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Among the winter MHSAA Finals are the Girls Competitive Cheer Finals, Swimming and Diving Finals, and the Boys Ice Hockey Finals. The UP Swimming and Diving Finals for boys and girls take place on Feb. 15 at Marquette High School, while the Lower Peninsula boys teams hit the pool on March 7-8 in Rochester and Ypsilanti. The Cheer Finals are slated for Lake Orion and Oxford high schools on March 1, while the Ice Hockey Finals are March 6-8 in Plymouth.

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**Any individual who is a representative of a member school (faculty member or Board of Education member) may become a candidate for the MHSAA Representative Council. Please contact the MHSAA Executive Director for an outline of procedures.**

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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, January 22, 2003

#### Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan  
Keith Eldred, Williamston  
Tom Rashid, Detroit  
Dan Flynn, Escanaba  
Kathy McGee, Flint

#### Staff Member Present:

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.

**Wayland Union High School (Regulation I, Section 7)** - Request to waive the previous semester academic record regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who failed three courses in the school's first trimester, after which an Individualized Education Program was established to accommodate his special needs.

The Executive Committee granted the request to waive the previous semester (not current semester) section of the regulation and reiterated that the first semester of the 2002-03 school year is included in the maximum of eight semesters allowed.

**Allegan High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who relocated from the residence of his mother in the Wyoming-Kelloggsville district to the residence of his father in the Allegan district. The parents were never married but a birth certificate identifying the parents and an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form were provided.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Ann Arbor-Huron High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who relocated from the residence of his mother in Ypsilanti where he attended New Directions to the residence of his father in the Huron attendance area of the Ann Arbor School District. The parents were never married but a birth certificate identifying the parents and an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form were provided.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Auburn-Bay City Western 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 Bay City Western on behalf of a student who attended Sanford-Meridian High School until enrolling Oct. 7, 2002 at Bay City Western. She relocated from her mother's residence in Sanford to her grandparents in Auburn. Her parents are divorced and her father would not allow the student to live with him.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Bay City Western High School.

**Bay City-All Saints 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 transferred

Jan. 20, 2003 from a court-ordered program of the Bay Arenac Intermediate School District. The student has not participated in any interscholastic scrimmages or contests.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only during the remainder of the 2002-03 school year.

**Bloomfield Hills-Marian High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who lives in Farmington Hills and attended Marian as a 9th-grader for the 2001-02 school year, during which her father died. Because transportation arrangements were unavailable, the student began the 2002-03 school year at North Farmington High School. When reliable transportation was secured, the student reenrolled at Marian on Oct. 28.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver effective the first day of the second semester at Marian High School.

**Brooklyn-Columbia Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who enrolled at Columbia Central on Jan. 17, 2003. He had attended Jackson-Lumen Christi High School until the death of his father.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Dryden 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 10th-grade student who previously attended Flint-Powers High School where she did not participate in any interscholastic sport served by the MHSAA. She enrolled Dec. 6, 2002 at Dryden.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2002-03 school year.

**Hazel Park High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** - A late request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility after 90 school days of enrollment at Hazel Park High School on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Hazel Park during 2001-02 and the beginning of the 2002-03 school year. He withdrew on Sept. 24 and enrolled the following day at Royal Oak-

Dondero. Shortly thereafter, the student withdrew from Dondero and reenrolled at Hazel Park. There was no change of residence. The student did not participate in athletics at Dondero but had played at Hazel Park. At its Dec. 5, 2002 meeting, the Executive Committee tabled the item pending receipt of additional information.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day since reenrolling at Hazel Park High School.

**Hesperia High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level during the remainder of the 2002-03 school year on behalf of four students (three in 9th grade, one in 10th grade) who previously attended Shelby High School and enrolled Dec. 18, 2002 at Hesperia High School.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only during the remainder of the 2002-03 school year for those students who have never participated in high school athletics.

**Pontiac-Notre Dame Preparatory High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who enrolled Jan. 7, 2003, the start of the second semester at Notre Dame Prep. The student attended Notre Dame for 9th and 10th grades. When his father took a temporary work assignment in Tennessee, the student remained with his mother. When the rest of his family moved to Tennessee, this student moved to his uncle's residence in Southfield and attended Advanced Technology Academy. All but the father have returned to their Michigan residence. Notre Dame is not the closest nonpublic school to that residence.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Rochester Hills-Rochester High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C])** - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation for skiing only on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Rochester High School for 9th and 10th grades before being redistricted for the start of 11th grade to Stoney Creek High School which has a cooperative program in skiing with Rochester High School. She is

reenrolling at Rochester High School for the second semester.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for immediate eligibility in skiing only.

**Swartz Creek High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of 9th- and 11th-grade brothers who enrolled Dec. 5, 2002. One had been threatened with well-publicized hazing by varsity basketball players of his previous school.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Portage Northern High School (Regulation II, Section 15)** - Request was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously competed in Division 1 and seeks to compete in Division 2 of the 2003 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, 2001; and Division 2 for all other gymnasts. This student has had ear surgery in September of 2000 and July of 2001, losing skills and gaining weight during the 3-4 month layoff that followed each operation. Unlike her 9th-grade season, the student did not qualify in her 10th-grade season in any event or the all-around of the Division 1 MHSAA Finals.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Ellsworth Community School (Regulation III, Section 1)** - Request was made to waive the enrollment regulation and specifically Interpretation No. 225 so that 6th graders may participate on 7th/8th-grade track and field teams in the 2002-03 school year. The high school enrollment is 83.

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

**Fowler-Waldron Middle School and Fowler-Most Holy Trinity Junior High School (Regulation III, Section 1)** - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in track and field for boys and girls between these two schools. Waldron Middle School will be the primary school.

**Holland Christian South Shore Middle**

**School and Holland-Calvary Baptist Junior High School (Regulation III, Section 1)** - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys swimming between these schools. Holland Christian South Shore Middle School will be the primary school.

**Northern Lakes Conference (Regulation III, Section 1)** - The league requested waiver of the enrollment regulation and specifically Interpretation No. 225 to permit 6th-grade students to participate with 7th and 8th-graders in girls volleyball, which occurs in late winter and early spring.

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

**Republic-Michigamme Schools (Regulation III, Section 1)** - Request was made to waive the enrollment regulation and specifically Interpretation No. 225 so that 6th graders may participate on 7th-and 8th-grade teams in all sports (basketball and track). The high school enrollment is 55 for MHSAA purposes and 8th-graders are used on 9-12 grade teams.

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

**Athletic Director In-Service** - In May of 2000, the Representative Council expressed support for a change of focus, urging the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association to expand its role in training athletic directors while the MHSAA would discontinue its AD In-Service program in August and put that energy into new coach orientation. The idea of discontinuing the AD In-Service in August was poorly received by ADs, so the programs have continued. However, attendance has been disappointing.

The Executive Committee offered a number of suggestions, including that (1) the new Athletic Director In-Service program be continued at the MHSAA office in August and also repeated or expanded in November; (2) other Athletic Director In-Service programs be moved from August to after Labor Day, possibly even to the same days and at the same locations as some Update Meetings in October; (3) the number of sites be consolidated; (4) the programs conclude with lunch

and not extend into the afternoon; (5) special topics or sessions for second- and third-year athletic directors be scheduled; and (6) veteran athletic directors be invited to lead portions of the programs.

**New Coach Orientation** - For two years, the MHSAA has invested in a new coach orientation program during the late summer conducted at a mid-Michigan high school. The program quality has been outstanding but the attendance has been disappointing. In response to the executive director's request, the director in charge of the 2002 program has provided ideas for expanding participation.

The Executive Committee opined that attendance has been affected by the number of nonfaculty coaches who cannot be released from other employment on weekdays and by their late date of hire by schools. It was suggested that consideration be given to scheduling the new coach orientation later in the summer, on days or at hours more compatible with the schedules of nonfaculty coaches, and perhaps also in conjunction with athletic events or coaches clinics that new coaches would like to attend or in conjunction with a golf outing.

**Representative Council** - The Executive Committee previewed the schedule and agenda for the March 21 meeting.

**National Federation** - The Executive Committee expressed its grave concern with the direction of the National Federation of State High School Associations in undermining cheerleading as a sport and the organization's long-standing and still valid opposition to national athletic competition for high schools and their students. The committee discussed efforts the MHSAA staff, Council and membership might take to refocus the National Federation on its role and the purpose of educational athletics. Believing there is no greater threat outside the state of Michigan to the health and future of interscholastic athletics in Michigan than National Federation endorsed or sponsored national-scope events, the Executive Committee authorized the expenditure of funds to counter the National Federation's current and future endorsement or sponsorship of national-scope athletic events. The Executive Committee also made suggestions for expanding the

effort to counter the National Federation's most recent actions.

**Next Meetings** - The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing (Finance Committee to follow); Thursday, March 20, at 9 a.m. in East

Lansing (Representative Council next day); Wednesday, April 16, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing (Finance Committee to follow); Saturday, May 3, at 6 p.m. in Gaylord (Representative Council Sunday-Tuesday); and Wednesday, June 18, at 1 p.m. in East Lansing. ■

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## REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL & UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE NOMINATION PROCEDURES FOR 2003-04

The Representative Council has established procedures for indicating the intention to run for elected positions on the MHSAA Representative Council.

1. Any individual who is a representative of a member school (administrator, faculty member or board of education member) may submit his or her name to the MHSAA office by **March 15**.
  - A. Candidates must have superintendent or principal approval in writing.
  - B. It is essential that candidates be qualified for the position they seek.
    - 1) If the position is for a representative of a certain area of the state, they must represent a school of the appropriate class (A and B or C and D) in that geographic area.
    - 2) If they seek the position of a statewide at large representative, they must be a faculty or board of education member of an MHSAA member school. This includes administrators but not non-faculty coaches.
    - 3) If they seek the position of statewide representative of junior high/middle schools or

private and parochial high schools, they must be faculty (teacher or administrator) or board members for such schools.

2. Names submitted will be published in the *May Bulletin* and typed on the ballot mailed to member schools in September.

Elections will be held in the fall for the following positions:

**Class C and D Schools**—2 openings

Southwestern Section

Southeastern Section

**Class A and B Schools**—1 opening

Upper Peninsula

**Statewide At-Large**—1 opening

**Jr. High/Middle Schools**—1 opening

**City of Detroit**—1 opening

The procedures established for indicating the intention to run for elected positions are the same for the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee as those stated above for the Representative Council.

Elections will be held in the fall for the following:

**Class D U.P. School**—1 opening

**Class C U.P. School**—1 opening

**Class A-B U.P. School**—1 opening ■

# UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Escanaba, January 17, 2003

## **Members Present:**

Russ Bailey, Ewen k  
James Derocher, Negaunee  
Don Edens, Kingsford  
Dan Flynn, Escanaba  
DeeJay Paquette, Munising  
Paul Polfus, Carney

Joe Reddinger, Iron Mountain

## **Staff Member Present:**

Jack Roberts (Recorder)

## **MHSAA Representative:**

Jerry Cvengros

MHSAA Executive Director Jack Roberts provided a brief update of surveys, studies, projects, new tournaments and litigation.

## **BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS SELECTION**

The Committee selected officials who are to receive invitations to serve at District and Regional sites involving Upper Peninsula schools in the 2003 MHSAA Boys Basketball Tournament. In addition, Joe Strong of Ontonagon was chosen to work a MHSAA Final game in East Lansing, Ken Marchetti of Iron Mountain was selected to officiate a Semi-Final game, Robert Lee of St. Ignace was selected for a first round game and Jim St. Onge of Marquette was selected to be the first-round alternate.

## **BOYS BASKETBALL REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS AT MTU**

The time schedule for the 2003 Boys Basketball Regional Tournaments at Michigan Technological University in Houghton is as follows:

Thursday, March 13 - Class D

Friday, March 14 - Class C

Saturday, March 15 - Class D (Noon);

Class C (4 p.m.)

Jim Derocher of Negaunee will present Regional trophies.

## **FUTURE REGIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS**

The Committee discussed survey results about the preferences of Class C and D schools of the Upper Peninsula for the format and location of the Class C and D boys and girls Regional basketball tournaments. The

Committee reviewed the availability and capacity of high schools that might be used if the Regional tournaments were relocated from Michigan Tech. It was noted that no high school facility could accommodate the current two-class format. It also was noted that NMU's Berry Center is unavailable for the basketball tournaments in at least 2003-04 and that there continues to be dissatisfaction with the atmosphere for basketball at that facility. There was significant sentiment to maintain the tradition of having Classes C and D at the same site.

A motion was made, supported and passed unanimously that both Class C and Class D of the boys and girls Regional basketball tournaments remain at a single facility, that being Michigan Technological University for 2003-04 and 2004-05.

## **TRACK AND FIELD**

Regional meet assignments were assigned as follows (all meets to be held May 15, 16 or 17):

Division 1 - Marquette and Houghton

Division 2 - Stephenson and Munising

Division 3 -Pickford, Rapid River, Ontonagon and Iron Mountain North Dickinson.

If any site is found to not conform to the latest pole vault standards, MHSAA staff will relocate at least that event to another facility.

Chosen to serve as referees for the Finals were Richard Olds of Iron Mountain and David Murvich of Kingsford (John Meyer of Iron Mountain would be the alternate). Chosen to serve as starters for the Finals were Edwin Dwyer of Escanaba and Michael Degenauer of Vulcan (Edward O'Brien of Ishpeming would be the alternate).

The Committee was presented with a letter from the Eastern UP Athletic Conference requesting that track and field Regionals be scheduled the week before the Finals, as they were prior to 2002. The Committee discussed the merits of the current schedule and decided that this should be a topic for the Upper Peninsula Athletic Directors meeting on April 4.

### **ICE HOCKEY**

With instructions to involve different people and locales, Committee members Dan Flynn and Don Edens will work with tournament managers at Calumet and Marquette high schools to select Regional officials for both sites.

### **VOLLEYBALL**

Officials were selected for the 2003 MHSAA Regional volleyball tournaments at Ishpeming and Crystal Falls Forest Park. Renee Alexandroni of Escanaba was selected to officiate the Class C Quarterfinal at St. Ignace. Sandra Raymond of Escanaba was selected to officiate the Class D Quarterfinal at St. Ignace LaSalle and also to serve as an alternate at the Semifinals and Finals in Kalamazoo.

### **WRESTLING**

Officials selected to work the MHSAA Upper Peninsula Individual Wrestling Finals are:

Dave Gagnon of Gladstone, Hans Wienke of Iron Mountain, Michael Sadler of Wetmore, Adam Bergman of Ishpeming and Michael Carter of Marquette (Friday only). The first alternate, if necessary, is George Pond of Iron Mountain.

The Committee discussed how the MHSAA UP Individual Finals differ in format from a District Tournament in the Lower Peninsula. The Committee will continue to discuss at its April meeting how changes in format would impact the students and finances of UP schools.

### **FUTURE TOURNAMENTS**

The following schools are to be invited to host these upcoming MHSAA tournaments:

**Girls Tennis** - Oct. 2, 2003

Marquette and Ishpeming

**Cross Country** - Oct. 18, 2003

Stephenson (two years)

**Wrestling** - Feb. 20-21, 2004

Menominee (two years)

### **NEXT MEETINGS**

The next meeting of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee will be in Escanaba on Friday April 4, 2003, following the UP Athletic Directors meeting. The first meeting of the 2003-04 school year will be in Escanaba on Friday, Sept. 19. ■

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# 2003-04 MHSAA COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS

A procedure has been adopted by the Representative Council to select MHSAA committee members. In the early spring of 2003, all superintendents, principals, athletic directors, and coaches who desire to serve on MHSAA committees may submit their names for nomination. This is a summary of the make-up and responsibilities of MHSAA standing committees:

## DESCRIPTION OF MHSAA COMMITTEES

### SPORT COMMITTEES

**Baseball/Softball, Basketball, Competitive Cheer, Cross Country/Track & Field, Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Ice Hockey, Skiing, Soccer, Swimming & Diving, Tennis, Volleyball, Wrestling**

1. Consist of a balance of administrators and varsity coaches in the particular sport, plus the president of the coaches association for that sport.
2. Responsible for:
  - (a) recommending to the Representative Council changes regarding MHSAA regulations relative to the sport.
  - (b) recommending to the staff procedures, sites, and assignments for the MHSAA tournament in that sport.

### TOURNAMENT COMMITTEES

**Girls & Boys Basketball (meets twice), Cross Country/Track & Field Site Selection, Track & Field Standards, Volleyball**

1. Consist of administrators.
2. Responsible for selecting sites and assigning teams for all levels of MHSAA tournaments in the particular sport.

### SEEDING COMMITTEES

**Girls Tennis Area Seeding Directors, Boys Tennis Area Seeding Directors**

1. Consist of tournament managers and varsity coaches.
2. Responsible for determining seeded players and their positions in each flight and for assisting the tournament managers in conducting the tournament draw.

### OFFICIAL SELECTION COMMITTEES

**Baseball, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Competitive Cheer, Football, Gymnastics, Ice Hockey, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Softball, Volleyball, and Wrestling**

1. Consist of tournament managers, athletic directors and coaches.
2. Responsible for selecting officials for most levels of tournaments in most sports.

**OTHER STANDING COMMITTEES** (Established and appointed by the Representative Council for specific purposes)

1. **Athletic Equity Committee** - Committee is to meet once a year to recommend to the Representative Council annual objectives designed to encourage participation by more women and minorities in interscholastic coaching, officiating and administrative positions.
2. **Awards Committee** - This committee meets once as a group and corresponds throughout the year to establish policies and procedures and screen candidates for four MHSAA awards: Forsythe, Bush, Norris, and Women in Sports Leadership.

3. **Classification Committee** - The committee meets annually to study and make recommendations to staff and Council regarding policies and procedures of classifying schools for tournaments and elections. It consists of two representatives each from MASB, MASA, MASSP, and MIAAA, plus other appointees to assume adequate representation of all sizes and types of schools.
4. **Board of Canvassers** - Comprised of a superintendent, two high school principals, one junior high/middle school principal, and one athletic director. Members are responsible for counting the ballots for the election of Representative Council members and members of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee. Generally, the committee meets only once, but in the event of ties or runoffs, the entire committee or a portion of the committee returns for the purpose of counting runoff ballots.
5. **Junior High/Middle School Committee** - This committee is comprised of junior high/middle school principals and athletic directors to review rules and regulations as they pertain to junior high/middle schools.
6. **Officials Review Committee** - This committee meets for the purpose of reviewing issues and concerns related to all officials in order to put forth recommendations to the MHSAA Representative Council which may guide the evolution and development of officials services and programs.
7. **Scholar-Athlete Committee** - Established to administer the MHSAA Scholar-Athlete program, this committee consists of approximately 80 people to review award applications.
8. **Trophy & Medal Committee** - This committee of two superintendents, two principals and one coach meets to recommend to the Council trophies and medals to be distributed during the next two calendar years. The committee met in the spring of 2000. ■

## CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION AND SELECTION OF MHSAA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There are several criteria to consider before completing the Nomination Form:

1. Coaches should be on the school faculty and able to obtain release time from school.
2. The nominee should have at least two years of experience in the position currently holding.
3. Most committees require only a one meeting date commitment at the MHSAA building in East Lansing. Committee meetings are held during the work week.

Appointments to committees are based on the following criteria:

1. Committees should have male, female, and minority membership which reflects the total pool of available personnel.
2. Committees should maintain geographic and class size representation.
3. Some administrators will be appointed to sport committees.
4. The coaches association president/secretary of each sport is appointed to that sport committee, if the person is a school employee. If the President/Secretary is not a school employee, the Association must send a designee who is an administrator, faculty member or board of education member of an MHSAA member school.

Names of nominees will be submitted to the Representative Council for selection.

Over 750 people will be selected from the list of nominees submitted to serve on 38 MHSAA committees.

— USE THE FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE —

# MHSAA COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION FORM

Member school superintendents, principals, athletic directors and coaches are eligible to be a member of any one of the following MHSAA committees for the 2003-04 school year. If you desire to place yourself as a nominee complete this form and mail it to the MHSAA office by March 14, 2003. **THE PRINCIPAL MUST sign this form for it to be considered a valid nomination for athletic directors and coaches.**

Schools may choose to use this form for more than one nomination. The following form lists the committee and the month in which the meeting will be held. Please print the nominee's name and title (**specify boys or girls if a coach**) on the appropriate line.

Committee	Meeting Month	Nominee's Name
Girls/Boys Basketball Tourn.	Sept. & May	Ms/Mr
Gymnastics	September	Ms/Mr
Volleyball Site Selection	September	Ms/Mr
Board of Canvassers	September	Ms/Mr
Ice Hockey	October	Ms/Mr
Girls Tennis Seeding	October	Ms/Mr
Athletic Equity	October	Ms/Mr
Awards	October	Ms/Mr
Ski	October	Ms/Mr
Volleyball Rules	November	Ms/Mr
Golf	December	Ms/Mr
Track & Field Standards	December	Ms/Mr
Baseball/Softball Site Selection	December	Ms/Mr
Basketball Rules	December	Ms/Mr
Tennis	January	Ms/Mr
Baseball/Softball Rules	January	Ms/Mr
Cross Country/Track & Field	January	Ms/Mr
Cross Country/Track & Field Site Selection	January	Ms/Mr
Football	January	Ms/Mr
Junior High/Middle School	January	Ms/Mr
Scholar-Athlete	January	Ms/Mr
Soccer	February	Ms/Mr
Wrestling	February	Ms/Mr
Competitive Cheer	March	Ms/Mr
Swimming & Diving	March	Ms/Mr
Trophy & Medal	April	Ms/Mr
Boys Tennis Seeding	May	Ms/Mr

School \_\_\_\_\_ Principal \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature)

**RETURN TO MHSAA NO LATER THAN MARCH 14, 2003**

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### TV EVENT MISSES THE POINT OF SCHOOL SPORTS

*Note: This MHSAA editorial was released to the media Dec. 11, 2002. The article which follows on the next page – “Class Has Been Dismissed” – appeared in the Los Angeles Times on Jan. 5, 2003. It has been chosen for reprint from the dozens of articles published during the past few months because it captures cleverly and convincingly several of the key concerns of administrators of educational athletics.*

ESPN2 is televising nationwide a high school basketball game between an Ohio school with a player who is presumed to be jumping from high school to the NBA and a Virginia school which follows no rules and regulations but its own. And the promoters say this is the wave of the future.

God help us!

For a century, high school sports have been an American tradition unlike any place in the world: a time for schools and communities to come together to cheer their friends and neighbors in cross-town and cross-county rivalries.

Covered by local newspapers and radio, the focus has been on education more than winning, on teams more than stars, and on local rivalries and league titles more than state championships and beyond.

It is a program that has as many participants and contests at the subvarsity level as varsity level. It has been a pure, wholesome, amateur, unsophisticated, even sometimes corny setting.

And if it tries to compete for the glitz and glamour of major college and professional sports, it not only cannot win, it will become spoiled, damaged goods - giving up its gentle spirit for guile and greed.

The ESPN2 telecast is being described as a defining moment for high school sports, using phrases such as "the quintessential act of the way things will be in high school basketball . . . a microcosm of the way basketball is moving into the future."

In fact, this event is an aberration in school sports, a wart on the face of high school basketball.

There are promoters who consider this view out of date, who believe this is "an avalanche that's moving down the mountain," a revealing choice of metaphor given that avalanches destroy everything in their path.

High school athletics is indeed changing, but not nearly at the pace of an avalanche and not necessarily for the good. Those who care about a school sports program that serves all kinds of students, male and female, tall and short, in many different sports, in schools of all sizes, types and locales have other, better plans for interscholastic athletics.

A generation or two of students from now, those who care about broad and deep school sports programs, may not win the struggle for the soul of school sports; but they are not going to be buried anytime soon. ■

*And We Quote —*

*“The great secret of athletics is that you can learn more from losing than winning.”*

*— Pat Conroy,  
My Losing Season*

## GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

### CLASS HAS BEEN DISMISSED

*James is certainly in his own league, but his teammates are out of theirs as high school capitalizes on attention*

Before 16 of their children stalked and swaggered across John Wooden's floor Saturday night, officials at St. Vincent-St. Mary high school of Akron, Ohio handed out its mission statement.

"In the spirit of the Gospel, we are committed to educate..." it began.

The declaration continued for eight lines, filled with words like "enable lightening" and "developing" and "inspiring."

On a strange, ominous night in Southern California basketball, however, the statement was incomplete.

It was also St. Vincent-St. Mary's mission to take 15,000 and demand first-class airfare and accept limousine service to play a basketball game here.

It was their mission to ride the untucked, flopping shirttails of phenom LeBron James into a Hollywood night against Santa Ana's Mater Dei High, complete with \$25 tickets and \$10 programs and expectations that filled Pauley Pavilion to its rafters.

It was mission incomprehensible.

This was not a high school basketball game, it was a squeaking, seamy version of American Idol.

The attraction was James, the 6-foot-8 forward who may be the best young basketball player since Michael Jordan, and will certainly be the No. 1 pick in this year's NBA draft.

The rest of the kids were props.

So, too, was the ideals of extracurricular activities in education.

"This is not a high school basketball game as I understand high school basketball games," said Tim Ochsenhirt, the father of St. Vincent-St. Mary freshman forward Matt Ochsenhirt.

It was all about James, who was all about himself, throwing up mad jumpers and silly bombs and glaring at the officials and walking alone on the bench.

It was all about watching only James,

with fans cheering or booing his every move, mostly booing as he showed only brief flashes of brilliance in his team's 64-58 victory. He threw an amazing between-the-legs pass on a layup, but did little else that would separate him from any other high school kid.

"They come to see a show," said James afterward, shrugging off an eight-for-24 performance with nine misses in nine three-point attempts. "I did enough."

Like he said, not a game, but a show.

This was a high school game where the cheerleaders were buried deep behind the baskets, and stayed there, because otherwise they might block the cameras of ESPN2.

This was a high school game with no pep bands, because every ticket was sold, so where would they sit?

This was a high school game where the most controversial postgame questions involved schoolwork.

I asked James the same thing I had earlier asked his coach, Dru Joyce.

It was a question based on the fact that St. Vincent-St. Mary has scheduled games this season everywhere from here to Pittsburgh to Philadelphia to North Carolina to New Jersey.

It was a question that involved his school's willingness to play these games on national cable television and even pay-per-view, heightening a hype that even its own parents admit can be a distraction.

I asked James, was all of this affecting his schoolwork?

"What?" he said.

I asked it again, at which point Joyce began muttering that he had already answered the question.

"It doesn't affect my schoolwork, I haven't missed a class," James said.

Now Joyce was really angry, announcing, "I already answered his question, and for him to come in here and ask it again..."

Admittedly, with NBA millions awaiting,

James is probably the last person I should have asked about the schoolwork.

So I also asked Chris Marks, mother of Tim Marks, an injured player and honors student who nonetheless travels with the team.

"It's hard," she said. "When he's up studying at 1:30 in the morning, you can see it's difficult. This has been a wonderful time, but we're almost kind of ready to go back to normal life."

Contrary to most of the handwringing being done about perhaps the most hyped young sports star ever, it is not James who is being exploited here.

It is everyone, and everything else.

James has a security director 10-person entourage.

His teammates, left unprotected by a school unafraid to stick its hand out, have no protection from a skewered view of reality that will come to a crashing end in a couple months.

"I think this gives the kids a big-time false sense of the world," said Mike Rangel, the event's promoter. "But I'm just giving the public what they want."

James is different from tennis, gymnastic and swimming prodigies in that, this is not a personal endeavor such as those we see every few years at the Olympics.

He is part of a team. This team is part of a school. That school is part of a community.

So when James takes more shots than any

three of his teammates combined, as he did Saturday, it means something.

And when he defies school rules against earrings by wearing two studs to the postgame news conference, it matters.

"Of course we worry about this, but we think we've done everything we can," said Patty Burdon, the school's public relations director. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime thing. It could only happen in America."

At least St. Vincent-St. Mary appeared at the postgame news conference.

Mater Dei, doing something UCLA had never done on this floor even during the worst of times, embarrassingly didn't show up.

On this night, it figured. Gary McKnight's kids could have learned a bit about accountability and even public speaking, but even that small chance at education was blown.

"This is old, real old," said James of the attention. "I've been doing this since fifth grade."

Old, indeed. And getting older.

Shortly before the game word filtered down that there was a kid at Gate 2. He's 12 years old. Officials hustled over to give him that ticket.

"The next LeBron James," said Rangel.

— Bill Plaschke

*reprinted from the Los Angeles Times*

## ANALYSIS OF MHSAA MEMBERSHIP

January 1, 2003

### 759 Total High Schools

638 (84%) Total Public Schools

•28 (4%) Charter (Public School Academies)

•610 (80%) Traditional Schools

121 (16%) Total Nonpublic Schools

•113 (15%) Religious

•8 (1%) Non-Secular

### 453 Total Junior High/Middle Schools

412 (88%) Total Public Schools

•10 (2%) Charter (Public School Academies)

•402 (89%) Traditional Schools

41 (9%) Total Nonpublic Schools

•39 (8%) Religious

•2 (1%) Non-Secular

# INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENT MODEL SCHOOL POLICY

*The Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), in partnership with the secondary school community, has developed the following document to assist American schools in the process of administering successful international student exchange programs. The **CSIET Model School Policy** was developed with valuable input from individual high school administrators, exchange program managers, and national advocates for youth exchange. These suggested guiding principles will provide a foundation for local school policies and encourage every U.S. school to engage in international youth exchange programs.*

*MHSAA member school administrators, counselors and coaches must also be aware of minimum eligibility standards of the MHSAA, especially Regulation 1, Section 9 (Transfer) and Interpretations 76-78 of the 2002-03 MHSAA Handbook.*

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## MODEL SCHOOL POLICY

### NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS

American high schools should strive to accept international exchange students each year. The number of international exchange students that a high school will accept and the timing/deadlines for the process vary. These guidelines suggest a middle ground that recognizes the needs of schools and exchange programs, taking into account the increasing difficulty of securing early student applications and host family commitments. Ideally, schools should work toward a goal of 1% of the total student population being comprised of exchange students. Acknowledging that school conditions vary locally, it is important to set a personal goal that best fits each school community.

### TIMING OF PLACEMENT PROCESS

The school asks that organizations contact the school each year to indicate an interest in placing exchange students. Exchange organizations should provide schools with advance notice of their intent to place.

The school is to be notified as soon as Student and Host Family match ups are confirmed.

Recognizing the timing of school staffing and resourcing, exchange organizations should submit Student and Host Family applications as early as possible or up to two weeks prior to the school's start date. However, acknowledging the difficulty of securing Host Family commitments, the school will try to accept applications until school starts. (*Note: The U.S. State Department federal J-1 visa regulations permit the placement of exchange students up to August 31 of each year.*)

### SELECTING STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

The school reserves the right to work with exchange organizations that have proved their commitment and responsiveness.

The school will also be open to new organizations that demonstrate a serious commitment to the school and community.

## **SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

All schools should reserve right of final approval on all student placements. Additionally, schools should require that each individual student exchange program must:

Be listed in the most current CSJET Advisory List (for the current list visit [www.csjet.org](http://www.csjet.org)).

Maintain a network of qualified and trained, local representative living near the community, with responsibility for each student and provide orientation and ongoing support for both the host family and student.

Provide continuing hands on monitoring and responsiveness from local representative to national headquarters including student selection and preparation, selection and screening of host families; ongoing contact with host family and student, and communication with the school and responsiveness to school needs.

Receive school enrollment authorization for placements each year prior to contacting potential host families and follow school policy on timing and requirements.

Screen and prepare exchange students while monitoring their progress during the school year, responding to issues or problems as they develop.

Arrange host family placements before exchange students leave their country. Exchange students are expected to be in their host family and school placements by the first day of classes.

Personally interview and screen all potential host families, matching student and family interests and personalities.

Not knowingly place exchange students based on their athletic abilities.

In the event that tutoring/ESL help is needed, the organization will make arrangements and ensure that the student accepts financial responsibility for it.

Provide the school with a complete student application which includes the following:

- \* personal letter from the student
- \* detailed information on student and natural family
- \* proof that the student has sufficient language ability to function in an American classroom
- \* original transcript of student's high school grades, with English translation (and this must meet school requirements)
- \* necessary medical history, including proof of immunization as required by the school
- \* district, any medical/physical restrictions and a recent physical exam with proof of required immunizations

## **SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS ON J -1 VISA SPONSORSHIPS**

Each exchange student must be qualified to participate in regular classes and maintain a typical schedule this means an acceptable level of proficiency in the English language, a commitment to treat coursework as important, and the social skills to enjoy participation in social and extracurricular activities.

International exchange students must be aware that participating in interscholastic athletic teams means they must comply with district and state athletic eligibility regulations, and that many teams require try outs.

The school appreciates the difficulty of a student's plunge into a different language/culture/institution, but exchange students are expected to attain passing grades by the end of their first semester.

Exchange students; enrollment eligibility will be for one year only exchange students and host families are expected to know and must follow all school policies and rules..

Exchange students must have medical and accident insurance that meets or exceeds U.S. Department of State guidelines.

Since there is wide variation of graduation policies in the United States, exchange students will understand that they are not guaranteed the ability to graduate or be granted diplomas.

## SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES

Students on U.S. State Department sponsored programs (J-1 visas) generally pay no tuition, but they are expected to pay all normal expenses, including standard course and extra curricular activity fees. The school has no obligation to provide any special services, tutoring, supplies or equipment

International exchange students have all rights and privileges accorded to community students **except** the right to a diploma.

The school will make every effort to integrate international exchange students into the school's social fabric. In turn, schools shall encourage international exchange students to participate enthusiastically in school activities, to make friends, to make a personal contribution to the school and to help spread the word about their country and themselves, informally and by making presentations in classes and to community groups and. talking to media when asked.

*Created by high school and organization members of CSIET, Fall 2002*

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## ATHLETIC SUPPLIES ORDER BLANK

The MHSAA **no longer automatically mails the forms listed below**. Each school is now responsible to use this form to order supplies as needed. This form will appear in the September/October, February and May issues of the *MHSAA BULLETIN*.

All items will be pre-packaged in the quantities listed. To aid in handling, the MHSAA requests you place your order in these quantities. **ORDERS WILL BE FILLED AND RETURNED WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS.**

### MHSAA ATHLETIC SUPPLY ORDER FORM

Total No. of Packages

Officials Contracts (Form 6-C) (250 per package, limit 2 packages) \_\_\_\_\_

School Contracts (Form 3-C) (250 per package, limit 2 packages) \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Examination Cards (Form A) (100 per package) \_\_\_\_\_

Ship To: School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Attention: \_\_\_\_\_

(Name)

(Title)

## CLARK NAMED 2003 WISL AWARD WINNER

Nancy Clark, recognized for excellence as a pioneer, a teacher-coach, a game official, and athletic administrator in her educational career in the Flint community, has been named the recipient of the 2003 Women In Sports Leadership Award by the Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Each year the Representative Council considers the achievements of women coaches, officials and athletic administrators affiliated with the MHSAA who show exemplary leadership capabilities and positive contributions to athletics. The award will be presented during a luncheon at the 2003 Women In Sports Leadership Conference on Feb. 3, in Lansing.



Clark is retired from day-to-day school work after spending 25 years at Carman-Ainsworth High School in Flint. She coached girls basketball and softball for eight seasons at the school, with one of her softball squads reaching the semifinals of the MHSAA Class A tournament. Her last 16 years at Carman-Ainsworth were spent in administrative work as the school's athletic director. She was one of the first females statewide to serve in such a role.

In the officiating ranks, Clark was registered for 25 years in basketball and 23 years in softball. Her first registration with the MHSAA occurred in 1965, making her one of the female pioneers in that avocation.

Administratively, Clark was active as an appointee to the MHSAA Representative Council, serving from 1988 to 1992. She also served on numerous MHSAA committees and hosted a number of Association tournaments.

But Clark's greatest contribution to the advancement of females in sports may have been as a mentor to some of the up-and-coming women coaches and administrators who have followed her.

"As a female in a field traditionally dominated by men, I for one have reaped the benefits of Nancy's mentorship and leadership," said Kathy McGee, girls basketball coach and athletic director at Flint Powers Catholic High School, who is the winningest girls basketball coach in Michigan history with a 526-129 record through the 2002 season. "Nancy made many inroads in athletics as an official, coach and administrator for females to follow and succeed. What was more important and impressive, was she did it at a time when she had few other females to look to for support or direction."

"Mentorship is the true mark of a leader," said John E. "Jack" Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA. "It is in showing the way for others; being there for support in many different ways; that Nancy Clark has been - and continues to be - a women of sports leadership. We're pleased to honor her with this award."

Clark, who continues to serve the interscholastic athletic community as a consultant, earned her Bachelor's degree in Education and an Education Specialist degree from Central Michigan University. She earned her Master's degree in Education from Arizona State University.

Clark is the 14th recipient of the Women In Sports Leadership Award. Past recipients are:

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| 1990 - Carol Seavoy, L'Anse                      | 1997 - Delores L. Elswick, Detroit |
| 1991 - Diane Laffey, Harper Woods                | 1998 - Karen S. Leinaar, Delton    |
| 1992 - Patricia Ashby, Scotts                    | 1999 - Kathy McGee, Flint          |
| 1993 - Jo Lake, Grosse Pointe                    | 2000 - Pat Richardson, Grass Lake  |
| 1994 - Brenda Gatlin, Detroit                    | 2001 - Suzanne Martin, Perry       |
| 1995 - Jane Bennett, Ann Arbor                   | 2002 - Sue Barthold, Kentwood ■    |
| 1996 - Cheryl Amos-Helmicki,<br>Huntington Woods |                                    |

## Fall Tournament Good Sports Are Winners! Recipients Announced; MEEMIC Insurance To Present Awards To Finals Award Winners

The recipients of the top Michigan High School Athletic Association's Good Sports Are Winners! Awards for the recently completed 2002 fall sports season have been named, with each school to receive commemorative banners and crystal trophies from MEEMIC Insurance, the Association's corporate partner in sportsmanship efforts.

**Hudsonville Freedom Baptist** and **South Haven** in boys soccer, **Hopkins** in football, and **Byron Center** in girls basketball, were selected by the tournament management at their respective finals for displaying the most exemplary sportsmanship by their coaches, student-athletes and spectators. Presentation dates at all four schools will be announced at a future date.

Hudsonville Freedom Baptist was the champion in the Division 4 boys soccer tournament, and South Haven was the runner-up in Division 3; Hopkins was the runner-up in the Division 6 football playoffs; and Byron Center was a semifinalist in the Class B girls basketball tournament.

In addition to receiving the Finals award, South Haven was honored at the Regional level; and Hudsonville Freedom Baptist was honored at the Semifinal level. This is the first Finals level award for all of the schools involved in any sport.

The Good Sports Are Winners! Award is making its return in 2002-03 with the corporate underwriting of MEEMIC Insurance. The program had previously been offered from 1989 to 1996, and again during 2000-01.

At the District and Regional level of MHSAA tournaments, all schools which meet a set of sportsmanlike standards will be recognized. There will continue to be standards in the program which would automatically disqualify a school from consideration from the award. Any team which is disqualified for the Good Sports Are Winners! Award at the District or Regional level of a tournament becomes ineligible for the award at higher levels of that same tournament.

In all, 219 teams in girls basketball, football and boys soccer are being recognized for their outstanding sportsmanship at Fall tournaments. Those teams will be recognized through the publication of their names in the MHSAA Bulletin, the MHSAA Finals program series, and on the MHSAA Web site. During the course of the school year, over 1,000 teams will be recognized in 11 activities for their sportsmanship efforts during MHSAA tournaments.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by over 1,300 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition. No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools. Member schools which enforce these rules are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments, which attract approximately 1.6 million spectators each year.

MEEMIC Insurance Company, with headquarters in Auburn Hills, writes full coverage private passenger automobile protection and homeowners insurance for educational employees and their immediate families in the state of Michigan. MEEMIC was founded by teachers for teachers in 1950. Most representatives of the company are or were teachers themselves. MEEMIC's history of competitive pricing and a commitment to superior service has cultivated a tradition of teachers serving teachers and their families, our "MEEMIC Club."

A complete list of Good Sports Are Winners! Award recipients at all levels of the tournaments as submitted by tournament managers for the recently completed Fall sports season appears on the next two pages. ■

# 2002 Fall Award Recipients

*Based on reports received at the MHSAA offices as of 1/13/03.*

*NOTE: There can be more than one winner at each site, and not all site managers responded.*

## Boys Soccer

### District Awards

Adrian  
Adrian Lenawee Christian  
Allen Park Cabrini  
Allen Park Inter-City Baptist  
Beaver Island  
Brownstown Woodhaven  
Buchanan  
Chelsea  
Clinton Township Chippewa Valley  
Clio  
East Kentwood  
Farmington Harrison  
Fowlerville  
Grand Marais-Burt Township  
G.R. Forest Hills Central  
G.R. Forest Hills Northern  
Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills  
Grand Rapids Union  
Grandville  
Haslett  
Hillsdale  
Holland Black River  
Holland Calvary Baptist  
Jackson Christian  
Jenison  
Leland  
Livonia Stevenson  
Lutheran Westland  
Mackinac Island  
Macomb L'Anse Creuse North  
Maple City Glen Lake  
Mason  
Milan  
Monroe  
Muskegon W. Mich. Christian  
North Branch  
North Muskegon  
Oscoda  
Port Huron  
Port Huron Northern  
Rockford

Saginaw  
St. Joseph  
Sterling Heights  
Stevensville Lakeshore  
Sturgis  
Suttons Bay  
Tawas Area  
Taylor Truman  
Tecumseh  
Temperance Bedford  
Traverse City Christian  
Utica  
Utica Eisenhower  
Ypsilanti

### Regional Awards

Allen Park Inter-City Baptist  
Cheboygan  
Chelsea  
Fenton  
Flint Powers Catholic  
Grand Rapids South Christian  
Jackson Christian  
Lansing Christian  
Oxford  
Petoskey  
Shelby  
South Haven  
Spring Lake

### Semifinal Awards

Harbor Springs  
Hudsonville Freedom Baptist

### Final Awards

Hudsonville Freedom Baptist  
South Haven

## Football

### Pre-District Awards

Ann Arbor Pioneer  
East Kentwood  
East Lansing  
Grandville  
Indian River Inland Lakes  
Lowell  
Manistee Catholic Central  
Merrill  
Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart  
Muskegon Catholic Central  
Suttons Bay

### District Awards

Benzie Central  
Calumet  
Charlotte  
East Kentwood  
Holland West Ottawa  
Mason  
Muskegon Catholic Central  
Suttons Bay  
Wayland Union

### Regional Awards

Iron Mountain  
Iron Mountain North Dickinson  
Muskegon Catholic Central  
Norway  
Traverse City St. Francis

### Semifinal Award

Lowell

### Final Award

Hopkins

## **Girls Basketball**

### **District Awards**

Adrian Lenawee Christian  
Adrian Madison  
Alanson  
Alba  
Ann Arbor Rudolph Steiner  
Baldwin  
Battle Creek Pennfield  
Bay City John Glenn  
Belaire  
Bellevue  
Big Rapids Crossroads Acad.  
Blanchard Montabella  
Blissfield  
Breckenridge  
Brethren  
Britton-Macon  
Brown City  
Burton Atherton  
Burton Bendle  
Caledonia  
Caro  
Carrollton  
Carson City-Crystal  
Carsonville-Port Sanilac  
Cedar Springs  
Clinton Township Clintondale  
Comstock  
Dansville  
Davison  
Deckerville  
Deerfield  
Delton Kellogg  
Detroit Crockett  
Dollar Bay  
Dowagiac  
Edwardsburg  
Engadine  
Escanaba  
Essexville Garber  
Fairview  
Flint Beecher  
Flint Carman-Ainsworth  
Flint Kearsley  
Flint Northern  
Flint Northwestern  
Frankenmuth

Freesoil  
Gaylord  
Hale  
Harbor Springs Harbor Light  
Hart  
Hastings  
Hesperia  
Howard City Tri-County  
Hudsonville Unity Christian  
Iron Mountain North Dickinson  
Ithaca  
Lake Linden-Hubbell  
Lake Odessa Lakewood  
Leslie  
Mackinaw City  
Macomb Dakota  
Macomb L'Anse Creuse North  
Macomb Lutheran North  
Marlette  
Mason County Eastern  
Mayville  
McBain Northern Michigan  
Christian  
Middleville Thornapple-Kellogg  
Midland Bullock Creek  
Morenci  
Morley-Stanwood  
Muskegon Catholic Central  
Muskegon West Michigan  
Christian  
Olivet  
Ottawa Lake Whiteford  
Ovid-Elsie  
Painesdale-Jeffers  
Pinconning  
Pittsford  
Port Huron  
Port Huron Northern  
Portage Central  
Portland  
Powers North Central  
Rapid River  
Rochester Hills Lutheran NW  
Rock Mid-Peninsula  
Roseville  
Saginaw Nouvel  
Sandusky  
Schoolcraft

Shelby  
Springport  
St. Clair  
Stanton Central Montcalm  
Sturgis  
Twining Arenac Eastern  
Vassar  
Vermontville Maple Valley  
Vicksburg  
Warren Cousino  
Warren Mott  
Warren Woods-Tower  
Wyandotte Mt. Carmel  
Wyoming Godwin Heights  
Wyoming Kelloggsville  
Wyoming Tri-unity Christian

### **Regional Awards**

Burton Bentley  
Canton  
Colon  
DeWitt  
Menominee  
New Lothrop  
Pewamo-Westphalia  
Saginaw Swan Valley  
Tawas Area  
Vermontville Maple Valley

### **Quarterfinal Awards**

Carney-Nadeau  
Detroit Country Day  
Detroit Renaissance  
East Grand Rapids  
Fraser  
Rapid River  
West Bloomfield

### **Final Award**

Byron Center

## SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

The finalists for the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Award for the 2002-03 school year have been announced.

The program, which has been recognizing student-athletes since the 1989-90 school year, honors 24 individuals, one in each sport in which the Association sponsors a postseason tournament. Farm Bureau Insurance underwrites the Scholar-Athlete Award, and presents a \$1,000 scholarship in each sport. This year, 2,583 applications were received from 444 schools.

Every MHSAA member high school is allowed to select one student-athlete to represent it in each sport, and an individual may be nominated and be a finalist in more than one sport. Twenty-one schools had two or more finalists this year. Okemos leads the way with five finalists, Ann Arbor Pioneer has four finalists; Grosse Ile has three finalists; and Houghton Lake, Bronson, Petoskey, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern, Potterville, Suttons Bay, Detroit Western International, Avondale, Kalamazoo Hackett, Beverly Hills Wylie E. Groves, Livonia Stevenson, Colon, Trenton, Hamilton, Caro, Otsego and Essexville-Garber have two.

The applications were judged by an 80-member committee of school coaches, counselors, faculty members, administrators and board members from MHSAA member schools, from which the 114 finalists and 24 scholarship recipients were selected. Fall sports scholarship recipients were scheduled to be announced on Feb. 4; winter sports recipients on Feb. 11; and spring sports winners on Feb. 18. To honor the 24 Scholar-Athlete Award recipients, a ceremony will take place during halftime of the Class C Boys Basketball Finals at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing on March 22.

To be eligible for the award, students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 (on a 4.0 scale), and have previously won a varsity letter in the sport in which they are applying. Students were also asked to show involvement in other school and community activities, submit two letters of recommendation and a 500-word essay on the importance of sportsmanship in educational athletics.

A complete list of finalists and applicants can be found on the MHSAA Web site, [mhsaa.com](http://mhsaa.com) ■

### SUBMIT YOUR FINALS PROGRAM INFORMATION ELECTRONICALLY

Schools advancing past the Regional round of the MHSAA Team Wrestling, Girls Competitive Cheer, Ice Hockey, Girls Volleyball and Boys Basketball tournaments must submit their program information kits to the MHSAA office ASAP following the Regional Final. Winning schools should download the forms from the MHSAA Web site, [mhsaa.com](http://mhsaa.com), or use the forms on the CD-ROM supplied to schools last fall. The form is available in Microsoft Word format, and should be e-mailed back to the MHSAA at this address: [programs@mhsaa.com](mailto:programs@mhsaa.com). Instructions for submitting the document and team photo accompany the file. Call Rob Kaminski at 517-332-5046 with questions.

# 2003 BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT GENERAL INFORMATION

The Representative Council again has attempted to set up schedules of division of proceeds and allowances for team expenses of schools participating in the 2003 Basketball Tournaments which will be as adequate as possible in view of probable receipts. It should be kept in mind by schools that participating in MHSAA tournaments is voluntary and that expenses of teams competing in tournaments are not guaranteed, although the MHSAA in the past generally has reimbursed competing and entertaining schools where local receipts did not meet the allowed expenses. The cooperation of all schools competing in the 2003 tournaments is asked in order that there may be an equitable return both to entertaining and competing schools, and to the MHSAA so that its services to schools and the broad program of meets and tournaments in sports other than basketball may be continued.

## ADMINISTRATION OF TOURNAMENTS

The Representative Council formulates the general plans for MHSAA tournaments each year and is assisted by two committees - the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee and the Lower Peninsula Basketball Tournament Committee. These committees arrange the details of tournament administration, select District, Regional and Quarterfinal Centers, and assign competing schools to the various tournament centers. A special committee is appointed to assign officials in the Lower Peninsula. It has long been the policy of the MHSAA to have a large number of school people participate each year in the planning and execution of the tournaments to insure the best possible results and meet the needs and desires of schools.

### Tournament Centers

128 District Centers

32 Regional Centers

Final Tournament games will be held at 16 Quarterfinal Centers, Semifinals and Finals at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center at Michigan State University in East Lansing.

### Dates of Tournaments

**District Tournaments** -- Monday through Saturday, March 3-8, 2003

**Regional Tournaments** -- Tuesday through Saturday, March 11-15, 2003

**Quarterfinals** -- Tuesday, March 18

**Semifinals** -- Thursday, March 20 and Friday, March 21

**Finals** -- Saturday, March 22, 2003

### FINANCIAL PLAN

#### Transportation Expenses of Competing Teams at District, Regional and Final Tournaments

1. At all tournament levels, competing teams will absorb their own travel expenses where the distance to the tournament site is 50 miles or less from the competing school.

2. Beginning with the 51st mile one way, a competing team at District, Regional or Final Tournament level will be reimbursed at the following rate per mile from the home city to the Tournament Center City for each trip:

51 to 100 miles -- \$1 per mile  
101 to 150 miles -- \$1.50 per mile  
151 to 250 miles -- \$2 per mile  
251 to 350 miles -- \$2.50 per mile  
351 miles and over -- \$3 per mile

3. Those schools which travel 100 or more miles (one way) to a tournament center are allowed \$200 for hotel expenses (receipts required). A school cannot receive both hotel and additional travel allowances if games are played on successive days. This applies to travel in both District and Regional Tournaments.

#### Other expenses Of Teams Competing at the Final Tournament

1. **Meal Allowance** -- The maximum allowance for meals is three dollars (\$3) for breakfast, four dollars (\$4) for lunch and six dollars (\$6) for dinner, per person for a maximum of 15 individuals.

2. **Lodging** -- The maximum allowance

is the current hotel rate secured for a maximum of 15 individuals. Allowance for expenses of competing schools at the Final Tournament will continue 24 hours after the time of the elimination, provided they remain at the Tournament Center City. Schools which are defeated in Quarterfinal games (Tuesday, March 18) will not receive expense allowances for coming to the Final Tournament Center to attend Final games. **(Overnight lodging will not be arranged or reimbursed for schools within 50 miles of the tournament site unless competition begins before 10 a.m. the next day.)**

**3. Additional Per Diem School Allowance --** In addition to the above allowances, schools competing in the Final Tournament are to be paid \$100 for each day their team plays in Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Final games. Any of the four Upper Peninsula schools which win their Quarterfinal games on Tuesday, March 18, will be paid the additional \$100 above allowed expenses for Wednesday, March 17, if they cannot return home Tuesday night.

#### **Division of District and Regional Tournament Proceeds**

1. Before any division of proceeds is made, the following are to be deducted from the admission gross receipts: cost of officials, the amount paid to scorers and time keepers (payment to each of the above \$20 for a single game on one date; \$10 for each of the above officials for each additional game scored or timed on the same date). All other administration costs not specified above must be deducted from the school's share of the proceeds.

2. The balance is to be divided as follows:

30% to the entertaining school, (includes management, liability insurance, rentals, heat, lights, janitor, honorarium, etc.)

70% to the MHSAA, (includes allowed expenses for competing schools).

or

25% to the entertaining college or university, (includes management, liability

insurance, rentals, heat, lights, janitor, honorarium, etc.)

75% to the MHSAA, (includes allowed expenses for competing schools)

#### **Division of Final Tournament Proceeds**

High schools and others entertaining a Quarterfinal game of the Final Tournament will receive 10% of the gross receipts plus \$450 for administration expenses and security.

The cost of administration of the entire Final Tournament (officials, trophies, medals, management, etc.) will be deducted from the total of the balances from Quarterfinal games plus the proceeds from the Semifinal and Final games. The balance will be divided among the competing schools to the amount of allowed expenses as indicated above.

#### **Admission Prices for Tournament Games**

The Representative Council at its March, 2002 meeting set the following prices for all tournament game tickets: Districts: \$4, (\$5 for multi-session games), Regionals - \$5, Quarterfinals - \$5, Semifinals - \$6, Finals - \$7 (parking not included).

District, Regional and Quarterfinal Managers are authorized to conduct a pregame ticket sale, but all ticket prices are standardized for students and adults regardless of pregame sale.

#### **OFFICIALS**

##### **Assignment and Fees**

Officials for tournaments will be announced following assignments made by the Upper and Lower Peninsula Tournament Officials Committees. Tournament managers and officials selected will be notified.

Officials for this year's tournaments were chosen from the people on the Approved List. The number of teams entered and the days of duration of the tournament determines the number of officials assigned to each center. Agreements are entered into with officials as independent contractors and notification made to tournament managers of the officials assigned. Fees were set as indicated below.

#### **District and Regional Tournaments**

Fee for officials working one game per day in District Tournaments will be \$40 plus

the round trip allowance of 15¢ per mile (minimum allowance \$8) from home city of the official to District Tournament Center City for each day they officiate.

Fee for officials working one game per day in Regional Tournaments will be \$45 plus the round trip allowance of 15¢ per mile (minimum allowance \$8) from home city of the official to Regional Tournament Center City for each day they officiate.

### **Quarterfinals, Semifinals, Finals**

Fees for officials working in Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Final Tournaments will be \$50 per day and expenses, the latter being limited to one round trip allowance at 15¢ per mile (minimum allowance \$8) from home city of the official to Tournament Center City (official highway map mileage). Semifinal and Final officials will receive single occupancy lodging at the current hotel rate, and an allowance of \$14 per day for meals. Officials assigned to Semifinal games only will receive lodging and meal allowance if their home city is 70 miles or more from the tournament site (map mileage).

### **DRAWING AT DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS**

Drawings at both Upper and Lower Peninsula District Tournaments will be by lot with the names of all teams placed in the hat on an even basis. **Any school which has played four or more games on a District Tournament floor during the 2002-03 season is not to draw a first-round bye at that District Tournament.**

Drawings are to be completed not later than Saturday preceding the week of the tournament and should be made in the presence of as many representatives of the competing schools as desire to attend. **Principals and athletic directors are encouraged to attend draw meetings to obtain specific information concerning administration of the tournament. At Districts, no drawings may be made in any class prior to the Monday of the week before the tournament begins (Feb. 24).** Notification should be sent to all competing schools as to the time and place of drawing. Attendance of school representatives is optional.

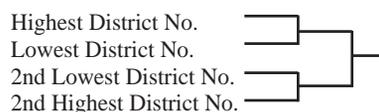
The best method of drawing so that no confusion will result is to place the names of the teams on individual slips of paper, fold and staple each of them or place them in capsules. Place these names in a hat or container so that they may be drawn one at a time. Have some neutral party draw one capsule, read it aloud, display it to the group and place the name of the team drawn on the first numbered line. Repeat the procedure placing each name in its bracket as drawn. If this method is followed, there can be no confusion or mistake.

Whenever the home or any other team that is participating in a District Tournament on a floor (one which it has played four or more games during the 2002-03 season) and there are byes involved, do not place the name of such team or teams in the hat until after the byes are drawn. Home teams (or those having played four or more games in tournament or regular scheduled play on the floor during the current season) are not entitled to byes on such floors in District Tournaments. This assures an open draw to all contestants and eliminates any chance of such a team drawing a bye.

### **ADVANCE MASTER DRAWING FOR 2003 REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

Advance drawings of 2003 District Tournament qualifiers to Regionals again were authorized by the Representative Council. These advance master drawings apply to all 2003 Regional Tournaments. Separate drawings were made at the Sept. 23, 2002 meeting of the Basketball Tournament Committee for four-team Regional Tournaments.

For a four-team Regional Tournament, District teams qualifying into the Regionals were placed in a container and designated as follows:



### **REGIONAL WINNERS**

It is the responsibility of winning schools to obtain Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Final Tournament information packets from the Regional Manager.

## FINAL TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

Sites and pairings for Quarterfinal and Semifinal games were established by the Representative Council and the Tournament Committee in both the Upper and Lower Peninsulas. The pre-determined Quarterfinal and Semifinal sites will enable competing schools to make housing, travel and ticket arrangements well in advance. **NOTE: The MHSAA reserves the right to relocate a Quarterfinal Basketball site if a qualifying Regional Winner will be playing its Quarterfinal game on its home floor.** Complete brackets including times, dates and locations are included in this *Bulletin*.

## POINT DIFFERENTIAL RULE

The point differential rule *will not* be used in varsity competition or on any level of the MHSAA tournament. The rule is used at the sub-varsity level only.

## BASKETBALLS

Balls that meet National Federation rules code standards that are of top grade, catalogue numbered, leather covered or composite cover, molded, orange/tan color will be used in all tournaments. Each tournament manager will provide a ball of the above description for use in that tournament, including balls that have the NFHS authenticating mark. The MHSAA Semifinal and Final ball will be the Rawlings COMPMICH.

## TEAM ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY

District-Regional-Final entry blanks will be sent by individual schools to the assigned District Manager not later than **Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2003**. The tournament manager will contact you later relative to drawings and other details. Notify the manager immediately if your school is not planning to enter the tournament.

The Entry Blank, Team Roster Form and the Master Eligibility List (Form 1) will constitute a complete entry for the District, Regional and Final Tournaments or until eliminated.

**After the District drawings are completed there can be no changes or additions made to the Master Eligibility List (Form 1).**

**Late Entries:** If the Entry Blank, Team

Roster Form and Master Eligibility List are received after the deadline date, but before the drawings are made, it may be accepted with the payment of a \$50 late fee which will be retained by the host school.

## TOURNAMENT WITHDRAWAL POLICY

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

## CONTESTANTS AND CHEERLEADERS TICKETS

The Representative Council again instructed that tournament managers and competing schools be advised that the limit for the number of contestants tickets is 20. Exception: the only allowed exception will be for those teams that have carried more than 15 **players** all season. 12 tickets for cheerleaders also are to be made available to each competing school provided there are that number dressed for participation.

## CHAPERON TICKETS

Host managers will arrange for student chaperons from visiting schools to enter free of charge.

## ADVANCE PURCHASE BY SCHOOLS OF TICKETS FOR DISTRICTS AND REGIONALS

Schools are urged to contact District or Regional Tournament Managers in advance if they plan to bring groups of students or adults to tournament games. Usually tickets

for such spectators should be purchased in advance to assure seating accommodations.

### **BANDS & HALFTIME PERFORMANCES**

By action of the Representative Council, bands or musical instruments are not to be allowed at District, Regional or Quarterfinal Tournament sites. This regulation was adopted to conserve space, lessen expense to schools and to avoid unnecessary confusion. **By action of the Representative Council in May, 1998, pep bands are allowed to perform before the game and during timeouts and breaks during the SEMIFINALS AND FINALS ONLY of the MHSAA Boys Basketball Tournament.**

Also by Council action, halftime performances shall not be permitted. This would apply to such activities as demonstrations for dance, trampoline and any other similar performances.

### **LOTTERIES AT TOURNAMENTS**

Schools should not conduct lotteries or drawings for distributing money or merchandise either before, during or after any tournament basketball contests. Non-players are not to shoot baskets at half time. The distribution of miniature balls is prohibited. The sale of merchandise such as t-shirts, hats, belts, etc. is not permitted at MHSAA sponsored events, except selected early rounds and at the Final Tournament when coordinated with the MHSAA staff.

Concession stands, whether operated by school or non-school groups, must confine sales to non-alcoholic beverages and edible items. Sale of non-edible products other than school spirit items (such as pom poms) is prohibited at MHSAA tournament sites without the approval of MHSAA staff.

### **VIDEOTAPING OR FILMING AT MHSAA SPONSORED MEETS AND TOURNAMENTS**

The Representative Council at its May 1996, meeting voted to eliminate *MHSAA Handbook* Regulation II, Section 14(A), that prohibits schools from videotaping or filming contests in which they are not participating without permission of competing teams. Previous Council action in 1995 had elimi-

nated the Regulation for football only, but in 1996 the Regulation was eliminated in all sports. Leagues and conferences may continue to enforce third party (scouting) limitations for league games and league teams, however, non-conference opponents will not be subject to such prohibitions and will be allowed to videotape events without advance permission. It is to be understood that videotape scouting does not include press box or preferred seating status without prior consent of the host school.

**Media Taping/Filming** - The filming/taping of MHSAA events must be cleared through the Michigan High School Athletic Association. Members of the media may, without paying a fee, arrange with the local tournament manager to take clips of MHSAA events for public showing. Under no conditions may an MHSAA event be filmed or taped for showing in its entirety without advance clearance through the MHSAA.

**Spectator Videotaping/Filming** - Spectators must receive permission from the tournament manager for any live action taken of athletic events other than snapshots. If permission is granted for spectators to film the entire event or take clips, it is to be with the understanding the tape/film may not be sold, leased, borrowed, rented for commercial purposes or shown on cable television. The tournament manager should not permit spectators to interfere with the view of other spectators or news media personnel covering the activity; is not required to provide electrical hook-ups; or tripod space; may require spectator videotaping from a designated location(s); and if there is any question as to the purposes of filming or taping, the request should be denied by the local tournament management.

**Live Television Coverage - Radio Coverage** - No radio or television origination is permitted at any site until application has been made through the MHSAA, fee paid and authorization given by the MHSAA through the tournament manager.

**Delayed Television** - Arrangements for tape-delayed broadcasts must be made through the MHSAA office and only one origination will be allowed at a tournament center. A fee is required for each boys bas-

ketball game at each site. Tape-delayed telecasts of events for which live television is contracted, will not be permitted. MHSAA Finals in all sports are *not* available on a delayed television basis.

## **2003 FINAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

### **Location of Games**

**Quarterfinal Games** will be played Tuesday, March 18, at 16 locations selected by the Basketball Tournament Committee. Locations of games are published in this issue of the *Bulletin*.

**Semifinal Games** will be played Thursday, March 20, and Friday, March 21, at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center at Michigan State University in East Lansing.

SESSION 1 - Two Class C games -  
(1 and 2:50 p.m.) Thursday

SESSION 2 - Two Class D games -  
(6 and 7:50 p.m.) Thursday

SESSION 3 - Two Class A games -  
(1 and 2:50 p.m.) Friday

SESSION 4 - Two Class B games -  
(6 and 7:50 p.m.) Friday

Each of the sessions will require separate admission tickets.

### **FINAL (CHAMPIONSHIP) GAMES**

in all classes (A-B-C-D) will be played at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center on Saturday, March 22. There will be separate morning, afternoon and evening sessions as follows:

Saturday Morning -- 10 a.m. -- Classes D/C

Saturday Afternoon -- 4 p.m. -- Class A

Saturday Evening -- 8 p.m. -- Class B

### **TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT**

General management of the Final Tournament will be under the direction of Nate Hampton, Assistant Director, MHSAA. Final Tournament Headquarters will be at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center of Michigan State University for the four Final games.

### **ADMISSION PRICES**

The following admission prices for the 2003 Final Basketball Tournament games were adopted by the Representative Council:

**Quarterfinal Games** (March 18) - General admission, \$5. **Semifinal Games** (March 20 and 21) - Reserved seats only, \$6 (parking not included). **Championship Games** - Reserved seats are \$7 (parking not included). There will be approximately 15,000 reserved seats. No general admission tickets will be available for the Semifinal or Final sessions.

### **TICKET DISTRIBUTION FOR QUARTERFINAL GAMES FOR ALL CLASSES — MARCH 18**

All Quarterfinal tickets will be sold at the site of the host facility. Competing teams will have access to approximately half the house for its game. Tickets remaining after the advance sale to competing schools will be sold to the public by the host facility manager.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF SEMIFINAL RESERVED SEAT TICKETS FOR ALL CLASSES -- MARCH 20-21**

Competing schools in all classes will be able to purchase 1,200 tickets for advance sale of Semifinal tickets for the session in which their teams are competing, plus a prorated portion of the allotment as requested by other schools participating in the session. Approved basketball officials and schools of all classes throughout the state may order in advance (not later than Feb. 7), reserved seat tickets at \$6 in accordance with the quota established for the purchase of reserved seat tickets for Semifinal games to the limit of the supply available.

If there are reserved seat tickets remaining after the above advance sale to officials and schools both general and competing, those tickets will be placed on sale at MSU on Monday, March 3. ■

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## QUARTERFINAL — SEMIFINAL— FINAL PAIRINGS

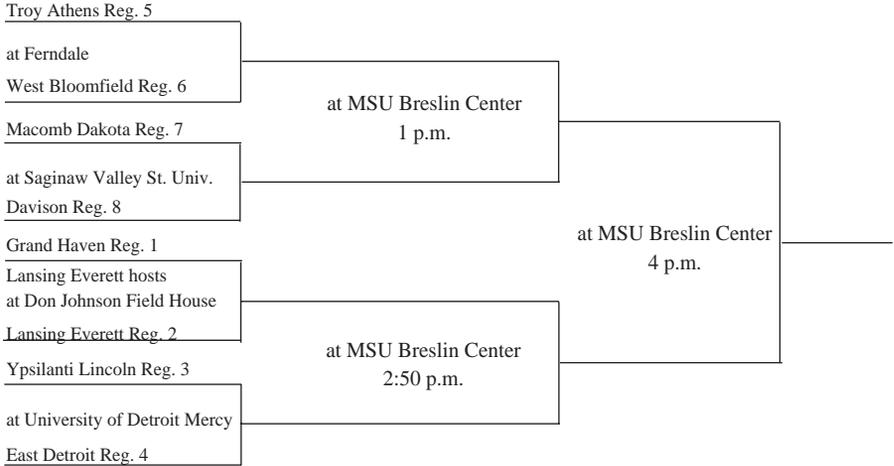
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### CLASS A

**QUARTERFINAL**  
(Tuesday, March 18)

**SEMIFINALS**  
(Friday, March 21)

**FINALS**  
(Saturday, March 22)



### CLASS B

**QUARTERFINAL**  
(Tuesday, March 18)

**SEMIFINALS**  
(Friday, March 21)

**FINALS**  
(Saturday, March 22)



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**CLASS C**



**CLASS D**

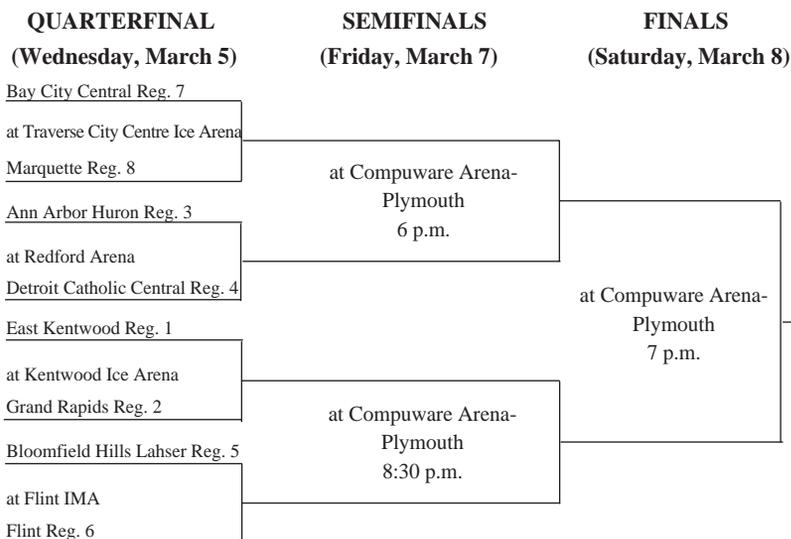


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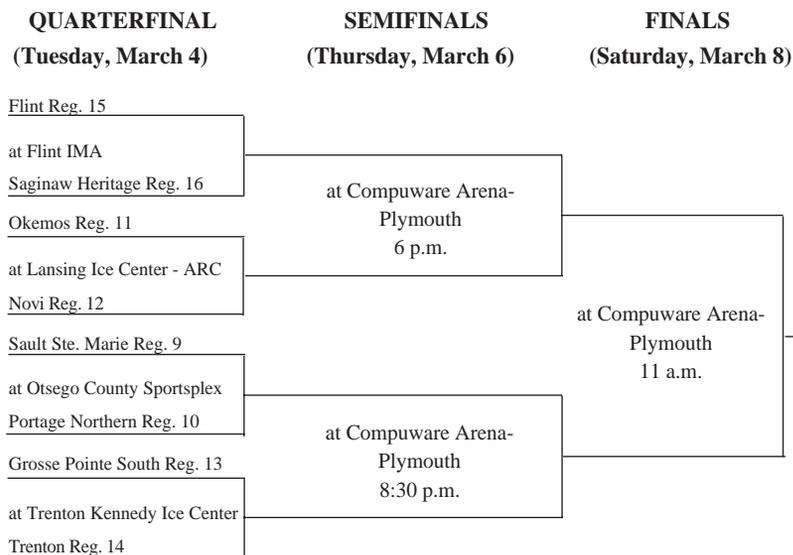
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### DIVISION 1



### DIVISION 2



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**DIVISION 3**

**QUARTERFINAL**

**(Wednesday, March 5)**

**SEMIFINALS**

**(Friday, March 7)**

**FINALS**

**(Saturday, March 8)**

Chelsea Reg. 23

at Allen Park Civic Arena

Grosse Ile Reg. 24

East Grand Rapids Reg. 19

at Kalamazoo Wings Stadium

Flint Reg. 20

Calumet Reg. 17

at Sault Ste Marie Pullnar Arena

Big Rapids Reg. 18

Flint Reg. 21

at Flint IMA

BH Cranb.-Kingswood Reg. 22

at Compuware Arena-  
 Plymouth  
 Noon

at Compuware Arena-  
 Plymouth  
 2:30 p.m.

at Compuware Arena-  
 Plymouth  
 3 p.m.

**2003 ICE HOCKEY FINALS  
 AT-A-GLANCE**

**SEMIFINALS (March 6-7, 2003)**

**(Thursday, March 6)**

**Division 2**

6 p.m.

8:30 p.m.

**(Friday, March 7)**

**Division 3**

Noon

2:30 p.m.

**Division 1**

6 p.m.

8:30 p.m.

**FINALS (Saturday, March 8)**

11 a.m. - Division 2

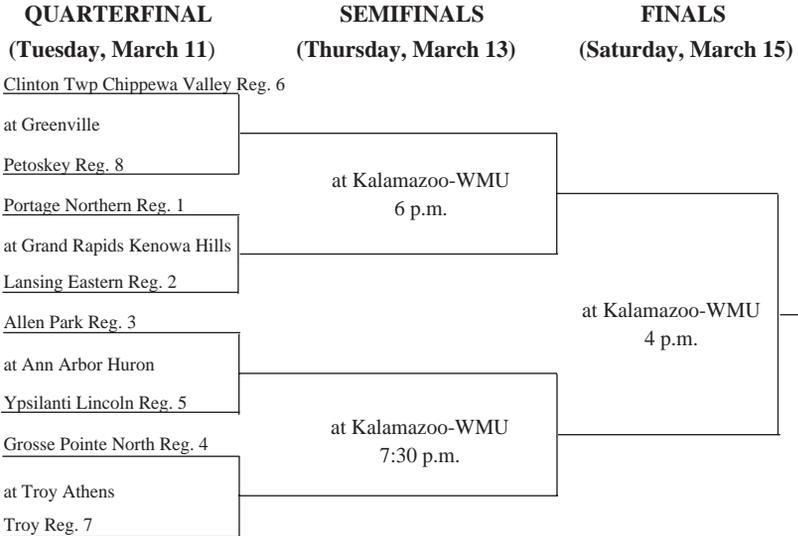
3 p.m. - Division 3

7 p.m. - Division 1

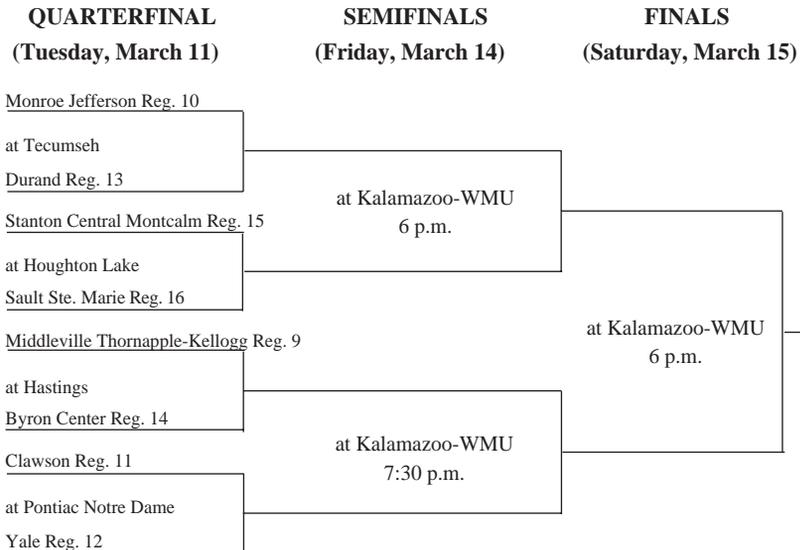
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**CLASS A**



**CLASS B**

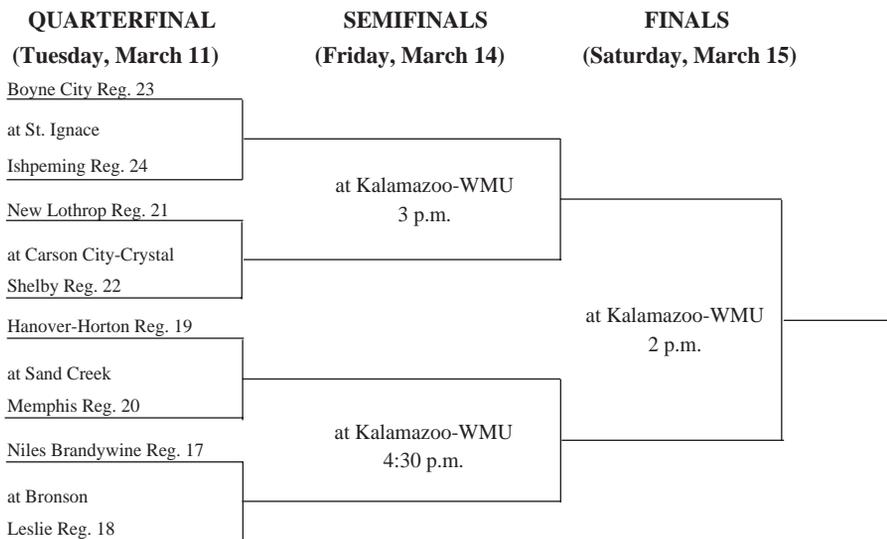


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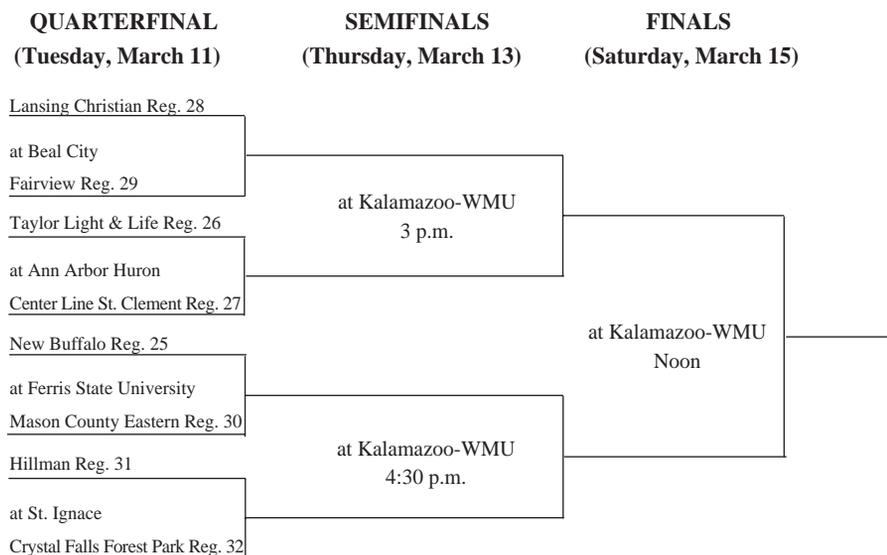
## QUARTERFINAL — SEMIFINAL— FINAL PAIRINGS

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### CLASS C



### CLASS D



# MHSAA GOLF COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, December 2, 2002

## Members Present:

Bob Artymovich, Harper Woods  
Jerry Fouch, Grand Rapids  
Jim Bennett, Grosse Ile  
Todd Hursey, Suttons Bay  
Nancy Johnson, Greenville  
Bob Lober, Traverse City  
Ken Main, Morley  
Kathy Partlow, Lansing  
Scott Street, Walled Lake  
Lance Veydt, Concord  
Don Zoller, Frankenmuth

## Members Absent:

Bob Gershman, Berkley  
Frank Montgomery, Big Rapids  
Paula Steele, East Lansing  
Tom Wilson, Norton Shores  
Diane Zatkoff, Clinton Township

## Staff Members Present:

Suzanne M. Martin (Recorder)  
Randy Allen

The MHSAA Golf Committee met in the MHSAA Office Building to review MHSAA Golf Tournament format and procedures brought to its attention by golf coaches through the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association membership.

Prior to discussion of specific topics, committee members were made aware of the purpose of sport committee meetings and reminded of the work it did last year to bring changes to the 2002-03 tournament series.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

The Golf Committee discussed sportsmanship expectations of golfers both during the MHSAA tournament series and at regular-season events. The Committee members expressed a need to provide players, coaches and event hosts with guidelines to make all parties aware of sportsmanship expectations. Even though the Committee was uncomfortable listing examples of unsportsmanlike acts, because many actions by players and interactions by players and observers can be interpreted differently, the committee still chose to initiate a list for purposes of discussion at the MIGCA Winter Clinic. The purpose of the discussion will be to develop a document that can be properly used in the future.

The incomplete Code of Conduct follows:

*Unsportsmanlike conduct at a golf event is, but not limited to, ball or club throwing, trash talking, club breaking, foul language, actions that endanger others, loud reactionary outbursts, smoking, destroying golf course property.*

## PLAYER REMOVAL FROM THE COURSE

The Golf Committee wishes to further develop a procedure by which a player would be removed from the course for unsportsmanlike behavior. The current Player Conduct information provided in the Golf Information Bulletin and the Managers Manual requires the Observer to witness the action of the player, report it to the Rules Committee and a determination of disqualification will be made.

The Golf Committee raised the following questions; should other players in the group confirm the player's conduct; should the coach of the player be notified before the disqualification takes place; how long should it take before the player is removed from further play; and what is considered a warning and are warnings necessary?

As with the previous topic, the Committee chose to begin to prepare a list of procedures that would assist the MIGCA when addressing the topic for additional input from its membership at its Winter Clinic.

The following actions were noted in the incomplete listing of procedures necessary to remove a player from the golf course: (1) The Observer should give a warning when appropriate, (2) Establish the conduct problem with the Observer, (3) Establish the conduct problem with other players in the group, (4) Notify the coach of the player's conduct, (5) All or some of the following should be made aware of the conduct issue: site manager, head rules official (GAM), the head professional of the golf course, and MHSAA personnel.

## **GOLF RULES MEETINGS**

Golf coaches expressed their concerns with MHSAA's decision to host rules meetings only every other year because the framework of these meetings allows new coaches to receive procedural information along with golf rules information. In addition, on two occasions the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association provides Observer training at the same site where the rules meetings are conducted. The training is considered to be vital to providing a better competition atmosphere for boys and girls at all phases of the MHSAA tournament series. A recommendation to the Representative Council regarding this matter appears at the end of these minutes.

## **COACHING ON REGIONAL AND FINALS COURSES**

Committee members brought back to the table their desire to continue to expand the opportunity for coaches to coach during the Finals and also during Regional competition. Coaches who have experienced this opportunity are very much in favor of it because it allows the golf coach the same opportunity to see their team compete at the Finals as do other sport coaches. Coaching on the course during competition is allowable under USGA rules and is practiced at the NCAA level.

The desire to expand the opportunity to coach the Friday of Finals competition and at Regionals is with the understanding that providing a knowledgeable adult to replace the coach of his/her Observer duties is a responsibility of the coach and/or school administration. Therefore, if a replacement is not forthcoming, the coach must commit to Observer responsibilities. Currently coaches are not allowed to be part of the gallery or coach by a replacement option except on Saturday of Finals.

Golf coaches acknowledge the value of informed and knowledgeable Observers and understand that their Observer replacement must be able to follow procedures or players will not have the opportunity of competing in an "equal playing field atmosphere." Therefore, the MIGCA is committed to training coaches and replacements on how to become better Observers. The MIGCA membership has been surveyed on this topic and

overwhelmingly supports the opportunity for coaches to choose whether or not to coach at MHSAA tournament competition. The recommendations to the Representative Council at the end of these minutes reflect the results of this discussion.

## **LOWER PENINSULA FINALS COURSES**

Over the past few years, coaches have wanted all Divisions of the girls and boys Lower Peninsula Finals to be held at university courses. The MIGCA membership suggests that the atmosphere at university courses is more conducive to high school competition and feel that a rotation between college courses at different areas of the state is better than the current format in which all courses are in one geographic location, although not all are university courses.

Procedurally, scores can now be reported electronically and the information reconfigured for second day pairings electronically so each site host is able to complete his/her responsibilities without the MHSAA site serving as the command post and center of operations. The MIGCA board has committed to providing responsible site hosts through its membership.

The use of three different courses in the spring would ease the burden of MSU hosting three divisions on two courses over two days which would assist the university in meeting its obligations with students and alumni. It would also allow all divisions to start in the morning, assisting senior players who may also have graduation ceremonies in the early evening.

With the knowledge of the minimal requirements of the MHSAA in order to consider a change, the MIGCA has sought out and met with university personnel at Grand Valley State University, Eastern Michigan University and University of Michigan and reported that each is eager to serve as hosts for boys and girls tournaments and will commit for several years. The MIGCA board has information on whom to contact at each site. The recommendations to the Representative Council that appear at the end of these minutes reflect the results of this discussion.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

1. Return to providing golf rules meetings on an annual basis (11-0 in favor)
2. Allow coaches to coach on Friday of the MHSAA Finals Lower Peninsula tournaments beginning in 2003-04 (11-0 in favor).
3. Allow coaches to coach at MHSAA Regionals beginning with the 2004-05 season(11-0 in favor).
4. Change the Lower Peninsula boys and girls Finals sites to include the Grand Valley State University, Eastern Michigan University and University of Michigan courses, replacing Eldorado at Mason and the Emerald at Maple Creek (11-0 in favor). ■

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# **WRESTLING TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING**

## **East Lansing, December 4, 2002**

### **Members Present:**

Bryan Bishop, Bay City  
Jim Collins, New Haven  
Patrick Conroy, South Haven  
Mark Cooke, Pinckney  
Mike Doran, Ithaca  
Tony Escamilla, Saginaw  
Bruce Foster, Wyoming  
Joseph Guyski, Durand  
Warren Hartman, Eau Claire  
Tom Hunt, East Lansing  
Fred Jensen, Davisburg  
Joseph Kidder, Pontiac  
Gerald LaJoie, Gaylord

Eric McCourt, Holland  
Al Parker, Howard City  
Jason Rapp, Rochester  
Al Sosinski, Bronson  
Dave Streje, Lowell  
Frank Vilardi, Southgate  
Duane Watson, Allendale

### **Members Absent:**

Tim Conners, Tecumseh  
Mike Klein, Macomb

### **Staff Members Present:**

Bill Bupp (Recorder)

The Committee was presented with the list of approved officials in Wrestling 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 for consideration were 2.0 for Final officials; 2.3 for Regional and 2.5 for District officials. Officials recommended by one or more leagues/conferences and/or officials associations were qualified to be considered for the next higher tournament level.

### **TOURNAMENT INVITATIONS**

Officials are assigned to work only one event per day in any tournament competition. The District and Regional Management were sent copies of Official Response Forms for those officials assigned to their site.

### **OFFICIALS AVAILABILITY**

246 officials indicated their availability for tournament assignments. Of this number, 156 individuals were assigned to one or more team and Individual Districts. Team and Individual Regional assignments for officials this year totaled 79 for the Lower Peninsula; 24 officials were assigned to the Individual Finals, eight to the Team Finals and four to the UP Individual Finals. ■

# MHSAA BASKETBALL COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, December 12, 2002

## Members Present:

Tim Baker, Constantine  
Deanne Crowley, Lowell  
Bob Duffey, Williamston  
Chris Ervin, Carson City  
Leroy Hackley, Byron Center  
Tom Hardy, Traverse City  
Kevin Herendeen, Grass Lake  
Maureen Klocke, Capac  
Todd Kulawiak, Benzonia  
Jean LaClair, Bronson  
Vic Michaels, Detroit  
Christine Sermak, Okemos (BCAM)  
Robert Shannon, Detroit  
Suzanne Stahl, McBain

Arnetta Thompson, Grand Rapids  
Marc Throop, Richland (MIAAA)

## Members Absent:

Steve Benavides, Ferndale  
Mike Foster, Laingsburg (MASSP)  
Dorene Ingalls, St. Ignace  
Tom Kempf, Ann Arbor  
Mike Major, Lansing  
Larry Moore, West Bloomfield  
Randy Salisbury, Britton

## Staff Members Present:

Nate Hampton (Recorder)  
Tom Minter

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. Following committee welcome and introductions, the committee reviewed its responsibility and relationship to the Representative Council.

## RULES MEETINGS

The committee reviewed the rules meeting attendance requirement for head coaches and officials, the basketball rules meeting format and possible sites for the 2003-04 season.

## TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The committee reviewed and discussed at length the tournament format and essential dates for next year's girls and boys tournaments. Discussions included the current schedule for times and days for Semifinals and Finals competition. Also discussed were future calendar years and boys Finals dates when Easter is as early as it can possible be. The discussion offered no suggestions for changes with either gender.

## GENERAL DISCUSSION

Committee discussions also included the 2002-03 Basketball Committee minutes, disposition of the 2002-03's committee recommendations to MHSAA staff and the Representative Council, pregame display of sportsmanship (athlete's handshake conducted either individually or as a team), National

Federation Basketball Questionnaire/survey, point differential rule, Quarterfinal sites, perception of officials by coaches and spectators, out of season issues, tournament balls, current policies on the tournament draw date, three-person officiating crews, National Federation Rule 1-13 (coaching box) and seeding the District levels of the Basketball Tournament.

## MICHIGAN POINTS OF EMPHASIS

- Officials appropriately and consistently enforcing the coaching box.
- Sportsmanship - behavior of athletes, coaches, spectators; handshake.

## RECOMMENDATION TO BCAM

Discuss with schools the expectations in lopsided score contests.

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Allow host District managers to assign officials to specific contests after the draws are determined (15-0 in favor).
2. Following the first indirect or direct technical foul on the head coach remove the sit down penalty (14-1 in favor).
3. As allowed by National Federation Basketball Rule 1-13 by state association

- adoption, allow the coaching box to extend up to 14 feet from the 28 foot mark toward the end line (14-1 in favor).
4. Allow 3-person officiating crews in the MHSAA Basketball Tournament starting with the Regional level (15-0 in favor).
  5. Change the District draw date to three Mondays prior to the start of the tournament but not later than the Monday preceding the tournament (15-0 in favor). ■

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## MHSAA TENNIS COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, January 9, 2003

### Members Present:

Jeff Bisel, Bay City  
 Mary Boike, Flint  
 Mary Bradley, Elsie  
 Keith Eldred, Williamston  
 Tim Elenbaas, Cadillac  
 Jody Foreman, Marshall  
 Wendy Franz, Midland  
 Jan Gottlin, Riverview  
 Dene Hadden, South Haven (MASSP)  
 Judy Hehs, Bloomfield Hills  
 Phyllis Lightvoet, Kalamazoo  
 Karen Page, Holland  
 Pam Porter, Stevensville  
 Margaret Ruemenapp, Harbor Springs

John Shade, Grosse Ile  
 Larry Taylor, Northville (MIAAA)  
 Dwayne Teusink, Holland  
 Lisa White, Traverse City

### Members Absent:

Nancy Hayes, Ann Arbor  
 Curtis Partee, Dowagiac  
 Mike Popson, Bloomfield Hills  
 Jim VanZandt, Kalamazoo  
 Alex Weisner, East Lansing  
 Michelle Weyhing, Williamston

### Staff Member Present:

Gina Mazzolini (Recorder)

The 2002-03 MHSAA Tennis Committee met on Tuesday, Jan. 9, in the MHSAA office. After introductions, the committee was reminded of their responsibility and the process for changing rules.

### REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

The committee viewed a power point with the proposed school assignments to each Regional. After a closer review of the maps, a few changes were suggested and the assignments were approved.

### PROPOSALS FOR THE MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS COACHES ASSOCIATION

1. Retain the minimum number required to enter a Regional tournament at four players (14-0 in favor).
2. In an eight team Regional tournament, decrease the additional qualifier point total from 15 to 10 (14-0 in favor).
3. Allow the Upper Peninsula schools to participate in the statewide tournament which would eliminate the Upper Peninsula tournament. The Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association chose to submit this proposal after an impassioned appeal from some Upper Peninsula tennis coaches. Realizing that the decision to eliminate the Upper Peninsula tournament is a decision to be made by Upper Peninsula schools, the committee made the following statement: *"We support the Upper Peninsula schools participating in a statewide tournament when and if the Upper Peninsula schools make the decision to do so."* (14-0 in favor).
4. Eliminate the USTA continuous play rule. The proposal asks that the continuous play rule be eliminated and return to the previously used method for breaks which is a maximum of 90 seconds at the end of every odd game (10-4 in favor).

5. Limit Regionals to a maximum of eight teams. The discussion included concerns for watering down the Final tournament and adding even more matches to an already full tournament. A member of the committee reported the number of teams which scored four or fewer points (five girls teams this year and six teams last year). Three boys teams scored three or fewer points. The concern of 11 Regional tournaments in each division could also increase travel for even more schools (14-0 opposed).
6. Require an appeals committee made up of coaches and the tournament manger at each Regional and Final site. (The committee recommends a three or five member committee depending on the site of the tournament) (14-0 in favor).

**DISCUSSION ITEMS - NO ACTION**

- Player Information Sheets
- Number of coaches allowed at tournaments
- Substitutions

**NEW BUSINESS**

At the Regional tournament, place the No. 4 seed in the same half of the bracket with the No. 1 seed, and place the No. 3 seed in the same half of the draw with the No. 2 seed (14-0 opposed).

**REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. In an eight-team Regional tournament, decrease the additional qualifier minimum point total from 15 to 10 (14-0 in favor).
2. Eliminate the USTA Continuous Play Rule (10-4 in favor).
3. Require an appeals committee made up of coaches and the tournament manger at each Regional and Final site. The committee recommends a three or five-member committee depending on the site of the tournament (14-0 in favor). ■

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## CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, January 22, 2003

**Members Present:**

John Amend, Akron  
 Sharon Banks, Lansing  
 John Brandt, Saginaw  
 Kerry Butzlaft, Perry  
 Jim Dittmer, Scottville  
 Keith Eldred, Williamston  
 Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan  
 Jim Feldkamp, Troy  
 Dan Flynn, Escanaba  
 Leroy Hackley, Byron Center  
 Robert Hansen, East Jordan  
 Dan McShannock, Midland  
 Robert Olsen, Sturgis

Jack Postma, Hudsonville  
 Tom Rashid, Detroit  
 Doris Rodgers, Southfield  
 Randy Salisbury, Britton

**Members Absent:**

Lillian Mason, Grand Blanc  
 Ron Moag, Grandville  
 Angie Reed, DeTour

**Staff Members Present:**

Jack Roberts (Recorder)  
 John Johnson

Following introductions of all in attendance, Executive Director Jack Roberts commented that the great diversity of Michigan's schools is well represented by the experience of committee members.

Mr. Roberts reviewed the history and purpose of the committee, noting that it is

one of the MHSAA's younger committees which grew out of an ad hoc committee convened in the mid-1980s to examine issues between public and non-public school members of the Association. The Classification Committee's purpose is not just to provide a forum for that topic, but also to discuss pro-

posals to revise policies and procedures of classification. It was noted that in recent years the committee spends more time on concerns of small schools vs. large schools than on public schools vs. non-public schools.

According to MHSAA Constitution Article II, Section 4, "The Representative Council shall have the power to classify schools as a basis for competition in inter-scholastic contests." The Classification Committee serves at the pleasure of the Representative Council to screen and/or develop proposals related to the counting of students and the classification of schools for MHSAA elections and tournaments.

Among the resources available to the Committee for the meeting were the *MHSAA Handbook*, the March 2002 news release on 2002-03 classifications, a listing of schools which have chosen to participate in higher classifications of MHSAA tournaments than their enrollment would place them, results of the 2002 Update Meetings Survey, and data relating to Class C and D schools' sponsorship of and scoring in the MHSAA 2002 Division 4 boys and girls LP Track and Field Finals and Cross Country Finals.

The Committee also reviewed Minutes of the Jan. 9, 2002, Classification Committee meeting and May 5-7, 2002, Representative Council Meeting.

### **REQUEST FOR CLASS E DESIGNATION**

Mark McNabb, President of the Northern Lights League, had been invited to speak to the Classification Committee to explain the reasons for and logistics of a proposal for a fifth classification limited to the very smallest MHSAA member schools which, at least in the Upper Peninsula, have experienced little success and some embarrassment when participating against much larger Class D schools in MHSAA District basketball tournaments.

According to Mr. McNabb's survey, fewer than 30 of 84 small schools surveyed statewide favored a statewide Class E MHSAA tournament designation; and Mr. McNabb represented that these schools, most located in the Upper Peninsula and northwest portion of the Lower Peninsula, would toler-

ate longer travel for the opportunity to taste success in MHSAA tournaments.

The MHSAA provided for a Class E designation in boys basketball from 1941 through 1960. It was for Upper Peninsula high schools with enrollment under 75. At that time, the Upper and Lower Peninsula schools participated in separate tournaments. In 1941, the Lower Peninsula tournament was conducted in Classes A, B, C and D with 63, 90, 243 and 241 schools, respectively; while the Upper Peninsula tournament was conducted in Classes B, C, D and E with 20, 16, 24 and 23 schools, respectively.

In 2002-03, there are 78 MHSAA member high schools statewide with 9-12 grade enrollments under 100 students, 63 in the Lower Peninsula and 15 in the Upper Peninsula.

Among ideas raised during discussion was establishing MHSAA Class D District basketball tournaments which separate the smaller from the larger schools entirely, or do so in first round pairings or in a "Pre-District" setup with a championship or tournament qualifying designation.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously that the MHSAA explore (1) alternatives within the parameters of four classifications which might improve the opportunity for more success in District tournaments for the Association's smaller Class D schools and (2) MHSAA sponsorship of invitational tournaments for smaller Class D schools within the limits of the regular season.

### **NON-TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS**

In May of 2002, the MHSAA Representative Council appointed an ad hoc committee to explore eligibility and classification issues relative to alternative education programs. The ad hoc committee's Sept. 11, 2002, meeting resulted in several suggestions which it believed would benefit from the Classification Committee's review before consideration by the Representative Council.

Foundational to the ad hoc committee's work so far is substituting for the term "alternative education" a phrase of broader scope and less negative connotations: "non-traditional programs." The ad hoc committee recommends that schools identify on the

Enrollment Declaration Form the names of the non-traditional programs whose students may be eligible for interscholastic athletics for the counting school.

The consensus of the Classification Committee was that these are positive suggestions, but that more attention should be given to defining or clarifying definitions for "enrollment," "non-traditional" and other key terms.

### **COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS**

In May of 2002, the MHSAA Representative Council adopted a limit of 3,500 students for the combined enrollment for schools participating in cooperative programs in sports sponsored by 250 or fewer schools. Since then, MHSAA's management contacted the schools involved in larger cooperative programs to provide written comment, to participate in a meeting, and then again to provide written input to assist the Representative Council in determining how to grandfather, phase out or otherwise process existing cooperative programs which exceed the 3,500 student enrollment limit. The Classification Committee was asked to join this discussion.

There was consensus that existing cooperative programs which exceed 3,500 students should at least be allowed several years before elimination as well as a procedure to waive the regulation on a case-by-case basis. The Committee offered suggestions in addition to those already developed which might serve as the criteria by which to evaluate the programs on a case-by-case basis. It was also suggested that the criteria could be used to evaluate whether cooperative programs with less than 3,500 students should receive initial approval or renewal.

### **KENSINGTON VALLEY CONFERENCE REQUEST**

The athletic directors of the Kensington Valley Conference had requested the MHSAA survey schools "regarding the establishment of a separate division for parochial schools," citing that the boundaries from which parochial schools draw their student body create an uneven playing field.

Committee members noted that most public schools now draw students from one or more other school district. A motion was

made, seconded and passed unanimously to not support the survey request.

### **BOWLING**

The Committee was notified that classifications for the first MHSAA Bowling Tournament in March of 2004 would be conducted in traditional classifications according to the policy outlined on page 82 of the 2002-03 *MHSAA Handbook*.

### **CLASS D SCHOOLS PARTICIPATION IN LOWER PENINSULA MHSAA TRACK & FIELD AND CROSS COUNTRY MEETS**

After reviewing and discussing information relative to Lower Peninsula Class D schools' sponsorship of track and field and cross country and the number of those schools scoring in the 2002 MHSAA Lower Peninsula Track and Field and Cross Country Finals, there was consensus that more research should be conducted including how the smaller schools of Divisions 1, 2 and 3 fare in the Final meets to determine if there is anything unique about the success ratio of the smaller schools in Division 4 tournaments.

### **EQUAL DIVISIONS**

The 2002 MHSAA Update Meeting Survey reveals support among all classes for conducting basketball and girls volleyball tournaments in four equal divisions, girls competitive cheer in three equal divisions and skiing in two equal divisions. The pros and cons were discussed.

A motion was made and seconded, but did not pass, to recommend to the Representative Council that the MHSAA tournaments in basketball, volleyball, competitive cheer and skiing be conducted in equal divisions.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS TO REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

1. Explore (a) alternatives within the 4 Class format for enhancing the opportunity for the smallest Class D schools to experience success in District tournaments and (b) MHSAA sponsorship of regular season invitational tournaments for smaller Class D schools (17-0 in favor). ■

## 2002 UPDATE MEETING SURVEY RESULTS

### All Meetings

1. I favor replacing the traditional MHSAA tournament classification (Classes A, B, C, D) with the "equal divisions" concept (Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4) for:  
*Boys and Girls basketball (4 equal divisions)*  

<b>Yes</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>(73.8%)</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>(26.2%)</b>
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2. *Girls volleyball (4 equal divisions)*  

<b>Yes</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>(75.1%)</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>(24.9%)</b>
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3. *Girls competitive cheer (3 equal divisions)*  

<b>Yes</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>(78.6%)</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>(21.4%)</b>
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4. *Boys and Girls skiing (2 equal divisions)*  

<b>Yes</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>(79.3%)</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>(20.7%)</b>
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5. Do you support a 9th Division of the MHSAA Football Playoffs that would be for Class D schools only and would play under 9-, 8-, or 6-player rules?  

<b>Yes</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>(36.2%)</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>(63.8%)</b>
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6. Do you support a 9th Division of the MHSAA Football Playoffs that would be for Class C and D schools and would play under 9-, 8-, or 6-player rules?  

<b>Yes</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>(19.1%)</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>(80.9%)</b>
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7. Do you support a change of policy so that MHSAA tournament contests may be conducted on Sundays if weather or other factors make events scheduled for Saturday impossible to complete?  

<b>Yes</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>(34.2%)</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>(65.8%)</b>
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8. Do you support a change of policy so that students certified as special education students (with an IEP) are not included in the enrollment figures submitted for MHSAA tournament classification even if they are eligible to participate?  

<b>Yes</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>(24.2%)</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>(75.8%)</b>
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9. Do you favor a change of policy so that member schools with artificial turf fields may host MHSAA Regional, Semifinal or Final Soccer tournaments?  

<b>Yes</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>(63.0%)</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>(37.0%)</b>
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10. Do you favor rally scoring in the MHSAA Volleyball Tournament (a point is awarded on every volley, not just when the serving team wins the volley)?  

<b>Yes</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>(54.2%)</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>(45.8%)</b>
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11. Do you favor the use of three officials at Regional as well as Final level of the MHSAA Basketball Tournaments?  

<b>Yes</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>(81.6%)</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>(18.4%)</b>
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12. Do you favor the use of three officials at Regional as well as Final level of the MHSAA Baseball/Softball Tournaments?  

<b>Yes</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>(70.0%)</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>(30.0%)</b>
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13. Do you favor an increase from 12 to 15 in the contest maximum for Junior High/Middle School Basketball?  

<b>Yes</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>(32.4%)</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>(67.6%)</b>
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14. Do you favor an increase from 12 to 15 in the contest maximum for Junior High/Middle School Soccer?

**Yes      239            (28.8%)    No      592            (71.2%)**

15. Do you favor an increase from 12 to 15 in the maximum days of competition for Junior High/Middle School Volleyball?

**Yes      250            (29.7%)    No      591            (70.3%)**

16. Do you favor an increase from 10 to 12 in the maximum days of competition for Junior High/Middle School Baseball and Softball?

**Yes      290            (34.8%)    No      544            (65.2%)**

17. Do you favor an increase from 6 to 7 in the contest maximum for Junior High/Middle School Football?

**Yes      295            (35.2%)    No      543            (64.8%)**

18. Do you favor seeding at the lowest level of MHSAA team tournaments?

**Yes      400            (47.8%)    No      437            (52.2%)**

19. (Lower Peninsula Only) Of the options presented for the sports seasons Compliance Plan, I MOST favor (choose one) . . .

- A.      Switch golf and soccer seasons for boys and girls.
- B.      Switch golf and swimming & diving seasons for boys and girls.
- C.      Switch golf and tennis seasons for boys and girls.
- D.      Switch soccer and swimming & diving seasons for boys and girls.
- E.      Switch soccer and tennis seasons for boys and girls.
- F.      Switch swimming & diving and tennis seasons for boys and girls.

**84            Answer A - (9.74%)**

**110          Answer B - (12.76%)**

**150          Answer C - (17.40%)**

**127          Answer D - (14.73%)**

**111          Answer E - (12.88%)**

**180          Answer F - (20.88%)**

20. (Lower Peninsula Only) Of the options presented for the sports seasons Compliance Plan, I LEAST favor (choose one) . . .

- A. Switch golf and soccer seasons for boys and girls.
- B. Switch golf and swimming & diving seasons for boys and girls.
- C. Switch golf and tennis seasons for boys and girls.
- D. Switch soccer and swimming & diving seasons for boys and girls.
- E. Switch soccer and tennis seasons for boys and girls.
- F. Switch swimming & diving and tennis seasons for boys and girls.

**338 Answer A - (39.21%)**

**32 Answer B - (3.71%)**

**119 Answer C - (13.81%)**

**115 Answer D - (13.34%)**

**80 Answer E - (9.28%)**

**71 Answer F - (8.24%)**

<b>Respondents By Title</b>	<b>Respondents By Classification</b>
90 Superintendents (10.4%)	257 Class A (29.8%)
210 Principals (24.4%)	259 Class B (30.0%)
459 Athletic Directors (53.2%)	187 Class C (21.7%)
13 Coaches (1.5%)	95 Class D (11.0%)
18 Board Members (2.1%)	0 Junior High/Middle School (0.0%)
48 Other (5.6%)	
<b>TOTAL SURVEYS RECEIVED = 862</b>	

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