

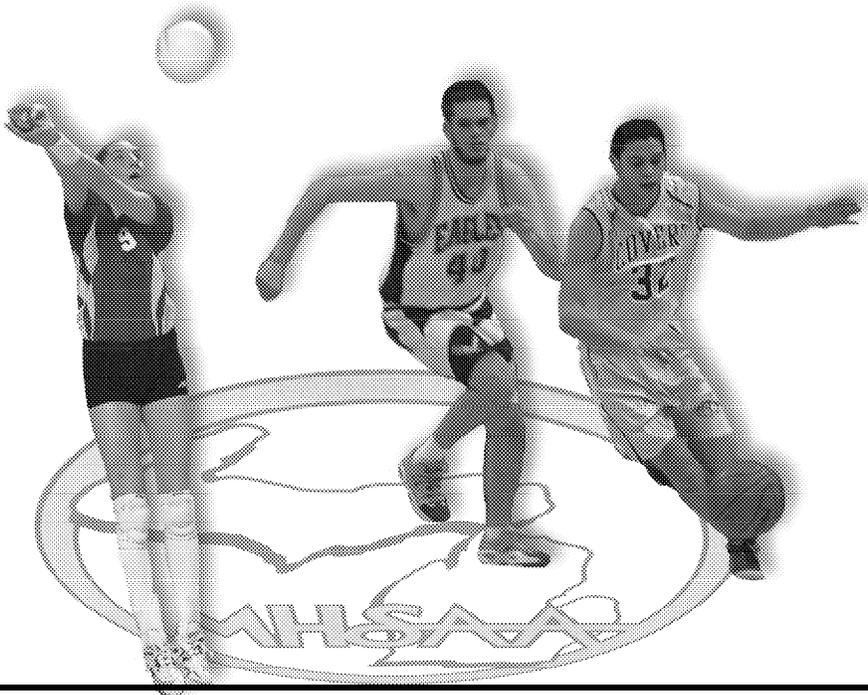


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March is one of the busiest months of the year for MHSAA Finals, as champions are crowned in eight sports in the Upper and Lower Peninsulas. The action concludes with the Girls Volleyball Finals on March 15-16 in Kalamazoo, and the Boys Basketball Finals on March 21-23 in East Lansing.

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Not all the facts presented to the Executive Committee and Representative Council as part of requests to waive eligibility regulations are included in the reports of those meetings, either because of the volume of material reviewed or the confidentiality requested by schools for their students, parents or faculty.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, February 13, 2002

### Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan  
Keith Eldred, Williamston  
Tom Rashid, Detroit  
Dan Flynn, Escanaba  
William Newkirk, Meridian

### Staff Members Present:

Nate Hampton  
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

**Executive Committee Authority and Responsibility** - The Executive Committee was reminded of 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 these minutes 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.

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 was cautioned to 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.

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

Adoption of these regulations 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 post-season 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 during regular season.

**Regulation I, Section 1** - The Executive Committee confirmed the following applications of Interpretation No. 11, discussed at the recommendation of the MHSAA Junior High/Middle School Committee and staff:

- a. The junior high/middle school must be of the same public or nonpublic school sys-

tem.

- b. It is not necessary that the junior high/middle school be an MHSAA member school.
- c. It is not necessary that the junior high/middle school sponsor the sport.
- d. It is not necessary that this occur during the junior high/middle school's season for the sport. If it is not the junior high/middle school season or the junior high/middle school does not sponsor the sport, then no more than three 7th and 8th-grade students may be present.
- e. It is not permitted for students of a non-public junior high/middle school to attend practice of a public high school, and vice versa.

The Executive Committee proposed that the *Handbook* consent package submitted to the Representative Council in May 2002 include item d above and the phrase "participation or" between the words "direct" and "competition" in Interpretation No. 11.

**Blissfield High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose parents disagreed with certain policies and procedures of Lenawee Christian High School and enrolled their daughter at Blissfield High School on the first day of the second semester of 2001-02.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Bloomfield Hills-Andover High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended West Bloomfield High School where he failed to prosper academically or socially. He transferred in January 2002. He has suffered from migraine headaches.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver on the basis of the information available.

**Bloomfield Hills-Lahser High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request was made to waive or interpret regulations on behalf of a student who relocated with his family from the Bloomfield Hills School District to the Troy School District. He remains in attendance at the International Academy of the Bloomfield Hills School District. While he was a resident of the Bloomfield Hills School District, he partici-

pated on the sports teams at Lahser.

The Executive Committee confirmed that current transfer regulations allow for this student's continuing eligibility at Lahser High School.

**Dryden High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility after 90 school days of enrollment at Dryden High School following an 11th-grader's transfer from Detroit Country Day School to Dryden on Nov. 6, 2001.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Freesoil High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Ludington High School. The student's parents are divorced. The mother evicted the student when she turned 17 (Oct. 23, 2001). When the father relocated to southeast Michigan in December with his new wife, the student lived briefly in a friend's home in Ludington. She was then placed in a home in Freesoil.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Grand Rapids-Kenowa Hills High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a foreign exchange student who began the 2001-02 school year placed with a host family in Colon. In October, when problems occurred in the host family placement, the student was moved to a host family in the Kenowa Hills School District. It had no openings for students at that time, so the student was enrolled at Grand Rapids-West Catholic High School. At the conclusion of the semester, because of the cost of attending West Catholic, the student was transferred to Kenowa Hills where openings had become available.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver, noting that the exception to the transfer rule for foreign exchange students applies only to their initial placement, not to a second host family placement and a third school, when similar treatment is not afforded domestic students.

**Grand Rapids-Kenowa Hills High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on

behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Kalamazoo-Loy Norrix where she was involved in a fight on a school bus with other Loy Norrix students. She has relocated to her sister's residence in the Kenowa Hills School District. She withdrew from Loy Norrix Jan. 18, 2002 and enrolled at Kenowa Hills Jan. 25. The student did participate in sports at Loy Norrix.

Noting that the student was a contributor to the altercations, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Grandville-Calvin Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level for a 9th-grade student who attended Calvin Christian High School until November 2001, transferred to Hudsonville High School when his parents moved, and then returned to Calvin Christian. He has not participated in high school athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2001-02 school year.

**Grosse Pointe Woods-University Liggett High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a student who will be a 12th-grader in 2002-03. He attended University Liggett for 8th through 10th grades. When his family moved to Brazil for his father's work, the student relocated again to his grandparents in Chicago; and he attends North Shore Country Day School. The student's mother and his siblings will return to their home in Grosse Pointe Woods this summer and this student will return there as well and reenroll at University Liggett.

Noting the appropriateness of the student's return to the original residence and school, the Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Mt. Pleasant-Beal City High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level on behalf of a 9th-grade student who moved from his mother in Holt to his grandmother in Beal City at the start of the second semester of the 2001-02 school year. He has not participated in high school athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only

for the remainder of the 2001-02 school year.

**Muskegon High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who began the 2001-02 school year at Muskegon High School. She enrolled at Orchard View High School on Oct. 29, 2001 to ease transportation problems, and reenrolled at Muskegon High School on Jan. 29, 2002. The student has resided at all times in the Orchard View School District.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**North Branch High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who was expelled from North Branch-Wesleyan Academy, and his 10th-grade brother who also transferred from Wesleyan to North Branch High School. Both students played high school sports previously.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Royal Oak-Dondero High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C])** - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a student who previously attended Royal Oak-Kimball High School and who participated in the cooperative swimming and diving program of these two schools.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for swimming and diving only.

**Troy School District (Regulation II, Section 11[G])** - Request to waive the "three-player rule" was made on behalf of the girls swimming coach at Troy-Athens High School who (1) assists with a Special Olympics swim program that may include more than three students at a time in grades 7 through 12 of the Troy School District; and (2) instructs through the Troy Community Center classes that involve stroke instruction and introduction to competition in which more than three students at a time in grades 7 through 12 of the Troy School District may be involved.

The Executive Committee granted the request for the coach to coach more than three students in grades 7 through 12 of the Troy School District in the Special Olympics swim program. The Executive Committee denied the request for the coach to coach more than three students out of season during the school

year in grades 7 through 12 of the Troy School District in the Troy Community Center.

**Rockford High School (Regulation II, Section 15[A])** - Request was made to waive the Individual Wrestling Tournament General Information Bulletin policy which requires that when two wrestlers are entered in a weight class, both have competed in at least 12 varsity matches.

Noting that the rule has been applied to many students in the past and during the current season, the Executive Committee was compelled to deny the request for waiver for these students.

**Ypsilanti High School (Regulation II, Section 15)** - Request was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who seeks to compete in Division 2 of the 2002 MHSAA Girls Gymnastics Meet which is conducted in two divisions: Division 1 for gymnasts who at any time competed in a non-school event at USAG Level 9 or above or who have competed in USAG Optionals (Level 7 Optional or Level 8) since Jan. 1, 2000; and Division 2 for all other gymnasts. This student last competed in Level 8 on Dec. 9, 2000 where she was unable to perform any tumbling skills due to an ankle injury incurred Aug. 4, 2000. Her scores this season have averaged 8.2 for vault and floor exercise, 7's for bars and

beam.

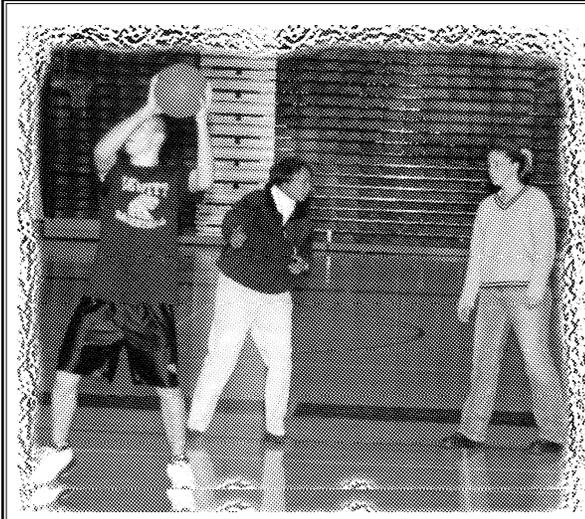
Noting the student's circumstances, the number of competitions after the deadline, her scores and the intended purpose of the regulation, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Republic-Michigamme Schools (Regulation III, Section 1)** - Request was made to waive the enrollment regulation and specifically Interpretation No. 225 to permit 6th grade boys and girls to participate in basketball, cross country and track and field with 7th and 8th-graders during the 2002-03 school year.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for these sports for the 2002-03 school year.

**Representative Council** - The Executive Committee reviewed a draft of the March 22 Representative Council Meeting agenda.

**Next Meetings** - The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2002, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing (Representative Council on March 22); Wednesday, April 17, 2002, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing (followed by Finance Committee); Saturday, May 4, 2002, at 6 p.m. in Gaylord (Representative Council May 5-7); Wednesday, June 5, 2002, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Friday, Aug. 9, 2002, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2002,



**TWO-DAE Clinic Promotes Females in Officiating**

The second annual TWO-DAE Clinic (Trained Women Officials-Dedicated, Accomplished, Educated) took place at DeWitt HS on Feb. 2, focusing on the recruitment and training of female officials. At left, Bertha Smiley of Detroit (center) instructs an aspiring official on basketball court coverage during the clinic.

photo by John Johnson, Okemos

# FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, February 13, 2002

## Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan  
Tom Rashid, Detroit  
William Newkirk, Meridian  
Randy Salisbury, Britton

## Staff Members Present:

John Johnson  
Tom Minter  
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

### 2001-02 Budget Preparation Schedule:

February 13 - Finance Committee proposals (including personnel).

March 22 - Representative Council approval.

April 17 - Finance Committee proposals (remainder of budget).

May 7 - Representative Council approval.

**2001-02 Year-To-Date Review** - Basic operations through Jan. 31, 2002 lagged \$242,000 behind Jan. 31, 2001. In addition, investments were \$225,000 behind the previous fiscal year through January. Overall performance through Jan. 31, 2002 was down \$455,000 versus Jan. 31, 2001, continuing the trend that has existed since extraordinary sources of income have been eliminated and tournament host reimbursements have been increased.

While the expenses from operations for the first six months of the current fiscal year exceeded the first six months of the previous year by only \$17,000 and included legal expenses that were \$128,000 higher than during the same period the previous fiscal year, Finance Committee members still identified

concerns for several expense categories that were already in excess of 100 percent of budget for the 2001-02 fiscal year, for printing expenses, and for expenses of large tournaments (such as wrestling) that generate no net revenue to support the association's other operations.

**Future Finances** - Culminating two years of discussion, the Finance Committee revised and then approved a package of proposals intended to secure the MHSAA's financial future while at the same time (1) providing no decreases in MHSAA payments or services to member schools, (2) providing schools an opportunity to generate additional revenue locally, and (3) boosting MHSAA tournament officials' compensation. The proposals will be acted upon by the Representative Council in March.

**Personnel Considerations** - The Finance Committee adopted proposals for the Representative Council's action in March relative to compensation for the executive director and the total of adjustments the executive director may award to other MHSAA staff for fiscal year 2002-03. ■

## Michigan Sports Hall of Fame 48th Annual Induction Ceremony Wednesday April 17, 2002

Riverview Ballroom-Cobo Center, Detroit • 5:30 Reception and Silent Auction • 7:00 Dinner Followed by the Ceremony

Honoring Inductees: Jane "Peaches" Bartkowicz, Gates Brown, Jim Kaat, Lance Parrish, H.G. Salsinger, Brad Van Pelt

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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HOLD SPECIAL ATTRACTION

For years I have been attending meetings where I have heard that AAU basketball especially, but also similar non-school groups for volleyball, soccer, swimming and other sports, will soon overwhelm and take over school programs. It is alleged that these programs are so aggressive and attractive that they will steal students away from the more regulated and restrictive interscholastic athletic programs.

More aggressive? Yes. More attractive? No.

The aggressiveness was observed again at the MHSAA Girls Basketball Semifinals and Finals when AAU coaches were so bold that they interrupted players' postgame celebrations to recruit them to AAU teams. This was in spite of a so-called agreement between the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan and AAU Michigan that this would **not** occur.

But AAU basketball will never be as attractive as high school basketball. The AAU's best card – college recruiters at summer tournaments – may be trumped by new NCAA rules that will restrict attendance by NCAA coaches at these meat markets.

And the charm of school sports is still most appealing to coaches, players and their parents. Here are just a few aspects of school sports that the AAU can't duplicate:

- Student cheering sections
- Pep bands
- Cheerleaders
- Pep assemblies
- League and conference affiliations
- Local radio doing play-by-play and reporting scores
- Local television providing scores and highlights
- Local newspapers providing box scores and game summaries on an almost-every-game basis

School administrators and coaches hold the best cards. They must continue to promote a pure, wholesome, amateur, local, educational program that is both right in principle and most popular with the participants. ■

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### BARTHOLD HONORED WITH 2002 WISL AWARD



photo by John Johnson, Okemos

Sue Barthold, a long-time contributor to educational athletics as a teacher, coach, official and administrator, received the MHSAA's 2002 Women In Sports Leadership Award at the WISL luncheon on Monday, Feb. 4, in Lansing. Barthold has spent her entire career in teaching and coaching at East Kentwood High School, where she is in her 33rd year of service. She is shown at left receiving the award from MHSAA Representative Council President Paul Ellinger. She is still the softball coach at the school, and has posted over 400 career victories.

### NEED FOR BRIGHTER LINES

For 15 years I have identified sportsmanship atop the lists of both the major problems confronting school sports and the significant projects we would be undertaking in future years.

I'm moving a new topic to the top of these lists.

I now believe the major problem confronting school sports and the most significant project we must undertake has to do with the blurring of the line between school sports and community sports.

There's nothing wrong with most community sports programs – they're usually good, healthy recreation for youth, with positive skill and life lessons, and some of these programs do a better job than school sports with officials' training, safety and sportsmanship. However, for the most part, community sports are not – and must not be – school sports.

There is a place for sports in schools because the interscholastic athletic program is different than what is available outside of schools. The differences justify the time, money and sponsorship of schools. Without the differences, schools have no business wasting educators' time and taxpayers' money.

The differences should be seen in what school sports seek to do and how they seek to do it.

In school sports, the emphasis is on local participation, not regional and national tournaments. The schedule respects the academic day and school year. It respects the desire and need for students to participate in more than one sport and in more than sports. It leaves time for other school activities and for studies.

The program is not intended to promote a single elite or travel team or one particular high-profile sport. It has a place for subvarsity as well as varsity teams, junior high school as well as high school teams, and non-revenue producing sports as well as those with substantial gate receipts.

The program is intended to be governed by school boards, managed by school admin-

istrators and coached by school employees, or those directly responsible to school employees.

The travel is short, the awards are modest, the officials are registered, and proper attention is given to sportsmanship and safety.

Some of these hallmark characteristics of educational athletics are not as common as they once were. For example, program expansion and resource contraction have caused many local schools to seek funding sources outside the school's operating budget and to hire coaches from outside the school faculty. Gradually, this blurs the line between school and community programs.

A generation ago, sports started in the schools and community programs followed. Today, more often the opposite is true: community programs gain popularity and then those citizens ask schools to have programs as well. That's the common model for introducing to school such sports as soccer, ice hockey and skiing. Those programs **begin** with blurred lines.

As I contemplated what the MHSAA might do to slow the blurring of lines and perhaps reestablish brighter lines, I realized that the local pressures have also led schools to modify the policies and procedures of their state organization. So today, even the *MHSAA Handbook* adds to the blurred lines. For example:

1. Certified Teachers When athletic programs expanded after World War II to accommodate new and different sports and more levels of teams, and then expanded in the 1960's and 1970's to provide opportunities for girls, schools were forced to relax and then eliminate the requirement that only certified teachers serve as coaches.
2. Cooperative Programs This initiative began in 1988 to allow students at our very smallest schools, which lack the participants and resources to sponsor certain sports, to join with other schools to jointly sponsor teams.

3. Eligibility Lists. Required to be sent to the MHSAA until 1990, and relaxed in 1997 to be exchanged between opponents, Master Eligibility Lists must now only to be kept on file at each school and produced upon request.
4. Non-School Opponents. In the earliest years of school sports, competition by school teams against non-school teams was common until regulated out of existence. Since 1994, school competition against non-school teams has been allowed again, in all sports except football.
5. Continuing Eligibility. This provision was adopted in 1996 to permit students to remain eligible at one school after they transfer to another MHSAA member school which has a specialized curriculum but no interscholastic athletic teams.

The MHSAA has participated in the blurring of lines because it has listened to and responded to its member schools' needs. But I submit, what is needed most now is a loud and steady voice to resist any more blurring of lines and to reestablish some brighter lines.

School sports' future depends on bright lines, on distinct contrasts with all other sports programs. ■

## WINTER RATING FORMS

**Due March 22, 2002**

Officials rating forms for varsity or sub-varsity ice hockey, volleyball, wrestling and boys basketball were sent to all MHSAA member schools sponsoring those sports. The forms are designed to be "read" by a mark sensor scanning device. The ice hockey, wrestling, boys basketball and volleyball ratings forms were mailed late February. Many of the blanks already have been completed and returned. This notice is included in the *Bulletin* to remind schools to forward them if they have not already done so. The deadline for receiving forms in this office will be March 22, 2002. **Rating blanks received after this date will not be processed.**

Athletic directors are reminded that **only one rating may be submitted for each official regardless of the number of times the official works contests for one school. Each official may receive a varsity and a sub-varsity rating from one school for working more than one level of competition.**

The mark sensor forms do require attention and adherence to specific preparation rules.

1. Use only a No. 2 pencil — **NO INK.**
2. Fully mark each space selected.
3. Print the officials ID number and name in the space provided **and** fully darken the appropriate spaces under the entry. Officials ID numbers are found in the *Officials Directory*.
4. Indicate "Varsity" or "Sub-varsity" rating.
5. Print the school ID number in the space provided **and** fully darken in the appropriate spaces under the entry. School ID numbers are in the *School Directory* in paren-

theses following the school name.

6. Use only the original forms sent to your school. Copies of the form cannot be read by our equipment because the carbon properties in the copy machine ink violate the system.
7. Keep forms as neat and free of wrinkles, folds and holes as possible.
8. **Athletic directors are asked to review the ratings and make copies of the ratings sent for their files in case problems develop. File copies help solve problems.**

It is important that rating forms be reviewed by athletic directors before mailing to insure that they are completely and properly filled out. This procedure allows the athletic director to make file copies and to see that the forms are submitted to the MHSAA on time.

All schools should be positive that EITHER the superintendent OR the principal AND the athletic director OR the coach sign and review the ratings forms and that they be returned to the MHSAA office at the earliest opportunity.

**NOTE:** When an official receives a rating value of 5, the school must submit an Unsatisfactory Rating Explanation form to the official and to the MHSAA with the Rating Form. **WITHOUT THE DOCUMENT** the "5" rating will be expunged from the officials rating record. Forms are available on the web only at [www.mhsaa.com](http://www.mhsaa.com), or on the MHSAA CD-ROM sent to each school in the fall.

An official may be rated as varsity and/or sub-varsity only once per sport, per school, per year. ■

### THE IMPORTANCE OF SPORTSMANSHIP

*During the 2001-02 school year, issues of the MHSAA Bulletin will include an essay submitted by one of the nearly 3,000 MHSAA Scholar Athlete Award candidates from last school year.*

*Following is the essay submitted by Anna Moniodis of Plymouth Salem High School*

*"Relax muscles, open stride, pump arms, breathe evenly ...,"* I think as the starting gun sounds and I set out on my cross country race. By the two-mile mark my thoughts turn to, *"ignore the pain, don't stop, keep running, only one mile left."* In cross country, and all other sports, athletes like me are put to the tests of endurance, dedication, and sacrifice. In educational athletics, athletes are asked to push themselves to the limit for the sake of the team. The question is thus, for so many athletes, what makes a team worth such personal sacrifice? Some might say it's the desire to excel, others would say, for the personal recognition. And maybe these are reasons. But there is something else, that occasionally gets mentioned, albeit at times almost perfunctorily, and that is sportsmanship. Some might think that this simply is a synonym for fair play. But, I've leant that it is something far more, something more valuable. It is camaraderie among teammates, encouragement in every circumstance, and the tie of striving for a common goal, and truly *caring* about a fellow person. It provides a kind of bonding to form a unit where personal struggle is ameliorated by the caring and support of teammates.

For the past three years, I have considered it a blessing to be a part of three amazing cross country teams. This has been an

exemplar of sportsmanship; something that other teams would do well to model. We share in the happiness of each other's wins, console in losses, and work hard through practices all together. In my last race, Regionals, in the second mile I caught one of my teammates. As I passed her I said in a pant, "Come with me." And she would have said the same to me. At the end of the race we finished 26th and 27th, she beat me, but I was happy for the both of us because we raced together, as teammates. The sportsmanship between us brought no resentment, but rather excitement.

Sportsmanship, to be true sportsmanship, cannot be limited to within one's own team, but must extend to the competition as well. As part of a team and as an individual, we learn what it takes to win, to lose, and to compete with character and integrity. As a result of an athlete's respect for his/her own team and teammates, how can one not have respect for one's opponents? As common athletes of the same sport we share in the hardships of training, injuries, pressure and thus have a common understanding of what it means to be an athlete. From this common ground we can admire an athlete from another team, encourage a struggling opponent, and compete at all times fairly and with appreciation for each other.

Thus, sportsmanship is what binds members of a team together and also what connects athletes of the same sport. It provides for strength within a team and also for true competition by assuring fair play. Without sportsmanship an athlete can push the limits, but only with it can he/she discover he can surpass these limits with the support of a team. ■

## REVIEWING THE REGULATIONS

### COURT DISMISSES HOME SCHOOLERS LAWSUIT

On Jan. 22, 2002, a Washtenaw County Circuit Court dismissed with prejudice an action filed early in 1999 by several home schooling parents on behalf of their children against the MHSAA and the school districts in which they reside.

The Court held that the enrollment standards of the association and school districts do not have to be waived for home schooled students, even those who complained that the regulations burden the free exercise of their religion.

The Court held that "Plaintiffs' choice to home school is not unconstitutionally burdened by the association's enrollment requirement because the requirement does not force them to choose between two rights - their rights to free exercise and their rights to educate their children - or compel them to depart from their beliefs or religious practices in any way."

Plaintiffs argued that the Michigan Supreme Court in Snyder v. Charlotte Public Schools required the school district to permit home schooled students to enroll in the non-core courses of the public schools in the districts in which they reside. Plaintiffs contended that Snyder applies to interscholastic athletics, never mentioned in Snyder.

The central issue presented in the case, according to the Court, is this: are Plaintiffs correct when they distinguish between core

courses and non-core courses and include interscholastic athletics as non-core courses? Or are Defendants correct when they distinguish between curriculum and extracurricular activities?

The Court upheld the Defendants' view. "The evidence submitted by both parties shows that the line, as much as there can be said to be one, falls between 'curricular' and 'non-curricular' activities as Defendants characterize them, and not between 'core' and 'non-core' programs, as Plaintiffs characterize them."

It is possible that Plaintiffs will appeal. ■

*NOTE: Schools voluntarily join the MHSAA and, to that end, it is necessary that each school district sign each year a Membership Resolution adopting the rules and regulations of the MHSAA as their own and agreeing to primary enforcement of those rules. While a school district is not bound by the decisions rendered by the MHSAA regarding rule violations, the MHSAA may condition eligibility for its tournaments on compliance with its rules and its determinations concerning rules violations and the penalties to be imposed for violations of the rules. See Attorney General Opinions No. 4795 (1977) and No. 6352 (1986).*

*Many school districts have additional rules that may also apply to the subject matter of this column.*

**The Only Official Interpretations  
Are Those Received In Writing**

## SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD RECIPIENTS HONORED

The 2001-02 recipients of the MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award will be honored in ceremonies during halftime of the Class C Boys Basketball Final at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing on March 23.

The program drew 2,780 applications from 469 schools for the 24 \$1,000 college scholarships to be presented by Farm Bureau Insurance.

"These young people are those who excel in academics, athletics, and in other school and community programs. They are the leaders of tomorrow," said John E. "Jack" Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA. "All of the applicants are reaping the benefits of a well-rounded education by sampling as many things as she or he can while in school. That is what makes the Scholar-Athlete Award truly impressive. We're proud of what all the applicants have achieved, and extend our congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients."

Winners of the Scholar-Athlete Award for the fall sports of 2001 are: **Jaime Fornetti**, Kingsford, girls basketball; **Armon Mahajerin**, Saginaw Heritage, boys cross country; **Angela Hiner**, Monroe Jefferson, girls cross country; **Timothy Kareem Khoury**, Cass City, football; **Brian Hammer**, Elk Rapids, boys golf; **Jeffrey G. Shumer**, North Farmington, boys soccer; **Sarah Gelwicks**, Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central, girls swimming and diving; and **Noorain Fatima Khan**, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central, girls tennis.

The winter 2002 winners are: **Ryan Darrell Kaminski**, Midland Bullock Creek, boys basketball; **Laura Riebschleger**, Houghton Lake, girls competitive cheer; **Kim Le**, Muskegon Reeths-Puffer, girls gymnastics; **Cameron Dingwall**, Mattawan, ice hockey; **Matt Gotham**, Ironwood, boys skiing; **Nicole Murch**, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern, girls skiing; **Brian Murphy**, Birmingham Hills Brother Rice, boys swimming & diving; **Suzanne McGoey**, Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett, girls volleyball; **Matthew Oliver Harsha-Strong**, Novi, wrestling.

The 2002 spring sports recipients are: **Shane Patrick Duba**, Grand Rapids West Catholic, baseball; **Julie Pollock**, Midland, girls golf; **Kelly Hackney**, Lansing Catholic Central, girls soccer; **Kalee Iacoangeli**, Monroe Jefferson, softball; **Charles Andrew Bassett II**, Grand Haven, boys tennis; **Ryan W. Gall**, Livonia Churchill, boys track & field; **Rachel Hooley**, Litchfield, girls track & field.

Applicants for the Scholar-Athlete Award must carry a 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) grade-point average, and have previously won a letter in a varsity sport in which the MHSAA sponsors postseason competition. Applicants are also required to show involvement in additional school or community activities and submit an essay on the importance of sportsmanship in educational athletics.

"The students applying for this award did an outstanding job with their treatment of the essay topic," Roberts said. "There's a lot the leaders of our collegiate and professional athletic communities could learn about sportsmanship from these young people."

Additional information about the Scholar-Athlete Award may be obtained by contacting the athletic director of an MHSAA member high school, or the MHSAA office at 1661 Ramblewood Drive, East Lansing, 48823, telephone: 517/332-5046. A complete list of applicants may be obtained through the MHSAA Web Site at [www.mhsaa.com](http://www.mhsaa.com), under the Services department. ■





# DON'T MISS THE 23rd ANNUAL OFFICIALS AWARDS & ALUMNI BANQUET

April 20, 2002

The Michigan High School Athletic Association is proud to announce the 23rd Annual Officials' Awards and Alumni Banquet to be held on Saturday, April 20, 2002. The Banquet will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, corner of I-496 and Creyts Road, Lansing, beginning at 7 p.m.



*Joanne P.  
McCallie*

Our 23rd Annual celebration will feature Michigan State University women's basketball head coach Joanne P. McCallie. McCallie is in her second season at the helm of the Michigan State University women's basketball program after being named to the position on March 27, 2000. McCallie arrived at MSU after spending eight years as the head coach at the University of Maine. During her tenure with the Black Bears, McCallie, 36, guided Maine to a record of 167-73, six straight NCAA Tournament appearances, two North Atlantic Conference Championships, two America East Conference Championships and five regular-season conference titles.

As part of the banquet program, individualized awards will be awarded to those officials with 20, 30 and 40-plus years of service with the Michigan High School Athletic Association. The "Vern Norris" award will be presented to one official in recognition of contributions made to officiating. The Banquet will give those officials who were awarded plaques previously, a chance to renew acquaintances as "alumni."

Those who plan to attend should complete the form below and return it with a check or money order in the amount of \$15 per ticket to the MHSAA no later than April 1, 2002. Ticket orders will be filled on a first-come basis, however, priority will be given to those officials receiving awards. Officials, friends and relatives are also encouraged to attend. Tables of 10 are available for groups at \$150.

**Tickets will not be sold at the door. ■**

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## OFFICIALS' AWARDS AND ALUMNI BANQUET

Saturday, April 20, 2002

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**TICKET MONEY CANNOT BE REFUNDED**

## FUNDUKIAN TO RECEIVE FORSYTHE AWARD

John Fundukian of Milford, who has made major contributions to the interscholastic athletic community as a coach, administrator and game official, has been selected to receive the 2002 Charles E. Forsythe Award by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

This annual award is in its 25th year of existence and is named after former MHSAA Executive Director Charles E. Forsythe. 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. Fundukian will be presented the award on March 23 at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing at halftime of the Boys Basketball Class A Final Game.

Fundukian retired from his employment at Novi Community Schools at the conclusion of the 2000-01 school year, ending a 37-year career of service to educational athletics. He started as a teacher and coach and athletic director at Highland Park from 1964-1971; which was followed by a stint at Walled Lake Community Schools from 1971-88, where he served as a teacher, a coach in two sports, and eventually as district-wide athletic director his last four years. From 1988 until his retirement, he was the athletic director at Novi.

As the citywide athletic director at Novi Community Schools, Fundukian presided over a period of unprecedented growth in the school district. The athletic program at Novi grew to a total of 54 teams at the varsity and subvarsity level in the high school, and 19 teams at the middle school level, as Fundukian oversaw a program which had over 1,700 participants annually.

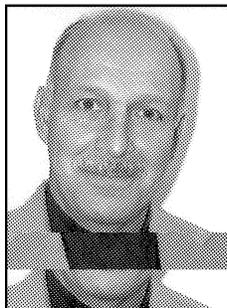
Fundukian also directed the upgrading of the athletic venue at Novi, which included the construction of a field house for basketball and track, soccer/lacrosse stadiums, and renovations of many other facilities. Novi hosted over 250 MHSAA tournament events in Fundukian's tenure at the school.

On the statewide level, Fundukian has been a speaker at numerous sportsmanship conferences; was on the original committee to develop the MHSAA's Program of Athletic Coaches Education (PACE), where he has also served as a speaker; and made numerous presentations at Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association conferences. While working with MIAAAA, he served on the committee to develop the publication, "Effective Elements of Athletic Administration;" and chaired a committee on the topic of Educational Athletics for that group. The MIAAAA honored Fundukian as a Regional Athletic Director of the Year, and he has also received a State Award of Merit from the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. He is also a past president of the Oakland County Athletic Directors Association. As a track coach, Fundukian was honored by The Detroit News as its Coach of the Year in 1970.

Fundukian's contributions to interscholastic athletics also include 25 years as a registered official. He is primarily a basketball, track and volleyball official; but he has also officiated cross country and swimming and diving meets in his career; and has worked MHSAA Finals in cross country and track.

In his community, Fundukian has been active with the Novi Lions Club, and Novi Athletic Boosters, participated in the Novi Youth Assistance program, and has served on several local scholarship committees.

The MHSAA previously honored Fundukian with its Allen W. Bush Award in 2000. The Bush Award, named for the former MHSAA Executive Director, is presented annually to administrators, coaches, officials, trainers, doctors or members of the media with at least 15 years of service to Michigan Interscholastic Athletics with unusually frequent and significant contributions to MHSAA programs. Fundukian becomes the seventh Bush Award recipient to later be honored with the Forsythe Award.



*Fundukian*

A 1964 graduate of Adrian College, where he made the Dean's List while earning his bachelor's degree in Physical Education and English, Fundukian was also an Honors Student in receiving his master's degree in Educational Psychology in 1969 from Wayne State University.

John's family includes his wife, Jean; daughters Lori and Julie; and son John, who has been a registered MHSAA official and a cross country coach.

"There's a term in sports called 'the total package,' used to describe one so versatile and so strong in so many different areas. John Fundukian is the total package," said MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts. "He has successfully served high school sports in so many different ways, providing young people with quality experiences from his visible and behind the scenes work. John Fundukian is an excellent selection for the MHSAA's highest honor, the Forsythe Award." ■

#### **Past recipients of the Charles E. Forsythe Award**

- 1978 - Brick Fowler, Port Huron; Paul Smarks, Warren
- 1979 - Earl Messner, Reed City; Howard Beatty, Saginaw
- 1980 - Max Carey, Freesoil
- 1981 - Steven Sluka, Grand Haven; Samuel Madden, Detroit
- 1982 - Ernest Buckholz, Mt. Clemens; T. Arthur Treloar, Petoskey
- 1983 - Leroy Dues, Detroit; Richard Maher, Sturgis
- 1984 - William Hart, Marquette; Donald Stamats, Caro
- 1985 - John Cotton, Farmington; Robert James, Warren
- 1986 - William Robinson, Detroit; Irving Soderland, Norway
- 1987 - Jack Streidl, Plainwell; Wayne Hellenga, Decatur
- 1988 - Jack Johnson, Dearborn; Alan Williams, North Adams
- 1989 - Walter Bazylewicz, Berkley; Dennis Kiley, Jackson
- 1990 - Webster Morrison, Pickford; Herbert Quade, Benton Harbor
- 1991 - Clifford Buckmaster, Petoskey; Donald Domke, Northville
- 1992 - William Maskill, Kalamazoo; Thomas G. McShannock, Muskegon
- 1993 - Roy A. Allen Jr., Detroit; John Duncan, Cedarville
- 1994 - Kermit Ambrose, Royal Oak
- 1995 - Bob Perry, Lowell
- 1996 - Charles H. Jones, Royal Oak
- 1997 - Michael A. Foster, Richland; Robert G. Grimes, Battle Creek
- 1998 - Lofton C. Greene, River Rouge; Joseph J. Todey, Essexville
- 1999 - Bernie Larson, Battle Creek
- 2000 - Blake Hagman, Kalamazoo; Jerry Cvengros, Escanaba
- 2001 - Norm Johnson, Bangor; George Lovich, Canton

## MHSAA Finals On The Air

The finals of two Michigan High School Athletic Association tournaments will be broadcast to statewide audiences this year.

Television coverage of the events will be distributed by Fox Sports Net Detroit and the MHSAA Championship Network. Fox Sports Net Detroit will air the final games of the Boys Basketball Tournament live on March 23 for the fifth straight year as part of its contract with the MHSAA. The MHSAA will produce a highlights program of the Girls Volleyball Finals for airing on Fox Sports Net Detroit in April. The air date and time of the volleyball program is yet to be determined.

In addition, Fox Sports Net Detroit will be running MARCH MAGIC commercials throughout the month of March, promoting all MHSAA championships.

The MHSAA Championship Network will air, on a tape-delayed basis, the Girls Volleyball Finals on several on-air television stations. The station lineup for the four championship matches includes: WLLA-TV (Channel 64) in Kalamazoo-Grand Rapids-Battle Creek; WLUC-TV (Channel 6) in Marquette; WHTV (Channel 18) in Lansing-Jackson; WMKG (Channel 40) in Muskegon; and WMLB-TV (Channel 40) in Toledo. WFQX-TV (Channel 33) in Cadillac-Alpena-Traverse City-Sault Ste. Marie will carry one championship match involving an area team or a selected match. In addition, individual cable systems may pick up individual matches for local airing. Announcers for the telecasts for are Mark Crawford and Diana Davis, who will call the Class D and A matches; and Todd Arner and Lynn Rosendale on the Class C and B finales.

A total of 28 stations are expected to be on the radio network for the Boys Basketball Finals, which is distributed by the Michigan Talk Radio Network of Charlevoix.

Jim Moyes and Gene Young of WGVS in Muskegon will call the action of the Class D and A title games; while Greg O'Connor and Tom Ratchford of WKHM/WIBM in Jackson will announce the Class D and A tilts. Mike Stump of WCKC in Cadillac will serve as the sideline reporter.

Stations on the network are: Adrian - WABJ; Alma - WQBX; Cadillac - WATT; Caro - WKYO; Cheboygan - WCBY; Cheboygan - WCBY; Coldwater - WTVB; Escanaba - WDBC; Hancock - WMPL; Hillsdale - WCSR; Holland - WWJQ; Iron River - WIKB; Jackson - WIBM; Ludington - WKLA; Manistee - WMTE; Manistique - WTIQ; Marquette - WJPD; Midland - WMPX; Mt Pleasant - WMMI/WCZY; Muskegon - WUBR/WLCS; Owosso - WJSZ; Sandusky - WMIC; Sturgis - WMSH; St Ignace - WIDG; Sturgis - WMSH; and Tawas City - WKJC. Semifinal games will be broadcast locally on WVFN in East Lansing.

In addition, audio of the semifinal and final games of the boys basketball can be accessed live through the home page of the MHSAA Web Site.

The MHSAA Web Site ([mhsaa.com](http://mhsaa.com)) will also be updated periodically during Final events with scores and additional information. Those events are: Team Dual Wrestling - Updates every hour, with full results posted at the completion of each match; Lower Peninsula Individual Wrestling - Updates every 60 to 90 minutes in bracket format, and narratives will be posted at the completion of each round; Girls Volleyball - Updates at completion of each game in a match, with box scores posted at the completion of each match; All other sports will have summaries posted at the end of each game or day of competition.

Television and radio network sponsors are Farm Bureau Insurance, the Michigan Army National Guard, the Michigan Association of Broadcasters and Meemic Insurance.■

# JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, January 16, 2002

## Members Present:

Keith Eldred, Williamston  
Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan  
Steve Laundra, Sand Creek  
Bill McLemore, Burton  
Tom Mecsey, Bloomfield Hills  
Chuck Salvano, Stevensville  
Dave Yarbrough, Walled Lake

Kay Johnson, Ottawa Lake  
Robert Gwinn, Detroit  
Jim Lilley, Rochester Hills  
Wayne Marshall, Gladstone  
Terri Clock, Muskegon

## Staff Member Present:

Randy Allen (Recorder)

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Following introductions, committee members reviewed minutes of the 2001 Junior High/Middle School Committee and Representative Council action pertaining to recommendations of the committee.

### WRESTLING GROWTH ALLOWANCE

MHSAA Assistant Director Bill Bupp shared with the committee a proposal that will be presented to the MHSAA Wrestling Committee regarding growth allowance in the weight management program. Past practice has been that growth allowance is not used at the junior high level due to the different season dates. The proposal will place the accepted policy in writing in MHSAA publications. The committee moved to support the proposal as it confirms an already existing interpretation.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

Committee member Tom Mecsey of Cranbrook-Kingswood Middle School and chair of MIAAA Junior High/Middle School committee outlined goals for junior high/middle athletic administration, including and emphasis on NIAAA membership and LTC participation.

Committee members Paul Ellinger and Keith Eldred reported to the committee on the litigation update given by MHSAA Executive Director Jack Roberts at the Executive Committee meeting.

The committee reviewed and discussed contest limitations, cooperative team regulations and fall practice start dates. There were no changes recommended.

An update on MHSAA Sportsmanship Summit planning was presented to the committee. The Josephson Institute and its "Pursue Victory With Honor" and "Character Counts" programs will be the main compo-

nents of the initiative in cooperation with the MIAAA Sportsmanship Committee.

MHSAA junior high/middle school membership recruitment was discussed, as well as reasons why schools do not join. Contest limitations were identified as the most prominent reason given by schools who do not become members. Future membership recruitment efforts was identified as an on-going objective.

### JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS PRACTICING WITH SENIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Much discussion took place regarding what is allowed under MHSAA Regulations when public school or non-public school junior high/middle level students wish to participate in practices with public or non-public high school teams in the same district under Regulation 1, Section 1, Interpretation 11. It was agreed that the MHSAA Staff will determine the correct interpretations based on past practice and staff discussion which will be reviewed by the MHSAA Executive Committee.

### RECOMMENDATIONS TO REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

The committee proposed changing *Handbook* Interpretation 11, p. 29 to read as follows: (underlined portion is proposed change)

"With district administration approval students in grades seven and eight, or grade nine of a junior high/middle school, may observe or participate in practices at the same site and time, and in season at the same time as senior high school students if the schools are part of the same district. However, the senior high school students shall not engage in direct competition with junior high/middle level students during such practice (12-0 in favor). ■

# COACHES ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS MEETING

East Lansing, January 28, 2002

## Members Present:

Mike Cadarette, Baseball  
Christine Sermak, Basketball  
Amy Denys, Competitive Cheer  
Rob Johnson, Cross Country  
Jim Clawson, Football  
Roger Fuller, Golf  
John Cunningham, Gymnastics  
Andy Wiedenbach, Hockey  
Bryce Beckett, Ski  
Clark Udell, Soccer  
Sue Barthold, Softball  
Jim Lawrence, Swimming  
John Shade, Tennis

Tom Gass, Track  
Jon Norris, Volleyball  
Mike Garvey, Wrestling

## Staff Members Present:

Randy Allen  
Bill Bupp (Recorder)  
Nate Hampton  
John Johnson  
Suzanne Martin  
Gina Mazzolini  
Tom Minter  
John (Jack) Roberts

Presidents of Michigan's high school coaches associations and members of the MHSAA executive staff met for the 15th annual dinner meeting in East Lansing, on Jan. 28, 2002.

## LITIGATION UPDATE

MHSAA Executive Director Jack Roberts presented information and insight regarding two litigation issues which recently resulted in court action. First, Mr. Roberts explained the Reid case brought against the MHSAA by several home school families with the goal of making it required that home schooled children be given the right to participate on athletic teams of member schools without restriction. In January the Washtenaw County Circuit Court found in favor of the MHSAA. Whether the plaintiffs choose to appeal will determine if there are to be further developments in this case.

Secondly, the Communities for Equity case was heard in the Kalamazoo Federal District court in October. It was explained what the compliance plan requires of the MHSAA and the timeline by which it must operate. Discussion regarding the collection of data, design of various compliance plans and determination of the plan to be submitted completed the session.

## BOOK OF CHAMPIONS

MHSAA Communication Director John Johnson explained the interest in collecting and updating records currently in the archives

of the association. Coaches' association leaders were encouraged to submit, with documentation, records to be included in the next printing of the records portion of the *Book of Champions*.

## OFFICIALS RATINGS

Officials ratings have become nearly as important to officials as a paycheck. The Presidents were requested to share with their members the importance of submitting official's ratings for every official contracted to work contests in which their team plays during the season.

## NEW COACH ORIENTATION

Announcement was made that the second annual New Coach Orientation is scheduled for July 31, 2002. The application form will be available on the web for those interested. The MHSAA invited each association to include PACE as part of its annual conference. The MHSAA will provide all speakers and conduct the programs on a schedule which will not conflict with the conference schedule. The presidents were encouraged to join BCAM in adding this additional service for members.

## REPORTS

Representatives of each association distributed and reviewed a summary of activities and programs currently underway within their organization. ■

# TRACK & FIELD/CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, January 17, 2002

## Members Present:

Gene Balawajder, Highland  
Phil Bedford, Midland  
Kevin Behmer, Ann Arbor  
David Blossom, Springport  
Lewis Clingman, Grand Rapids  
Tom Gass, Jackson  
Lafayette Evans, Detroit  
Sharon Gianacakos, Greenville  
Rudy Godefroidt, Hemlock  
Mark Holdren, Portland  
Kathleen Hutfilz, St. Louis  
Phil Langford, Grosse Pointe Woods  
Wayne McDonald, Parma  
Ray Northrop, Marcellus  
Chad Plaxton, Cadillac  
Brad Prins, Rockford

Robert Ribby, Eaton Rapids  
Pat Richardson, Grass Lake  
Dan Sanborn, Burton  
Fred Smith, Kalamazoo  
Bob Stark, Bloomfield Hills  
Dave Wenzel, Gaylord

## Members Absent:

Dale Kutchev, Clarkston  
James Long, Kalamazoo

## Guests:

Rob Johnson, Clare  
Gordon Aldrich, Corunna

## Staff Member Present:

Nate Hampton (Recorder)

The committee met for the purpose of reviewing specific National Federation sport rules and MHSAA tournament policies, adoptions, regulations and interpretations that are applicable to Track and Field and Cross Country during the regular season and MHSAA tournaments. The following is a review of items discussed by the committee as well as recommendations to staff for inclusion in tournament information and recommendations that will advance for Representative Council consideration.

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

During the welcome and introductions the committee made special note to the attendance of Phil Bedford of Midland and Rudy Godefroidt of Hemlock, both serving the MHSAA as Rules Meeting Interpreters and Rules Meeting Presenters. Also, Kathy Hutfilz of St. Louis, serving as current member of the National Federation Track and Field Rules Committee representing the NFHSCA.

## 2002 TRACK & FIELD REGIONAL AND FINAL SITES

The committee reviewed the Regional recommendations for sites and school assign-

ments made by the Selection Committee on January 12, 2002. After some discussion on the Division 3 recommendations, realignments were suggested and made for several Regionals within Division 3. The Final sites were determined to be as follows:

Division 1 - Rockford High School  
Division 2 - Houseman Field, Grand Rapids  
Division 3 - Comstock Park High School  
Division 4 - Grand Rapids Forest Hills  
Northern High School

## 2002 NATIONAL FEDERATION RULES AND EDITORIAL CHANGES

Following careful review of 2002 National Federation Track & Field/Cross Country Rules and Editorial Changes, the committee made note of several changes.

1. Rule 2-1-4: Awarding event points when the referee determines when a venue is unacceptable. The MHSAA will clarify when an event is a non-event as opposed to when the referee may award points as the result of an unacceptable venue.
2. Rules 3-4-8; 3-6-4: Pre-contest sportsmanship meeting with coaches/captains/school representatives and verification of

athletes being legally uniformed and using legal equipment.

The MHSAA will clarify acceptable provisions of these new articles during large regular-season multiple-team competitions and MHSAA Regional and Final competitions. Officials will be provided the sportsmanship statement used with other MHSAA sports.

3. Rules 4-3-7; 9-5-7: Contestants will not wear jewelry during competition. While this is not a new regulation for MHSAA member school competitors, the MHSAA will continue to emphasize no tape-overs and procedures for any allowed exceptions such as medical, religious and matrimonial.
4. Rule 7-2-5: Time limit for competitors to initiate a trial in jumping events. The MHSAA will follow with the same limits in throwing competitions at Regional and Final Meets.
5. Rule 4-5-2: Jerseys shall be tucked into the shorts.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

The committee discussed the following subjects:

- 2001 Update Meeting Survey results regarding establishing an indoor track and field tournament and season duration.
- Track & Field additional qualifying standards for Regional and Final competition along with associated raises of the bar in high jump and pole vault. The committee recommended that in the pole vault, after seven competitors remain, the bar is raised in three-inch increments (20-0 in favor).
- Tournament entry materials: Continue the efforts with computer entry opportunities for Track & Field and Cross Country. The committee suggested editorial changes in Track entry information to clarify that computer diskettes are a part of the official entry process (20-0 in favor).

- 2001 MHSAA member school Pole Vault Equipment/Event Compliance Survey.
- Rules Meeting Agenda: The MHSAA Points of Emphasis for 2002 will include non-competitive entries at the Regional level; general risk management; communication devices used by coaches, spectators and meet management; cell phone courtesy, emergency medical plans for meet management; procedure for use of medical inhalers during competition; inclusion of entire team rosters on entry diskette for Track & Field and Cross Country. Reminder that bikes, mopeds, scooters, roller blades and other items used for individual transport are not allowed at all Regionals or Finals sites (20-0 in favor).
- Event Rotations by Gender: After study of a recommendation to change our current rotation for gender competition, the committee unanimously agreed to maintain current policy on all levels (20-0 in favor).
- *March Bulletin*/Regional and Final terms and conditions: The committee reviewed and discussed these items without suggesting changes or additions.
- Tournament Finances: The committee discussed cost for current hostings of Regional Cross Country Tournaments. The committee noted that many Regionals charged no admissions, but had high charges associated with tournament operations. Suggestions included: (1) structure a fixed cost financial form of related expenses with no allowed deviations without MHSAA approval; (2) Reduce management reimbursement figure of \$600 or 10 percent of the net gate receipts to a figure more realistic with actual tournament relief for hosting.
- Health and Safety Issues: The committee requested that the topic of field event safety be presented at all Rules Meetings. The reminders of safety in the pole vault and area definition for the throwing events were of major concern (20-0 in favor).

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### **POLE VAULT**

The committee was advised of the anticipated release of new pad specifications for vaulting landing pads. It is expected that this year's National Federation Committee will act on anticipated specification established by the American Society for Testing and Measurement (ASTM). The anticipated recommendations will include, but may not be limited to the following:

1. Minimum width of the pad to be 19'8".
2. Minimum length of the pad to be 20'5" from the front edge of the vaulting box to the back of the pad. There must be 16'5" of landing pad behind the vault box.
3. The height (or thickness) of the landing pad to be a minimum of 26".
4. A collar be placed around the vault box to help minimize injuries by vaulters falling into the box.
5. A coaching box be painted on the cover of the landing pad that is 8' deep and 10' wide. The box would start 3'6" behind the back edge of the vault box. (Purpose of the coaching box is to serve as a guide to help coaches and athletes make performance adjustments.)

Upgrades: It may be possible to upgrade existing landing pads. The height of the upgrade must be the same as the existing pad. The upgrade must be connected to the main pad and all seams covered so the vaulter can not fall through the crack and strike the ground. The common cover must cover the entire landing pad.

### **ATOM RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE**

None.

### **MITCA RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Gordon Aldrich, representing MITCA, presented to the committee plans and format for a team championship. The following items were discussed:

1. Seventeen (17) events
2. Three (3) entries per team
3. Every athlete scores (30....) (60, 54, 48 ...8)
4. Team Final held the Saturday following the traditional Finals date
5. One relay event entry per team
6. Winning Regional team qualifiers
7. Seeded races, every race is a Final (FAT)
8. If required, MITCA will administer the meet and assume cost
9. MHSAA must sanction
10. Regional scoring to include eight places (no additional medals) scored 8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1
11. Team Finals will require 240 medals, officials and miscellaneous

### **RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

1. Re-establish a former policy in Cross Country that should a team finish in Regional competition with four runners in the top 20 places, a fourth team will qualify for the Finals (19-0 in favor).
2. Add to the current Track & Field Tournament series a Team Championship conducted on the Saturday following our traditional Finals (15-5 in favor). ■

# 2002 REGIONAL AND FINAL TRACK AND FIELD MEETS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

— \*(NOTE: PLEASE PHOTOCOPY AND DISTRIBUTE TO COACHES)\* —

**TRACK AND FIELD RULES** — The track and field rules as they appear in the 2002 *National Federation Edition of the Track and Field Rule Book* will be in effect for Regional and Final Meets, except as indicated in this *Bulletin*.

**STARTING TIME REGIONAL MEETS** — Field event preliminaries may start one (1) hour before the first track event preliminaries. WHEN POSSIBLE, MANAGERS CONDUCTING REGIONAL MEETS ON FRIDAY ARE TO SCHEDULE STARTING TIMES TO MINIMIZE LOSS OF SCHOOL TIME.

Field Event Preliminaries are to start not earlier than 9 a.m. on Saturday. Regional Managers will notify competing schools of exact starting times. At the Regional and Final Track Meets the afternoon schedule shall begin one hour after the last semifinal event concludes, but no earlier than noon.

**STARTING TIME — UPPER PENINSULA FINAL MEET** — Preliminaries — 10 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time).

**STARTING TIME — LOWER PENINSULA FINAL MEET** — Session I — 10 a.m.: Session II shall begin one hour after the last semifinal event concludes, but no earlier than 12 noon. NOTE: Pole Vault in all classes may begin at 9 a.m. A minimum of one-half hour must be observed between the last throw of the shot (or discus) and the first throw of the discus (or shot). In addition there must be a minimum of one hour between the boys and girls competition in the following events: discus, high jump, long jump, shot put and pole vault.

**ENTRIES — REGIONAL MEETS** — Each school may enter a boys' team and a girls' team in the Regional Meet only if they have bona fide teams (See Regulation II, Section 1(B)). A maximum of THREE INDIVIDUALS may be listed by a school for each bona fide team in EACH INDIVIDUAL EVENT at Lower Peninsula Regional Meets. However, only two may compete unless **all three** have met the additional qualifier stan-

dard. FOUR INDIVIDUALS may be entered and compete in EACH INDIVIDUAL EVENT at Upper Peninsula Regionals. **All Regional Entry Blanks, Computer Disks and Master Eligibility Lists (Form I) or other established entry procedures are to be in the hands of the Regional Managers NOT LATER THAN MONDAY, MAY 13, 2002, 4 p.m. There are to be no changes on the Master Eligibility List after this date.** Coaches are urged NOT TO ENTER individuals in events IN WHICH THEY DO NOT HAVE COMPETITIVE PERFORMANCES.

LATE ENTRIES, accompanied by the \$50 FEE WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL 4 P.M. TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2002. The late fee may not be used to change an entry time, height or distance. The only changes which are permitted after 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, 2002, will be scratches.

All efforts submitted to the Regional Meet Manager shall have been earned prior to the entry due date and time. Late entries may not include efforts which occur after May 13, 2002, at 4 p.m.

**[NOTE: Late entries will not be accepted after Tuesday, May 14, 2002-4 p.m.]**

**SCRATCH** — Each regional manager will accept scratches before each session is scheduled to begin. Scratches made during these periods will not count in the individuals participation limitations. However, if the competitor is not scratched during these scheduled periods and does not show to the clerking area before that runner's position is set, the competitor will be disqualified from that event and that event will count toward the competitor's personal limit. The Clerk of Course shall form heats following the last call for that event.

Only two of the three contestants listed in the school's official entry (with current season OUTDOOR times, heights and distances) will be allowed to compete in that individual event. (Refer to the following paragraph for additional entries.) Should one of the three

entries not be scratched during or before the scratch period, the Clerks of Course will have the authority to scratch the last listed individual for that school.

Only metric times may be submitted to Regional Manager. A \$50 LATE FEE IS REQUIRED WHEN CHANGES IN A TEAM'S ENTRIES ARE MADE AFTER THE ENTRY DUE DATE AND PRIOR TO 4 PM TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2002. (Entry times, heights or distances may not be changed with a late entry fee after or before the Tuesday, May 14, 2002 deadline.)

**ADDITIONAL ENTRIES — REGIONAL MEETS** — If three (3) or more entries by a school team in an event have equalled or bettered the published additional qualifier standard, compiled from the results of the most recent outdoor seasons, all of these entries may enter and compete in the Regional Meet in that event. The time or distance must have been established in actual meet competition **prior to submitting Entry Information, and must be verified.**

**FINAL MEET ENTRIES** — Only qualifiers from Regional Meets may compete in the Final Meets.

**REGIONAL MEET ENTRY BLANKS** — Schools which notified the MHSAA office of their sponsorship of a bona fide track and field team(s) will be sent a Regional Meet Entry Information or entry materials to be completed for each team (boys and girls) and forwarded **directly** to the manager of the Regional Meet to which the school is assigned. Follow instructions closely. Regional Meet Managers will be advised of the schools assigned to respective Regionals and no others are to be allowed to compete at the meet.

**FINAL MEET ENTRY BLANKS** — Each Regional Manager will report the qualifiers to the Final Meet Manager. Only those reported Regional qualifiers will be allowed to compete in Final Meets. The Regional Entry Information will be in effect for the duration of the time members of that team are qualified to compete in Regional or Final competition. Coaches are not to send entries to the Final Manager.

**TROPHIES AND MEDALS AT RE-**

**REGIONAL AND FINAL MEETS** — Schools finishing in first place at each Regional will receive a trophy. Individual medals will be awarded to contestants finishing in the first six places in each event in Lower Peninsula Regionals. No formal awards ceremony will be conducted. Each manager is to place the school's medals in envelopes which the coach will pick up at the end of the meet. Extra medals will be provided for tied positions at Regional Meets.

Trophies will be provided for schools which finish in the first two positions at all Final Meets. Individual medals will be awarded to contestants finishing in the first eight places in each event in Lower Peninsula Final Meets. Requests for duplicate medals or trophies are the responsibility of the Regional or Final Manager.

**FINAL MEET EXPENSES** — The cost of conducting Final Meets will be met by the MHSAA, Inc. Any gate receipts realized will be used by MHSAA, Inc., to aid in meeting administrative costs of the meets. **LODGING WILL NOT BE PROVIDED BY HOST INSTITUTIONS.** The cost of lodging, transportation, and meals will be met by competing schools.

**QUALIFICATION FROM UPPER PENINSULA REGIONAL MEETS TO THE UPPER PENINSULA FINAL MEETS** — In Divisions 1, 2 and 3, Regional Meets there are to be four qualifiers from ALL individual track and field events.

The first and second place relay team at each Regional Meet will qualify to the Upper Peninsula Final Meet. In addition, in Divisions 1 and 2, the best third and fourth-place times from all Regional sites in those classes will also qualify.

**QUALIFICATION FROM LOWER PENINSULA REGIONAL MEETS TO LOWER PENINSULA FINAL MEET** — The first two places in each event at each Regional Meet qualify to enter the Lower Peninsula Final Meet in that event. In addition, during the finals of a Regional running event, any contestant who equals or betters the published additional qualifier standard shall qualify to the 2002 Lower Peninsula Final Meet in that event in that division. Efforts in the preliminary trials of the long jump, shot put, pole

vault and discus may qualify a contestant to the appropriate Final Meet.

A chart of times, distances and heights for additional qualifications from Regional to Final Meets may be found in this information *Bulletin*.

**300-METER HURDLES, 400-METER DASH, 400-METER RELAY, 800-METER RELAY AND 1600-METER RELAY AT LOWER PENINSULA REGIONALS; AND QUALIFICATION TO THE LOWER PENINSULA FINALS**

— The number of sections at Regionals in each event is to be determined by the Meet Managers, depending upon the number of entries in each event. One relay team or individual per lane constitutes a full section. In the event there is one individual or relay team only for the first section, the team with the slowest time from the second section will run in the first section. The second section will then have one empty lane. All teams are to be timed in each section and the two fastest times and additional qualifiers will qualify from each Lower Peninsula Regional to the Lower Peninsula Final Meets.

**800-METER RUN** — There will be a maximum of two sections of the 800-Meter Run in each class. The second section is to be scheduled only when the number of entries exceed 20. If two sections are needed the last section will have 16 participants.

**1600-METER RUN, 3200-METER RELAY AND 3200-METER RUN AT ALL LOWER PENINSULA REGIONAL AND FINAL MEETS** — There shall be two sections of the 1600-Meter Run only when the number of entries in this event exceeds 24. If two sections are needed, the last section (or fast section) will have 16 participants including ties.

There shall be one section of the 3200-Meter Relay at all Regionals. Two sections of the 3200-Meter Relay shall be conducted at the Final Meet for Divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4. If there are more than 24 entries, the 16 fastest times will be placed in the second section. If there are 24 or fewer entries, the second section will consist of the 12 fastest times plus all ties.

There is to be only one section at each Regional and Final Meet for the 3200-Meter Run.

All contestants entered in a race or section are to be timed and the six fastest times (eight fastest times for Finals) of the race or of all the sections of each event will be recognized by points and medals.

Qualifiers from Regionals with the fastest times in each event will be placed in the last section at the Final Meet working back to the entries with the slowest qualifying times in the first section. All sections shall be full with the possible exception of the first sections.

**FIELD EVENTS — REGIONALS AND FINAL MEETS** — In Regionals and the Upper and Lower Peninsula Final Meets, the following regulations are in effect for conducting the field events:

1. **HIGH JUMP** — The starting height at Lower Peninsula Regionals is to be based on a height **three** inches less than the additional qualifying standard for Regional and Final Meets. (Rounded to the nearest lesser inch). This height has been adjusted to allow one of the raises to fall on the additional qualifying standard to the final meet.

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER LOWER PENINSULA MANAGERS SHALL BEGIN THE HIGH JUMP THREE INCHES BELOW THE PUBLISHED STARTING HEIGHT. The bar then is to be raised three inches the first time and two inches each time thereafter until there is the number of contestants left equal to or less than the number of places to be awarded. When this number is reached, the bar is to be raised one inch only for each successive jump.

The starting height at Upper Peninsula Regionals, and the Final Meet, is to be determined by the Meet Manager without reference to Lower Peninsula standards.

2. **POLE VAULT** — The starting height at Lower Peninsula Regionals is to be based on a height 12 inches less than the additional qualifying standards for Regional and Final Meets. (rounded to the nearest lesser inch). The starting height shall be increased as indicated on the Standard Raises chart prior to this section until seven competitors remain. Thereafter the bar shall be raised three inches.

At Upper Peninsula Regionals and the Final Meet, the starting heights of the bar is

to be determined by the Meet Manager without reference to Lower Peninsula standards.

**IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, LOWER PENINSULA MANAGERS SHALL BEGIN THE POLE VAULT 12 INCHES BELOW THE PUBLISHED STARTING HEIGHT.** The bar is to be raised six inches the first time and four inches each time thereafter.

The standard raises are included in a chart on the following pages in this *Bulletin*.

**NOTE:** Seven competitors will advance from preliminary to final competition at the Regional level, and nine competitors will advance from preliminary to final competition at the MHSAA Finals.

**RELAY ENTRIES** — Any student on the Eligibility List may represent his or her school on a relay team in Regional competition, if they are eligible according to meet regulations. Schools qualifying relay teams for the Final Meet may use any eligible contestant in the Final Meet Relay. Final Meet Relay contestants are not limited to the four individuals who qualified in a Regional Relay.

**200-METER DASH IS TO BE RUN ON THE CURVE** — The 200-Meter Dash is to be started with staggered starts on the straightaway and be run through one full curve at all Regionals and at the Final Meet, where possible.

**SEMIFINAL RACES** — The Lower Peninsula Final must conduct semifinals in the following events when there are **more** than 16 entries (18 for a nine lane track) remaining after the scratch sheets are submitted: 100-Meter Dash, 200-Meter Dash, 100-Meter 33" Hurdles and 110-Meter High Hurdles.

**300-METER LOW HURDLES** — The 300-Meter Low Hurdles at all Regionals and Final Meet (where possible) are to be run so that the curve is in the middle of the race.

**ALLEY STARTS AND ALLEY PLACING OF REGIONAL QUALIFIERS IN THE 800-METER RUN, 1600 METER RUN, 3200-METER RUN and 3200-METER RELAYS AT ALL FINAL MEETS** — The staggered alley starting pro-

cedure is to be used at the 2001 Final Meets, and at Lower Peninsula Regionals. Managers are requested to place markers on the track at cut-in spots for races run in alleys.

Section assignments are to be made based on Regional qualifying times:

Reg. Qual. Time	Pos.	Alley
1st	pole	1
2nd	pole	2
3rd	pole	3
4th	pole	4
5th	position	1
6th	position	2
7th	position	3
8th	position	4
9th	2nd	1
10th-16th	in sequence	
17th	3rd	1
18th-27th	in sequence	

If a second row of contestants is necessary, this same procedure is to be followed for them. **NOTE:** If narrow tracks at some Regionals necessitate two rather than three lane alleys, the above procedure will be modified accordingly.

**The 1600-Meter Run, 3200-Meter Relay and the 3200-Meter Run will use alley starts and a two turn stagger at all Regional and Final Meets. The cut-in will be at the start of the second straightaway.**

The 1600-Meter and 3200-Meter Runs may use the waterfall start at all regular-season meets if there is a desire to do so. Tracks where the waterfall start line is on the curve, athletes will be seeded for their placement from the middle lanes out. The two fastest times in lane 4; the next two fastest times in lane 5, the next two in lane 3, and so on until all lanes are filled. (There should be **NO MORE** than two athletes per lane, sixteen total placed on the front line).

**In the 2001 Regional and Final Track Meets,** boys and girls events will alternate order. Girls events will be run first in odd years and boys events will be run first in even years. In 2002 the boys events will be run first.

**The 3200-Meter Relay** shall be the first final event run prior to the Semifinal heats of the sprint and hurdle events in the Regional and Final meet morning session. The 3200-

Meter relay shall not be run prior to 10:30 a.m.

**STARTING BLOCKS** — If Regional or Final Managers provide starting blocks for contestants, these starting blocks must be used. Schools may furnish their own starting blocks for Regional and Final competition only if managers do not include non-tradi-

tional standing start blocks. Starting blocks provided by schools must be approved by the Regional and/or Final management.

**INQUIRIES** — Questions not covered by the above information should be addressed to Regional Managers, Final Managers or to the MHSAA office. ■

**UNIFORMS:** Over the past several years, the issue of uniforms have been questioned and debated by all involved with Track and Field.

**SITUATION:** A1 who is heavy set is competing in the Shot Put and is also entered in the 100 Meter Dash. A1 is wearing a school issued uniform not of the same style as other team members, but is of the basic colors as other team member uniforms. **RULING:** A1 is considered to be in a legal uniform.

**NOTE:** Rule 4-3-1, States...Each competitor's uniform consists of; (A) Shoes, (B) Full Length Jersey (Singlet) and Shorts issued by the school.

1. Shorts may vary in length and style but must be the same color for all team members.
2. The Jersey and Shorts may have the schools identification and the Jersey may have competitors name.

## ADDITIONAL QUALIFYING STANDARDS

### 2002 LP BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD REGIONAL TRACK MEET

	Division 1		Division 2		Division 3		Division 4	
	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G
Pole Vault	11'9"	8'0"	11'6"	7'9"	11'0"	7'6"	9'9"	7'0"
Shot Put	46'2"	32'7"	44'1"	31'6"	43'11"	31'3"	41'6"	29'8"
High Jump	5'11"	4'9"	5'10"	4'9"	5'9"	4'8"	5'7"	4'7"
Long Jump	19'7"	15'3"	19'3"	14"10"	18'10"	14'7"	18'6"	14'3"
Discus	133'0"	98'9"	129'2"	95'8"	126'11"	98'9"	117'1"	86'6"
3200 M Relay	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
110 M 39' HH	:15.8	---	:16.2	---	:16.4	---	:17.3	---
100 M 33' H	---	:17.0	---	:17.1	---	:17.5	---	:18.3
100 M Dash	:11.5	:13.2	:11.6	:13.5	:11.7	:13.5	:11.9	:13.8
800 M Relay	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1600 M Run	4:37.6	5:36.4	4:42.8	5:43.0	4:45.5	5:50.8	4:56.0	6:02.7
400 M Relay	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
400 M Dash	:52.2	1:03.0	:53.1	1:03.8	:53.4	1:04.5	:55.2	1:06.8
300 M I.H.	:42.2	---	:42.7	---	:43.1	---	:45.1	---
300 M L.H.	---	:50.3	---	:51.3	---	:52.0	---	:54.0
800 M Run	2:03.0	2:29.8	2:05.3	2:32.0	2:06.4	2:35.0	2:10.8	2:39.8
200 M Dash	:23.5	:27.8	:23.8	:28.0	:24.1	:28.5	:24.8	:29.2
3200 M Run	10:10.6	12:17.9	10:20.5	12:41.5	10:31.8	12:58.4	11:00.0	13:15.0
1600 M Relay	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

**ADDITIONAL QUALIFYING STANDARDS**  
**2002 LP BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD FINAL TRACK MEET**

	Division 1		Division 2		Division 3		Division 4	
	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G
Pole Vault	12'6"	9'0"	12'9"	8'9"	12'3"	8'6"	11'6"	7'9"
Shot Put	50'8"	35'7"	48'10"	34'7"	48'4"	34'11"	45'10"	33'6"
High Jump	6'2"	5'1"	6'2"	5'1"	6'2"	5'1"	6'0"	5'0"
Long Jump	21'1"	16'4"	20'4"	16'0"	20'3"	15'8"	19'8"	15'4"
Discus	145'9"	111'0"	143'9"	109'7"	141'4"	108'4"	132'8"	101'3"
3200 M Relay	8:10.7	9:55.3	8:19.4	10:06.0	8:23.8	10:16.3	8:38.9	10:30.9
110 M 39' HH	:15.0	---	:15.4	---	:15.4	---	:15.9	---
100 M 33' H	---	:15.8	---	:16.1	---	:16.4	---	:17.1
100 M Dash	:11.1	:12.6	:11.2	:12.8	:11.3	:12.9	:11.4	:13.2
800 M Relay	1:31.3	1:47.9	1:32.7	1:50.0	1:33.6	1:50.9	1:35.6	1:53.4
1600 M Run	4:28.2	5:21.0	4:31.8	5:27.4	4:33.3	5:30.1	4:39.8	5:38.7
400 M Relay	:44.1	:51.3	:44.9	:52.4	:45.5	:53.1	:46.2	:54.1
400 M Dash	:50.6	:59.9	:51.4	1:01.5	:51.5	1:01.8	:52.7	1:03.0
300 M I.H.	:40.3	---	:40.9	---	:41.1	---	:42.2	---
300 M L.H.	---	:47.9	---	:48.5	---	:48.7	---	:50.7
800 M Run	1:59.2	2:22.8	2:00.7	2:26.0	2:01.4	2:27.1	2:04.8	2:30.4
200 M Dash	:22.5	:26.3	:23.1	:26.8	:23.1	:27.1	:23.4	:27.7
3200 M Run	9:49.6	11:46.1	9:58.3	12:01.6	10:08.2	12:15.4	10:27.2	12:37.0
1600 M Relay	3:27.7	4:10.5	3:31.4	4:15.1	3:32.6	4:17.1	3:37.1	4:24.8

**2002 STANDARD RAISES FOR HJ AND PV**

**Lower Peninsula**

	REGIONAL QUALIFIER	REGIONAL START	1ST RAISE	2ND RAISE	3RD RAISE	FINAL QUALIFIER	FINAL START
Div. 1 HJ-B	5'11"	5'8"	5'10"	6'0"	6'2"	6'2"	5'11"
Div. 1 HJ-G	4'9"	4'6"	4'9"	4'11"	5'1"	5'1"	4'10"
Div. 2 HJ-B	5'10"	5'7"	5'10"	6'0"	6'2"	6'2"	5'11"
Div. 2 HJ-G	4'9"	4'6"	4'9"	4'11"	5'1"	5'1"	4'10"
Div. 3 HJ-B	5'9"	5'6"	5'9"	6'0"	6'2"	6'2"	5'11"
Div. 3 HJ-G	4'8"	4'5"	4'8"	4'11"	5'1"	5'1"	4'10"
Div. 4 HJ-B	5'7"	5'4"	5'7"	5'10"	6'0"	6'0"	5'9"
Div. 4 HJ-G	4'7"	4'4"	4'7"	4'10"	5'0"	5'0"	4'9"

	REGIONAL QUALIFIER	REG'L START	1st RAISE	2nd RAISE	3rd RAISE	4th RAISE	FINAL QUALIFIER	FINAL START
DIV. 1 PV-B	11'9"	10'9"	11'3"	11'9"	12'3"	12'6"	12'6"	11'6"
DIV. 2 PV-B	11'6"	10'6"	11'3"	11'9"	12'3"	12'9"	12'9"	11'9"
DIV. 3 PV-B	11'0"	10'0"	10'9"	11'3"	11'9"	12'3"	12'3"	11'3"
DIV. 4 PV-B	9'9"	8'9"	9'9"	10'6"	11'0"	11'6"	11'6"	10'6"
DIV. 1 PV-G	8'0"	7'6"	8'0"	8'6"	9'0"		9'0"	8'6"
DIV. 2 PV-G	7'9"	7'3"	7'9"	8'3"	8'9"		8'9"	8'3"
DIV. 3 PV-G	7'6"	7'0"	7'6"	8'0"	8'6"		8'6"	8'0"
DIV. 4 PV-G	7'0"	6'6"	7'0"	7'6"	7'9"		7'9"	7'3"

# HIGH SCHOOL — BOYS & GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD ORDER OF EVENTS

## For Combined Meets

### TRACK EVENTS

The 2002 MHSAA Track and Field Committee established that the order of events to be run at *all* Regional and Final Meets shall be that prescribed in the 2001 *National Federation Track and Field and Cross Country Rules Book*. The 2002 order of events listed below. In 2002, boys events shall be run first.

3200 M Relay (4 x 800)  
Boys 100 MHH/Girls 100 MH  
100 M Dash  
800 M Relay (4 x 200)  
1600 M Run  
400 M Relay (4 x 100)  
400 M Dash  
Boys 300 M 36" IH/Girls 300 M 30" LH  
800 M Run  
200 M Dash  
3200 M Run  
1600 M Relay (4 x 400)

Preliminaries will be run in the following order: Combined boy-girl meets — 100-Meter Dash, 110-Meter High Hurdles, 100-Meter 33" Hurdles, and 200-Meter Dash. Semifinals, when necessary, will follow the same order as preliminaries. There will be no preliminaries at the Upper Peninsula Final Meet.

**Additional qualifying standards met in running event Preliminaries or Semifinals will not qualify for entry to the Final Meet.**

**Running of Relays at Dual, Regional, and Final Meets** — In 2000, the 800-Meter Relay shall be run in lanes entirely at each Regional and Final Meet.

The 1600-Meter Relay is to be run in lanes from a three-turn staggered start. The first exchange is to be made in the same lane in which each team started. The cut-in point for the second runner will be established at the start of the back straightaway.

The 400-Meter Relay is to be run from a two turn staggered start and in lanes throughout the entire event.

A two-turn stagger is to be used for the first leg of the 3200-Meter Relay. The cut will occur at the start of the second straightaway.

### FIELD EVENTS

Discus  
Pole Vault  
Girls Shot Put — 4 kg. (8 lbs. 13 oz.)  
Boys Shot Put — 5.443 kg. (12 lbs.)  
High Jump  
Long Jump — (NOTE: The takeoff boards used at Regional and Final Meets must be at least 18 inches, up to a maximum of 24 inches.)

### ORDER OF FIELD EVENTS

The field events schedule at MHSAA Regional and Final Meets will alternate the order of competition for boys and girls each year:

**Even Years:** Girls high jump, girls pole vault, and shot put first. (Followed by boys high jump, shot put and pole vault)

Boys discus and long jump first. (Followed by girls discus and long jump)

**Odd Years:** Boys high jump, boys vault, and shot put first. (Followed by girls high jump, shot put, and pole vault)

Girls discus and long jump first. (Followed by boys discus and long jump)

L.P. Regional Scoring: (10-8-6-4-2-1)

L.P. Final Scoring: (10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1)

U.P. Regional Scoring: (5-3-2-1)

U.P. Final Scoring: (10-8-6-4-2-1) ■

# JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOLS — TRACK AND FIELD ORDER OF EVENTS

**NOTE 1:** When boys and girls meets are conducted simultaneously, the events listed below are to be used. If meets are not run simultaneously, the events listed for those not participating are to be eliminated. Schools must mutually agree to run the order of events in yards or meters prior to the meets. If schools cannot mutually agree, the host school will decide. Distances may be shortened or events may be eliminated by mutual consent of competing schools before the meet begins.

Boys and girls events will alternate order. Girls events will run first in odd years and boys events will run first in even years. In 2002, boys events will run first.

## ORDER OF EVENTS

3200 M Run (Two Mile)  
55 M 33" Hurdles for Boys (5 hurdles)  
55 M 30" Hurdles for Girls (5 hurdles)  
800 M Relay (880 Yards) Relay  
800 M Run (880 Yards) Run  
1600 M Run (Mile)  
100 M Dash (100 Yards) Dash  
400 M Dash (440 Yards) Dash  
3200 M Relay  
70 M Dash (75 Yards)  
200 M 30" Hurdles (5 hurdles)  
200 M Dash (220 Yards)  
1600 M Relay (Mile)  
400 M Relay (440 Yards)

## FIELD EVENTS

1. Pole Vault
2. Shot Put 4 Kg (8 lb. 13 oz.) for boys;  
2.744 Kg (6 lbs.) for girls
3. Running High Jump
4. Running Long Jump

A contestant may compete in any three track and/or field events from the approved list of junior high/middle school order of events.

**NOTE 2:** The 3200-Meter must be conducted during the field events.

**NOTE 3:** Both the Boys and Girls 55-Meter hurdles will be over five hurdles spaced as follows: 13 meters to the first hurdle 8.5 meters between the hurdles and 8.0 meters from the last hurdle to the finish.

**NOTE 4:** One false start shall be permitted in Junior High/Middle School competition (when the above order of events are used).

**NOTE 5:** Refer to Regulation IV, Section 8 for limitation of competition.

## TRACK—SCORING

### Dual Meets

Individual events are to be scored 5-3-1.

Relays are to be scored 5-0.

**SCORING NOTE:** By prior mutual agreement of competing schools or by league or conference adoption, teams may score four places in dual meets and five places in triangular meets.

### Other Than Dual Meets

Scoring is to be in accordance with the National Federation Edition of the Track and Field Rules Book for the current year.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Rules for junior/high middle school cross country are those printed in the National Federation Track and Field Rule Book with MHSAA modifications included in Regulation IV, Section 8 of the *MHSAA Handbook*.

The standard distance for a junior high/middle school cross country run is 3,200 meters.

Cross Country distances may be shortened by mutual consent of the competing schools prior to the date of the meet. ■

# POLE VAULT SURVEY

## Sent to 610 Schools Sponsoring Track and Field

DIVISIONS		1	2	3	4	Total
<b>High School Boys</b>						
Sponsor Pole Vault?	Yes	59	57	75	43	234
	No	21	28	20	0	69
<b>High School Girls</b>						
	Yes	59	62	75	42	238
	No	19	26	21	0	66
<b>Junior High School Boys</b>						
	Yes	19	36	66	37	158
	No	34	35	24	7	100
<b>Junior High School Girls</b>						
	Yes	13	32	64	34	143
	No	35	35	24	7	101
Does pad meet current requirements?	Yes	53	56	65	37	211
	No	3	1	3	4	11
Does Cover meet current requirements?	Yes	53	52	62	35	202
	No	0	2	2	2	6
Is current 16'x12' adequate?	Yes	40	41	53	33	167
	No	14	17	18	6	55
Required padding standard base?	Yes	52	55	65	30	202
	No	6	4	8	9	27
Do you pad uprights?	Yes	6	8	9	6	29
	No	52	51	63	34	200
Do you cover hard surfaces?	Yes	40	44	52	24	160
	No	17	14	20	15	66
How do you secure standards?	Bolted to concrete	21	33	40	22	116
	Sand Bags	11	8	13	7	39
	Other	8 (pads)	8 (pads)	8 (pads)	2 (pads)	26
				1 (spike)		
			1 (dumbell)			
Do you regularly weigh vaulters?	Yes	36	37	47	28	148
	No	22	23	25	14	84
Do you require helmets?	Yes	4	4	9	11	28
	No	59	56	65	32	212
If yes, do you provide helmets?	Yes	7	4	12	12	35
	No	11	14	3	4	32

DIVISIONS		1	2	3	4	Total
If no, do you recommend helmets?	Yes	12	5	14	10	41
	No	36	49	46	20	151
Would you permit helmets?	Yes	44	50	61	32	187
	No	0	0	1	0	1
Do you conduct safety training?	Yes	33	37	37	28	135
	No	24	21	36	15	96
Do you consider pit add-ons safe?	Yes	47	53	62	38	200
	No	6	5	9	1	21
Are pads of more than one section with a common cover safe?	Yes	56	60	70	36	222
	No	3	0	1	3	7

## IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING POLE VAULT LANDING PADS

The NFHS rules committee is studying the situation regarding the pole vault landing pad and is waiting for a national task force assigned by the American Society for Testing and Measurements (ASTM) to recommend a new minimum size landing pad. The recommendations of the committee include:

1. Minimum Width of the pad to be 19'8"
2. Minimum Length of the pad to be 20'5" from the front edge of the vaulting box to the back of the pad. There must be 16'5" of landing pad behind the vault box.
3. The height (or thickness) of the landing pad to be a minimum of 26".
4. A collar be placed around the vault box to help minimize injuries by vaulters falling into the box.
5. A coaching box be painted on the cover of the landing pad that is 8' deep and 10' wide. The box would start 3'6" behind the back edge of the vault box. (The purpose of the coaching box is to serve as a guide to help coaches and athletes make performance adjustments.)

Upgrades: It is **possible** to upgrade your existing landing pad. The height of the upgrade must be the same as your existing pad. This upgrade must be connected to the main pad and all seams covered so the vaulter cannot fall through the crack and strike the ground. The common cover must cover entire landing pad.

Major manufacturers are aware of the National Task Force Committees' work and will make available a pad large enough to meet the new rule.

The NFHS rules committee will consider the recommended changes to increase the minimum size dimensions in the 2002 rules book for the pole vault and will consider making it effective for the 2003 season.

## 2002 National Federation Track & Field Rules Interpretations

### PLAY SITUATIONS:

**SITUATION 1:** The manager and student trainer from Team A are observed directing profanities toward athletes during laps of a distance relay. The referee disqualifies the offenders from the meet for unsportsmanlike conduct, and disqualifies the relay team from the event. **RULING:** Correct Procedure. **COMMENT:** A track/cross country team consists of coaches, contestants, managers, trainers and other school personnel; therefore, when a team member acts in an inappropriate way, the team member must be penalized. (1-2-1; 4-5-1)

**SITUATION 2:** The referee determines the discus venue is unsafe for competition. Each participant entered in the discus is allowed to enter three additional events. Points from the cancelled discus event are awarded to individual throwers of visiting schools. **RULING:** Illegal Procedure. **COMMENT:** The referee may determine the venue is unsafe for competition; however, the event will not be charged against the total number of events for the participants. Points will be totaled and divided equally among visiting teams that have entered the meet. The host team will receive no points. (2-1-4)

**SITUATION 3:** An athlete's second attempt in the long jump is a record-breaking performance. As the athlete leaves the pit, the referee notices an ankle bracelet on the athlete. The referee allows the record breaking second attempt to stand, but prohibits the athlete from any additional attempts because of the ankle bracelet. **RULING:** Incorrect Procedure. **COMMENT:** For an illegal uniform or jewelry, the competitor is disqualified from the event and, therefore, no attempts are recorded. (4-3 PEN)

**SITUATION 4:** Forty minutes prior to the first event, all coaches, officials and a student team representative are asked to report to the fieldhouse for a pre-contest meeting. The decision is made to combine girls and boys in the 3200-meter run and the 1600-meter relay. Later in the meet, a coach changes his/her mind about wanting to combine heats. **RULING:** Correct Procedure. **COMMENT:** Prior to the meet, the referee shall meet with the head coach(es) and captains(s) and explain that everyone is expected to exhibit good sportsmanship through the meet. Any changes in meet procedure and protocol may be discussed and decided at the pre-contest meeting. (3-4-8)

**SITUATION 5:** An athlete reports to the clerk of the course with a note from the parent that verifies an infected tongue. The note asked that the participant not remove the stud in the tongue because of the possible closing of the hole due to the infection. Seeing that the tongue was infected, the official gives the student the option of removing the tongue stud or not competing. **RULING:** Correct Procedure. **COMMENT:** The official is to consistently apply the NFHS rules. (3-6-4)

**SITUATION 6:** When a relay team reports to the starting line, the official notices that each member of a school relay team has one red-legged undergarment and one white-legged undergarment exposed beneath the track shorts. Since all team members are identical, the team is allowed to compete. **RULING:** Incorrect Procedure. **COMMENT:** A running event or heat begins when the contestants report to the starting line. Having each leg of the undergarment a different solid color does not satisfy the spirit of the uniform rule. (4-1-2; 4-3-1-b 6)

**SITUATION 7:** During a co-ed meet, a male participant from Team A steps onto the track and interferes with a female participant from Team B. The referee disqualified the male athlete from competition because of his interference and unsportsmanlike conduct. **RULING:** Correct

Procedure. **COMMENT:** Any person who interferes with the progress of a race can be removed from the venue for interference. (4-5-7)

**SITUATION 8:** During a meet, the games committee puts a mark in the pit indicating the meet record. Each participant is able to shoot for a new meet record as indicated by the mark in the pit. **RULING:** Illegal Procedure. **COMMENT:** The games committee may specify the marking material, if any, and the number and location of check marks allowed. A mark in the pit is not a check mark. Any mark beyond the scratch line is in violation of the rule. (3-2-4-b)

**SITUATION 9:** A student reports to the starting line with a "WWJD" woven fabric friendship band on his/her wrist. At the starting line, the clerk asks the athlete to remove the bracelet. The student refuses based on the definition of religious jewelry and is removed from the event. **RULING:** Correct Procedure. **COMMENT:** An adornment that is not part of the school-issued uniform or specified by NFHS rules, should be scrutinized by the state association, meet referee or assigned designee. The rule only allows exceptions to be taped to the body under the uniform. (3-6-4)

**SITUATION 10:** School B issues everyone on the track team uniforms except the throwers. Since the throwers also double as football players, the athletes decide to wear their football uniforms for track uniforms during competition. Students are allowed to compete. **RULING:** Incorrect Procedure. **COMMENT:** Teams shall wear full-length track jersey and track shorts. (4-3-1-b)

**SITUATION 11:** In the high jump, A1 fails a third attempt at 6 feet, 2 inches. A2 fails one attempt at 6-2 and asks that the bar be raised to 6-4. A2 fails two attempts at 6-4. The bar is lowered to 6-2, where both A1 and A2 get three more attempts. **RULING:** Incorrect Procedure. **COMMENT:** To break a tie for first place, the competitors tying shall make one more attempt (not three) at the height at which they failed. The bar then shall be lowered by one inch until the tie is broken. (7-3-17-d)

**SITUATION 12:** School A has purchased several poles prior to 2000. Many of the poles have had minimal use and will be issued again during the 2002 season. Since the poles were confirmed last year and have last year's mark on them, many athletes continue to use these poles even though the weight marking can no longer be read. The event judge allows the students to compete with poles from the previous years without checking weight markings. **RULING:** Incorrect Procedure. **COMMENT:** With the growth of vaulting (specifically female vaulters), and the possible recycling of poles, every pole should be examined very closely. Using poles one year does not automatically confirm that the same pole is appropriate for the same athlete at the same school the next year. (7-7-4)

**SITUATION 13:** A multiple-event athlete is competing in field events and running prelims simultaneously. In his haste to prepare for the hurdles, the athlete forgets to remove a stop-watch hanging from a lanyard. **RULING:** Illegal Procedure. **COMMENT:** Although a wrist-watch being worn on the wrist may be considered equipment, draping a watch around the neck is considered unsafe and unacceptable. The competitor is disqualified from the event. ■

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## 2002 MHSAA TRACK AND FIELD FINALS SITES

### LOWER PENINSULA — JUNE 1

Division 1 — Rockford HS; Division 2 — Houseman Field, Grand Rapids

Division 3 — Comstock Park HS; Division 4 — Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern HS

### UPPER PENINSULA — JUNE 1

All Divisions — Kingsford HS

## 2002 Lower Peninsula Regional Track & Field Meets May 17-18

No.	Div.	School	City	Manager
1	1	Union HS	Grand Rapids	Jim Vidro
2	1	Greenville HS	Greenville	Brian Zdanowski
3	1	Traverse City Central HS	Traverse City	John Sonnemann
4	1	West Bloomfield HS	West Bloomfield	Lee Averill
5	1	Dearborn HS	Dearborn	Scott Hummel
6	1	Huron HS	Ann Arbor	Jane Bennett
7	1	Warren Mott HS	Warren	Tim Kovacs
8	1	Milford HS	Highland	Gene Balawajder
9	1	Holly HS	Holly	Tim Dode
10	1	Grosse Pointe South HS	Grosse Pointe	Steve Zaranek
11	2	TBA		
12	2	Harper Creek	Battle Creek	Ed Greenman
13	2	Grosse Ile	Grosse Ile	James Okler
14	2	Sparta	Sparta	Joseph Droski
15	2	Linden	Linden	Jonathan Chapman
16	2	Gaylord	Gaylord	Karen Leinaar
17	2	Algonac	Algonac	Bob Enne
18	2	Saginaw	Saginaw	Marshall Thomas
19	2	Catholic Central	Grand Rapids	Michael Neuman
20	2	Fitzgerald	Warren	Alex Bell
21	3	Constantine	Constantine	Mike Messner
22	3	Quincy	Quincy	Michael Nowicki
23	3	Onsted	Onsted	John Springer
24	3	Almont	Almont	Gary Carson
25	3	Stockbridge	Stockbridge	Brian Thompson
26	3	Comstock Park	Comstock Park	Janet Gillette
27	3	Breckenridge	Breckenridge	Lew Pavlik
28	3	Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Wayne Brady
29	3	Clare	Clare	Rob Johnson
30	3	Mason County Central	Scottville	Tim Genson
31	4	Bellaire	Bellaire	Matt Lukshaitis
32	4	Akron-Fairgrove	Fairgrove	John Amend
33	4	TBA		
34	4	Coleman	Coleman	Larry Curtis
35	4	Peck Community	Peck	Paula Davidson
36	4	Marcellus	Marcellus	David DeCou
37	4	Gabriel Richard	Ann Arbor	Tom Kempf
38	4	Centreville	Centreville	Craig Brueck
39	4	Bath	Bath	Jim Watkins
40	4	TBA		

### Upper Peninsula Regional Sites

No.	Class	School	City	Manager
41	1	Gladstone	Gladstone	Matt Houle
42	1	Houghton	Houghton	Bruce Horsch
43	2	Iron Mountain	Iron Mountain	Tom Johnson
44	2	Newberry	Newberry	Keith Alto
45	3	Burt Township	Grand Marais	Thomas Scaife
46	3	Rapid River	Rapid River	Fred Stage
47	3	Ewen-Trout Creek	Ewen	Lee Lindberg
48	3	North Dickinson	Iron Mountain	Joe Reddinger

# TENNIS COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, January 8, 2002

## Members Present:

Jeff Bisel, Bay City  
Dana Daniels, Brooklyn  
Keith Eldred, Williamston  
Tim Elenbaas, Cadillac  
Jan Esper, Bloomfield Hills  
Joe Gentle, North Muskegon  
Dean Hadden, South Haven  
Judy Hehs, Bloomfield Hills  
Russ Hicks, Eaton Rapids  
Rich Kimball, Jackson, Northwest  
Karen Page, Holland  
Curtis Partee, Dowagiac  
Pam Porter, Stevensville  
Bob Quinn, Saginaw

Margaret Ruemenapp, Harbor Springs

Ken Semelsberger, Port Huron

Tiger Teusink, Holland

Jim VanZandt, Kalamazoo

Larry Wegener, Battle Creek

Lisa White, Traverse City

## Members Absent:

Lafayette Evans, Detroit

David Foster, Midland

Michelle Weyhing, Williamston

## Staff Member Present:

Gina Mazzolini (Recorder)

The 2001-2002 MHSAA Tennis Committee met on January 8, 2002 in the MHSAA office to review proposals, approve Regional assignments, select sites/hosts for Regionals and review general tennis issues.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Substitution at Regionals/Finals
2. Enforcement of rules by coaches
3. Stacking
4. Challenge matches

### RECOMMENDATIONS PASSED BY THE TENNIS COMMITTEE

1. Allow females to wear top tank dresses/shirts or racer back dresses for their team uniform (15-0 in favor).
2. Maintain the current Point Penalty System for misconduct (first offense: warning; second offense: point; third offense: match) (10-3 in favor).

### PROPOSALS BY MHSTECA

1. Schedule girls and boys Regional Tournaments on Thursday rather than on Friday (16-2 in favor).
2. Authorize the MHSAA Seeding Committee to invite up to three teams in each Division to participate in the Final Tennis Tournament (12-4 opposed).
3. Eliminate USTA continuous play rule. (15-1 opposed).

Therefore, the continuous play rule, as follows, is still in effect:

- A change of ends, without rest, will occur after the first game of every set.

- At the end of Set No. 1, a "Set Break" of not longer than 120 seconds (two minutes) will take place.

- If split sets occur, a break not to exceed five minutes may take place.

Explanation: There is no rest on the changeover after the first game of any set.

At all other changeovers, players are entitled to 90 seconds rest. The times (two minutes, five minutes, 90 seconds) are determined from the last ball struck at the end of a game, until the first ball struck to begin the next game.

Continuous play will place emphasis on the nature of play - that we play sets of games to determine a winner, rather than just a continual series of games.

A "Set break" at the end of each set is therefore logical, giving time for re-thinking strategy and deciding new tactics.

4. Add a No. 4 doubles flight to Division 4 Regional and Final Tournament play (16-0 in favor).

A survey, which involved Division 4 ten-

nis schools, asked the question, "Would you favor adding No. 4 doubles to the post-season tournament"?

Schools with Girls teams: 44 Yes; 8 No;  
1 Yes, if no additional site is used  
Schools with Boys teams: 45 Yes; 8 No;  
1 Yes, if no additional site is used

### REGIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

After a few changes by the committee, the Regional assignments were approved.

### FINAL SITE ROTATION

Division 1 - Midland  
Division 2 - MSU  
Division 3 - Holland  
Division 4 - Kalamazoo College  
Division 2, 3 and 4 will rotate every year.

### NEW BUSINESS

Mandate that team shirts must be the same color and with school team identifica-

tion (13-3-2 opposed)

A motion was made to allow flight winners to advance to the Final Tournament if their team does not advance (tabled).

### RULES MEETING MATERIAL

Develop a handout which would list indicators for determining a line up, recommend a point in the season when line ups should be determined and a reminder about playing positions.

### RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Schedule girls and boys Regional Tournaments on Thursday rather than on Friday (16-2 in favor).
2. Add a No. 4 doubles flight to Division 4 Regional and Final Tournament play (16-0 in favor). ■

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## REGISTER ALL NON-FACULTY COACHES BEFORE THEY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITIES

The *MHSAA Handbook* requires that any coach who is not an administrator or a member of the regular teaching staff of the school district must be registered by the school with the MHSAA. The requirement pertains to all non-faculty coaches, full-time or part-time, paid or volunteer.

The regulation states, "The person responsible for the immediate training or coaching of a secondary athletic team SHOULD be a member of the regular teaching staff of the school. If a nonfaculty member is used, that person must be registered by the school with the MHSAA on a form provided for that purpose BEFORE assuming any coaching duties. A nonfaculty member coach must be at least eighteen (18) years of age and not a current high school student.

"Note: The Representative Council urges that all schools strive for the standard that only qualified faculty members are used as head coaches of interscholastic athletic teams, and all nonfaculty coaches complete the MHSAA's Program for Athletic Coaches' Education (PACE) or equivalent program."

There are two ways to fulfill the registration requirement:

1. The easiest way to register nonfaculty varsity head coaches is on-line at the MHSAA's administrative web site, [mhsaa.net](http://mhsaa.net), as you provide *School Directory* information.
2. Forms for registering other nonfaculty coaches may be requested from the MHSAA or may be found on pages 103-104 of the *MHSAA Handbook* for 2001-02. You may copy and enlarge as necessary. The forms - one for high school, the other for the junior high/middle school level - were sent to all schools in August and may also be downloaded from the MHSAA Web Site at [www.mhsaa.com](http://www.mhsaa.com). Forms may be submitted throughout the school year as nonfaculty coaches are assigned. Many schools submit forms just prior to each season: fall, winter and spring. ■

# FOOTBALL COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, January 22, 2002

## Members Present:

Todd Baker, Leroy  
Rod Bragg, Gaylord  
Chris Ervin, Carson City-Crystal  
Lafayette Evans, Detroit  
Jim Feldkamp, Troy  
Keith Froelich, Okemos  
Don Glessing, Hemlock  
William Hill, Detroit  
Bill Hollenbeck, Maple City  
Eric Hyde, North Branch  
Charles Karpinski, Lansing  
Robert Kubiak, Kalamazoo  
Gary Lee, Flint  
Rich Machesky, Utica  
Jim Marana, Ishpeming  
Ralph Munger, Rockford

Craig Nartker, Allegan  
David Potter, Monroe  
Gregory Putra, Jackson  
Bob Santello, Redford  
Thomas Wenzel, Mendon  
Jeff Zonyk, Three Rivers

## Members Absent:

Pete DeWitt, Britton-Macon  
John Goddard, Royal Oak  
Jim Venia, Marysville

## Staff Member Present:

Randy Allen  
Nate Hampton (Recorder)  
Tom Minter

The committee met for the purpose of reviewing playing rules, regulations and policies concerning high school football and Football Playoff procedures. Following is a review of items discussed by the committee as well as recommendations for Representative Council action.

### FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

The committee reviewed the 2001 Football Playoffs and compared selection results to 2000 statistics. The committee noted that results of the three-year expanded format were very close when comparing schools classifications, enrollment breaks and numbers of automatic qualifying schools. In 1999 and 2000, 241 and 238 schools respectively qualified automatically based on their regular season record. In 2001, 242 schools did the same. In 1999 and 2000, 47 and 39 games respectively were subjected to the playoff point differential rule, while 32 games were shortened in 2001.

In Final games at the Silverdome eight finalists were number one seeds at the Pre-District level, five were number two seeds and two schools advanced from the number three seeded position. Five finalists were Class A schools, four were Class B, five were Class C and two were Class D schools. This was very close to the finalists classifications

for 1999 and 2000.

The committee acknowledged that the comparisons were reasonably consistent and expressed satisfaction in the expanded format.

After a review of the football starting dates and duration of season, the committee discussed a letter received from the Kensington Valley Conference Athletic Directors Association requesting the MHSAA and the Football Committee consider moving the Finals back one week (the week after Thanksgiving) so that the season would start one week later in August. During discussions committee members noted the favorable traditions of our Finals on Thanksgiving weekend were the least disruptive to classroom time, the relationship of all fall Final dates and starting dates for the winter season, and the many different August school starting dates. The committee made no motion to consider a change.

### DISCUSSIONS

Discussion continued that included the following topics:

- Eight divisions of bonus points; time between scores during a point-differential contest; player maximums and sideline personnel; videotape scouting and game video exchange; facility standards

for schools hosting playoff games; Friday night football/NCAA; MHSAA Finals venue; post-scrimmage kick penalty enforcement; and end zone videotaping during the tournament. None of these discussion items resulted in requests for change.

### **FOOTBALL RULES AND PROCEDURES**

The committee was informed of National Federation football rule changes for the 2002 season. A major change differentiates the penalty for a block in the back (below the shoulders but above the waist), which is 10-yard penalty and a clip which is 15-yards penalty when contact is from the back and below the waist.

Committee members made several suggestions to include in next fall's football rules meetings as points of emphasis. They will include:

- Pre-game decorum
- Team on field for the National Anthem

- Coaches on the field between downs
- Jersey colors
- Free kicks/load-ups

The committee members shared concern for situations involving free kicks and the kicking team "loading up" on one side of the kicker and having the first wave of blockers block stationary opponents off of or away from the ball. The committee's discussions included the newly established NCAA rule which mandates at least four kicking team members on either side of the ball and if this rule change has lessened the concerns relating to injury with load-ups on free kicks.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

On free kicks establish the NCAA regulation on kicking team player alignments at the kick-off (at least four kicking team players on either side of the kicker) as a Michigan experiment for the 2002 season if permitted by the National Federation (12-8 in favor). ■

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## **HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HERITAGE ON DISPLAY**

The Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing will showcase a history of high school athletics as part of its "Summer of Sports: 2003 Heritage Tour," which will debut this spring.

The Lansing exhibit, entitled "Sporting Communities," will focus more on high school sports than other levels of athletics. The theme will show how community-based athletic teams, including high school sports, play a major role in a town's everyday life.

"Sporting Communities" will feature photographs, scrapbooks, uniforms, equipment and other souvenirs. Schools and individuals are asked to consider donating or loaning artifacts to the Michigan Historical Museum for this exhibit.

If you are interested in donating materials, please contact: Laurie Dickens, Collection Historian • Michigan Historical Museum • 717 W. Allegan St. • Lansing, MI 48918-1847 • Telephone: 517/373-1559 • E-Mail: dickensl@michigan.gov

The other museums and exhibits involved in the "Summer of Sports" project are:

- Detroit Historical Museum - "Detroit: City of Sports"
- Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Detroit - "Detroit Makes A Splash In Sports"
- Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn - "Hometown Baseball: From the Waterford Lah-De-Dahs to the Detroit Tigers"
- Kalamazoo Valley Museum - "Homegrown Heroics: Football in Southwest Michigan"
- Mackinaw State Historic Parks - "Summer's Playground: Recreational Sports at Mackinaw, 1880-1920"
- Public Museum of Grand Rapids - "Leagues Of Their Own," displaying Michigan connections to black professional baseball teams of the early 20th Century, and the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League
- Alfred P. Sloan Museum, Flint - Hunting & Fishing in Michigan

If you wish to make a donation to any of these exhibits, you can contact the involved museums directly, or Laurie Dickens at the Michigan Historical Museum. ■

# BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT LP OFFICIALS SELECTION MEETING

East Lansing, January 23, 2002

## Members Present:

Tim Aldrich, Petersburg  
Mel Atkins, Grand Rapids  
Robert Ballantine, Bangor  
Jane Bennett, Ann Arbor  
Steve Bennink, Coopersville  
John Blankenship, Frankenmuth  
John Brown, Benton Harbor  
Chris Clark, Grosse Pointe  
Paul Clark, Cheboygan  
Keith Froelich, Okemos  
Jamie Gent, Haslett  
Kirk Glassel, Parma  
Leroy Hackley, Byron Center  
Kevin Herendeen, Grass Lake  
Gary Iwinski, Brown City  
Al Kastl, Clinton Township  
Ken Kott, Manistee  
Todd Kulawiak, Benzonia  
Karen Leinaar, Gaylord  
Kathy McGee, Flint  
Vic Michaels, Detroit

Phil Mikulski, Tawas City  
Fletcher Miller, Highland Park  
Charles Nichols, Detroit  
Richard Niesen, Kalamazoo  
Dave Price, Caledonia  
Teri Reyburn, DeWitt  
Jim Schaffer, Kent City  
Cindy Short, Lansing  
Tarlton Small, Pontiac  
Vance Stratton, Cassopolis  
Marshall Thomas, Saginaw

## Staff Members Present:

Chris Bohnet  
Bill Bupp  
Angie Butterwick  
Nate Hampton  
Rob Kaminski  
Camala Kinder  
Tom Minter  
Monique Nelson  
Faye Verellen

The Committee was presented with the entire list of approved officials in Boys Basketball who had completed availability forms at the MHSAA rules meetings in the fall. Assignments were made for the tournament on the basis of recommendations and availability of the officials.

## RATINGS

Minimal ratings required included 2.1 for Final officials; 2.5 for Semifinal and Quarterfinal officials; 2.7 for Regional and District officials. Officials recommended by two or more leagues/conferences and/or officials associations were qualified to the next rating level.

## TOURNAMENT INVITATIONS

All officials selected at each tournament level were sent "Assignment Response" forms from the MHSAA. Officials were assigned to work only one game per day in any tournament competition. At Regional Tournaments, officials work one date/game of the tournament.

## OFFICIALS AVAILABILITY

Seven-hundred ninety-seven (797) officials indicated their availability for Lower Peninsula Tournament assignments. Of this number, 606 were assigned to the 2001-2002 Districts. Regional assignments for officials totaled 191. Forty-eight (48) officials were selected to work the Quarterfinals; twenty-four (24) officials were selected to work the Semifinal contests and 12 in the Championship Games. ■

# BASEBALL/SOFTBALL COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, January 24, 2002

## Members Present:

Sue Barthold, Kentwood  
Joe Bechtel, Grass Lake  
Rusty Bluse, Escanaba  
Mark Chapman, Madison Heights  
Dave Checkley, Clinton Township  
Gerald Dodd, Dearborn  
Robert Downing, Mackinaw City  
Pete Gleason, Grand Blanc HS  
Sharon Hammerschmidt, Dearborn Heights  
Mike Heeringa, Allendale  
Charles LeClear, Bridgeport  
Nancy Malinowski, Farmington Hills  
Paul Marwede, Alpena  
Tom McKenzie, Webberville  
Bill McLemore, Burton

James Modert, Bronson  
Dail Prucka, Monroe  
Ellen Pugh, West Branch  
Shawn Ruppert, Leroy  
Audra VanBrandt, Temperance-Bedford  
Wilma Wilson, South Haven  
Robert Wright, Sand Creek  
Ted Younglas, Westland

## Members Absent:

Mark Dittsworth, Lansing  
Dick VanderKamp, Grand Rapids

## Staff Member Present:

Randy Allen (Recorder)

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The MHSAA Baseball/Softball Committee met in the MHSAA office building to review issues brought to its attention by coaches through correspondence and through the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association, Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association and MHSAA Staff.

Prior to discussion of specific topics, committee members were made aware of the purpose of sport committee meetings and reviewed minutes of the 2001 meeting and recommendations made to the Representative Council.

### DOUBLE FIRST BASE

The committee was asked to discuss if the double first base should be adopted for use by the MHSAA at either the MHSAA tournament or regular-season level. The survey conducted by the MHSAA was shared with the committee, as well as the survey conducted by the MHSSCA. It was reported to the committee that 13 states currently use the double first base for tournament contests in softball. States that have not adopted the measure for tournament contests do allow use of the double first base on an optional basis for regular-season games. The discussion brought forth many questions and comments regarding safety benefits of the double first base, and if evidence existed that indicated its

use helps prevent injuries and collisions. Several committee members commented that its use may create safety hazards. There was no support to adopt the double first base. Several proposals were made and appear in the Recommendations to the Representative Council. A motion was made and passed, 18-3, to publish and distribute administrative guidelines to member schools regarding use of the double first base and encouraging schools to have an available single base replacement for use when necessary.

### BAILEY PARK UPDATE

The committee was updated on the improvements to the softball fields at Bailey Park in Battle Creek. Phase II of the project is underway and will be ready for the 2002 Finals.

### SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE

A report on the new Baseball/Softball Site Selection Committee was given. The committee met December 3, 2001 to review District groupings and to determine host sites for District, Regional and Quarterfinal Tournaments. Site selection is now separate from the Baseball/Softball Policy Committee. A suggestion was made to work towards a better balance in the number of teams assigned to each District site. Efforts will be made at 2002 rules meetings to encourage

schools to submit their interest for hosting tournaments.

**BAT STANDARDS**

National Federation rules regarding bat standards were reviewed and discussed. It was noted that the BESR standard for baseball effective in 2003 will cause budget difficulties. The MHSAA notified schools as early as possible in the fall of 2001 about the change. Emphasis will be made at rules meetings regarding the new standard.

**ITEMS DISCUSSED - NO CHANGES MADE**

Items that were discussed but for which no changes were made:

1. Optional powder blue color for umpires
2. Emphasis on dugout decorum

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

1. Use of the double first base is not adopted for MHSAA tournament contests in baseball or softball. It may be used on an optional basis for regular-season contests (19-4 in favor).
2. During MHSAA tournament contests in baseball and softball, a double first base must not be physically present (23-0 in favor).
3. For regular-season contests in baseball and softball, use of the double first base must be mutually agreed to prior to the contest. If not used, the double first base does not have to be physically removed (18-3 in favor). ■

**STATUS OF CLASSIFICATION CHANGES**

City/School	Sport(s)	From Class:	To Class:	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Birmingham-Seaholm	BBB, BSK, GSK	B	A	Winter 2000-01	8/15/02
Detroit-Charles Rogers Academy	BBB	D	C	Winter 2001-02	By Policy
Detroit-Southwestern	BBB, GBB	B	A	Fall 1997	4/15/01
Flint-Northwestern	BBB, GBB	C	A	Fall 2000	4/15/02
Flint-Northwestern	FB, VB	C	B	Fall 2000	4/15/02
Gaylord	BSK, GSK	B	A	Winter 2001-02	8/15/03
Inkster	FB	C	B	Fall 1996	4/15/01
North Branch	VB	B	A	Winter 2001-02	8/15/03
Orchard Lake-St. Mary Preparatory	BSK	B	A	Winter 1996-97	8/15/01
Redford-Bishop Borgess	BBB, GBB	D	C	Fall 1998	4/15/01

**IN WRESTLING**

<b>City/School</b>	<b>From Division</b>	<b>To Division</b>	<b>First Season</b>	<b>Deadline for Cancellation</b>
Algonac	3	2	Winter 1999	8/15/01
Charlotte	2	1	Winter 1997	8/15/01
Constantine	4	3	Winter 2001	8/15/03
East Lansing	2	1	Winter 1998	8/15/01
Grand Rapids-Northview	2	1	Winter 2001	8/15/03
Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Winter 1999	8/15/01
Lansing-Waverly	2	1	Winter 2000	8/15/02
Monroe-St. Mary CC	4	3	Winter 1997	8/15/01
Mt. Clemens	3	2	Winter 1998	8/15/01
Romulus	2	1	Winter 1997	8/15/01
Saginaw	2	1	Winter 1997	8/15/01
St. Johns	2	1	Winter 1998	8/15/01

**IN GIRLS TENNIS (Fall)**

<b>City/School</b>	<b>From Division</b>	<b>To Division</b>	<b>First Season</b>	<b>Deadline for Cancellation</b>
Birmingham-Seaholm	3	2	Fall 2001	4/15/03
B. Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood	3	2	Fall 2000	4/15/02
Cadillac	2	1	Fall 2001	4/15/03
Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Fall 1997	4/15/01
Midland-H. H. Dow	2	1	Fall 1999	4/15/01
New Boston-Huron	4	3	Fall 1997	4/15/01
Richmond	4	3	Fall 2001	4/15/03
St. Johns	2	1	Fall 1999	4/15/01
Taylor-Kennedy	2	1	Fall 1999	4/15/01

**IN BOYS TENNIS (Spring)**

<b>City/School</b>	<b>From Division</b>	<b>To Division</b>	<b>First Season</b>	<b>Deadline for Cancellation</b>
Detroit Country Day	4	3	Spring 1999	10/15/01
Birmingham-Seaholm	3	2	Spring 2001	10/15/02
Birmingham Brother Rice	2	1	Spring 2000	10/15/01
Brownstown-Woodhaven	2	1	Spring 1999	10/15/01
Cadillac	2	1	Spring 2002	10/15/03
Eaton Rapids	2	1	Spring 2001	10/15/02
Holland	2	1	Spring 2002	10/15/03
Lansing-Catholic Central	4	3	Spring 2000	10/15/01
Midland-H. H. Dow	2	1	Spring 1998	10/15/01
Okemos	2	1	Spring 2001	10/15/02
Taylor-Kennedy	2	1	Spring 2000	10/15/01

**IN ICE HOCKEY (Winter)**

<b>City/School</b>	<b>From Division</b>	<b>To Division</b>	<b>First Season</b>	<b>Deadline for Cancellation</b>
Allen Park	3	2	Winter 99-00	8/15/03
Kingsford (Coop. Program)	2	1	Winter 01-02	8/15/03
Marquette	2	1	Winter 00-01	8/15/02
Riverview-Gabriel Richard	3	2	Winter 99-00	8/15/01
Sault Ste. Marie-Sault Area	3	2	Winter 99-00	8/15/01
Trenton	3	1	Winter 99-00	8/15/01

*Updated 2/4/02*

# WRESTLING COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, January 30, 2002

## Members Present:

Larry Boyer, Battle Creek  
Bruce Burwitz, Fenton  
Dave Chrisinke, Allendale  
Mike Garvey, Delton  
Ron Gooding, Flat Rock  
Roy Hall, Davison  
Ron Huepenbecker, Crosswell  
Paul Johnson, Greenville  
Tim Jones, Leroy  
Al Kastl, Clinton Township  
Pat Lamb, Rogers City  
Gary Langdon, Clio  
Lynwood Leightner, Cheboygan  
Jerry McGinn Newberry  
Jim Mooney, Williamston  
Craig Nartker, Allegan  
Michael Popson, Bloomfield Hills

Andrew Radenbaugh, St. Joseph  
James Richardson, Grand Haven  
Dan Slee, Ann Arbor  
Jim Stallings, Trenton  
Thomas Stern, Midland  
Todd Stern, Leslie  
Jim Wade, Climax  
Dale Wentela, Constantine  
Chris Wittenbach, Clinton

## Members Absent:

Shawn Murray, Sterling Heights  
Eric Stanko, Marysville

## Staff Member Present:

Randy Allen  
Bill Bupp (Recorder)

Assistant Director Bill Bupp called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and the committee charge was explained.

The committee reviewed the 2001 Wrestling Committee Meeting minutes and the 2001 Representative Council action which addressed wrestling. Several pieces of correspondence were reviewed and discussed.

## WEIGHT MONITORING PROGRAM

The committee reviewed the Weight Monitoring Program, voided weight classes, junior high growth allowance, the current weigh-in procedure, MHSAA tournament details, and girls wrestling opportunities, wrestling rules and MHSAA award presentation and individual advancement policies.

A motion was made and approved to modify the Weight Monitoring Program policy and brochure (26-0 in favor).

Specific modifications include:

1. If a junior high school wishes to participate in the minimum weight program, it is permitted, but the MHSAA is not prepared to process the data.
2. A wrestler who competes before or during an appeal has accepted his most recent Alpha Master and voids the appeal process and the option to weigh hydrostatically.
3. Reassign reference letters to brochure items.
4. Growth Allowance may not be utilized to achieve a weight class lower than the low-

est minimum weight class determined for a wrestler by the Alpha Master.

5. In order to utilize the Growth Allowance a wrestler shall compete at "scratch" weight in the desired weight class at least once prior to using the two-pound Growth Allowance.
6. The weight loss per week established to control healthy achievement of the lowest minimum weight shall be changed from 3 percent to 1.5 percent which complies with National Federation, National Wrestling Coaches Association standards and those endorsed by the NCAA.
7. NOTE: In order to utilize the results of an appeal or hydrostatic weighing, the wrestler shall not compete until an Alpha Master containing MHSAA accepted results is received by the school.
8. Q29. Can the Growth Allowance be utilized by a wrestler to achieve a weight class lower than that permitted by the Alpha Master?
9. A. No. Once the lowest minimum weight is determined, the Growth Allowance may not be used to achieve a lower weight class.
10. Q30. May a wrestler compete at a weight allowed by the Alpha Master: while a) awaiting the results of an appeal? b) before considering an appeal? c) while awaiting the results of a hydrostatic weighing?

11. A. In a, b and c the wrestler who competes before appealing or before the results of an appeal or hydrostatic weighing have been received by the school accepts the results of the most recent Alpha Master, voiding all aspects of the appeal process.

Language to restrict the amount of weight (1.5% of current weekly body weight) a wrestler can lose each week after once reaching the lowest allowable weight class was discussed and rejected by the committee (23-3 opposed).

A motion was set forth to allow a wrestler to be eligible only at the lowest minimum weight class plus the weight class immediately above once the wrestler established scratch weight at the lowest minimum weight (26-0 in favor).

### **TOURNAMENTS**

The MHSAA Team Dual Tournament series has developed a phenomenon which has resulted in concern and frustration. Coaches have elected to void a weight class by refusing to send a wrestler to the table resulting in a series of forfeits once the point total necessary for a win has been achieved. The Michigan Wrestling Association agreed to address this issue and will encourage coaches to enter wrestlers at every opportunity.

It was agreed that backup athletes would appreciate and look forward to the opportunity to participate in the final tournament series.

### **WEIGH-IN PROCEDURE**

A lengthy discussion concerning the elimination of the MHSAA Home Weigh-In policy resulted in action to unanimously endorse the continuation of the policy. Shoulder-to-shoulder weigh-in has returned to several states as a major way to ensure that wrestlers are on weight near to the time they appear on the mat to wrestle. Reasons coaches objected to shoulder-to-shoulder weigh-in included travel concerns, the need to find restaurants and that the Home Weigh-In respects the educational mission of schools because students are more attentive in class if not preoccupied with making weight.

It was promoted that Home Weigh-Ins are held after wrestling practice allowing students the opportunity to dehydrate in order to weigh-in and reach the desired weight class. The Home Weigh-In 24 to 26 hours before competition provides an opportunity for wrestlers to hydrate and regain energy lost during the weight reduction episode. It was pointed out that such practices were the reason shoulder-

to-shoulder weigh-ins were encouraged by the National Federation and the National Wrestling Coaches Association. It was suggested that the MHSAA gather scientific data to refute the Home Weigh-in process and bring it to the attention of the Michigan wrestling community.

Following the 1998-1999 Individual Wrestling Finals the privilege of presenting medals to the eight medal winners in a weight class by the coach of the champion wrestler was terminated. The Michigan Wrestling Association proposed that the privilege be restored. The committee voted that the MWA president work with the MHSAA assistant director to resolve the matter and communicate the protocol procedure so that coaches will become informed of the procedure for awarding medals (26-0 in favor).

There was discussion regarding the weigh-in procedure utilized for the Final Individual Meet. It was recommended and supported by the committee that the weigh-ins be changed to occur prior to wrestling on day one and day two of the three-day tournament (16-9 in favor). It was the minority position that rather than schedule two weigh-ins, there be a return to the standard rule book procedure that requires weigh-in prior to wrestling each day of competition.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

It was recommended that wrestling during the Team Dual tournament be permitted to be delayed 45 minutes to account for the required rest time for the occasional wrestler who might be eligible in the two weight classes split by the random draw procedure. It was pointed out that such delay would extend wrestling, cause the trip home to occur later in the day and discourage spectators from remaining at the venue to observe the competition. The committee voted to permit a 45 minute delay (22-3 in favor).

The MHSAA tiebreaker, item 6, has been determined to provide some unintended inequities because it requires that the total of all points scored by each team be counted to determine a winner. Including fall matches disadvantages a team especially if the falls occur early in the match. It was recommended that only "the total of non fall matches" be counted (25-0 in favor).

Several topics which received discussion but no action included: a fifth division, shortened season, request that "riding time" be returned, support for including the Upper Peninsula wrestling teams in the Individual Tournament series and compliment of several officials.

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Adopt the modifications to the Michigan Weight Monitoring Program endorsed by the committee (26-0 in favor)
2. Adopt the concept that limits a wrestler's eligibility at his lowest minimum weight class and the weight class immediately above the LMW class (26-0 in favor).
3. Change item six of the MHSAA Tiebreaker to read "The team that has accumulated the greater number of total match points earned in matches which did not end with a fall" (25-0 in favor).
4. Adopt a weigh-in procedure that requires wrestlers to weigh-in at the beginning of day one and day two of the three-day Individual Final Tournament ( 16-9 in favor).
5. Adopt that when a team wishes to move a wrestler from a weight class contested as the 14th weight to the weight class to be contested first, in the second match of a Team District or Regional, because of the random draw, that up to a 45 minute delay shall be observed to satisfy the required rest period (22-3 in favor).

The meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m. ■

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## MHSAA Game Suspension Guidelines

- I. On threatening days, game management should consult with contest officials about steps to be followed if conditions worsen.
- II. When suspending an outdoor contest, officials and game management shall follow these guidelines.
  - A. Lightning necessitates that contest be suspended. The occurrence of lightning is not subject to interpretation or discussion — lightning is lightning.
  - B. Severe weather in the form of rain or snow may make the field unplayable.
- III. When a contest is suspended, the home school administration shall attempt to arrange for the security of all participants.
  - A. Contestants and support personnel shall be moved to appropriate indoor facilities.
  - B. When lightning is observed and the contest is suspended, contestants shall not return to the playing field until lightning has been absent from the local sky for 15 minutes.
  - C. Spectators shall be advised of the action being taken to seek shelter. (Some hosts may be able to offer shelter to spectators but are not required to do so.)
- IV. In considering resumption of competition, the following steps should be followed.
  - A. Suspension for contest scheduled for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. should not exceed one and one half hour. Delays for contests scheduled for 7 p.m. or later should not exceed one hour. A postponed contest should be rescheduled on a date/time mutually agreed to by the schools involved.
  - B. A decision to resume the contest within the time frame must be made by the officials who will consult the home team administration and visiting school administration present at the contest.
  - C. The home school is responsible for facilities and will be given priority consideration in the final decision if there is not consensus among the three parties.
  - D. The final decision shall consider liability and conditions of facilities as well as future schedules, need to play the contest and finally the quality of all other options.

**NOTE:** More restrictive local policies and MHSAA tournament policies would supersede these guidelines and should be shared with the opponents and officials prior to the contest, preferably in writing.

Otherwise, and to the extent allowed by the playing rules code, the official(s) will make the final decision regarding game suspension once the game begins. ■

# Tornado Policy for Michigan High School Athletic Association Events May, 1981

- II. IF THERE IS A WATCH OR WARNING AT A TOURNAMENT SITE —
- A. Watch or warning issued **at least three hours** prior to the event:
1. If the local district policy closes the tournament facility, all participating teams must be called and informed of postponement with information pertaining to next playing date and time included in the call.
  2. If the host district policy **does not** close the facility, all participating schools who have not called the host must be called to be sure all who are scheduled to play will be present. (The participating school local policy must prevail).
    - a. If one team of a dual type competition (i.e. Baseball Tournament) cannot be present by their policy, no contest will be held. The competition for that day/night must be rescheduled on the next possible day, not including Sunday.
    - b. If the competition is multiple team type (i.e. Track, Tennis), the meet will be conducted as long as a reasonable number of teams (60%) can be present.
- B. Watch or warning **less than three hours** before event:
1. If the competing teams are en route, no decision can be made and until both teams in a bracket have arrived or contact has been made, unless local policy forbids use of facility once the watch or warning has been issued.
  2. If competing teams arrive, are on the premises, and local policy permits, play the contest when and if time permits.
  3. If it is not possible that date, reschedule for next playable date, not including Sunday.
  4. Local policy will always prevail.
- C. Watch or warning during contest:
1. Suspend play.
  2. Take necessary steps and precautions as directed by local policy.
  3. Resume play at the point of suspension as soon as permitted. If not that day/night, then reschedule for the next possible date, not including Sunday.
- II. IF THE WATCH OR WARNING IS IN AN AREA OF ONE OR MORE COMPETING SCHOOLS AND NOT AT A TOURNAMENT SITE:
- A. It shall be the responsibility of the competing school to inform the manager of the tournament immediately.
- B. The decision as to play or not to play will be made by the Tournament Manager, based on the information presented and the type of sport event involved.
1. If one or more local policies do not permit travel or competition, the game, games, or tournament will be postponed.
  2. If the scheduled competition is of a multiple team nature (i.e. Track and Field), the competition may take place even though all teams are not able to be present. (60% is suggested guideline).
  3. The rationale for No. 1 and No. 2 hinges on the fact that in No. 1, both teams of a dual type competition must be present if a contest is to take place. Number 2 permits competition, even though all teams cannot be present.
- C. If one or more schools are on the road to the tournament site at the time of watch or warning, no decision shall be made until contact has been made with all concerned. (An authorized person from the assigned schools).
- D. If one school arrives on site and the opponent cannot travel due to local policy, the game shall be postponed and rescheduled on the next possible date, not including Sunday.
- GENERAL GUIDELINE:** The local Tournament Manager has full jurisdiction over the policies of the tournament site. If the above guidelines do not cover a certain situation, the decision on the matter shall be that of the Tournament Manager. ■

2002-03 Quick Reference Calendar--Attached  
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