

MHSAA PUBLIC ADDRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Regular Season, 2008-09 School Year

Welcome & National Anthem Introduction

Good _____, and welcome to _____
for today's game with our visitors from _____.

The most important reason we have educational athletics is sportsmanship, and sportsmanship starts right now with the playing of the Star Spangled Banner. So gentlemen, please remove your hats and everyone be good sports by showing respect for the game, each other and our country by proudly singing our National Anthem.

Scholar-Athlete Award Applications (For Use Between 8/22/08 & 11/21/08)

Over 2 thousand of the state's top student-athletes will be recognized for excelling academically and in school activities through the M-H-S-A-A's Scholar-Athlete Award, underwritten by Farm Bureau Insurance. The applicants will be in the running for a total of 32 one-thousand dollar college scholarships. Application materials are available exclusively online through the M-H-S-A-A Website.

Officials Recruitment

If you're interested in becoming a high school game official, visit M-H-S-A-A-Dot-Com for more information. If officiating isn't for you, you can still help. Officials, like coaches and players, need encouragement to stay in this worthwhile avocation. You don't have to cheer for the officials, but simply pay them the respect they are due for their willingness to step up and help make these games possible.

Good Sports Are Winners! Program

The Good Sports Are Winners! Award recognizes those teams displaying good sportsmanship at selected M-H-S-A-A tournaments. Over one thousand teams will be recognized this year by the Meemic Insurance Company. Meemic is also providing sportsmanship educational materials to M-H-S-A-A member schools and is an underwriting sponsor of this year's series of regional Sportsmanship Summits. Remember, sportsmanship is the educated choice, and Good Sports Are Winners!

What Is Sportsmanship?

What is sportsmanship? It's something that's bigger than the final score. People will eventually forget who wins and losses, but they never forget being treated with respect or disrespect. It's not a sometimes thing, it's an all the time thing. Sportsmanship is what makes school sports educational. Good sports always have been, and always will be – winners.

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Women In Sports Leadership Mini-Grants

Each year, the M-H-S-A-A provides programming to promote the role of women in school sports. During the 2008-09 school year, the M-H-S-A-A will be providing mini-grants to local schools conducting their own Women In Sports Leadership conferences. Visit the M-H-S-A-A Website for more information about the Women In Sports Leadership mini-grant program.

Officials For Kids

High school game officials are making the right call for kids across the state through Officials For Kids, a partnership between the Michigan High School Athletic Association and Children's Miracle Network hospitals. The Officials For Kids program is a fundraising effort with pledges committed to helping improve children's health care across Michigan. For more information about Officials For Kids, visit the Officials page of the M-H-S-A-A Website.

Educational Value Of High School Sports

A survey conducted in Michigan a year ago revealed that the most important roles of high school sports were to let kids have fun and teach them about becoming tomorrow's leaders. College athletic scholarships rated low, and winning didn't even register on the chart. School sports do great things – the right things – for kids, schools and communities. Support your local school athletic program.

MHSAA-MAB Foundation Student Broadcasting Awards

There's more than one way for kids to take part in high school sports. The M-H-S-A-A, in cooperation with the Michigan Association of Broadcasters Foundation, will again provide aspiring sports broadcasters and video producers to be recognized through the Student Broadcasting Awards. For more information, visit the M-A-B Foundation Website at Mish-Mab-Dot-Org!

MHSAA Network On The Air-On The Internet

High school sports will be as close as your living room T-V set or your computer this fall on the M-H-S-A-A Network. Watch for weekly contests in football and girls volleyball during the regular season, coverage of all M-H-S-A-A tournaments, and plenty of video on demand event on cable and the Internet. Watch for the relaunch of the M-H-S-A-A Network-Dot-Com this fall, and catch weekly action on Comcast and Charter Cable.

(NOTE – When saying the MHSAA acronym, say each letter – M – H – S – A – A. Do not say M-H-S-Double A or try to say MHSAA as a word)