

Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc.  
2011-12 BASKETBALL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
December 1, 2011

Members Present:

Marc Comstock, Adrian  
Tim Conley, Saginaw  
Leroy Hackley, Jenison  
John Hall, Rochester  
Cortney Hawkins, Flint  
Ann Lowney, Clarkston  
Steve Majerle, Rockford

Jody McKean, DeWitt  
Kevin Murphy, Livonia  
Ramsey Nichols, Jackson  
Justin Terry, Lansing  
Patti Tibaldi, Traverse City  
Kevin Veale, Portland  
Dan Young, Westland

Members Absent:

Jeremy Palmitier, Martin  
Brian Swinehart, Walled Lake  
Mike Evoy, Detroit

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. After the welcome and introductions, the committee reviewed its responsibility and relationship to the Representative Council.

The committee reviewed the 2010-11 committee minutes with attention to Representative Council considerations and staff recommendations.

### **Online Rules Meetings**

The committee was reminded that all sport rules meeting schedules currently offer online opportunities for coaches and officials to fulfill rules meeting obligations as required by MHSAA Handbook Regulations.

It was reported that to date:

- 1237 Boys and Girls coaches have successfully completed the online rules meeting for basketball.
- 1698 Officials have successfully completed the basketball rules meeting online.

### **MHSAA/BCAM "Reaching Higher" Program**

The committee reviewed the planning, organization and status for this coming year's program. The dates are yet to be determined. Both will be held at South Lyon High School. The committee in total shared appreciation for Rich Moffit, Grayling and Tim Conley, Saginaw for their great effort and organization.

### **MHSAA/Greater Lansing Sport Authority Hoopfest**

MHSAA staff identified to the committee that the 2012 March Magic Hoopfest will again be operational for both Boys and Girls Basketball Finals at Michigan State University. The girls venue will be at the Breslin Center, while the boys venue will continue at Jenison Fieldhouse. The committee supports the continuation of the events and appreciated the added elements of the Top Shooters Challenges.

### **General Discussion**

1. Health Issues: The committee reviewed the current MHSAA protocols for managing concussions.
2. Tournament terms and conditions
  - Opt Out Due Dates:
    - Girls – Feb. 1, 2012
    - Boys – Feb. 8, 2012
  - Tournament Draw Dates:
    - May begin when the seasons practice start and end on December 23, 2011.

3. Finals Host Site: Michigan State University
4. Tournament Ball: All levels – Rawlings Comp Mich
5. Selection process and replacement for all levels of tournament officials
6. Online officials sporting conduct feedback
7. Regional Final and Quarter Final alternate site - should teams playing have inordinate travel to the selected site
8. National Federation Reports
  - Survey
  - Statistics Data
9. Traditional Draw Format – Now allows for tournament hosts using a traditional draw to have an opportunity to receive a bye.

#### **BCAM Discussion**

1. Relationship with BCAM and the MHSAA during the Reaching Higher Events and the March Magic Hoopfest
2. BCAM and the National Guard will provide banners to selected schools for demonstrating Good Sporting Conduct.
3. BCAM is involved with other state coaches associations in developing an organization for a National High School Basketball Coaches Association.

#### **Recommendations to MHSAA Staff**

1. Consider an opportunity for college coaches to purchase an all tournament pass that would allow college scouts to attend any tournament game at any tournament site. (16-0)
2. Award teams that lose in the Semifinal rounds of the MHSAA Tournament a token of accomplishment (at minimum an autograph ball). (16-0)
3. Tournament Site Selection process: Continue the combined boys and girls basketball and girls volleyball tournament selection process, but (1) assure committee members represent all regions of the state, and (2) break out by regions to select district and regional sites and reconvene as a committee of the whole to consider quarterfinal sites. (16-0)