

**MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.  
VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

East Lansing, December 7, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

**Members Present:**

Jim Conway, Mt Pleasant  
Dave Feldman, Bloomfield Hills  
Kevin Fleming, MATS  
Jodi Manore, Bedford (MIVCA)  
Amanda Marriott, Eaton Rapids  
Tom Montpas, Lansing  
Rick Noorman, Grand Rapids  
John Pace, Garden City  
Ellen Perry, Rudyard  
Robert Tobey, Caro

**Members Absent:**

Kevin Beazley, Clinton  
Steve Evans, Beaverton  
Jean LaClair, Bronson (MIAAA)  
Betty Wroubel, Pontiac

**MHSAA Staff:**

Andi Osters (recorder)

The 2017-18 MHSAA Volleyball Committee met on Dec. 7, 2017 at the MHSAA office in East Lansing. The meeting began with a review of the MHSAA decision making process and charge of the Volleyball Committee. Agenda items were compiled from correspondence, staff, committee members and the coaches' association.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**COMPETITION LIMITATIONS**

In light of recent Representative Council action and deliberation about basketball and volleyball schedules, calendars, venues, and length of season(s), the committee discussed various prospects for future years. The committee expressed interest in collection of more data pertaining to attitudes on the abbreviation of both volleyball and basketball season length. MIVCA's position statement of opposition to a shorter volleyball season was reviewed.

**TOURNAMENT HOST EXPECTATIONS**

The committee requested that MHSAA Staff emphasize to the Basketball & Volleyball Site Selection Committee that volleyball sites be chosen not only based on historical rotation, but also on current condition of facility.

**SEMIFINAL GAME SCHEDULE**

The committee reviewed and discussed the newly-implemented Semifinal game schedule for the MHSAA Volleyball tournament. For all eight 2017 semifinal games, matches were started within ten minutes of the posted game time. Committee recommended that the new schedule remain in place.

**JUNIOR HIGH / MIDDLE SCHOOL ISSUES**

At the request of the JH/MS Task Force, the committee considered several items related to contest limits. Committee members strongly opposed expanding the limited team membership regulation (allowance for non-school competition during the school season) to include team sports at the junior high level. Conversely, there was support for an increase in the number of contests permitted during the school season – specifically, an addition of 2 'tournament dates' to the current 12. There was favorable sentiment with regard to MHSAA-titled or MHSAA-sponsored regional volleyball tournaments.

### **LINE JUDGE FEES**

MHSAA Staff shared several pieces of correspondence relating to the payment of Line Judges at the District level of the MHSAA Tournament. The committee recommended that the rate of pay be increased from \$20.00 per match to \$25.00 per match. This recommendation will be assessed by the Officials Review Committee.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS - NO ACTION**

1. Out of Season Coaching – review of 4-Player rule, rotations.
2. Seeding at the District level (and beyond).
3. District, Regional and Quarterfinal groupings.
4. Inclusion -- boys volleyball, other emerging sports.
5. NFHS Rule Questionnaire: officiating ball handling, allowance for players to remain standing during gameplay, request for third time-outs during set.

### **NO RECOMMENDATIONS TO MHSAA REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**