by Comcast Local in 2005.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver. The telecast schedule must not commence prior to 11:30 p.m. EDT on Aug. 26, 2006.

**DeTour Junior High School (Regulation III, Section 1[C])** - A request was made to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th- and 8th-grade students in boys and girls sports for the 2006-07 school year. DeTour High School's 2005-06 enrollment is 70 students.

The Executive Committee granted the request for the 2006-07 school year only.

**Harbor Beach-Our Lady of Lake Huron Junior High School (Regulation III, Section 1[C])** - A request was made to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th- and 8th-grade students in boys and girls sports for the 2006-07 school year. The school's projected junior high enrollment for 2006-07 is 33 students. It is in a cooperative program with Harbor Beach-Zion Lutheran which projects a 2006-07 enrollment of 11 students in grades 7 and 8.

The Executive Committee tabled the request, and requested an inquiry into the membership status of Zion Lutheran, which must have at least 15 students to be an MHSAA member school.

**Representative Council** – The Executive Committee reviewed a draft of the May meeting agenda of the Representative Council.

**401(k)** – The Executive Committee approved the fourth amendment to the 401(k) program administered on behalf of MHSAA employees, presented in two parts: to (a) provide employees the option of making their personal contributions after taxes (Roth 401[k]), and (b) require participants to pay their portion of certain management fees after Dec. 31 following their retirement or termination of employment. The Executive Committee authorized the executive director of the MHSAA, Inc. to execute the amendment and related documents on behalf of the corporation.

**Next Meetings** – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are **T u e s d a y**, April 25, 8:30 a.m., followed by the Finance Committee Meeting; **S a t u r d a y**, May 6, 6 p.m., Garland Resort, with Representative Council Meetings May 7-9; and **M o n d a y**, June 12, 9 a.m. ■

# REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

## East Lansing, March 24, 2006

### Members Present:

Renee Bird, Tawas City  
Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan  
Keith Eldred, Williamston  
William Newkirk, Meridian  
Dan Flynn, Escanaba  
Jim Derocher, Negaunee  
Ken Dietz, Hartford  
Lafayette Evans, Detroit  
Eric Federico, Gibraltar  
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven  
Leroy Hackley, Jenison  
Karen Leinaar, Benzonia  
Vic Michaels, Detroit  
Linda Myers, Morley  
Fred Procter, Beverly Hills  
Pete Ryan, Saginaw  
Randy Salisbury, Britton  
Fred Smith, Kalamazoo  
Roberta Stanley, Lansing

### Also Present:

Don Gustafson, St. Ignace  
Joe Reddinger, Felch  
Catherine Shamion, Ewen  
Jim Thelen, Lansing  
Mike Hawks, Lansing  
Bill Zaagman, Lansing

### Staff Members Present:

Randy Allen  
Tony Bihn  
Andy Frushour  
Nate Hampton  
Tom Minter  
Tom Rashid  
Jack Roberts (Recorder)  
Mark Uyl  
Kathy Westdorp  
Karen Yonkers

President Paul Ellinger opened the meeting by welcoming Tawas Area Schools Board of Education member Renee Bird to her first meeting since being appointed to the Representative Council in December, and he welcomed three members of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee whose members are invited to attend this meeting on an annual basis. This included Don Gustafson and Catherine Shamion who were attending their first Council meetings.

**Accounts of Meetings** – Motion by Randy Salisbury, supported by Pete Ryan, to approve the minutes of the Representative Council Meeting of Dec. 2, 2005; the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings of Dec. 1, 2005, Jan. 18 and Feb. 22, 2006; and the minutes of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee Meeting of Jan. 13, 2006. Adopted.

### REPORTS

**Litigation** – The executive director introduced Jim Thelen, a principal of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, PLC, who with Edmund Sikorski is providing legal assistance to the MHSAA. Mr. Roberts provided the Representative Council an oral report regarding the status of two cases in which the MHSAA is currently involved.

**Legislation** – Mike Hawks and Bill

Zaagman of Governmental Consultant Services, Inc. reported that three bills have been introduced in the Michigan Legislature since the Council's last meeting that could indirectly affect interscholastic athletics or the MHSAA's services to schools. Of those, most attention was given to HB 5675 which is amending recently changed state law regarding criminal history checks of school employees. While the House and Senate versions are in conference committee, there is no difference in the versions with respect to athletic officials: they do not provide one of the listed covered services, and schools do not have an obligation to conduct criminal history checks for athletic officials.

At its May meeting, the Council will receive a report that summarizes staff efforts to conduct criminal history checks, without additional fingerprinting, of all 12,000 registered officials, and the results of those efforts.

**Administration** – The executive director provided a brief report on winter tournaments which emphasized unusual human interest stories. In addition, Tony Bihn provided an information systems update which emphasized the savings of time and money in the internal operations of the association. Andy Frushour provided an update of the Scholar-Athlete Award program which operated for the first time under new policies and proce-

dures adopted one year earlier by the Representative Council; and he also reported on the Captain's Clinics, a joint project of the MHSAA with the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals and the Institute for the Study of Youth Sports at Michigan State University.

Kathy Westdorp and Mark Uyl summarized activities of the second weekend in February which included three levels of the Coaches Advancement Program being presented at the MHSAA office, the largest ever TWO-DAE Clinic at DeWitt High School, and the extremely successful Women in Sports Leadership Conference at the Lansing Sheraton Hotel.

The executive director reported that all schools have been sent letters identifying their classifications for MHSAA elections in 2006-07. Schools will be notified by memo on approximately April 1 that 13 of the 18 tournaments that are structured in "equal divisions" have been posted on the MHSAA Web site. The other five sports will be delayed until approximately May 15 in order to more accurately reflect changes as schools dissolve cooperative programs whose combined enrollments are in excess of 3,500 students.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Athletic Directors Orientation Program** – In May of 2005, the Representative Council adopted the requirement that first-time athletic directors would be required to attend a New Athletic Director In-Service, effective with the 2006-07 school year. Staff prepared a proposal for implementing this change which includes the following elements:

1. A member high school which enters at least one team in an MHSAA tournament shall designate a person to serve as the athletic director or coordinator, and those athletic directors in their first year of service at an MHSAA member high school must attend an Athletic Directors Orientation Program sponsored by the MHSAA prior to the beginning of winter sports regular season competition that year.
2. Attendance is not required if this person has served as a full-time athletic director at the high school level for at least one full school year during the previous five school years at an MHSAA member high school.

3. Schools which fail to have a first-year athletic director attend an MHSAA Athletic Directors Orientation Program shall be placed on probation, prohibited from receiving any tournament reimbursement or hosting an MHSAA tournament for one school year, and the school name shall be published in the *MHSAA Bulletin*.
4. If a school fails for two consecutive years to have the same person attend the Athletic Directors Orientation Program, the restrictions will be repeated for the second school year and the school will be required to show cause before the Executive Committee why it is not in violation of the terms of its MHSAA Membership Resolution.

Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Scott Grimes, to approve this recommendation for inclusion in the *MHSAA Handbook* under Regulation II, Section 15(H). Adopted.

**Calendar Issues** – The Representative Council continued its discussion of fall starting dates and related topics in consideration of the later start to academic classes at an increasing number of public schools. Council members and staff will monitor actions being taken at the local level, especially noting schools' schedules in June after their later start of academic classes in the fall; and then, if members indicate a desire for changes, attempt to formalize proposals that could affect all seasons, not just fall seasons.

In response to scheduling concerns last fall, the Football Committee has proposed that any varsity football game played before Labor Day be played on Thursdays with the junior varsity or 9th-grade game to be played the day before if desired.

Motion by Dan Flynn, supported by Pete Ryan, to approve the Football Committee proposal with the additional provision that at the subvarsity level only, 12 separate days on which football practices are conducted must occur. Defeated. The staff was asked to survey the preseason practice requirements for football in other states and report in May.

Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by William Newkirk, to adopt the following, effective with the 2006-07 school year: "A school team shall not play a game of football until it has practiced for a period of three weeks during which practices are conducted on at least 14 separate days. The first varsity game may be played on Thursday or there-

after of the 13th week before Thanksgiving (NF Week No. 8). The first freshman or junior varsity game may be played on the day before.” Adopted.

**Out-of-Season Coaching** – At the request of the Executive Committee, staff had prepared a summary of Executive Committee action to date with respect to Interpretation 217, which was adopted by the Representative Council last May and is in effect for the first time during the 2005-06 school year. There was no sentiment that the Executive Committee was not matching in its actions the intent of the Representative Council in adopting this interpretation last May.

At its meeting last May, the Representative Council also asked the staff to continue discussions with constituents and develop proposals addressing consensus problem areas of out-of-season coaching. The working document prepared for the Representative Council included a preseason down time, a summer dead period, and some initiatives to assure that curriculum courses are not used to circumvent out-of-season coaching limitations. Council members discussed these matters noting, as many constituents had, that the proposals may not go far enough to address concerns. It is anticipated that the Council will vote on these matters in May.

**Sarbanes-Oxley Issues** – In December, the Representative Council was presented four staff recommendations for the MHSAA to adopt which are consistent with the principles of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. While not required by law, these recommendations would extend “best practices management” to MHSAA operations in four areas, including the adoption of an Ethics Policy to be placed in the Council Manual and Staff Manual; renaming the Finance Committee the Audit and Finance Committee, whose responsibility will specifically include the review of the annual independent audits as well as the review of the annual budget of revenue and expenses; adoption of a Whistleblower Policy to be placed in the Staff Manual and Financial Procedures Manual of the MHSAA; and a Document Retention and Destruction Policy to be placed in the Staff Manual, Financial Procedures Manual and Disaster Recovery Plan of the MHSAA. Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Randy Salisbury, to

approve the four recommendations. Adopted.

**Due Process Procedure** – The executive director reported that the study of the association’s Due Process Procedure had led to only modest proposals for revisions. He noted that of 436 requests of the Executive Committee to waive regulations in 2004-05, 139 were denied, but only one was appealed to the Representative Council. He also noted how infrequently constituents will resort to litigation, noting that there have been no new lawsuits for the second consecutive year and that there have been several other two-year periods when no new litigation has occurred. It was his conclusion that schools and their constituents usually feel they have been treated well by staff in providing *Handbook* answers and fairly by the Executive Committee during waiver requests.

The executive director’s recommendations include three changes for clarity and two revisions to approve the appearance of the MHSAA’s Due Process Procedure. These five recommendations will be voted on by the Representative Council in May.

**Cooperative Programs** – In 2002, the Representative Council capped the maximum enrollment for cooperative programs at 3,500 students, requiring full compliance prior to the 2006-07 school year. Of the two dozen cooperative programs in excess of 3,500 students that existed in 2002, 14 requested waiver and were considered by the Executive Committee March 22 and 23. The Executive Committee’s action will be reported to the schools involved on March 27. There was no further discussion.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Membership Resolution** – MHSAA staff who process the MHSAA Membership Resolution submitted by school districts each spring and summer have identified the most common errors in completion of the forms and made suggestions for improving the document. Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Keith Eldred, to approve the revised form. Adopted. As this is one of only two MHSAA forms that are not made available online, there was discussion of the reasons and alternatives that could convenience school districts without undermining the importance of the Membership Resolution process.

**Baseball** – Motion by Ken Dietz, supported by Fred Smith, to approve the

Baseball Committee recommendation to implement a revised schedule for Baseball Semifinals in Battle Creek, starting a game every hour beginning at 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., weather permitting, beginning with the 2006 tournament. Adopted.

**Vern L. Norris Award** – The Representative Council was presented with the three finalists for the Vern L. Norris Award who had been screened by the MHSAA Awards Committee from all nominees. The Council selected the recipient of the award which will be presented at the Officials' Awards & Alumni Banquet on April 29, 2006.

**Meetings** – The Representative Council approved expenses for the March Council Meeting and the schedule for the May 2006 Council Meeting.

**National Federation** – The Council approved expenses for the National Federation Summer Meeting June 25-29 in Orlando at the convention hotel room rate for up to five days, with specified meeting registration fee set by the National Federation, the IRS limit on per diem for up to five days, and the transportation limit not to exceed \$500.

Motion by William Newkirk, supported by Karen Leinaar, that the following resolution be approved and sent by the president and executive director to the National Federation of State High School Associations office and to the offices of each of the state high school associations across the country, with the request that it be shared with each association's governing board: "The Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association is opposed to national athletic competition at the secondary school level, and is specifically opposed to the proposal for two national invitational high school basketball tournaments conducted by T-Mobile with the National Federation's endorsement; and the MHSAA Representative Council requests that neither the National Federation Board of Directors nor the National Council of the National Federation take action with respect to this proposal until following sessions at the National Federation Summer Meeting in Orlando where state association boards of directors may openly discuss this particular proposal and the process by which it is being considered at the national level." Adopted.

**Finance Committee Report** – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Fred Procter, to approve the Finance Committee recommendation to continue the doubled mileage allowance (which was approved by the Council in December for participating teams in winter and spring MHSAA tournaments) through the fall tournaments of 2006, after which there would be further analysis of the impact of higher travel costs on schools and the increased reimbursements on MHSAA finances. Adopted.

Motion by Eric Federico, supported by Lafayette Evans, to approve the Finance Committee recommendation to increase the price of Football Finals tickets at Ford Field by \$1 and allow member schools to retain 50¢ per ticket sold in advance sale, effective in 2006. Adopted.

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Fred Smith, to approve the Finance Committee recommendation to increase the price of the Girls and Boys Semifinal and Final Basketball Tournament ticket by \$1 in 2006-07 and embed the MSU Breslin Center 75¢ to 95¢ ticket system charges within the ticket price rather than have it as an additional charge to customers at the time of sale. Adopted.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Ken Dietz, to approve the Finance Committee recommendation to increase the officials registration fee by \$5 for all mail/walk-in/call-in registrations. The fee would remain \$20 for online registrations. Adopted.

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Fred Procter, to approve the Finance Committee recommendation for revised guidelines for the investment of MHSAA funds. Adopted.

Motion by Linda Myers, supported by Eric Federico, to approve the Finance Committee recommendation regarding the executive director's compensation for 2006-07. Adopted.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Linda Myers, to approve the Finance Committee recommendation for total compensation increases for salaried staff in 2006-07, to be individually determined and administered by the executive director. Adopted.

Motion by Fred Procter, supported by Fred Smith, to approve the Finance Committee recommendation for the total salary adjustments for MHSAA hourly staff for 2006-07, to be determined and administered by the executive director. Adopted. ■

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### EYE ON THE BALL

*Note: Following is an excerpt from a presentation by MHSAA Executive Director John E "Jack" Roberts at the 2006 Annual Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Conference, March 19.*

Many of you know from your coaching days that success in most sports that involve a ball requires keeping an eye on that ball. Contact in baseball, softball, golf and tennis requires concentration on the ball. We teach receivers in football to look the ball all the way into their hands. Volleyball players can neither spike nor set with consistent success unless they focus on the ball.

Success in school sports generally also requires that students keep their eye on another kind of ball, their school work – the academic ball. And it also requires that administrators be mindful of the academic needs that students have. We must be aware of changes in education policy and procedure, and we must consider what we can do to assure that the interscholastic athletic program does not frustrate but actually helps facilitate changes that schools want to make or are being forced to make.

That's the ball on which we must always focus, and on which I wish to concentrate in the next few minutes: how do we in interscholastic athletics help Michigan schools through the present day political, financial and educational mine fields?

As more of our public schools move to the required post Labor Day start to classes, those of us who are the trustees of school sports need to keep our eye on that ball: how we help, and not hinder, local educational programming. On this issue, the calendar for schools and school sports, we do so by five approaches:

First, we must consider the philosophical concerns of conducting so much of school sports outside the school year, both in August and in June.

Then we must consider the practical pros and cons of doing so.

Third, we must watch what schools do and wait to see what consensus develops

for academic calendars; and then see if we can make one coordinated change that best accommodates most schools, rather than making a series of changes back and forth while schools experiment.

Fourth, we must consider the possibility that all this talk provides an opportunity to take a comprehensive look at all seasons, not just fall seasons, and to respond to many people who say, for example, that basketball and wrestling seasons are just too long.

Fifth, we must examine if it is starting dates of seasons or rather the earlier start of unofficial demands on kids and coaches that is the real problem to be dealt with.

In spite of the need to take a slow, circumspect approach, I think there are already some givens:

First, proposals to start seasons earlier, especially in the fall, must be rejected. Any other course would pour gasoline on the fire of interests that succeeded in delaying the start of classes. It would appear as if we are thumbing our noses at those interests. For example, the Basketball Committee's proposal to start the girls basketball season earlier should be dead on arrival, for it would appear to be out of touch with what's happening, or arrogant.

Second, proposals to add more tournament events in the spring must be rejected, at least for now. Any other course would be in conflict with the growing number of schools which intend to end later in June after starting classes later in the fall. Therefore, the Track & Field Committee proposal for a single-site, two-day Individual Final Meet and for a Team Track & Field Final in addition to the Individual Meet can't be approved at this time. Good ideas, perhaps; but bad timing.

If we keep our eye on the ball of helping and not hindering local academic programming, we have no choice but to come to such



conclusions. They are givens for the political, economic and academic environment of our sponsors, of schools.

There are also some gray areas to consider. For example, we need to think twice about proposals to move Baseball and Softball Regionals from Saturday to the previous Thursday. There may be good reasons to do it; but with more schools going later in June with classes and examinations, we could cause new problems as we solve old problems.

But being opposed to season and tournament expansion, and being careful about placing more on weekdays in early June, is not all that these times demand of us; and without waiting to determine if or how we might delay or shorten seasons, we can be proactive now regarding the creeping out of season demands that contribute to so many complaints we confront: from parents and coaches looking for more family time, to business interests looking for more tourists and laborers, to students looking for more time for other sports and activities of their busy lives.

To curb the creep in out-of-season demands, several proposals have been developed.

One establishes a seven-day summer “dead period” when open gyms and conditioning programs cannot occur on school premises or at other places sponsored by a member school, and coaches of MHSAA sports other than baseball and softball may not be involved with more than three students in competition settings.

The second proposal establishes a 14-day “down time” just prior to the season for every sport in every season (fall, winter and spring) when open gyms can’t occur involving that sport, and coaches cannot be involved with more than three players, including in the sports of football and boys soccer.

The third proposal intends to assure that schools do not transform curriculum courses into practice sessions for interscholastic teams, either in or out of season.

This third area – deescalating sports curriculum classes – not only responds to the need to depressurize out of season, it also responds to the certainty of new laws that will increase academic demands on students and leave them with little time to take courses like Football 101.

Generally, the MHSAA is not involved in curriculum matters. However, when it is seen that curriculum courses have the effect of circumventing out-of-season practice limits and tilting the competitive playing field, MHSAA involvement is requested, justified and required.

Moreover, this proposal again keeps our eye on the ball, on the academic needs of students and the academic plans of schools that will soon be undergoing significant change.

This is a time for school sports like no other we have seen, whether your career spans four years or 40. Money has been tight before for school sports, but never before have you been told to maintain or even increase athletic offerings at the same time that your budget is being cut. With “schools of choice,” districts are competing for students in an open marketplace. Broad, deep and free of charge extracurricular programs can give the edge to schools as they compete for students and the state funding that follows those students.

Think of education like the automobile industry, and that’s not hard to do because both are in serious financial difficulty. You are the executive in charge of the sports car division, a kind of luxury that draws eyes, ears and comments like no other part of the enterprise. As such, you will be tempted toward excesses that you must avoid. You’ll be characterized as arrogant and out of touch with your gas-guzzling but high performing products, and you must consciously work against that negative perception.

Most of all, people will criticize your division’s disconnect to the overall enterprise, much as Division I college football and basketball are viewed publicly as only remotely connected to education, if not a force that undermines education and threatens institutional integrity.

Like never before, we need linkage to schools’ educational mission. Like never before, we need to keep our eye on that ball. No, school sports are not part of the curriculum. Yes, school sports are extracurricular. But they are a tool to help schools connect with students and communities for the greater good of the institution and its educational goals.

We need to demonstrate this now by being on the side of education when it comes to calendar and curricular matters. ■

## REVIEWING THE REGULATIONS

### OUT-OF-SEASON COACHING RULES: HISTORY AND RATIONALE

*(Second of a Two-Part Series)*

It may be fashionable and appear “progressive” to relax or eliminate out-of-season coaching rules; but before doing so, we who are the stewards of educational athletics should consider the consequences . . . should try to picture interscholastic athletics with year-around programs for each and every sport, each and every coach, and each and every athlete. That’s not a pretty picture, but a view of a fractured program where programs and participants are isolated from others and the educational mission of schools. We’ve been doing a little bit in Michigan to resist the “anything goes” trend.

In the late 1980s, much effort was made to clarify terms and tighten interpretations related to schools’ support and interscholastic coaches’ involvement with students out of season. At the time, it seemed for every step in the direction of limiting contact, there was also a step in the opposite direction, and little net gain for either those who sought increased restrictions or those who sought more out-of-season activity.

However, looking back, it is clear now that a number of changes of the late 1980s provided tools to at least slow down the increasing scope of out-of-season activities by the most aggressive coaches, including clarifying for the first time in 1988-89 that “three players” of the three-player rule meant not just three players off last year’s team but three students in grades 7 through 12 of the same school district of the coach involved.

Beginning with the 1994-95 school year, a limitation was placed on the number of days during the summer that a school coach could be involved in competition when the number of students from that school district are involved.

- It’s 15 days with more than 3 such students in the sports of basketball, ice hockey and volleyball.
- It’s 15 days with more than 7 such students in the sports of lacrosse and soccer.

- It’s 7 days with more than 7 such students in football (no more than 7 players may engage in competition at any one time).

While this had the effect of scaling back some coaches, the specified maximum number of days actually may have increased what a lot of other coaches were doing.

This has left a lot of unfinished business, and in May of 2005, the MHSAA Representative Council took three more actions:

1. It approved a waiver procedure for the “three player” rule in bowling, golf, gymnastics, swimming & diving and tennis which the Executive Committee has approved in five of 10 cases brought before it. See *Handbook Interpretation* 217.
2. In response to requests from several sport committees for more specific and stern penalties for out-of-season coaching, the Council approved a three-step progression. See Regulation II, Section 11(H) 6.
3. The Council directed the staff to keep working on the out-of-season issues – including open gyms, conditioning programs and curriculum classes – and adopted the following principles to guide the discussions and development of proposals.
  - a. Rules restricting practice and competition outside the school season should focus on the coach more than the student-athlete.
    - Students should be free to pursue their goals; they should also be free of adult pressures to pursue one particular goal.
  - b. The purpose of limitations on out-of-season school coach and athlete contact is to allow individual students reasonable opportunities to pursue training that is important to their

continued development in a sport.

- Such opportunities must not interfere with students' development in other sports, non-athletic activities, academics and community service.
- c. School coaches can be an important, positive influence in the lives of students.
- Interaction between school coaches and athletes out of season can be a healthy experience for both.
- d. Reasonable limitations on school coach and athlete interaction out of season are necessary for the health and welfare of students, as well as to assure competitive equity (fairness) in season.
- Without reasonable limitations, all school coaches and athletes would be compelled to match the most extreme and endlessly increasing efforts of some coaches and athletes out of season in order to have a reasonable opportunity for success in season.

The Council is now considering three kinds of changes which have the common theme of deescalating out-of-season activities and lowering the pressure on students to be "unofficially" involved with their school coach and teammates out of season.

- **A 7-day summer dead period** when open gyms and conditioning programs shall not occur on school premises or at other places sponsored by a member school, and coaches of MHSAA sports other than baseball and

softball shall not be involved with more than 3 students in competition settings.

- **A 14-day preseason down time** for every sport just prior to each season (fall, winter and spring) when open gyms shall not occur. Even coaches of fall sports would be limited to working with no more than 3 students in instructional settings.
- A requirement that curriculum courses provide instruction during each trimester or semester in at least three MHSAA sports, if they provide instruction in any MHSAA sport at all. The courses must be open to all students regardless of their past or future participation on interscholastic teams.

Tightening out-of-season rules is not easy. Older coaches may see the need for common sense that younger, more zealous coaches will call laziness. There are no more parents that beg us to give the children more family time than there are parents who berate us for interfering with their child's pursuit of a college scholarship, Olympic medal or professional career.

Our strategy is to focus on our member schools and their personnel, not the kids. We believe a voluntary association of schools can agree on what its member institutions can and can't do and then that the association can demand that these schools tell their coaches what they can and can't do. We believe this approach can provide adequate regulation and restraint without interfering with the decisions parents and kids want to make and the dreams (or fantasies) they wish to pursue. ■

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to make all personnel, telephone and address revisions  
necessary for the 2006-07 school year**

## FROM THE NFHS

### LET ADVERSITY YIELD SUCCESS, NOT FAILURE

*(Editor's Note: Following is the speech delivered by Robert F. Kanaby, executive director of the NFHS, at the 2005 National High School Hall of Fame induction ceremony in San Antonio.)*

Of all the times of the year, none has a more glorious starting point for a speaker than this time, which is so near to the anniversary of our American independence.

I will not take time to tell you what you already know about the greatness of the men and women who founded the blessings of this wonderful land we call America. I will simply ask you to consider those blessings and continue to put them to good use in the promotion of education-based athletics and activities and in the development of positive, successful human beings who contribute to our society like those that we honor here this evening.

Back in 1776, the signers of the Declaration of Independence said, and meant it literally, that "we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor." It was a commitment of staggering proportions because in virtually every case - they gave all three. We rest tonight enjoying the blessings of their commitment.

We rest tonight in the shadow of the Alamo, a symbol of yet another commitment of immense proportions - given by the patriots who gave their lives to promote those same blessings to another part of this nation.

We rest tonight under the safety provided by the commitment of today's men and women in the military who stand their watch here and in foreign lands.

In comparison, how much less are we asked to commit to do in order to serve our nation's purpose?

Commitment is a responsibility, an obligation and a bond between people or people and ideals.

There is a bond between each of us and the ideals and goals of education-based athletics and activities. It is a bond that enables us to influence each human being we touch in life-altering experiences. I am certain each of our honorees this evening can identify such a

person in their lives.

It is a promise we make to others, mostly young people - a promise we must keep because their todays are far too often lived in the tension of alarm and uncertainty.

It is important that we make and keep this commitment because the personal commitment to succeed found within an individual and the commitment of others like us can overcome any uncertainty - any obstacle - and make a difference in a person's life.

- Cripple him, and you have a Sir Walter Scott.

- Lock him in a prison cell and you have a Nelson Mandela.

- Bury him in the snows of Valley Forge, and you have a George Washington.

- Deprive her of sight, hearing and ability to speak before the age of two and you have a Helen Keller.

- Raise him in abject poverty and you have an Abraham Lincoln.

- Subject him to bitter religious prejudices and you have a Disraeli.

- Strike him down with infantile paralysis, and he becomes a Franklin D. Roosevelt.

- Burn him so severely in a school-house fire that the doctors say he will never walk again, and you have a Glenn Cunningham, who set the world's record in 1934 for running a mile in four minutes and 6.7 seconds.

- Deafen a genius composer, and you have a Ludwig van Beethoven.

- Have him or her born black in a society filled with racial discrimination, and you have a Booker T. Washington, a George Washington Carver, a Rosa Parks, or a Martin Luther King Jr.

- Make him the first child to survive in a poor Italian family of 18 children, and you have Enrico Caruso.

- Have him born of parents who survived a Nazi concentration camp, paralyze him from the waist down when he is four, and you have the incomparable concert violinist, Yitzhak Perlman.

- Call him a slow learner, 'mentally challenged,' and write him off as uneducable, and you have an Albert Einstein.

•Strike him down with cancer and you have Lance Armstrong.

What drives people to succeed? George Bernard Shaw offered an explanation when he wrote, "Our lives are shaped not as much by our experience as by our expectations."

Those individuals committed themselves to a higher expectation of achievement.

The people we honor this evening committed themselves to lives marked by high expectations of achievement.

Let us keep our expectations high as we face our responsibilities. Our national future depends on our national character and our national spirit. Let us renew our commitment this evening to improve our national character and spirit through education-based sports and activities. It is our contribution to a better America for all. It is our repayment for the blessings we enjoy that have been given to us by the commitment of others. ■

### **MHSAA Staff Profile**

## **RANDY ALLEN PROVIDES EXPERTISE IN SEVERAL AREAS**

*(Note: This is the fifth in a series of MHSAA staff profiles)*

At least once each year, Randy Allen calls MHSAA Executive Director Jack Roberts to exclaim: "This is one of those days when I should pay the MHSAA for my work rather than the other way around."

It's likely to be the day when Randy is visiting MHSAA tournaments in bowling, a sport he has loved since his youth; or MHSAA tournaments in golf, a sport he took up in later life; or MHSAA tournaments in ice hockey, a sport for which he did television play-by-play during his 22-year broadcast career in Wisconsin; or MHSAA tournaments in softball, which he has umpired for more than 25 years.

"Randy has given the MHSAA expertise in four sports, including bowling, which is one of our newest and fastest growing," according to Roberts, "and he has broadened our services in technology and deepened our sensitivities for officials. In my 20 years, we have never accomplished more with a single hire. And he serves with such passion and pleasure."

Randy joined the MHSAA staff in June of 2001 after a career that had also included eight years on the staff of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Randy and his wife Mary have a married son.



## **Michigan Hosts National Coaching Educators' Conference**

The 2006 National Coaching Educators' Conference comes to Michigan, June 15-17, 2006. It is the only national forum for state-of-the-art information about quality coaching education and coaching practices.

The conference is sponsored by a coalition of organizations that includes the National Association for Sport and Physical Education, National Federation of State High School Associations, NCAA, NAIA and USOC. The Institute for the Study of Youth Sports at Michigan State University is co-hosting the event with the MHSAA.

Among the confirmed speakers are Dan Varner of Think Detroit, MHSAA Executive Director Jack Roberts, MHSAA Assistant Director Kathy Westorp, and Flint Powers Catholic High School girls basketball coaching legend Kathy McGee.

The event will take place at the Candlewood Suites adjacent to MSU's Forest Akers West Golf Course in East Lansing.

Visit [www.ncaceinfo.org](http://www.ncaceinfo.org) and click on "2006 National Coaching Educators' Conference" for additional information.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

### CHEATING YOUR HEALTH – STEROIDS

#### ABOUT STEROIDS

There is no question that steroids work to increase lean muscle mass. But at what cost? What potential problems await those who take anabolic steroids?

There is a saying that, "the dose makes the poison." Translation: The more of a drug you take, and the longer you take it, the greater the risk of negative side effects. This is the case with anabolic steroids.

#### PSYCHOLOGICAL CHANGES

Anabolic steroids are also associated with mental changes, with the potential for:

- Increased aggression and in some cases "roid rage."
- Psychological and physical dependence, similar to the properties associated with addictive drugs.
- Feelings of euphoria and invincibility in some individuals; and in others delusions and paranoia.

Anabolic steroid withdrawal can be associated with depression, and in some cases, suicide.

There is a disease, **muscle dysmorphia** (also known as "reverse anorexia nervosa"), that drives **young people to be obsessed with body appearance and composition**. These individuals **exhibit obsessive eating and exercise behaviors**. This disease is associated with increased anabolic steroid abuse.

#### IN THE LIVER AND CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM...

Anabolic steroids like testosterone, if taken by mouth, are destroyed by the liver before they ever get into your blood. Therefore, they must be injected to be effective. Injections of any substance have risks associated with them, including:

- Contracting AIDS or hepatitis B or C, or
  - An infection in the injection site which can result in an abscess or cellulitis requiring medical treatment.
- Chemists are able to modify the steroid

structure in order to allow the steroid to pass through the liver unchanged. Most of these steroids are called 17-alkylated steroids. The following points are important for consideration:

- The "price" for an orally available steroid was damage to the liver cells that results in elevated markers of liver damage (enzymes, bilirubin) in the blood. Fortunately, this damage is usually reversible when you stop taking the anabolic steroid.
- In some people, a rare condition called Peliosis hepaticus (blood-filled cysts in the liver) develops. The condition is usually reversible if the use of steroids ceases and medical treatment is sought.
- In an unlucky few, liver tumors and cancer can be the result of taking anabolic steroids. And liver cancer is almost always fatal.

Along with the effects on the liver, the use of anabolic steroids results in **changes in the blood lipids** to a pattern associated with increased **risk of cardiovascular disease**. No long-term controlled studies have been done to document whether the increased risk results in shortened lifespan. The lipid pattern usually returns to normal if anabolic steroid use is stopped.

#### THE ENDOCRINE SYSTEM...

Since they are related to testosterone, anabolic steroids interfere with the body's endocrine system. Anabolic steroids can impact the endocrine system in several ways:

- The body's normal production of testosterone can stop.
- The testes generally shrink and sperm production is diminished. In some individuals, total lack of sperm results in infertility, and in a few individuals, this infertility is permanent.
- Some anabolic steroids are converted into estrogens in the body, which can result in the permanent development of breast tissue in men.



- There is concern that abuse of anabolic steroids could result in prostate disease, but no well-controlled studies have been conducted to prove or disprove this.

### PHYSICAL CHANGES IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Since anabolic steroids are responsible for the appearance associated with maleness, steroid use in females can result in embarrassing physical changes that can be irreversible, including:

- Lowering of the voice
- Cessation of breast development
- Growth of hair on the stomach and upper back

- Baldness at the temples and crown of the head
- Growth of the clitoris
- Serious disruption or cessation of the menstrual cycle

**In children** that have not reached maturity, steroid use can disrupt or **prematurely initiate puberty**. Anabolic steroids can also **stunt growth by prematurely causing the long bones to stop growing**.

So, are the bigger muscles worth playing Russian roulette with your health? ■

– U.S. Anti-Doping Agency  
usantidoping.org

## 2006-07 UPDATE MEETING AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR IN-SERVICE DATES

Please coordinate calendars now with other administrative or league meetings to minimize conflicts with events in your area. If it is possible please do not schedule league or regional meetings on the dates of Update/AD In-service/orientation meetings in your area.

There are five Combined AD In-service – Update Meetings scheduled. Every Athletic Director should attend an AD In-Service and an Update Meeting each year. AD In-Service programs begin at 8:30 a.m. Update Meetings start with lunch at noon and conclude before 2 p.m.

Mon. Sept. 25	Acme (Grand Traverse Resort) MASSP Principals Conference/MASSP Breakfast	Update Only
Wed. Oct. 4	Kalamazoo (Pine West)	In-service and Update
Mon. Oct 9	Comstock Park (English Hills Country Club)	In-service and Update
Wed. Oct 11	Frankenmuth (Zehnder's)	In-service and Update
Mon. Oct 16	Gaylord (Hidden Valley Otsego Club)	In-service and Update
Wed. Oct 18	Lansing (Holiday Inn West)	In-service and Update
Wed. Oct 25	DeCarlos Conference Center	Update Only (Noon)
Fri. Oct. 27	Marquette 10 a.m.	Update only
	Site set by UP Athletic Directors	

## FIRST-YEAR ATHLETIC DIRECTORS MUST ATTEND MHSAA ORIENTATIONS IN 2006-07

**MHSAA OFFICES EAST LANSING - 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

*By Representative Council action, attendance is required for all 1st-year high school athletic directors.*

**Thursday, Aug. 10 or Tuesday, Aug. 22**

**Tuesday, Nov. 21 (First- and Second-Year Athletic Directors encouraged to attend)**

August and November programs are separate programs with new material covered in November.

Registration material for these events will be available on **mhsaa.com** and the *August Bulletin*.

# MHSAA Selected by Sports Illustrated and the Oregon Health & Science University to Receive Grant for ATLAS and ATHENA Programs

The Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) has been chosen as one of four state high school athletic/activities associations to receive a grant from Sports Illustrated and the Center for Health Promotion Research at the Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) to inform educators about the problem of young athletes, drugs and sports and implement the landmark ATLAS and ATHENA steroid and drug prevention/health promotion programs.

The announcement was made today by Art Berke, Vice President of Communications at *Sports Illustrated*, and OHSU's Linn Goldberg, M.D. and Diane Elliot, M.D., co-creators of the programs. The other state recipients are Florida, Oregon and Virginia. The four states were chosen based on their geographic representation, the commitment of their high school associations and their capacity to recruit high schools of varying sizes, locations and diverse student populations.

The associations in each state and the Center for Health Promotion Research will choose four high schools to be part of the model SI Schools initiative. The program was created as a result of OHSU being selected as the recipient of *Sports Illustrated's* first annual SI Champion Award, presented to a non-profit which has done exemplary work in the sports arena. Each SI School will receive program training, including all ATLAS and ATHENA program components for the 2006-07 academic year at no cost to the school and national recognition from *Sports Illustrated*.

Schools from all of Michigan have the opportunity to apply to become an SI School and winners will be revealed on Wednesday, May 24. The MHSAA will host a special *Sports Illustrated*/ATLAS and ATHENA conference on Thursday, November 9 at a site to be determined. School officials, athletic directors and coaches are invited to learn more about the problem and the ATLAS and ATHENA programs. Speakers will include experts on drug prevention education, *Sports Illustrated* staff and Drug Enforcement Administration officials.

"I join with *Sports Illustrated* in expressing how excited we are about this opportunity to provide young athletes with the tools to succeed without drugs," said Dr. Goldberg. "The SI Schools initiative will go a long way toward combating a nationwide problem."

"We believe that education is the key to discrediting the drug culture that has infiltrated some levels of sports," said John E. Roberts, Executive Director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association. "This partnership with the highly-regarded ATLAS and ATHENA programs and *Sports Illustrated* will provide a rare opportunity for athletes at four Michigan high schools to receive in-depth, practical training and to learn about successful alternatives to performance-enhancing drugs."

**ATLAS (Athletes Training and Learning to Avoid Steroids)**, a multi-component program for male high school athletes, first instituted in 1993, is scientifically shown to reduce risk factors and use of anabolic steroids, alcohol and other illicit drugs while promoting healthy nutrition and exercise behaviors. Proven results include: new substance use decreased 50 percent; new anabolic steroid use decreased 50 percent; occurrences of drinking and driving declined 24 percent; a lower index of alcohol and drug use; reduced use of performance-enhancing supplements; and improved nutrition and exercise behaviors.

**ATHENA (Athletes Targeting Healthy Exercise and Nutrition Alternatives)**, which began reaching high schools for female athletes in 1997, features the promotion of healthy nutrition and effective exercise training as alternatives to harmful behaviors. The objectives are: reduce young women athletes' disordered eating habits; deter use of body-shaping substances; improve sport performance with guidelines targeting the specific needs of young

women. Proven results include: less use of athletic enhancing substances; less use of diet pills; less riding in a car with a drinking driver; greater seatbelt use; less new sexual activity; improved nutrition behaviors and reduced long-term use of alcohol, marijuana and tobacco.

#### ABOUT ATLAS AND ATHENA

Drs. Linn Goldberg and Diane Elliot began investigating the reasons young athletes used anabolic steroids, alcohol and other drugs and how to prevent their use in 1987. Since that time their research has involved more than 7,500 high school students. After developing potential strategies they applied for and received two independent research grants from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). Those programs, now known as ATLAS and ATHENA, have undergone randomized controlled evaluations involving more than 4,000 student-athletes in over 50 high schools and have been disseminated for use in more than 60 schools in 31 states and Puerto Rico. The results of the programs are published in leading medical journals, including the Journal of the American Medical Association and the Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine.

ATLAS and ATHENA are housed within the newly-created Center for Health Promotion Research at OHSU and the only programs recommended by the Anabolic Steroid Control Act of 2004, recognized as model curricula. Financial support for the center is directed through the OHSU Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation that funds the center's efforts to bring innovative and effective strategies to public service.

**The application to become an SI school will be on the MHSAA Web site starting April 3. The deadline for all applications is May 1, and the winners will be announced on May 24. Visit [www.mhsaa.com/resources/SISchools](http://www.mhsaa.com/resources/SISchools) or the Resources page of the MHSAA Web site for more information.**

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## 2005-06 Scholar-Athlete Award Essays

*The following are excerpts from essays submitted by 2005-06 Scholar-Athlete Award Winners.*

*“Flip a coin. No matter how hard you try, chances are the coin isn’t going to land on its edge. It’s either heads or tails. Likewise, sportsmanship has no ‘in-between.’ It’s either good, or it’s bad. The choice that you make goes a long way in determining how you are viewed as an athlete and as a person. An entire school’s reputation is based largely upon its student-athletes’ choices in sportsmanship.” – Joseph Davis, Potterville*

*“Good sportsmanship is a deeply embedded value transcending to a sincere appreciation for the skills and determination needed to excel in a sport, including the spirit of the game itself. With positive conduct all the way around, all participants are able to enjoy the game to its fullest potential.” – Kelsey Ann Caverly, East Detroit*



## COVERT HONORED AS BOYS BASKETBALL “LEGENDS”

*In an effort to promote educational athletics by showcasing some of the great teams of past years, the Michigan High School Athletic Association instituted a program called “Legends Of The Games” in 1997. This year, 1965 and 1966 Covert boys basketball teams were honored at halftime of the Class D Boys Basketball Final on March 25. The following story was written by MHSAA historian Ron Pesch.*

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On the inside, they sported a front line that measured 6-4, 6-6 and 6-8 – previously unheard of in Michigan’s smallest classification. On the outside, they could bury an opponent with their shooting ability. For two seasons, their accomplishments on the basketball court altered the composition of Class D basketball and their success in the MHSAA Boys Basketball Tournament forever altered the sports landscape of the little town of Covert.

Today, prep fans across Michigan look upon the school and the city as a perennial basketball power come March. It is hard to believe that wasn’t always the case, considering the two-year run that put the Bulldogs on the map in 1965 and 1966.

While the school’s small enrollment prevented the formation of a football program until 1969, the athletic program did excel in track, winning a handful of MHSAA Class D titles beginning in the mid-1950s. The basketball team, however, had never advanced beyond the Regional round of the MHSAA tournament.

Following college, Ron Clark, a former athlete at nearby Coloma High School, took his first teaching and coaching position at Covert. He moved up to varsity head coaching position in 1962 and felt that with a family attitude, solid discipline and the right group of athletes, the school’s fortunes on the basketball court could change. While working with the eighth-grade squad that season, he found a group of kids he thought could help make the transition.

“As a coach, I could see the potential of these young men,” recalled Clark. “They were very coachable and had great character.”

The change in the basketball program exposed itself to the basketball universe in the spring of 1964. Clark had continued to tinker with mix. Team rules were enforced, solid play was rewarded, and the team took flight. A couple of those kids, Jim Sarno and Maurice Armstrong, had been called up to the varsity squad. Now sophomores, both brought an unusual feature to the Class D team – size. The squad advanced to the final round of the MHSAA tournament for the first time in school history. Led by all-state senior Mark Patterson, the Bulldogs lost in the Quarterfinals to eventual champion Britton-Macon. Covert finished the year with a 20-3 record and the underclassmen returned with invaluable tournament experience.

When the 1965 season arrived, the team established the goal of being the first “State Champions of Covert High School.” While it was not unusual for a Class D school to surface with a single standout athlete, and solid surrounding cast, life was a little different for Coach Clark. With Sarno, a center now standing 6-8, and Armstrong, 6-6, and another junior, 6-4 Richard Johnson, at the wings, Covert’s frontline shattered the height deficiency most Class D squads faced, and they quickly became the talk of the area. The Bulldogs standard lineup also included sharp-shooting “quarterback” Bernard Woods, another junior, and senior point guard and defensive specialist, Anthony Taft. James Abrams and Ron LeVay, two more juniors, lent support off the bench. All were outstanding athletes.

An early season loss to Fennville and all-everything guard Richie Jordan was the team’s only misstep during the regular season. A second meeting between the schools – this one a 98-69 win by Covert – illustrated how the team had gelled. Ranked third in the state polls, Covert rolled through the District and Regional and again returned to the tournament’s final round.

In the Quarterfinals, the team buckled down in the final minutes of play and rolled to a 77-62 win over a solid but much shorter team from Dryden. The win set up a Semifinal show-

down with top-ranked Barryton. Word of Covert's unusual height continued to spread across the state in anticipation of the Semifinal matchup. In at least one instance, the advantage took on epic proportions.

"We were staying in a hotel outside of Lansing," recalled Fred Lindsey, a reserve on the 1965 squad, "and we were listening to a sports show on the radio talking about the tournament. The sportscasters were talking about Covert and how we were exceptionally tall for a Class D team. The commentator said Covert's front line was taller than the University of Michigan front line, which at that time was Oliver Darden, Bill Buntin and Cazzie Russell. The radio broadcast also said that Covert even had three reserves, Ron LeVay, Danny Davis and Fred Lindsey, who are 6-5. Much to our surprise!"

While each stood over six foot, the trio would require platform Chuck Taylors to achieve the sensationalized altitude.

Such talk meant little in the physical battle with Barryton. The team featured its own all-state candidates in guard Dave Grof and forward Jim Coady, and a solid 6-5 center in Dave Armock. Unable to dominate inside in the early going, Covert turned to the outside. Richard Johnson poured in 14 points on a series of soft jumpers in the first 20 minutes of play, but Barryton held an eight point margin, 49-41, early in the third quarter. Even without the services of Coady, who was sent to the bench with five fouls at the 3:28 mark of the third quarter, Barryton still led, 55-48, with a minute remaining in the third.

That's when Covert turned to its big center. Two free throws and a bucket by Sarno in the final minute of the frame cut the Barryton lead to three points as the quarter ended. A three-point play by Armstrong to open the fourth knotted the score, 55-55. Although Armstrong was forced to leave with five fouls at the 3:07 mark followed by Woods with 1:46 remaining, Covert managed to escape with a 75-67 victory. Sarno delivered 18 of the team's points during the 27-12 run in the final nine minutes, including four free throws in the final 60 seconds to seal the win. He finished with 28 points to lead all scorers, while Johnson ended with 20.

The following day, Clark and his Bulldogs accomplished their preseason goal. Facing a fierce and inspired squad from Pickford, the Bulldogs grabbed the school's first MHSAA basketball crown with a 76-72 triumph. Sarno was named to the all-tournament team, and the town celebrated like never before.

"Five hundred autos formed a parade for us," recalled Abrams about the team's incredible return home.

Indeed, the team was met by the procession of cars at the Paw Paw exit on I-94 and escorted through the cities of Lawrence, Hartford, Watervliet and Coloma on its way to the Covert High School gym. A crowd of 800 met the team and congratulated it on the victory, its 22nd straight.

With the pinnacle of tournament experience behind them, and the loss of only Taft to graduation, the Covert family returned to the spotlight in 1966. Armstrong, Johnson, Sarno, Abrams and Woods, now all seniors, comprised the starting lineup. They charged through the regular season with a flawless record and, riding the state's longest winning streak, rolled into the tournament ranked No. 1.

The team continued its march to Lansing through District and Regional play. According to Coach Clark, the team's ability to remain in the hunt for a second consecutive MHSAA title could also be attributed to the efforts of team doctor E.V. Sergeant.

When a bone chip was discovered in Sarno's shooting wrist during Regional action, the doctor fashioned "a lightweight but firm cast" for the all-state center. When Richard Johnson came down with a strep infection and high fever prior to the Quarterfinal, Sergeant was able to treat the forward and allow him to play in the team's match with Grosse Pointe University High School. Before a crowd of 1,200 at Marshall High School, Johnson delivered with 19 points including 9-of-13 shooting from the floor, as the Bulldogs stopped University High, 74-61. Woods led all scorers with 21 points while Sarno scored 19.

Johnson lasted only four minutes in the team's Semifinal match with Freesoil. Suffering

with fever, Johnson left the floor and LeVay stepped in to contribute 10 points as the Bulldogs overpowered the Pirates, 88-70. It was the first loss in 22 games for Freesoil. Armstrong delivered his finest tournament performance to date, scoring 22 of his game-high 26 points in the second half and snagging 18 rebounds in the victory. Holding a comfortable lead late in the contest, Clark was able to insert subs Clarence Baber, Quenton Mingo, Oscar Peterson, and Sylvester Dobbins into the lineup.

The victory marked the 47th consecutive win by Covert – a new Lower Peninsula record – and propelled the team into its second Class D Final.

“Most of us grew up together since kindergarten. We grew up as brothers,” remarked LeVay. “We knew this would be our last game together. We had to win.”

The opponent was Trout Creek, also undefeated in 25 contests. Ranked second in the press polls, the Anglers featured 6-5 center Bob Gale, a high-scoring senior averaging 33.9 points per game during the regular season.

Again the Bulldogs pulled together and turned in another stellar team effort in their 84-70 win over Trout Creek. The win negated one of the top individual performances by a player in Finals history as Gale scored 40 points and added 18 boards to single-handedly keep the Anglers in the game.

Covert, in turn, delivered another top-notch fourth quarter performance, scoring 16 points in a 2:13 span, then turned to a defense designed to slow Gale and seal the win. Four of the starting five finished in double figures for the Blue and Gold, with Sarno leading the charge with 23 points. Armstrong, named to the Associated Press All-Tournament team, scored 22 for the Bulldogs. Bernard Woods also added 22, marking his fifth consecutive 20 point performance, while James Abrams chipped in 10 points. Johnson, still slowed by his strep infection, returned to the lineup and added eight.

“We all were very good players,” said Sarno “yet our coach, Mr. Clark, easily convinced us to play for each other selflessly and not selfishly.”

Again, the surrounding area turned out en masse to celebrate the achievement of the returning champs. For a second time, the champions were greeted by a motorcade, however this time the team was transferred to a township fire truck for the glorious last leg of the ride into town.

“I, as coach, will never forget the looks in the players’ eyes after the game as reality set in as to what they had just accomplished,” said Clark. “Now, 40 years later, it is still as vivid as it was in 1965 and 1966. We always talk and remember those wonderful times.” ■

## 2006 Boys Basketball Legends of the Games – Covert



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## 2005-06 SCHOLAR-ATHLETE RECIPIENTS HONORED

In ceremonies at halftime of the 2006 MHSAA Boys Basketball Tournament Class C Final on March 25 at the Breslin Center in East Lansing, 32 students were honored as the 2005-06 recipients of the Association's Scholar-Athlete Award, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. Following the game, the group enjoyed a reception with their families, friends and MHSAA staff in recognition of their achievement.

In its 17th year of sponsoring the award, Farm Bureau Insurance gives a \$1,000 college scholarship to these 32 individuals, to be used at the college, university or trade school of their choice during the 2006-07 school year.

Each of the 2,145 applicants for the award are presented with a certificate, and each of the 120 finalists received a commemorative medallion. Certificates for all applicants were to be mailed in mid-April.

2006 BY THE NUMBERS: 1,244 of the 2,145 applicants (58.0%) were females. There were 874 Class A applicants from 140 Class A schools, 674 Class B applicants from 142 Class B schools, 460 Class C applicants from 129 Class C schools, and 137 Class D applicants from 58 Class D schools. The 2,145 applicants played a total of 4,291 sports, or 2.00 sports per applicant. The 120 finalists averaged 2.46 sports played, and 67 of the finalists participated in at least three sports.

Applications for the 2007 Scholar-Athlete Award will be available on the MHSAA Web site in the fall.



John Johnson, Okemos

**2005-06 Scholar-Athletes – Front Row (L to R):** Asli Bashir, Ann Arbor Huron; Bryan Berger, Marshall; Sarah Brewer, Wayland Union; Christine Brynaert, Romeo; Kelsey Caverly, East Detroit; Joseph Davis, Pottsville; Shannon Dibble, Charlevoix; MacKenzie Donohue, Fulton-Middleton. **Second Row:** Timothy Erdmann, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian; Jessica Frankowski, Roscommon; Nathan Gonzalez, Springport; Marissa Ingle, Delton Kellogg; Nicholas Josey, Flint Powers Catholic; Kristen Lazaroff, Jackson Lumen Christi; Peter Loy, Warren DeLaSalle; Christopher Michaud, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern. **Third Row:** Katelyn Michell, Marion; Alex Mihelick, Plymouth; Christopher Momont, Iron Mountain; Rick Storm, Niles; Ben Thayer, Kalamazoo Hackett; John Waynick, Troy Athens; Eric Zhao, Novi. **Not Pictured:** Alexandria Boyd, Saginaw Nouvel; David Fuller, Temperance Bedford; Megan Hooper, Traverse City St. Francis; Anna Leutheuser, Hillsdale Academy; Margaret Scholtes, Grosse Pointe South; Dana Schweitzer, Grosse Pointe South; Jacob Stewart, Chesaning; Elizabeth Tepe, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood; Callie Youngman, Cadillac.

## TRIO OF SCHOOLS HONORED AS GIRLS VOLLEYBALL “LEGENDS”

*To celebrate the 25th anniversary of their titles in the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Girls Volleyball Tournament, the MHSAA honored three schools through the Association's "Legends Of The Games" program at the 2006 Girls Volleyball Finals on March 18. The 1981 Lower Peninsula champions from Saranac High School in Class D and the Class B champions from Stevensville Lakeshore, along with the 1981 and 1983 Class A title-winning teams from Wayne Memorial, were honored (the 1981 Class C champions from Battle Creek Pennfield have previously been honored). The following story was written by MHSAA Communications Director John Johnson.*

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Twenty-five years ago doesn't seem like it was all that long ago, but consider this:

- The battle for home video supremacy was waged between VHS and BetaMax.
- Tracy Austin, just 19 years old, won her second U.S. Open tennis title.
- Walter Cronkite signed off for the last time as a television news anchor.
- Beth Daniel led the LPGA in winnings, totaling just over \$200,000.
- Wheel of Fortune debuted on TV – in Australia.

But it really doesn't seem like it was all that long ago, especially if you won your first MHSAA Girls Volleyball title, as was the case for Wayne Memorial, Stevensville Lakeshore and Saranac, which ascended to the top in their respective classes in 1981. For Memorial, it was the first of two titles in three seasons – the other came in 1983.

Wayne Memorial had a taste of the highest stage in 1980, but lost a heartbreaking 15-9, 14-16, 15-11 decision to Grand Rapids Creston at Chippewa Valley High School in Mt. Clemens. The videotapes of the match Head Coach Doris Busiuto has at home aren't either VHS or BetaMax – it truly was that long ago.

“I remember everyone working very hard as a team,” said hitter Lynne Underwood, who played in that 1980 title match as a junior. “We lost in the end and they called us runners-up. Even though our spirits were down and our hearts were broken I knew we would be back the next year to take the championships. It was a time in my life I will never forget.”

The 1981 title at Battle Creek Central's Field House was the result of a comeback victory in the Semifinals against East Kentwood, the Zebras losing the first game and being down 13-7 in the second. The championship was a 15-11, 15-10 decision over Fraser.

Two years later, Wayne Memorial returned to the Final Round, capturing the Class A title with a three-game win over Birmingham Marian, and then turning a 15-5, 15-3 number on Kentwood, holding the Falcons to what was then the fewest points ever allowed in a title match.

Players and coaches alike remember the twin sisters on the 1983 teams – setters Laura and Lisa Hayes – as leaders, but remember the team spirit and the fact that many players on both championship teams were proficient in more than one sport.

A first-year head coach who went on to become one of the nation's all-time winningest volleyball coaches, Diana Davis started Stevensville Lakeshore to an impressive run over most of the last portion of the past millennium. Three Final match appearances, 912 victories and a winning percentage almost as high – 89.9 percent, the second highest in Michigan high school volleyball history – were touched off by a team which stormed to the 1981 championship.

The Lancers disposed of each of its Final round opponents in two games at Battle Creek Pennfield High School – 15-12, 15-11 over Linden in the Semifinals, and 15-8, 15-7 over Warren Woods in the Championship.

Five seniors led the 1981 team – all hitters – Sally Woods, Nellie Hoffman, Marriann Middleton, Natalie Carr and Dawn Gleffe. Middleton and Hoffman were all-conference selections that year. Both Carr and Gleffe summed up the team's drive to the title on one word – desire.

“Everyone came together, our coach was ready and we took off” Carr said. “We won Districts and Regionals and shocked everyone. We hung on to our hope and to our chance; we gave it our all and won.”

“I feel like the reason we won was DESIRE,” Gleffe said. “Everyone wanted to win. I don't know if I can describe the feeling after we won state. It was awesome.”

The team also featured six juniors and two sophomores that made it to the title game a year later, but was defeated in three games by Battle Creek Lakeview. Regardless, an era of success was born that ended when Davis' last team in 1999 reached the Finals.

Monty Hayden was Saranac's top serving artist in helping the Redskins to the 1981 Class D crown. Now as her alma mater's head coach, she plans on having most of this year's team in attendance to share in the reunion festivities. "Our team attitude was what whatever it takes to win – do it! Positive Mental Attitude all the way," Hayden said.

"Monty Jo served so many aces during the games," said Kim Sweet, a setter on the team. "My teammates were amazing to watch. It was an incredible feeling being a part of that experience."

After breezing into the Final with a 15-9, 15-12 decision over Centreville at the Battle Creek Central Field House, the Redskins had the daunting task of taking on Leland, which was in the Finals for the fourth straight year.

"We were definitely the underdogs," Hayden said. "Leland had championships experience and height, and we were short and savvy."

Saranac's team approach, using a number of different players on the attack, overwhelmed Leland in game one as the Redskins jumped out to a 12-4 lead and won 15-8. But the Comets, sporting a lineup featuring one of Michigan's all-time leading scorers in basketball – Julie Polakowski – turned the tables in a big way in the second game by winning, 15-1.

"They just let down mentally," Head Coach Annette Schneider told the Grand Rapids Press. "We won by attacking that first game and then, in the second game, we seemed to be more cautious."

The Redskins players heeded Schneider's preaching the need to return to a Positive Mental Attitude in the finale, racing to a 10-4 lead on the strength of five straight service points by Barb Snay, and Hayden sealed the deal with the last two points, including a service ace to end the match. ■

## 2006 Girls Volleyball Legends of the Games



Wayne Memorial



Stevensville Lakeshore



Saranac

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## MIAAA HONORS AWARD WINNERS

Michigan's professional organization of school athletic directors, the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA) recently honored several administrators in Traverse City on March 20, 2006, at the annual MIAAA Mid-Winter Conference attended by more than 500 athletic directors.

### **MILLER NAMED A.D. OF THE YEAR**

Recently retired Melanie Miller of Lansing Sexton High School is the MIAAA Athletic Director of the Year. A graduate of Comstock High School where her father, Larry Pickett, was the athletic director for 32 years, Miller attended Michigan State University where she played basketball. She earned her Bachelor's degrees in physical education and biology in 1972, and later received her Master's in exercise physiology in 1983.

Miller, taught, coached and served as an athletic administrator in the Lansing Public Schools for 33 years. Her career began at Lansing's Hill HS and within a couple of years she landed at Sexton HS. While teaching both Physical Education and Science courses, Miller coached. From 1974-78 she coached girls' basketball, volleyball and softball. During the next seven years, she served as assistant athletic director and oversaw the female athletic program. She also coached tennis for two years. In 1987, Miller took the reigns of the entire athletic program, where she remained until retirement.

For 28 years Miller was an active member of the MIAAA. She served the organization as the Region 7 representative for six years, was a member of various committees and eventually served five years on the executive board. Miller was president of the MIAAA during the 2004-05 school year. Karen Leinaar, Benzie Central Athletic Director, states "Melanie recently completed her tenure as the President of the MIAAA, a role which she has served in very well – the organization has grown with her leadership". Many honors have been bestowed on Miller. She was honored as the Regional AD of the Year in 1991 and earned five Distinguished Service awards. Her work with the MIAAA

continues as a lifetime member.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) has also utilized Miller's skills and knowledge in many ways. Miller hosted over 200 MHSAA events in a variety of sports and was a member of various committees. In February, the MHSAA honored Miller with the presentation of the Women's In Sport Leadership award.

### **LOVICH RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

George Lovich was honored with the Jack Johnson Distinguished Service Award for 2005-06.

A "small town" guy, Lovich grew up in Monessen, Pa., and attended Monessen High School. He obtained his baccalaureate degree in education from California State College of Pennsylvania, and his Master's degree in educational leadership from Eastern Michigan University. Lovich, who began teaching in 1963, spent 29 years at Livonia Franklin High School.

Lovich spent most of his 29 years at Franklin coaching football and serving as the school's Athletic Director. He received numerous accolades as a coach and athletic director, including the Oberserver & Eccentric Football Coach of the Year Award, the Detroit News' Football Coach of the Year Award, and the MIAAA's Regional Athletic Director of the Year Award. Lovich was inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association's (MHSFCA) Hall of Fame in the spring of 1993.

Lovich may have retired from public education, but he has never stopped serving the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators' Association. He has served as the organization's Executive Secretary since 1992, and continues in that position today.

In that role, the Canton resident has helped increase membership and developed innovative ideas to improve the organization. Lovich has worked to organize conference registration, plan conference agendas, obtain corporate sponsorships, secure 501C-3 tax status for the organization, and help keep the MIAAA financially solvent.

## **FELDKAMP RECEIVES AWARD OF MERIT**

Jim Feldkamp of the Troy School System received the George Lovich State Award of Merit. Feldkamp is a 1965 graduate of Wyandotte Roosevelt High School and received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Eastern Michigan University. Feldkamp also holds an education specialist in administration from Wayne State University.

He received his certification as a CAA from the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) in 1997 and in 2005 became a certified Coaches Advancement Program (CAP) Instructor through the MHSAA.

Feldkamp began his career in 1970 at Romeo Junior High and worked in the Anchor Bay and West Bloomfield school systems before going to Troy in 1988, where he was the Director of Athletics and Physical Education until his retirement in 2004. At Troy Jim oversaw two high schools, four middle schools, 315 coaching positions, 178 teams, a \$1.5 million budget and over 4,000 participants.

Jim is a 21-year member of the MIAAA serving on the Board of Directors for 14 years. He worked his way through the hierarchy of offices serving as President in 1999-2000. He is also a member of the NIAAA, state representative for the National PA Announcers Association, Detroit Broadcasters Association, Michigan High School Coaches Association (MHSCA), and the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan (BCAM).

In addition to being named the recipient of this year's Award of Merit, Feldkamp was named Athletic Director of the Year in the State of Michigan in 2002, a finalist for National Athletic Director of the Year representing the Midwest in 2002, the MHSAA Charles Forsyth Award recipient in 2005 and the MHSAA Allen W. Bush award winner in 2000.

## **KELLEYS RECEIVE SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Larry and Deb Kelley of Holt received the 2006 Special Recognition Award, a prestigious award for service to the MIAAA and Michigan school district athletic programs.

The Kelleys have been an active and integral part of the MIAAA and the Michigan High School Athletic Association. Together they have revised and updated computer systems and software at all the schools with which they were affiliated. Larry and Deb have worked together to manage various MHSAA tournaments. They have served the MIAAA directly by chairing and revising the awards banquet held annually at the convention to which over 500 athletic directors statewide attend and further educate themselves.

A master of many facets of the educational scene, Larry has worked in the public school system as teacher, coach, athletic director, transportation director and co-op supervisor, and currently is athletic director at Laingsburg High School.

Deb, his wife of 38 years, has worked both actively and behind the scenes in the administration of various school and MHSAA tournaments.

## **REGIONAL AWARDS GO TO 14**

The MIAAA also honored 14 administrators as Regional Athletic Directors of the Year.

They are: Region 1 - Brandon Bruce, Newberry; Region 2 - Terri-Lee Smith, Inland Lakes; Region 3 - Ken Erny, Fruitport; Region 4 - Barry Hobrla, Lowell; Region 5 - Mike Garvey, Delton Kellogg; Region 6 - Jim Brown, Lenawee Christian; Region 7 - Teri Reyburn, DeWitt; Region 8 - Jim Noble, Saginaw Heritage; Region 9 - Gary Langdon, Clio; Region 10 - Gerald Warkentien, Marine City; Region 11 - Gene Balawajder, Highland Milford; Region 12 - Al Chambo, Redford Thurston; Region 13 - David Feldman, Bloomfield Hills Marian; Region 14 - Bill Taylor, South Haven Baseline

The MIAAA is a 47-year old association with nearly 700 members serving as athletic administrators in numerous high schools and junior/middle highs throughout the state. Partnered with the MHSAA, the MIAAA works to promote the educational value of interscholastic athletics and the role of athletic directors. ■



## 2005-06 WINTER COACH EJECTION LISTING

<b>City</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Coach</b>	<b>Sport</b>
Allen Park	Allen Park HS	Kyle Kirkpatrick	Ice Hockey
Allen Park	Allen Park HS	Tim Whitlow	Boys Basketball
Allen Park	Cabrini HS	Debbie Norman	Boys Basketball
Allen Park	Inter-City Baptist HS	Bob Fite	Boys Basketball
Ann Arbor	Greenhills HS	Andrew Wright	Boys Basketball
Belding	Belding Area HS	Brian Babbitt	Boys Basketball
Bloomfield Hills	Brother Rice HS	Matt Riker	Ice Hockey
Burton	Genesee Christian HS	Don Paulson	Boys Basketball
Caledonia	Caledonia HS	Paul Nixon	Boys Basketball
Charlotte	Charlotte HS	Steve Myers	Boys Basketball
Cheboygan	Cheboygan Middle School	Rick Swiderk	Boys Basketball
Clare	Clare HS	Clint Fishtorn	Boys Basketball
Clawson	Clawson HS	Robert Shoemaker	Boys Basketball
Clinton Township	Clintondale HS	Greg Grant	Boys Basketball
Corunna	Corunna HS	John Fattal	Boys Basketball
Detroit	Cody HS	Quinton Mann	Boys Basketball
Detroit	Frederick Douglass HS	Mitchell McGrew	Boys Basketball
East Lansing	East Lansing HS	Doug Flemming	Boys Basketball
Edwardsburg	Edwardsburg HS	Jon Pryor	Boys Basketball
Erie	Erie-Mason HS	9th grade coach	Boys Basketball
Essexville	Garber HS	Rob Garcia	Boys Basketball
Farmington Hills	Harrison HS	Morrison Borders	Boys Basketball
Ferndale	Ferndale HS	Charles Morgan	Wrestling
Ferndale	Ferndale HS	Charlie Morgan	Wrestling
Grand Rapids	Kenowa Hills HS	Todd Johnston	Boys Basketball
Grand Rapids	Northview HS	Gerord Green	Ice Hockey
Grass Lake	Grass Lake HS	Doug McDonald	Wrestling
Highland Park	Highland Park HS	Anthony Ball	Boys Basketball
Hillsdale	Will Carleton Academy	Savier York	Boys Basketball
Howell	Howell HS	Ryan Mason	Boys Basketball
Indian River	Inland Lakes Middle School	David O'Bryant	Boys Basketball
Ishpeming	CL Phelps Middle School	Owen Carter	Boys Basketball
Jackson	Northwest HS	Christi Saenz	Volleyball
Mackinaw City	Mackinaw City HS	Dave Huntington	Boys Basketball
Marshall	Marshall Middle School	Bill Sleeper	Wrestling
Mason	Mason HS	Ty Tyler	Ice Hockey
Mason	Mason Middle School	John Vanommeren	Wrestling
Monroe	Jefferson HS	Corey Wiley	Boys Basketball
Montague	Montague HS	Mike Mack	Boys Basketball
Orchard Lake	St Mary Preparatory HS	Raymond Markham	Ice Hockey
Peck	Peck Community HS	Jeremy Abrego	Boys Basketball
Portland	St Patrick HS	Dan Thelen	Boys Basketball
Reese	Reese HS	Jeff Casler	Boys Basketball
Romulus	Romulus HS	David Cooper	Wrestling
Southgate	Southgate Anderson HS	Larry Jesue	Ice Hockey
St Johns	St Johns HS	Dirk Besko	Boys Basketball
Taylor	Baptist Park HS	Brian Kincaid	Boys Basketball
Temperance	Bedford HS	Randy Menchaca	Ice Hockey
Walled Lake	Walled Lake Central HS	Bill Regnier	Ice Hockey
West Branch	Surline Middle School	Chuck Wren	Boys Basketball



## SCHOOLS WITH THREE OR MORE OFFICIALS REPORTS — Winter 2005-06

School	City	No. of Reports
Loy Norrix HS	Kalamazoo	8
Southgate Anderson HS	Southgate	7
Walled Lake Central HS	Walled Lake	5
Garber HS	Essexville	4
Harper Creek HS	Battle Creek	3
Berkley HS	Berkley	3
Big Rapids HS	Big Rapids	3
Brother Rice HS	Bloomfield Hills	3
Grand Ledge HS	Grand Ledge	3
Northview HS	Grand Rapids	3
Union HS	Grand Rapids	3
West Catholic HS	Grand Rapids	3
St Mary Preparatory HS	Orchard Lake	3
Adams HS	Rochester	3
Kimball HS	Royal Oak	3
Wayland Union HS	Wayland	3
Lincoln HS	Ypsilanti	3

*Ejections for cooperative programs are assigned to the primary school regardless of the student's enrollment.*

### OFFICIALS REPORTS SUMMARY FOR WINTER 2005-06

Sport	Concern	Praise	Player Ejection	Coach Ejection	Other Ejection	Taunting
Boys Basketball	119	11	71	35	4	0
Boys Swimming	1	0	1	0	0	0
Ice Hockey	120	4	150	8	0	0
Volleyball	5	7	2	1	0	0
Wrestling	90	1	74	6	6	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>

### Distribution of Reports

Reports of Concern	No. of Schools	Reports of Praise	No. of Schools
1	164	1	21
2	51	2	1
3	15		
4	1		
5	1		
7	1		
8	1		

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# SWIMMING & DIVING COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, February 21, 2006

## Members Present:

Bill Andrew, Plainwell  
Michael Bakker, Fenton  
Butch Briggs, Grand Rapids  
Sue Calvo, Swartz Creek  
Eva Claar, Ann Arbor-Pioneer  
John Dudley, Ypsilanti (Advisory)  
Tom Flynn, Beverly Hills (MIAAA)  
Jamie Gent, Haslett  
LeRoy Hackley, Byron Center  
Mike Jolly, Chelsea  
Mike Sharrow, Algonac  
Janis Stahr, Flat Rock, Official

Doug VanderJagt, Rockford (MASSP)

## Members Absent:

Tiffany Donigan, East Lansing  
Mike Matter, Saginaw-Nouvel  
Ellen Pugh, West Branch  
Catherine Stevens, Kentwood  
Mike Venos, Bloomfield Hills  
Hooker Wellman, Ludington

## Staff Member Present:

Gina Mazzolini (Recorder)

The 2005-2006 Swimming and Diving Committee met in the MHSAA office on Feb. 21, 2006. The committee was reminded of its responsibility and of the process for rule changes. After a brief welcome and introductions, the following topics were addressed.

### DIVIDE L.P. BOYS AND GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING INTO THREE EQUAL DIVISIONS

1. Set cut-off times to limit the number of swimmers to approximately 32 per event.
2. Hold two regions per division to determine the qualifying divers (Top 16 in each region).
3. Proposed Venues for the First Year:

	Girls	Boys
Division 1	U of M	EMU
Division 2	EMU	U of M
Division 3	Oakland	Oakland

*(Alternate sites: 1-Jenison High School;  
2-Holland Aquatic Center)*

4. Merits of a Third Division:
  - a. Fairer meet for small schools
  - b. More opportunity
  - c. Grow the sport – allow for participation versus elitist
5. What Coaches Do Not Want:
  - a. An elimination meet
  - b. Consideration times
  - c. Doubleheaders at one venue (unless last resort)

### QUALIFYING TIMES

The committee suggested that it will reconvene after the Representative Council Meeting in May to set qualifying times. First preference is May 17th and second preference is April 26th.

### MAKE ATTENDANCE MANDATORY AT PRESEASON RULES MEETINGS

The coaches association felt attendance at its clinic was down because of lack of notification via MHSAA Rules Meetings.

### ADDITIONAL DIVING QUALIFIERS

In diving, add conference meet qualifying spots to equal the number of returning state meet finalists in that conference.

### COUNTING SWIM COMPETITIONS

Change the way of counting swim competitions from number of contests to days of competition (Increase from 16 to 17 the number of allowable competitions).

### TENTATIVE REGIONAL DIVING HOSTS FOR 2006-2007

*(If three Divisions)*

Division 1-Ann Arbor, Kentwood  
Division 2-Rochester-Adams, Battle Creek-  
Lakeview  
Division 3-Cranbrook Kingswood, East  
Grand Rapids

### DISCUSSION-NO ACTION

1. Three player regulation (especially Interpretation No. 220)
2. Exhibition
3. Foreign exchange student participation

### RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Divide L.P. Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving into three equal divisions (9-0).
2. Make attendance mandatory at the pre-season Rules Meetings (10-0).

3. In diving, add conference meet qualifying spot to equal the number of returning state meet finalists in that conference (9-0-2).
4. Change the way of counting swim competitions from number of contests to days of competition and increase the number from 16 to 17 (11-0). ■

## SPRING RATINGS DUE MAY 26 - SUBMIT ONLINE NOW

We are pleased to offer online ratings availability to our member high schools and junior high/middle schools. Athletic directors can now log on to password-protected sections of our Web site to submit officials ratings. Additionally, athletic directors have the option to assign passwords to their coaches to rate officials.

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1. Click on the *School Login* link in the lower left-hand side of the mhsaa.com home page
2. Enter your school ID and password to access the "MHSAA School Services" Web page.
3. Click the red *Enter Officials Ratings* link in the middle of the page. To learn how to enter ratings, click the Help link in the upper right-hand section of the "MHSAA Officials Ratings Center" Web page to access up to date instructions.

Athletic directors have the option to provide their coaches the ability to add officials ratings. Once logged on to the "MHSAA School Services" Web Page:

1. Click the *Update Your Coaches' Information* link.
2. Click the corresponding *Edit* link found in the right-hand column of the table row containing the sport you wish to select.
3. Check the box to allow the coach in the rated sport to enter ratings online.
4. Enter a password for the coach.
5. Re-enter the same password (to verify).
6. Notify your coach of her/his access. Coaches should use the two or three character sports code + the school ID for a login ID. For example, Brighton High School's Girls Basketball Coach would use GBB1016 for a login ID (GBB for girls basketball and 1016 for Brighton's school ID). For Baseball, BA1016 would be the login ID. The password assigned by the athletic director should then be used. Below is a list of prefixes for your school's sport codes.

Baseball-BA	Boys Basketball-BBB
Boys Lacrosse-BL	Boys Soccer-BSO
Football-FB	Girls Basketball-GBB
Girls Lacrosse-GL	Girls Soccer-GSO
Ice Hockey-IH	Softball-SB
Volleyball-VB	Wrestling-WR

Login instructions for coaches can be downloaded from the "MHSAA Officials Ratings Center" Web page. Coaches cannot approve online ratings. That responsibility remains with the athletic director. Once the ratings are entered by the coach, she/he can click on a link to notify the A.D. that they have submitted ratings for approval. **Important: A valid e-mail address for the athletic director is necessary for online ratings.**

# BOWLING COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, March 16, 2005

## Members Present:

Brian Bannasch, Rogers City  
Scott Bennett, Flint (BCAM)  
Tom Braun, Grand Ledge  
Harry Burkey, Grosse Pointe Woods  
Carl Doornbos, Rockford  
Bob Gershman, Berkley  
Rudy Godefroidt, Hemlock  
Sue Hutchings, Marshall  
Judy Jaeger, Livonia  
Larry Jaynes, South Lyon  
Vicki Kowalski, Farmington  
Dave Kowalski, Bay City

Tracy Long, Flint  
Vic Michaels, Detroit  
Fred Ringrose, South Lyon  
Randy Shank, Sterling Heights (Advisory)  
Tom Stockton, Sterling Heights  
Ron Tomasoni, Iron Mountain

## Members Absent:

Larry Boyer, Battle Creek

## Staff Member Present:

Randy Allen (recorder)

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## PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE

The MHSAA bowling Committee is a standing committee which meets annually to develop recommendations to the Representative Council and the MHSAA staff regarding policies and procedures associated with the MHSAA Bowling tournament. The makeup of the committee represents coaches, athletic administrators and tournament officials.

## TOURNAMENT REVIEW

The committee reviewed the 2006 Finals, held at Sunnybrook Lanes for the third consecutive year. Crowds were even larger and the Saturday team event proved difficult to manage the crowd change-over. Several options were discussed regarding the Finals locations, including separate sites for each Division, separate weekends for the team and singles events, and separate weekends for boys and girls Finals. Adding a Thursday session to the Finals was also discussed. A motion was approved to use three separate sites for each Division at the 2007 Finals. Although the committee favored three Finals sites and approved a motion for such a change, it left open the option to remain at one site and add a Thursday session as an option for the Representative Council.

Other aspects of the 2006 Finals were reviewed. The change in lane conditions information available to coaches was received favorably. An adjustment to the team qualifying round was approved, chang-

ing to 3 regular games and 6 Baker games. It was decided to keep the order in the qualifying round as Baker games bowled first followed by regular games, and in the match game round it was decided to retain the policy of regular game first followed by Baker games.

Regional tournament operations were reviewed. More emphasis on standard policies of lane assignments, conditions, substitutions, dress code and coaching privileges will be made at the Regional Manager meeting in 2007. A recommendation was approved to change the Regional tournament structure to accommodate more growth, reduce travel and the size of the Regional events, and reduce the need for split squads and therefore shorter days. Securing necessary bowling centers and host schools will be done earlier.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

Regular-season competition formats were reviewed. There was no support to standardize league and conference formats, only to recommend the 30 point system consisting of 2 Baker and 2 regular games. A motion to restrict participation in adult leagues was considered. It was decided that the existing MHSAA Limited Team Membership and Amateur Status Regulations cover adult league participation by all athletes and that more emphasis on the restrictions will be made at the 2006 coaches rules meetings. Other subjects discussed were bowler and coach dress codes, local meet management,

coaching restrictions and season limits and dates. It was recommended that continued education and application of all regulations be part of the 2006 coaches rules meetings. Several additions and clarifications were suggested for the MHSAA Coaches Manual.

### RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Conduct the MHSAA Bowling Finals at three separate sites for the 2007 season. Each Division will have a separate site and management staff. Expand to six Regionals in each Division, with the top three teams and top 10 individuals advancing from each Regional to the Finals (12-3).  
  
Rationale: The Finals crowds are so large it is no longer manageable or safe to have all divisions in both genders together at one site. Three separate sites will better manage the number of bowlers and spectators, reduce the length of the day and strain on facility space and resources. With continued growth in the number of schools sponsoring bowling, it is necessary to adjust the Regional structure to accommodate the increased number of teams and spectators and reduce travel and length of day. The initial plan that has been in place for the past three years was designed with growth in mind. The proposed changes are also designed to handle the next three years of growth at both the Regional and Finals levels.
2. Change order of Finals events to Team Championships on Friday and Singles Championships on Saturday (18-0).
3. Change the Baker qualifying format at the Regional level and first round of the Finals to three regular games and six Baker games (18-0).
4. Prohibit practice or warm-ups on separate lanes for substitute bowlers at Regional tournaments (18-0).
5. Adjust the substitution rule, eliminating the allowance for mid-frame substitutions in both Baker and regular games in the MHSAA Tournament and regular season competition (8-7). ■

## ONLINE SERVICES FOR OFFICIALS BUILDING MOMENTUM

**REGISTRATION** – Beginning with this school year, all current and first-time officials were able to **register online** through the MHSAA Web site, [mhsaa.com](http://mhsaa.com).

Registration for the 2006-07 school year began April 3.

While the early numbers are impressive, the MHSAA encourages all officials to use the online method of registration in the future, as the trend continues to move toward electronic files. **The registration fee remains \$20 for online registrations**, while all mail/walk-in/call-in registrations will cost \$25. Online registration can be accessed by clicking “Officials” on the Home Page of the MHSAA Web site. For more information, contact the MHSAA at 517/332-5046 or: [register@mhsaa.com](mailto:register@mhsaa.com).

**VIEW RATINGS** – MHSAA Officials also may now view their ratings online through the Officials page of the Web site. Click MHSAA Officials Services and login using your officials ID and password, then click on “See Your Ratings.”

Not only does this provide officials with ratings more quickly than standard mail, an added feature is the ability to see which schools rated each official during a given season.



# 2006 BASEBALL QUARTERFINAL, SEMIFINAL AND FINAL TOURNAMENT MASTER DRAW

**June 13, 16-17**

**Semis and Finals at Bailey Park, Battle Creek**

*Note: Home team determined by coin flip at all tournament levels*

**QUARTERFINALS**

(Tuesday, June 13)

**SEMIFINALS**

(Friday, June 16)

**FINAL**

(Saturday, June 17)

## DIVISION 1

Birmingham Groves Reg. 4

QF 4 at Madison Heights  
Bishop Foley  
Chippewa Valley Reg. 5

Holt Reg. 3

QF 2 at Chelsea

Saline Reg. 8

Grosse Pointe South Reg. 6

QF 3 at Carleton Airport

Plymouth Reg. 7

Bay City Central Reg. 1

QF 1 at Mt. Pleasant - CMU

Jenison Reg. 2

Bailey Park  
Battle Creek  
4 or 5 p.m.

Bailey Park  
Battle Creek  
6:30 p.m.

Bailey Park  
Battle Creek  
4 or 5 p.m.

## DIVISION 2

Essexville Garber Reg. 9

QF 5 at Mt. Pleasant - CMU

Grand Rapids W. Cath. Reg. 10

Carleton Airport Reg. 13

QF 8 at Troy Athens

Livonia Ladywood Reg. 15

Flint Powers Cath. Region 14

QF 7 at Flushing

Marysville Reg. 16

Lake Odessa Lakewood Reg. 11

QF 6 at Allendale - GVSU

Battle Creek Lakeview Reg. 12

Bailey Park  
Battle Creek  
10 or 11 a.m.

Bailey Park  
Battle Creek  
9:30 a.m.

Bailey Park  
Battle Creek  
10 or 11 a.m.



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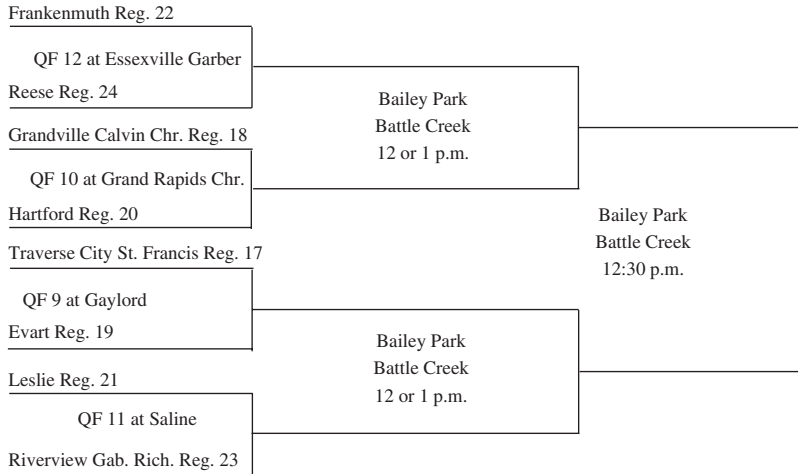
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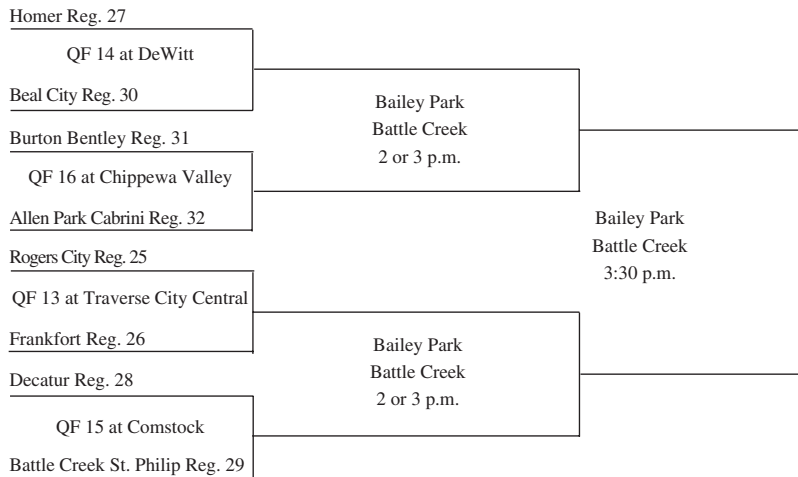
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### DIVISION 3



### DIVISION 4



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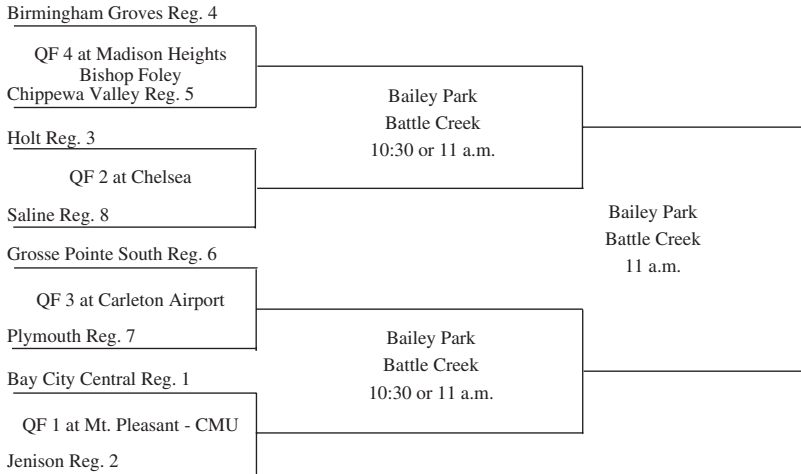
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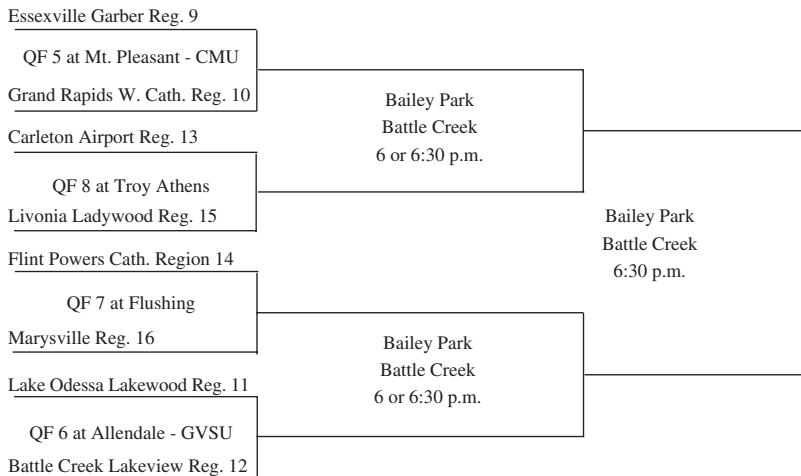
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**DIVISION 1**



**DIVISION 2**



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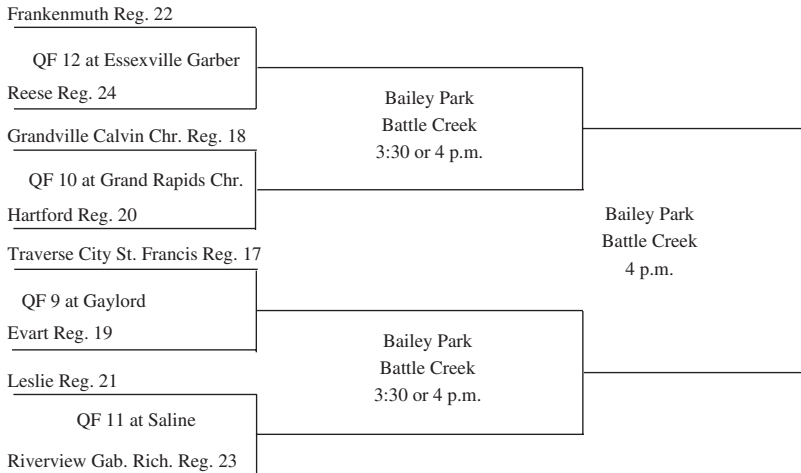
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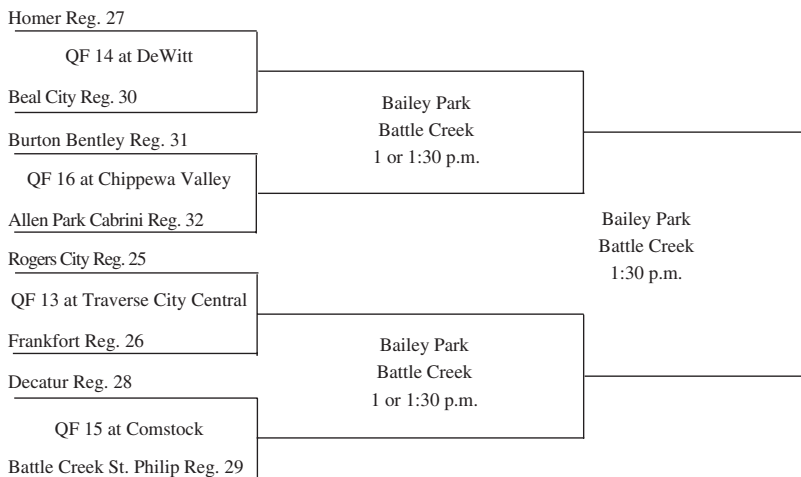
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## DIVISION 4



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