



PARTICIPATING SCHOOL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION 2013- 2014 BOYS & GIRLS ALPINE SKIING

1. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The MHSAA Boys & Girls Ski Tournament will be conducted in two equal divisions based on school enrollment. Schools will be placed in one of three Regional groups in each Division for their initial assignment as determined by MHSAA staff based on geography and approved by the MHSAA Ski Committee. The tournament is conducted in slalom and giant slalom events with both team and individual champions determined. From each Regional, the top three teams and top ten individuals or the first four individual finishers not on a qualifying team (minimum of four) advance to the Finals meet in each Division. Girls and Boys competition is held together at the Regional and Finals Tournaments.

Finals Tournament Locations – 2014

Division 1 – Schuss Mountain – Host, Clarkston, Dan Fife

Division 2 – Nub’s Nob – Host, Harbor Springs/Petoskey, Adam Wood/Gary Hice

Tournament Dates - 2014

Regionals – February 10-14

Finals – February 24

2. TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

Equipment - Skis, ski boots, bindings, ski poles, gloves, helmets, goggles and clothing in their commercially manufactured designs are permitted. All skis must have conventionally approved and operable ski brakes to be used in competition to include 55 mm ruling - the maximum allowable distance from the bottom (flat running surface) of the ski, to any point along the bottom of the ski boot sole shall be 55 millimeters. (See MHSAA Ski Manual) The measurement will be taken with the boot out of the binding but with the brake treadle fully compressed.

Racers must wear the racing bib issued to them visibly on the chest and back during competition and visibly while inspecting the course; however, depending upon weather conditions, the meet manager may allow an outer garment to be worn over the bib during inspection. Failure to wear the racing bib issued shall result in disqualification.

Helmets which completely cover the head (no soft ears) and are manufactured for ski racing are required for all competitors in all slalom and giant slalom races. A mouth guard/jaw guard must be worn (and attached to the helmet) for slalom racers. The MHSAA neither specifies nor recommends any helmet design or brand name. It is the responsibility of the school/competitor to select an appropriate helmet and use it in the manner prescribed by the manufacturer.

It is strongly recommended that coaches and competitors become aware of and consider the availability and value of supplemental equipment which might include shin guards or body armor.

Running Order - The running order shall not be changed after the entry due date. Team entry adjustments for the Final Meet shall be submitted to the Regional Manager before leaving the Regional site. Otherwise the Regional entry will become the Final Meet running order.

Contestants are drawn for position within a flight by lot. All Number one skiers (team) constitute the first

flight. Number two skiers are in the second flight and so on. In the Final Meet, all individual qualifiers shall race in 2.5 and 4.5 with equal distribution in each flight. In the event there are an odd number of skiers, the additional skier will be placed in 4.5. For the second run of the same event, flights are run in reverse order from the first run of that event. Bibs shall be assigned by running order of the first event in which a skier competes.

Scoring - The combined times from a competitor's two completed runs shall determine his/her time for the race. The best time shall be awarded one point, the second best time two points, the third best time three points, and so forth, with all competitors who DQ, DNS or DNF to receive points equal to one greater than the total number of participants (those who were entered) in that event.

Team scores in each event shall be computed by combining the race points of the top four finishers in each event from each team competing. Points shall be awarded as described above.

The fifth place finisher's score in both events will be used to break a tie. In the event of a tie of times for a position, the two times involved shall divide the total points for the two positions involved. For example, a tie for 7th position, points for 7th and 8th positions shall be totaled for 15 and each tie time will receive 7½ points.

Final Meet Scoring

Individual - For determining the top ten individual winners in each event, the sum total of an individual's times in that event shall be utilized. The fastest total time is the individual champion.

Team - After determining the individual winners, all individuals not representing a team shall be eliminated from the scoring process. At that point, the scoring system for teams shall be applied. (One point for first, two points for second, etc.) The low team total wins.

Substitutions - In both the Regional and Final Meets, a school may substitute for a scratched team member as long as the substitute assumes the running position of the person they are replacing. The coach may substitute any eligible skier (a student listed on the master eligibility and one who has represented their school in four high school meets). The substitution may be made no later than the established scratch deadline prior to the running of each event.

Coaching – Individuals and teams who are representing a school in a sport under MHSAA jurisdiction must be accompanied by the coach, administrator or appointee of the school.

Image Taking Devices in Locker Room and Locker Room Privacy Policy – Using devices of any kind to capture or transmit images is strictly prohibited in locker rooms, dressing areas, training rooms, weigh-in rooms, showers, restrooms, or other areas where there is an expectation of privacy during MHSAA tournament events. Tournament managers or athletic directors that discover such use should move immediately to have the device removed and inform the head coach or athletic director of the identity and nature of the activity of the person involved.

3. OPT OUT POLICIES, ELIGIBILITY LISTS, ROSTERS

To enter into the 2014 Alpine Ski Regional Meet, a school must recognize a bona fide high school team and be in compliance with all MHSAA Regulations listed in the MHSAA Handbook and in the MHSAA Ski Coaches manual. To be eligible for post-season competition, a team must consist of a minimum of four (4) skiers in each discipline (four skiers must be entered and actually ski in each discipline).

Participating schools must submit to the Regional Tournament Manager a Master Eligibility List and Ski Running Order form by the **Opt-out Due Date of February 7, 2014**. Failure to fulfill the above obligations by the specified Opt-out Due Date will result in MHSAA penalties as stipulated in the MHSAA Handbook.

If the Ski Running Order Form and Master Eligibility List are received after the Opt-Out Due Date, they may be accepted with the payment of a \$50 late fee. Late fees are retained by the host school. **The Regional Manager will provide the fax/email/address to where the entries are sent.**

Team Entry - A school must enter and ski a minimum of four skiers in each of the two events in order to

be considered a team. Individual entries are not permitted in Regional competition. The maximum number of entries per team per event shall be six for boys teams and six for girls teams.

Individual Entry-Final - Entry to Regional Meets is only by team. For the Final Meet, the top ten individuals or the first four individual finishers in each event in Regional competition who are not members of the first, second or third place team, qualify as individuals for the Final Meet in the event in which they qualify.

Additions or updates to the Master Eligibility List (except transfer students who enroll after the dates in Regulation I, Section 9 [F]) may be accepted by the Tournament Manager if submitted and received prior to the start of competition for any team in the first level of that tournament to which the school is assigned. All players on the Master Eligibility List submitted are eligible for tournament play even if the individual names are not on the roster.

Ineligible Players - Teams which are defeated by teams which have allowed an ineligible student to participate do not advance in MHSAA tournaments. Placement in MHSAA tournaments is vacated as a result of a team allowing one or more ineligible students to participate,

Withdrawals - Tournament management is to contact the MHSAA office if a school withdraws or fails to show for scheduled competition after the Opt Out Due Date for team sports or the pairings, heat assignments or flights are determined for individual sports of the first level of the MHSAA tournament in that sport. The MHSAA staff person responsible for the sport will request from the school principal a written explanation for the no-show/withdrawal. If the reason is determined to be unacceptable by MHSAA Staff, the MHSAA Executive Director will place the school on probation for the next two school years. A second offense within the two-year probationary period will cause the school to be prohibited from tournament play in that sport for the two years following the second offense.

4. DRAW PROCEDURES – NA (See “Running Order” in #2)

5. TIME SCHEDULES

Regionals – Suggested start time for MHSAA Regional Tournaments is 9:30 a.m.
Finals – Suggested start time for the MHSAA Final Tournament is 10:00 a.m.

At the Regional and Final Tournament the girls begin with the Slalom event and the boys begin with the Giant Slalom event. After two runs there is a course reset and rest period. Competition then resumes with the Girls Giant Slalom and Boys Slalom events.

6. AWARDS

Each Regional Team Champion will receive a team trophy and twelve team medals. Medals will be given to the top 10 individual places in slalom and giant slalom at the Regional. At the Finals the first and second place teams will receive trophies and twelve team medals, and the top ten individuals in slalom and giant slalom receive medals.

7. LIMITS OF COMPETITION

School teams are allowed fifteen competitions and four scrimmages. The fifteen meet limit can combine school meets and sanctioned CUSSA Meets. A student may participate in CUSSA Meets sanctioned by the MHSAA and listed on the MHSAA website, but each meet must count as one of the fifteen ski meets allowed for that team and individual that season. If two members of a team compete in two different MHSAA sanctioned CUSSA Meets in the same weekend, they count as one of the 15 meets allowed. An eligibility list from the school must be presented to the designated high school representative for the sanctioned meet prior to the student's participation in that meet.

Individuals are allowed to participate in two non-school outside events without penalty. An event is defined as no more than 3 consecutive days.

Exceeding contest maximums will result in disqualification from the MHSAA Tournament.

Post Season Eligibility - A team must have an actual schedule in that sport for the current season and have participated against MHSAA member schools in four or more contests in that sport during the

current season. A student must have actually competed in at least four meets with his/her school team against other MHSAA member schools.

Waiver Procedure for Individuals - (1) If a student has been a member of the high school ski team since the earliest practice within the MHSAA season – including dry land training, classroom preparation and on-hill practice – but has not skied in four high school meets due to cancellation of meets due to weather conditions, injury, illness or family tragedy (not ineligibility under MHSAA rules or school action for academic or discipline reasons), an administrator of that school may make a written request to the MHSAA for that student to participate in the MHSAA tournament. The request must describe the student's

involvement with the team and the reason he/she does not have four starts. The student's name must have been included previously on the Master Eligibility List. If the MHSAA administrator in charge of alpine skiing and the executive director or his/her designate concur that this is a reasonable request, the school may allow this student to participate in the MHSAA tournament. The request must be received by noon of the last business day prior to the MHSAA meet.

Team Waiver procedure - A school administrator may make a written request to the MHSAA staff if weather conditions caused the cancellation of one or more ski meets and the school team has not competed in the required minimum four meets. The request must include the following:

- The season's pre-arranged schedule;
- An explanation of conditions which led to the cancellation of meets;
- Good faith efforts were made to reschedule;
- Be received by Noon of the last business day prior to the Regional Meet;
- All other entry requirements (eligibility list, rosters) have been met.

If the MHSAA administrator in charge of alpine skiing and the executive director or his/her designate concur that this is a reasonable request, the school may be allowed to participate in the MHSAA Alpine Skiing tournament.

8. FINANCES

Schools participating in the MHSAA Regional and Finals Tournament are responsible for all travel, lodging and meal expenses. At the Finals, the MHSAA will pay for the first \$15 of the lift ticket expense.

Spectator Admission – There is no admission charge for spectators at MHSAA Regional and Final Ski Tournaments.

9. OFFICIALS SELECTION/ASSIGNMENTS - NA

10. PLAYING RULES/ADAPTATIONS

Rules of Competition as detailed in the MHSAA Ski Manual will be followed.

11. MEDIA

Media credential requests for Regional meets are processed by local managers. Credential requests for Semifinal and Final games will be handled by the MHSAA.

Videotaping- Competing schools may videotape games in which that school competes. The tape is not to be used to second-guess decisions made by game/meet officials. Schools wishing to videotape games at other sites may do so without securing advanced permission, but must tape from the stands unless press box space is available. Spectators may tape games from their normal seating area but are not to interfere with the view of other spectators or news media personnel covering the activity. A manager is not required to provide electrical hook-ups; or tripod space and may arrange spectator videotaping from a designated location(s). The tape may not be distributed, sold, rented, or loaned for commercial purposes.

Souvenir Program Policies – NA

Merchandising/Promotion Policies

Use of MHSAA Logo – The MHSAA logo and acronym are registered trademarks. MHSAA tournament trophy designs are also copyrighted. Use of these legally protected marks requires written permission of the MHSAA. Contact the MHSAA Communications Director for additional information.

Multimedia Policies

Audio/Video/Still Photography Rights – The MHSAA owns the rights to all multimedia (audio-video-still images-Internet) at all levels of its tournaments. Still and video photography is allowed by individual spectators from the seating area of the venue unless the host school district or facility has a previously-existing policy which is more restrictive. The MHSAA has exclusive multimedia arrangements for its Final events.

MHSAA Handbook Regulation II, Section 14(A) reads as follows: “No school may sell or rent videos (DVD, tape or film) or sell still images of contests which are part of an MHSAA tournament without the permission of the MHSAA.”

If a school wishes to authorize an individual(s) to create multimedia content, the principal or athletic administrator must contact the tournament manager for passes and access. Refer to the publication, MHSAA Multimedia Regulations, for more information.

Post-Game Interviews -- Coaches should also be readily available to meet with the media shortly after the conclusion of a contest. It is recommended that approximately five minutes after the game, managers provide a location other than the team locker rooms for post game interviews with coaches and/or players the coach may wish to designate for interviews. Locker room access should never be allowed to media. Inasmuch as many media outlets are often on deadline following contests, interviews should be granted before any lengthy team meetings occur.

12. SPORTSMANSHIP

When a student is disqualified during a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, that student shall be withheld by his/her school for the remainder of that day of competition and for at least the next day of competition for that team.

When a coach is disqualified during a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct, that coach shall be prohibited by his/her school from coaching for the remainder of that day of competition and from coaching at or attending at least the next day of competition for that coach's team.

Failure of the school for any reason to enforce this regulation will prohibit the school from entry in the next MHSAA tournament for that sport, or from the remainder of the current tournament if the disqualification occurs during an MHSAA tournament or during the last regular-season contest.

Disqualifications from one season carry over to the next season in that sport for undergraduates and coaches, or the next season in any sport for seniors. If the playing rules for a sport specify an additional penalty or more rapid progression, or use of such a progression for other violations, the playing rules apply.

Any coach who is disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct two or more times during a season, any player who is disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct three or more times during a season, and any coach or player who is ejected for spitting at, hitting, slapping, kicking, pushing or intentionally and aggressively physically contacting an official at any time during that season, is not eligible to participate in the MHSAA tournament for that sport that season. If the tournament disqualifying ejection for that individual occurs during the MHSAA tournament, that player or coach is ineligible for the remainder of that tournament.

If a team is removed from competition in protest, the contest is forfeited to the opponent and the coach and principal of the removed team must appear before the Executive Committee to indicate why additional action should not be taken. The Executive Committee may also require the appearance of personnel from other schools and game officials.

If the coach is ejected from the contest and an assistant coach, or an assigned school representative is not available to continue as the coach the event is terminated and forfeited to the opponent.

When a contest is interrupted or it ends prematurely because of breakdown of proper sportsmanship and whether or not the on-site officials forfeit the contest to one team, one or both schools may be subjected to any or all, but not limited to, the following: censure, probation with competition, probation without competition, forfeiture, loss of privilege of revenue sharing, expulsion. In addition, it may be required of one or both schools that their coaches and administrators appear before the Executive Committee to indicate why additional action should not be taken.

13. WEATHER POLICIES, SUSPENSIONS, POSTPONEMENTS

When teams are delayed in arriving at tournament sites because of inclement weather management is encouraged to consider delaying competition for a few hours and/or playing games/matches in brackets of teams/individuals that are present and prepared to participate. If, after a reasonable delay, fewer than 60% of the scheduled teams/individuals have not arrived, the tournament must be rescheduled. If 60% or more of the scheduled teams/individuals are present, the tournament is to be conducted on the day scheduled.

14. INJUNCTION, RESTRAINING ORDER, PROTESTS

If an injunction or restraining order is served or presented at an MHSAA tournament site and such purports to require the eligibility of or participation by a student or team which a school and/or the MHSAA has ruled to be ineligible under MHSAA regulations, the on-site tournament manager is to suspend the entire competition (team competition) or events in which that student is intending to participate (individual competition). If the meet has begun, it shall be completed.

Protests will not be reviewed by the MHSAA. All disputes must be decided at the site before the game proceeds. The umpires will make the final decision regarding game events. The Tournament Manager will resolve all next game concerns.

15. TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL POLICY

For coaches and officials at all MHSAA tournaments, use of tobacco products of any kind within sight of players and spectators and use of alcohol during a contest or at any time before it on the day of the contest is prohibited.

Tobacco: It is not intended that a violation of the tobacco policy should lead to immediate ejection of a coach. He or she should be reminded of the policy and reported to his or her school administration after the contest. Only if the coach is unwilling to comply promptly shall he or she be disqualified from coaching at the event. Officials should be reminded of the tobacco policy and reported in writing by the tournament manager to the MHSAA.

Alcohol: Historically, officials promptly disqualified coaches, and tournament managers immediately replaced officials who were under the influence of alcohol; and no change in such procedures is intended by these policies.

16. SPECTATOR POLICIES

The following general policies apply to spectators at MHSAA Tournament events. Tournament managers may also have additional school, facility or institutional restrictions and/or policies.

- Banners are allowed with Meet Manager approval.
- Smoking is not allowed at the tournament site.
- Spectator Videotaping – Spectators may tape games from designated areas but are not to interfere with the view of other spectators or news media personnel covering the activity. A manager is not required to provide electrical hook-ups or tripod space.