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**New this year: Head coaches who miss rules meetings and do not pass exams will not coach in MHSAA Tournaments**  
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The Only Official Interpretations  
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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. 19 at Marquette High School, while the Lower Peninsula boys teams hit the pool on March 11-12 in Ypsilanti and Rochester. The Cheer Finals are slated for the DeltaPlex in Grand Rapids on March 12, while the Ice Hockey Finals are March 10-12 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 19, 2005

### Members Present:

Keith Eldred, Williamston  
William Newkirk, Meridian  
Dan Flynn, Escanaba  
Vic Michaels, Detroit  
Fred Procter, Beverly Hills

### Staff Member Present:

Tom Rashid  
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

**Executive Committee Authority and Responsibility** - The Executive Committee reviewed 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. If any information provided to the Executive Committee is inaccurate, any decision of the Executive Committee to grant

waiver of a regulation shall be null and void.

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 will 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 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 postseason 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.

**Whittemore-Prescott High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5)** - A request to waive the maximum semesters portions of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who began the 9th grade in 1999-00 in Alaska, completing five semesters of enrollment through the first semester of his 11th-grade year in January

2002. The student did not attend school for the second semester of the 2001-02 school year, but sought employment to support his parents. Disputed transcripts and withdrawal dates were submitted for both semesters of the 2002-03 school year where it was penned that the student left school on Oct. 10, 2002 for the first semester and Jan. 27, 2003 for the second semester. The student did not attend school for the 2003-04 school year, relocated to Whittemore-Prescott High School with his parents, and enrolled in the alternative education program to begin this (2004-05) school year. The student became 19 years of age and has completed five first semesters, including the one ending January 2005, and three second semesters, including one with the disputed withdrawal date.

Based on the official school records provided, which showed both attendance and failing grades for the semesters in question, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Ann Arbor-Central Academy (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2004-05 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who enrolled at Central Academy on Oct. 25, 2004, after attending Ypsilanti High School. The student has not participated in athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only through the remainder of the 2004-05 school year.

**Ann Arbor-Pioneer High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who was residing with his father and attending school in Canada. The student has relocated to reside with his mother in the Pioneer district, enrolling Jan. 13, 2005. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with an order for child support from the Supreme Court of Newfoundland.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Bronson High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Bronson High

School for the 9th grade in the 2002-03 school year and was on the wrestling team. In the fall of 2003, during the student's 10th grade, the student's mother committed suicide and the student was placed by the court into the home of his biological father in Missouri with whom he had not lived for eight years. The student's former principal in Missouri reported physical abuse by the father, bruising, the involvement of the Department of Family Services, and the student relocating to another family. The student reenrolled at Bronson on Dec. 7, 2004, and has returned to reside with his stepfather in the district.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Cassopolis High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended school in Minnesota while living with his mother and relocated without his mother to reside with his grandmother in Cassopolis because of continuing problems at home with an emotionally disabled brother and to be closer to his father in Indiana. The student enrolled Dec. 1, 2004, and had played basketball while in Minnesota.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver, noting it was not provided a compelling reason for the student to relocate to a grandparent rather than his father.

**Center Line-St. Clement High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Detroit-East Catholic High School, residing with his mother in the Denby High School attendance area in Detroit. In August, the student moved to the Osborn attendance area and began residing with his father. The student enrolled at St. Clement on Nov. 15, 2004. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted with a birth certificate indicating the father. St. Clement is the closest Catholic school to the student's current residence.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Flint-The Valley School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who had attended The Valley School

for 7th and 8th grades before enrolling at Grand Blanc High School to begin the 2004-05 school year when there was a threat of the school closing due to financial problems. The student and her younger brother had paid tuition to begin the school year at The Valley School and practiced in the summer with basketball team members. The Valley School cancelled girls basketball this year. The student participated on the Grand Blanc volleyball team before enrolling at The Valley School on Dec. 10, 2004. There are 24 students in grades 9-12 at The Valley School, and only 8 of 10 girls to play volleyball.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C])** - A request was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility in the competitive cheer cooperative program between Forest Hills Central, Forest Hills Northern and Forest Hills Eastern High Schools. The student attended Forest Hills Northern for the 10th grade and enrolled at Forest Hills Eastern to begin the 11th grade, reenrolling at Forest Hills Northern on Sept. 13, 2004. The principal at Forest Hills Eastern signed the in-district "school of choice" form permitting the change of schools. The student is a member of the competitive cheer team.

Pursuant to the requirements of this Section, the Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for competitive cheer only for the remainder of the 2004-05 school year.

**Haslett High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who resided with his father and was enrolled in St. Johns High School before changing residence to his mother's home in Perry, on the Haslett School District boundary line, in October. Haslett High School is closer to the mother's residence than is Perry High School. The student enrolled at Haslett on Dec. 15, 2004, where the mother's two elementary school daughters enrolled to begin the 2004-05 school year. The student's parents never married. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted with a birth certificate identifying both parents.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Horton-Hanover-Horton High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment on behalf of an 11th-grade student who completed a trimester at Napoleon High School before enrolling at Hanover-Horton High School on Dec. 13, 2004.

Noting that the date of transfer is beyond the intent of the Section pursuant to Interpretation No. 92 and that compelling circumstances are lacking, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Jackson High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit immediate eligibility or eligibility at the subvarsity level only on behalf of a 9th-grade student who began the 2004-05 school year at Jackson High School before moving in with his birth mother and enrolling at Lansing-Everett High School for one month. In November, the student returned to Jackson to live with his grandmother, who has been the student's legal guardian since age two. The student did not participate in athletics at either school.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of classes in the second semester of the 2004-05 school year.

**Kalamazoo Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who had attended Kalamazoo Central for the 9th grade and the start of his 10th-grade year. The student then enrolled at Hackett Catholic Central High School from Nov. 8 to Dec. 16, 2004, when he reenrolled at Kalamazoo Central. On both Nov. 10 and Dec. 2, 2004, the Executive Committee denied a request for waiver of the transfer regulation for this student to become eligible for the ice hockey cooperative program between Kalamazoo Central, Hackett Catholic Central and Loy Norrix High Schools because the student, attending Hackett at the time, had not actually been a member of the cooperative team the previous season. The student returned to Kalamazoo Central because of poor social adjustment at Hackett. The request was

based on the premise that the student changing schools had no effect on which team he would be participating with.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver except at the subvarsity level, provided the student has not participated in a contest or scrimmage in an MHSAA tournament sport in any high school sport.

**Lansing-Sexton High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended school in Georgia where he did not participate in athletics. The student enrolled at Sexton on Aug. 30, 2004.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of classes in the second semester of the 2004-05 school year.

**Niles High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade foreign exchange student who had enrolled at Union City High School on Sept. 21, 2004, as part of a double placement (two students, same host). A double placement must have the approval of the parents, which International Student Exchange did not obtain. Another home in Union City could not be found. On Nov. 8, 2004, the student was placed in a home in the Niles district.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver and requested staff to (1) notify the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) of this additional problem with placements by International Student Exchange; (2) remind ISE that no waivers of eligibility rules will be granted in 2005-06 to students placed by this local representative of ISE; and (3) alert schools in the area of this local representative regarding these decisions.

**Portage Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9 and Regulation V, Section 4[B])** - In October, there was an appeal of a decision by staff with regard to a transfer student's eligibility and forfeiture. A 10th-grade student attended Portage Northern for the 9th grade and was enrolled at Portage Central, the school of his residence, to begin the 2004-05 school year in the 10th grade. During the student's 9th-grade year, "situations occurred causing frustration with the

administration." By the end of the 2003-04 school year, the student had "worn out his welcome and the principal elected not to allow the student back as a 10th-grader." The assistant superintendent moved this student to Portage Central. The student participated in three JV football games, which the school has forfeited.

Assistant Superintendent Richard Perry and Athletic Director Larry Edlund met with the Executive Committee at the Oct. 21, 2004 meeting. The school district maintained that the student should be eligible under Exception 9 of the transfer rule ("A student transfers within a school system for other than athletic or disciplinary purposes as a result of the initiative and order of the board of education . . .") and that specific *Handbook* language does not support the MHSAA application.

The district maintained that although this student was involved in a discipline matter during 9th grade, he did not have his "guest" status revoked at Portage Northern High School in June when students were being transferred for disciplinary reasons. It was after the student was alleged to have made a threatening call to a female student during the summer that this student was moved to Portage Central High School; but the district maintained this was not a matter of school discipline.

MHSAA staff reported that Exception 9 has been applied when students are transferred to protect those individuals from threatening situations that are not their fault, or to equalize enrollment between schools of a district without making permanent attendance area boundary changes, but in either case has necessitated actual board of education action specific for the student(s) involved. Staff believes a reasonable interpretation is that the transfer in question was for disciplinary reasons.

The Executive Committee found that the documentation provided by the school district was not explicit in authorizing the assistant superintendent to act in place of the school board in these matters, either in general or with respect to this student in particular; and it was entirely missing a definition of "discipline" that would contradict the reasonable conclusions staff has made based on the information provided.

The Executive Committee tabled this matter with the understanding that the school district would provide the following: (1) student code of conduct; (2) administrative guidelines for Board of Education Policy No. 2112, Item 2; (3) copy of the letter notifying this student's parents of his transfer; (4) a sample of the June 2004 letter sent to parents of students being transferred for disciplinary reasons; and (5) any school and police reports which may be related to this student during 9th grade and the summer of 2004; but even if such were not provided, the Executive Committee would conclude the matter in early 2005. The school provided much of the requested documentation on Jan. 13, 2005.

The Executive Committee noted that even if the School Code allows school district personnel to move students for any reason from one school to another, it does not follow that those students are eligible immediately for interscholastic athletics. Such authority does not override eligibility rules the school district has agreed contractually to enforce as a part of its voluntary membership in the MHSAA. The committee observed that there are many situations which state laws allow - e.g., school of choice - which give a right to students to attend a school without also conferring the privilege of interscholastic athletic participation.

A fair reading of the information provided to the Executive Committee for its Oct. 21, 2004 meeting indicated that the student in question had been transferred for discipline reasons. The additional material received from the school district on Jan. 13, 2005 provides additional support for the conclusion that the student was transferred for discipline reasons. The principal's July 27, 2004 letter to the parents cites a specific threat the student uttered, revokes the student's "guest" status at Portage Northern High School, and advises that the student will not be able to attend extra or co-curricular events at Portage Northern High School except for those involving Portage Central High School.

Even though the school district's policy covers both school and non-school use of drugs and alcohol, the Executive Committee observed that the school attempts to distinguish actions at/during school from actions away from school/during the summer.

However, this is not a distinction found in the transfer regulation. It would not be good policy for interscholastic athletics to deny eligibility to students who are transferred for actions at school/during the school day but to permit immediate eligibility to students who are transferred for actions away from school/during the summer.

The documentation provided by the school indicates students' "guest status" can be revoked for problems of attendance or discipline. In his letter to the student, the principal cites "the seriousness of the threats and the potential for trouble resulting from the threats as the reasons for revoking the 'guest status.'" (emphasis added) Clearly, this student's behavior was at issue, he was transferred because of it and should not be rewarded with eligibility denied to students who had their guest status revoked earlier but for less serious matters.

The Executive Committee confirmed that the staff's application of the rule and forfeitures is appropriate in this case.

**Sand Creek High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C])** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student to permit eligibility on the wrestling cooperative team only. The student attended Adrian-Madison High School for the 9th grade in 2002-03 and the first semester of the 10th grade before withdrawing from school altogether at the beginning of the second semester of the 2003-04 school year. In July 2004, the student enrolled in the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy at-risk alternative program which he completed on Dec. 11, 2004. The student continues to reside in the Madison School District but wishes to attend Sand Creek High School to avoid the risks of falling into the same destructive behaviors. The student was a member of the wrestling cooperative team between Sand Creek and Madison High Schools.

Pursuant to the requirements of this Section, the Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for wrestling only during the 2004-05 school year.

**Suttons Bay High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who resided with his father and

was enrolled in school in Jacksonville, Fla., before changing residence to his mother's home in Suttons Bay and enrolling at Suttons Bay High School on Nov. 30, 2004. The student's parents never married. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted with a birth certificate identifying both parents.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Traverse City Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment at Traverse City Central High School on behalf of a 10th-grade student who had attended Traverse City West High School, enrolling at Central on Oct. 7, 2004.

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

**Vestaburg High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who had attended Vestaburg Schools from Kindergarten through 8th grade and began the 9th grade in 2004-05 at Mt. Pleasant-Sacred Heart Academy. The student enrolled at Vestaburg High School to begin the second semester of the 10th grade on Jan. 17, 2005, in order to be closer to home to assist with family needs that include a 19-year-old sibling with Downs Syndrome and kidney failure, a father with lung disease, and the recent pregnancy of the oldest college-age daughter. Outside documentation was received that shows the serious health conditions of the older brother and father, and the pregnancy of the sister.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Wyoming Park High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2004-05 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who enrolled at East Kentwood High School for the fourth quarter of his 9th grade and the start of the 10th grade before reenrolling at Wyoming Park on Nov 9, 2004. The student has not participated in athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2004-05 school year.

**Inkster High School (Regulation I, Section 10)** - An appeal was made of the decision of the executive director that a violation of undue influence occurred and, pursuant to the regulation, that Inkster High School shall be placed on probation and the varsity girls basketball coach at Inkster High School not be permitted to coach at Inkster High School for a one-year period and shall not coach for a one-year period in any other member school in any MHSAA tournament in any sport.

The coach, principal and director of operations met for 75 minutes with the committee, which had received in excess of 250 pages of documents prior to the meeting and another 121 pages during the meeting.

The Executive Committee tabled the matter to its next meeting to permit committee members to review all documentation presented.

**Dollar Bay Junior High School (Regulation III, Section 1[C])** - A request to waive the enrollment regulation was made to permit 6th-grade boys to participate with and against 7th-grade students. The high school enrollment is 69 students; the reported 7th and 8th-grade enrollment is 56 students.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for 6th-grade boys on 7th-grade teams during the remainder of the 2004-05 school year.

**Allen Park Middle School (Regulation IV, Section 7 and Regulation V, Section 3)** - On Dec. 10, 2004, an administrator of Allen Park Middle School ended an 8th-grade basketball game near the end of the fourth quarter, with the agreement of both coaches, because he thought the officials had let the game get out of control. The officials cited concerns for conduct of Allen Park Middle School personnel and spectators, but no concerns for the opponent, Taylor-Hoover Middle School. Earlier in the day, this administrator had allowed an unregistered official to start the 7th-grade game because the officials hired by Taylor-Hoover for the game originally scheduled at Hoover were late in arriving. The administrator provided a letter of explanation.

The Executive Committee noted that while school administrators retain local authority over contests and may terminate contests in the most serious situations, the circumstances of Dec. 10, 2004 did not appear to require the removal of teams from competition. The committee determined that, based on the actions and written response received Jan. 19, 2005, the school shall be placed on probation until Dec. 31, 2005, and gave instructions to staff for additional follow-up.

**Ski Valley Conference (Regulation IV, Section 10[B])** - A request to waive the fall sports practice starting date was made to allow the junior high/middle schools in the Ski Valley Conference to match the high school starting dates by allowing football practice to begin on Aug. 8, 2005, and girls basketball practice to begin on Aug. 15, 2005.

The Executive Committee noted that granting a request of this type may exceed its authority, and if change is to be made, it should be by the Representative Council and apply to all schools. The committee also noted that the MHSAA Junior High/Middle School Committee determined recently that it would not advance to the Representative Council this year a proposal to change the regulations relative to the start of fall practices for junior high/middle school teams. Therefore, this request was denied.

**Trophies & Medals** - The Executive Committee approved the staff recommendation that trophy and medal contracts be extended without change for another year because there is a general satisfaction with product and service, and it would allow the trophy manufacturer an opportunity to experience a return on the investment of creating a first-time figure series for boys and girls lacrosse. The trophy and medal vendors have agreed.

**Representative Council** - The Executive Committee reviewed a draft of the March 18 Representative Council meeting agenda.

**Next Meetings** - The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 23, 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing (Finance Committee to follow); Thursday, March 17, 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing (Representative Council March 18); Wednesday, April 20, 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing (Finance Committee to follow); Saturday, April 30, 6 p.m. in Rothbury (Representative Council May 1-3); Wednesday, May 25, 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, June 15, 12 Noon in East Lansing; Tuesday, Aug. 2, 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Aug. 24, 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Monday, Sept. 19, 9 a.m. in Traverse City (Annual Business/Update Meeting at 7:15 a.m.); Thursday, Oct. 13, 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Nov. 9, 9 a.m. in East Lansing; and Thursday, Dec. 1, 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing (Representative Council Dec. 2). ■

## ANALYSIS OF MHSAA MEMBERSHIP

January 1, 2005

### 763 Total High Schools

- 642 (84%) Total Public Schools
  - 36 (5%) Charter (Public School Academies)
  - 606 (79%) Traditional Schools
- 121 (16%) Total Nonpublic Schools
  - 111 (15%) Religious
  - 8 (1%) Non-Secular

### 826 Total Junior High/Middle Schools

- 743 (90%) Total Public Schools
  - 25 (3%) Charter (Public School Academies)
  - 718 (87%) Traditional Schools
- 83 (9%) Total Nonpublic Schools
  - 82 (10%) Religious
  - 1 (0.1%) Non-Secular

# UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Escanaba, January 12, 2005

## **Members Present:**

Russ Bailey, Ewen  
James Derocher, Negaunee  
Dan Flynn, Escanaba  
Bruce Horsch, Houghton  
Paul Polfus, Carney  
Joe Reddinger, Felch  
Thomas Smith, Escanaba

## **Guests:**

Don Edens, Kingsford, Retired  
Rick Ledy, St. Ignace

## **Staff Member Present:**

Nate Hampton, Recorder

## **BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS SELECTION**

The committee selected officials who are to receive invitations at District and Regional sites involving Upper Peninsula schools in the 2005 MHSAA Boys Basketball Tournament. In addition, Robert Lee of St. Ignace was selected to an MHSAA Finals game in East Lansing; James St. Onge of Marquette was chosen to officiate the Semi-Final game; John Vaara of Hancock was selected for a Quarterfinal and Doug Schupp of Norway was selected to be the Quarterfinal alternate.

## **BOYS BASKETBALL REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

Class C: Marquette High School. Trophy presented by Jim Derocher, Superintendent at Negaunee.

Class D: Michigan Technological University-Houghton. Trophy presented by Bruce Horsch, Athletic Director at Houghton High School

Host managers will determine days and times for Regional competition based on the availability of facilities and travel by participating schools.

The Upper Peninsula Committee and host managers will assist the MHSAA staff with replacement officials should any of the officials initially invited decline.

## **TRACK AND FIELD**

The Regional meet assignments were assigned as follows. All meets to be held May 18-21, 2005.

Division 1 – Sault Ste. Marie and Negaunee; Division 2 – Norway and St. Ignace; Division 3 – Pickford, Rapid River, Baraga and North Dickinson.

Kingsford High School will host the Upper Peninsula Finals.

The committee was reminded that all hosting schools must use pole vault equipment that at least meets the published National Federation minimum standards.

Chosen to serve as referees for the Finals were Richard P. Olds of Iron Mountain and John Myer of Iron Mountain. Chosen to serve as starters for the Finals were Sean Jacques of Calumet and Jeffery Schram of Rapid River. Walter Lakari of Iron Mountain will serve as alternate starter.

## **ICE HOCKEY**

The Division 3 Regional will be hosted by Calumet High School at Michigan Technological University. The Division 1 Regional will be hosted by Marquette High School.

Regional winners will advance to Quarterfinals on Tuesday-Wednesday, March 8-9, 2005. Division 1 will play at Bay City Central and Division 3 at Sault Ste. Marie.

The Ice Hockey Finals will be played at Compuware Arena in Canton on March 11-12, 2005.

Regional managers will select officials to receive invitations. Bruce Horsch of Houghton High School will coordinate the selection process.

## **VOLLEYBALL**

Officials were selected for the 2005 MHSAA Regional Volleyball Tournaments at Iron Mountain and Crystal Falls-Forest Park.

Sandra Raymond of Escanaba was selected to officiate the Class C Quarterfinals at Charlevoix High School and Christine Carlson of Ironwood was selected to officiate

the Class D Quarterfinals at Rapid River.

Christine Carlson of Ironwood was selected to officiate the Finals.

### **WRESTLING**

Officials selected to work the MHSAA Upper Peninsula Individual Wrestling Finals were Adam Bergman, Ishpeming; Michael Caster, Marquette; Scot Fure, Marquette; David Gagnon, Gladstone and Mitchell Perry, Moran (Friday only).

### **FUTURE TOURNAMENTS**

The following schools were invited to host 2005 MHSAA Tournaments.

**Girls Tennis** – September 30, 2005  
Division 1 - Marquette High School  
Division 2 - Ishpeming High School

**Cross Country** – October 22, 2005  
Houghton High School

**Wrestling** – February 17-18, 2006  
Marquette High School

### **RULES MEETING ATTENDANCE**

Alternatives to current requirements for officials to attend rules meetings were discussed and the committee was updated on the latest discussions held by the MHSAA Representative Council and staff. A prepared handout was shared with the Upper Peninsula Committee which detailed additional discussion points and areas of interest that the Representative Council will review in future meetings.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The committee reviewed a letter from Cedarville High School requesting an immediate change in a Regional Basketball site from Newberry High School to Lake Superior State University.

The committee noted that such a change at this point would not serve well those MHSAA member schools that made a request to host and may cause unnecessary confusion with those sites that are already published.

### **APPRECIATION**

The Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee and the Michigan High School Athletic Association presented to Mr. Don Edens, retired athletic director from Kingsford High School, plaques of appreciation for tireless and selfless service to the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee, Upper Peninsula schools and the Michigan High School Athletic Association for a number of years.

The Upper Peninsula Committee also thanked Mr. Edens for being an outstanding manager and host to Upper Peninsula Finals in tennis and track and field, and any number of other MHSAA tournaments.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee will be in Escanaba on Friday, April 29, 2005, following the Upper Peninsula Athletic Directors Meeting. ■

## **SUBMIT FINALS PROGRAM MATERIALS 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.

# REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL & UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE NOMINATION PROCEDURES FOR 2005-06

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 ■

## *And We Quote –*

*“The ultimate measure of a person is not where they stand in moments of comfort and convenience, but where they stand at times of challenge and controversy.”*

*— Martin Luther King Jr.*

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# 2005-06 MHSAA COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS

A procedure has been adopted by the Representative Council to select MHSAA committee members. In the early spring of 2005, all superintendents, principals, athletic directors, coaches and board of education members 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, Bowling, Competitive Cheer, Cross Country/Track & Field, Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Ice Hockey, Boys Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse, 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 Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse, 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 at MHSAA postseason tournaments. ■

## CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION AND SELECTION OF MHSAA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

1. Coaches must 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 44 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 2005-06 school year. If you desire to place yourself as a nominee complete this form and mail it to the MHSAA office by March 15, 2005. **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.

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

City/School \_\_\_\_\_ Principal \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature)

**RETURN TO MHSAA NO LATER THAN MARCH 15, 2005**

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### “HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS IN AN ERA OF REFORM”

During 2004, the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) convened a commission "to assess the state of high school athletics and recommend policies for adoption by states, districts, and schools advocating that athletic programs support, rather than undermine, student academic achievement."

The Report of the NASBE Commission on High School Athletics in an Era of Reform was released in November and states the following: "There is an urgent need to address this issue as professional sports increasingly encroach upon academics. Indeed, the problems that have plagued college athletics – such as unscrupulous agents, mercenary coaches, questionable recruiting practices, and extravagant benefits bestowed upon players – are now becoming more frequent at the high school level and, in some instances, the middle school level.

"These practices compromise the schools' educational mission . . ."

The Commission's report is especially critical of sports specialization and the spread of "pay-to-play" policies, and it advocates for the importance of adequately trained coaches.

When I finished reading the 44-page report, I couldn't help but think that the Michigan High School Athletic Association has some answers the Commission is looking for.

Through the MHSAA, Michigan's secondary schools have adopted and enforced policies and procedures that avoid the excesses of other levels of sports and even of high school sports in other places. For example:

- Schools do not participate in national-scope tournaments and students do

not compete in national high school championships. Schools do not allow live telecasts of regular-season contests.

- Coaches do not receive payments that exceed the Board of Education approved pay scale for all extracurricular activities, and all payments to coaches must be through the school, not from any outside sources.
- Student-athletes do not receive cash prizes and may not receive symbolic or merchandise awards with a value of more than \$25. Student-athletes do not keep school-provided uniforms, warm-ups, shoes, etc., unless they reimburse the school appropriately.
- The MHSAA opposes sports specialization and "pay-for-play" fees; and the MHSAA administers a comprehensive continuing education program for coaches.

Occasionally, non-school promoters and people who do not share the perspective that athletics are secondary to the academic mission of schools will criticize MHSAA policies for being out of date. However, because of those policies, there will be far less need for the kind of reform in Michigan that is being advocated by the NASBE Commission nationwide. Because Michigan schools have wandered less from the purity of their mission in school sports, less adjustment in the trajectory of their programs will be required. ■

## GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

### LET YOUR ATHLETES PLAY OTHER SPORTS

*Editor's Note: The following article was written by Portland High School Athletic Director Kevin Veale for the school's newspaper.*

This installment of the Sports Corner article originated from a pamphlet designed, developed and distributed by the MHSAA. You may have seen them on the table as you enter athletic events at PHS, as they are always made available free of charge. Also distributed recently from the MHSAA was an article entitled, "Progression from High School Sports Participation to NCAA Division I and Professional Ranks." Finally, the hot topic in a lot of our monthly coaching staff meetings – and even the focus of a four-part series special in *Sports Illustrated* recently – is the high school athlete today and the problem of how to run off-season conditioning programs while still promoting multi-sport athletes and, most importantly, letting kids have some free time to "be kids." This is a nationwide dilemma, not just a state of Michigan dilemma and certainly not unique to Portland.

It should be made clear that participation in high school sports and other extracurricular activities is one of, if not *the* best, use of time for school-age children after time spent on academics, family, faith, and other priorities such as these. The life lessons and habits learned in sports can't be learned anywhere else. Not to mention that high school sports are an extension of the classroom and are run with the focus on team, sportsmanship, and winning or losing with class. Unfortunately in many ways, the demands put on high school athletes these days have increased to the point where fewer and fewer kids participate in multiple sports; the three-sport athlete is almost unheard of nowadays (we graduated zero last year from PHS), partly due to the off-season programs which have become necessary and the temptations to "specialize." However, in order to remain competitive, off-

season programs are a must. It's a fine line to walk and we at PHS do our best to try to provide the best programs we can for our students so that they are ensured a positive, fun experience on quality teams which can compete while still trying to allow them free time for other priorities. When developing these off-season programs, our coaching staff also understands the importance of allowing for a maximum commitment to the sport the students are currently participating in and know that communicating with each other is of utmost importance.

With this being said, help from parents when encouraging the involvement of your children and helping them with priorities and the scheduling of them is a necessity. There are three basic principles that our staff tries to use as guidelines when running our off-season programs:

1. THE BEST OFF-SEASON CONDITIONING PROGRAM FOR ANY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE IS TO BE ON ANOTHER HIGH SCHOOL SPORT TEAM. Athletes need to have constant exposure to being a member of a team, being in competitive athletic situations, and the structure of schedule and supervision. Plus, it is beneficial to the quality of all of the teams we sponsor and this carries over to school spirit.
2. All off-season programs must adhere to MHSAA and PHS rules and regulations.
3. The in-season sport gets precedence when demands on our students' time become an issue.

Please do your part to promote multi-sport involvement of your children and help us make PHS Athletics as good as we can be while still helping them with other, more important, priorities.

— Kevin Veale  
*Athletic Director/Activities Coordinator  
Portland High School*

## REVIEWING THE REGULATIONS

### LIMITED TEAM MEMBERSHIP

*(MHSAA Handbook - Regulation I, Section 13)*

#### A. History and Rationale

In some state high school associations, it's called the "loyalty" rule, derived from the opinion that a student should put his/her school team above self-interest.

- ◆ It isn't fair to teammates and team goals if a member of the team misses practice or competition to travel to, practice for or compete in non-school events during the school season.
- ◆ It isn't fair to teammates and team goals if a member risks fatigue or injury in non-school competition during the school season.

Sometimes coaches add another concern: It's difficult for a coach to teach skills and strategies to a player who is simultaneously receiving coaching from non-school personnel.

These are not insignificant concerns; but for the membership and leadership of the MHSAA over the years, there have been additional reasons for the rule that we call "Limited Team Membership." We just think it's possible to get too much of a good thing: too much of one sport, too much of sports in general.

The Limited Team Membership rule promotes well-rounded, well-balanced students. It promotes the fact that the young people are to be **students first**, then athletes. It encourages students to participate in more than one sport and to have time for non-athletic activities as well as athletics, and non-school activities as well as school activities: church and civic, jobs and volunteerism. **It helps equip students for life, not just sports.**

#### B. Application

The elected representatives of MHSAA member schools have adopted exceptions to the basic requirement that once a student becomes a member of a school team, he or she participates on no other teams in that sport during the high school season.

1. The regulations allow a student to participate in a maximum of **two individual sports meets or contests during the school season while not representing his or her school.**

Different sports have different problems and needs. For example, in ice hockey, with rare exceptions, schools which cannot afford the high cost of ice time for both varsity and junior varsity squads found the rule to work against the average player and place stress on relationships with non-school programs. Schools which sponsor skiing cited the very short competitive season that was causing the outstanding competitors to avoid practice with their schools until just before the MHSAA meets so they could compete in non-school events for the most highly skilled skiers.

Therefore, for ice hockey and all individual sports but skiing, the regulation applies from each student's first participation in a school contest or preseason scrimmage in that sport. For skiing, the regulation applies from the school team's first participation in an interscholastic scrimmage or contest. For all other sports, the regulation applies from each student's first practice with the school team in that sport.

With respect to the two non-school events in which an individual athlete is allowed to compete after competing with his or her school team in that sport, the MHSAA Representative Council stated specifically that school personnel may have no part in planning or supervision. School people may open their facilities to a non-school event and manage the facility; but school personnel may have no part in planning or managing the meet itself.

2. The regulations also allow a student to participate as a member of a "**National Team**" or in an "**Olympic Development Program**."

A National Team is one which is selected by the national governing body of the sport on a national qualification basis either through a defined selective process or actual tryouts for the purpose of international competition, which requires the entries to officially represent their respective nations, although it is not necessary there be team scoring by nation.

**An Olympic Development Program** is one which is conducted or sponsored by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC); or directly funded in major part and conducted by the USOC member national governing body (NGB) on a national level (eg., NGB national championship competition and the direct qualifications thereto); OR specifically authorized by a national governing body involving only athletes previously identified by the NGB as having bona-fide potential for participation in national or international competition in the sport involved.

Many organizations with very tenuous connections to the USOC claim to be Olympic Development Programs. **Unless the programs are funded in major part by the USOC and conducted or authorized by the national governing body of the sport involved as stated above, they are not Olympic Development Programs under MHSAA regulations.**

Rarely, if ever, would more than one member of the same high school team be part of a National Team or Olympic Development Program. The traditional AAU programs in basketball and volleyball are neither National Teams nor Olympic Development Programs.

**The purpose of this regulation is to limit a student's athletic competition to his or her high school team during the season of the sport concerned. The purpose of the exceptions to this regulation is to allow individual athletes reasonable opportunities to participate in non-school competition important to their continued development in the sport. The regulation is violated in its purpose when coaches arrange these outside opportunities to allow athletes to exceed the maximum days of competition permitted under Regulation II, Section 11. School personnel cannot plan or supervise these events.**

### **C. National Team/Olympic Development Exception**

Regulation I, Section 13(C) came to the Michigan High School Athletic Association in essentially the same wording as it appears today as a result of controversies and compromises of the 1960s and 1970s.

At that time, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) was challenging the stranglehold of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) on international competition in general and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) in particular. The NCAA - along with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) and National Federation of State High School Associations (NF) - created the single sports federation movement to challenge AAU dominance and membership in the USOC. The United States Wrestling Federation (USSF, now USA Wrestling) and the Amateur Basketball Association of the USA (ABA USA) were two of the better known and bitterly fought for sports federations created.

In the mid-1970's, individual athletes were challenging authorities over international competition, seeking an "Athletes' Bill of Rights."

In response, President Ford appointed in 1976 a blue-ribbon "Commission on Olympic Sports." After several months of testimony and deliberations, the Commission recommendations included that parents should make all international competition decisions and that teachers, coaches and principals participate in an advisory capacity only, recommending that a high school deny students the opportunity to participate in international competition or qualifying domestic competition only if such denial were designed . . .

- "1. To promote the educational welfare of amateur athletes at the school, or
- "2. To maintain and protect established sports programs during the regular season for each particular sport at the high school."

State high school associations would have only an advisory role.

Then followed the introduction of a bill in the United States Senate (S. 2036) by Senator Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) which contained a so-called "Amateur Athletes' Bill of Rights Act" which would have prohibited any educational institution or sports organization from denying the athlete the opportunity to compete in international competition and qualifying events sanctioned by the national governing body (NGB) recognized by the USOC, which was to enforce the bill of rights.

As a result of vigorous efforts by the NCAA and National Federation, the proposed legislation was greatly modified prior to passage as the Amateur Sports Act of 1978. Among the changes important to high schools were these:

1. The USOC's authority to resolve disputes was limited to its members. Because neither state high school associations nor individual schools are or can be USOC members, the USOC has no authority to resolve disputes within high school athletics.
2. If that were not clear enough, the Act also includes these two sections (emphasis added):

"Sec. 206. **Any amateur sports organization which conducts amateur athletic competition, participation in which is restricted to a specific class of amateur athletes (such as high school students,** college students, members of the Armed Forces, or similar groups or categories), shall have exclusive jurisdiction over such competition . . ."

"Sec. 202. (a) For the sport which it governs, **a national governing body is under duty to - (2) minimize, through coordination with other amateur sports organizations, conflicts in the scheduling of all practices and competitions;**"

The door to these protections was opened by the offer of a compromise presented at Olympic House in New York City by NCAA attorney Michael Scott and National Federation Assistant Director Jack Roberts. The essence of the compromise is the essence of MHSAA Regulation I, Section 13(C). Roberts agreed on behalf of the National Federation to place such wording in the National Federation Handbook as a part of the Federation's recommendations for policies for its 51 member associations. This was done, and the MHSAA was among many state high school associations that adopted the recommendation, including the following wording in its Handbook for the first time in 1979-80:

"Section12(E) - A student may participate as an individual at any time without loss of interscholastic eligibility:

- "(1) as a member of a National Team, which is defined as one selected by the National Governing Body of the sport on a national qualification basis either through a defined selective process or actual tryouts for the purpose of international competition which requires the entries to officially represent their respective nations, although it is not necessary there be team scoring by nation; or
- "(2) in an Olympic Development Program, which is defined as one funded by the United States Olympic Committee and conducted or authorized by the National Governing Body of the sport involved."

The Amateur Sports Act was reviewed by Congress in 1998, but none of the modifications changed the sections quoted above. **The fact remains, Federal law protects high school athletics from interference by the USOC or the NGB for any sport, which have the duty under law to minimize conflicts with high school athletics.**

The current minimum regulation of MHSAA member schools stipulates the following:

SECTION 13 (C)—A student MAY participate as an individual without loss of interscholastic eligibility:

1. As a member of a NATIONAL TEAM, (and the actual, direct tryouts thereto), which is defined as one selected by the national governing body of the sport on a national qualification basis either through a defined selective process or actual tryouts for the purpose of international competition which requires the entries to officially represent their respective nations, although it is not necessary there be team scoring by nation; or
2. In an OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (ODP), which is defined as a training program or competition:
  - a. conducted or sponsored by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC); OR
  - b. directly funded in major part and conducted by the USOC member national governing body (NGB) on a national level (e.g., NGB national championship competition and the direct qualifications thereto); OR

- c. specifically authorized by a national governing body involving only athletes previously identified by the NGB as having bona-fide potential for participation in national or international competition in the sport involved.

The following procedures are required in (1) and (2):

- a. Participation, if during the school year, shall be approved by the student's high school principal, and the MHSAA is notified in writing by the principal at least 30 days prior to the event; and
- b. The student shall make prior arrangement to complete missed academic lessons, assignments and tests before the last day of classes of the credit grading period in which that student's absence occurs; and

The following additional principles apply in (2):

- c. An ODP student-athlete shall be allowed no more than one training or competition event during the school sport season.
- d. The ODP student-athlete shall miss no MHSAA-sponsored tournament event involving that student's school team in that sport.

#### **D. "All-Star" Games/"National Championships"**

The membership of the Michigan High School Athletic Association is opposed to all-star events and national championships and urges school personnel and booster clubs to have no involvement with such events at any time.

This is consistent with the philosophy that school competition beyond Michigan's borders and the defined school season is usually unnecessary and, if uncontrolled, leads to excessive travel, excessive absences from school, specialization in a single sport, and overemphasis by individuals and entire institutions toward one athlete over others, or the overemphasis of sports in comparison to the other academic and non-academic activities of a school.

The rule tends to keep students in class and in other sports and activities of the school. It tends to keep students from engaging in the spring tours of all-star events that more often exploit athletes and enrich promoters than enrich students academically, athletically or culturally.

All-star teams are usually picked by ballot or by an organization, league, newspaper, radio/television station, or by a similar method and are composed of outstanding competitors from two or more high school teams. A national high school championship includes any athletic event, regardless of title, which attempts to draw to it or its qualifying rounds only the top place winner or winners from more than one state high school association championship meet.

Participation in such contests by high school students causes them to become ineligible for all interscholastic athletics for a maximum period of one year of school enrollment from the date of the athlete's last violation of the regulation.

Limitations for adult school personnel and officials are in effect during the school year. Such personnel should not assist either directly or indirectly with the coaching, management, direction, selection or transportation of players, promotion, or officiating of any all-star contest or national championship event in any MHSAA-sponsored sport. Any high school which uses an individual as a coach or manager of an interscholastic athletic team who violates this rule shall be subject to probation or suspension. Officials violating the regulation shall be denied MHSAA registration for at least one year.

School officials should be wary of all invitations received by student-athletes to participate in "all-star" events. There are any number of promoters offering "attractive" packages to athletes and coaches to participate in such events. Review the entirety of Handbook language or call the MHSAA if you have specific questions and remind all athletes of the limitations of the amateur and awards rules.

## 1. Key 2004-05 MHSAA Handbook Provisions

**Regulation I, Section 13(B)** - A student shall not compete at any time in any MHSAA tournament sport in any of the following events: (1) any event which is or purports to be an "all-star" contest, regardless of the method of selection; (2) "all-star" fundraising events or similar exhibitions if they involve contestants other than the students and faculty of that student's school; (3) any event which is or purports to be a national high school championship, or the qualification thereto. Participation in such a contest by a high school student shall cause that student to become ineligible for all interscholastic athletics for a maximum period of one year of school enrollment from the date of the athlete's last violation of this regulation.

**Interpretation No. 142 - An "all-star" team** is one whose membership is elected by ballot, or by any organization, league, newspaper, radio/television station, or by any similar method or agency, and which is composed of outstanding competitors from two or more high school teams. Alumni games are not considered "all-star" games but must be counted as a scrimmage or contest.

**Interpretation No. 143 - An "all-star" contest** is one which is called "all-star" and/or in which there is participation by one or more "all-star" teams.

**Interpretation No. 144** - Underclassmen shall not compete in "all-star" contests in any sport under the jurisdiction of the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

**Interpretation No. 145** - If there is no limit to the number of people invited to a tryout, or if the tryout is performed throughout a non-school season (such as summer American Legion baseball), athletes may be selected for and compete on teams on the basis of those tryouts without violating the "all-star" regulation. To meet the requirement of an open tryout, notice must be provided in at least two different public media, or at least twice in the same public medium, at least seven days prior to the tryouts.

**Interpretation No. 146** - If based on performance during a camp open to all students, then students may be selected for and compete in feature contests at the end of that camp. However, it is a violation of the all-star regulation to invite a limited number of students to a camp on the basis of their demonstrated interscholastic ability, place them on teams and play games between those teams.

**Interpretation No. 147** - If a non-school tournament host posts times, heights, distances or scores that qualifiers must achieve to enter a competition which is not counted as one of the allowable contests or days of competition for the school or individuals involved, all who meet the standards must be allowed to compete; and if they compete as **individuals** and are not placed on teams (such as North vs. South; Class A vs. Classes B, C, D; Michigan vs. Ohio, German Nationals, etc.), they will not violate the "all-star" regulation. However, if only the top several qualifiers are allowed to compete, they will violate the "all-star" regulation even if they compete as individuals.

**NOTE:** The above does not apply **during the school season in meets sponsored and conducted by schools and counted as one of the allowable contests or days of competition** by all schools and individuals.

**Interpretation No. 148 - A national high school championship** includes any athletic event, regardless of title, which attempts to draw to it or its qualifying rounds only the top place winner or winners from more than one state high school association championship meet.

**Interpretation No. 170-A.** - No member school or individuals representing a member school may participate in any athletic event which is or purports to be a national high school championship, or the qualification thereto, in a sport under MHSAA jurisdiction.

**Interpretation No. 170-B.** - When a member school has elected to sponsor competitive cheer and one or more of the same student-athletes comprise the sideline and competitive cheer squads, then the national competition prohibition will apply to both squads.

**Regulation II, Section 13(A)** - No athletic director, coach, teacher or administrator of a Michigan high school, and no athletic official registered with the Michigan High School Athletic Association shall, at any time during the school year for his or her school, assist either directly or indirectly with the coaching, management, direction, selection or transportation of players, promotion, or officiating of any "all-star" exhibition or similar contest, or of any contest this is or purports to be a national high school championship event or the qualification thereto, in any MHSAA tournament sport if any of the participants is enrolled in an MHSAA member high school at the time of the event.

**Interpretation No. 219** - The membership of the Michigan High School Athletic Association is opposed to all-star events and national championships and urges its member schools and their personnel and booster clubs to have no involvement with such events at any time. The meaning of Section 13(A) is to prohibit any involvement.

## **2. Application of Provisions**

If a student qualifies for an event on the basis of criteria **unrelated** to the school season and competes **without any support from or connection to** his/her school, there is no violation of the all-star or national championship rule unless the event is called a "national high school championship."

- a. If a student who is a member of a school's team participates in local, state, regional, national or international events in the same sport, there is no violation if the events or the qualifiers to the events are open to competitors without regard to any performance in school events and the student competes without support from or connection to his/her school. This may occur twice during that student's school season in that sport.
- b. During the cross country season, a student may participate twice without any support from or connection to his/her school in cross country or road race-like events. During the school's track and field season, a student may participate twice without any support from or connection to his/her school in events of 3,200 meters or less. In each case, the qualifying must be unconnected to the interscholastic season and the event may not be titled a "national high school championship."

- c. There is no limit on the number of times a student-athlete may compete on his or her own **outside** his/her school's cross country and track and field seasons; and if the events exceed 5,000 meters in length, there is no limit on the number of times the student may do this **during** his/her school's **cross country** season, and if the events exceed 3,200 meters in length, there is no limit on the number of times the student may do this **during** his/her school's **track and field** season.
- d. A student may participate in a regional or national-scope event without loss of eligibility under this section if **all** of the following conditions are met:
  - 1. The event is not called or promoted as a national high school championship or a qualification to a national high school championship.
  - 2. Qualification is not based on performances in high school season or MHSAA tournament results.
  - 3. The event is open to all non-school teams or individuals who qualify directly through one or more non-school events, or the event is without qualifying standards and is open to any individual who pays the entry fee.
  - 4. If a team event, teams do not consist of students from a single MHSAA member school.
  - 5. Teams and individuals do not represent an MHSAA member school.
  - 6. No MHSAA member school uniforms, transportation, funds or coaches are involved.

Of course, students are subject to the amateur and awards rules, whatever the nature of the event (school and non-school, allowed or prohibited) if the sport is one served by the MHSAA with a postseason tournament. ■

## SUMMER TRAVEL LIMITATION REQUIRES CAUTION

In May of 2004, the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Representative Council approved an out-of-state travel limitation for coaches during the 15 days of summer competition permitted in basketball, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer and volleyball, and seven days of summer competition allowed in football. The Council's action was taken in part to keep national-scope competition, which is prohibited during the school season, from creeping into summer programs.

The new regulation requires that coaches know how far **all** squads have traveled to the competition venue; and if **any** squad has traveled more than 300 miles one way (600 miles round-trip), then no MHSAA member school coach may lead a squad which resembles his or her high school team.

No MHSAA member school coach may be present for out-of-state competition in the summer if that school's squad or any other squad at the competition venue has traveled more than 600 miles round-trip.

The travel limitation applies to **basketball, ice hockey and volleyball** when the summer squad includes more than **three** students in grades 7-12 of the school district where the coach is coaching, and it applies to **football, lacrosse and soccer** when the summer squad involves more than **seven** students in grades 7-12 of the school district where the coach is coaching.

If the competition venue is in Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin or Ontario, and all of the participating squads are from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin and Ontario, then coaches do not have to be concerned with travel distances.

If the competition venue is within Michigan, the travel limitation does not apply on any out-of-state squad. This differs from the travel limitation during the school season where MHSAA member schools may not participate in an event within Michigan, if any school is from beyond Michigan and its bordering states and province and any school travels more than 600 miles round-trip to the competition venue.

Questions and clarifications may be addressed to the MHSAA office. ■

## MHSAA FOOTBALL FINALS HEADING TO FORD FIELD

The Michigan High School Athletic Association has entered into a three-year agreement with Ford Field to host its Football Finals beginning with the 2005 playoffs. The announcement took place Jan. 27 in a press conference at the state-of-the-art facility in downtown Detroit involving personnel from the MHSAA and its member schools, Ford Field and the Detroit Lions.

The move to the 65,000-seat facility is only third in the 30-year history of the tournament. In the tournament's first year – 1975 – the Finals were split, with two classes of competition taking place at Waldo Stadium in Kalamazoo, and two at Perry Shorts Stadium in Mt. Pleasant. The event moved indoors in 1976 to the Pontiac Silverdome, which would host more than 1.75 million fans for 176 title games during a 29-year span.

"With the future of the Pontiac Silverdome in doubt, this is a necessary move for high school football in our state, and it will be great to have our premier games played in one of the premier facilities in the country," said John E. "Jack" Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA. "Ford Field has much to offer our game's participants and spectators. They will enjoy the opportunity to begin playing the Finals at Ford Field this November, just two months before the venue will host the 2006 Super Bowl."

With the move to Ford Field will come other changes in the event, the most notable of which will be a single \$9 admission to watch four title games in a single day. "We always felt, our \$9 ticket for two games, which previously included on-site parking at the Finals, was a great bargain," said Roberts. "That same ticket will now allow a fan to watch all four games on a single day, and we feel that Ford Field has worked hard to provide parking that is in close proximity to the facility at a reasonable price."

Parking, at lots operated by Olympia Entertainment, will provide approximately 2,700 spaces adjacent to Ford Field or Comerica Park at a cost of \$6 for passenger cars. "We want our fans to drive to the Olympia parking lots, which will offer an outstanding value and which



John Johnson, Okemos

*Participating in the announcement of the MHSAA Football Finals moving to Ford Field on Jan. 27 were representatives of the Detroit Lions and MHSAA Staff, as well as players and coaches from three member schools. Shown are: (From Row: L to R) -- Tom Lewand Jr., Detroit Lions Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer; Steve Mariucci, Detroit Lions Head Coach; Al Fracassa, Birmingham Brother Rice Head Coach; Tim Travis, Unionville-Sebewaing Head Coach; Steven McGee, former head coach, Detroit Crockett; Rod Oden, Detroit Crockett Head Coach; and Daishawn Franklin, Detroit Crockett Assistant Coach. Back Row: Jack Roberts, MHSAA Executive Director; Trevor Anderson, Detroit Crockett; Mike Radlick, Birmingham Brother Rice; John Goebel, Birmingham Brother Rice; and Lance Travis, Unionville-Sebewaing.*

are some of the closest - if not the closest - lots to Ford Field."

In addition, there are private lots just south of Ford Field with an additional 700 spaces available. Roberts added that private lots generally follow the lead of the Olympia lots in terms of pricing.

"As the games approach, we will encourage fans to visit the MHSAA Web site often to become familiar with the parking areas around Ford Field and to learn about the facilities' many amenities. For those fans planning to watch multiple games, the stadium has a variety of in-house dining options available, making an all-day stay attractive," he said.

Because of Ford Field's location, accessible by freeway from all directions, housing options will be available downtown and on the perimeter of the city, all within a 30-minute drive. "Visitors to this event will be able to find the kind of lodging they want, with the amenities they want, at competitive prices, all within a reasonable distance to the facility."

The Association will also engage in promotional efforts for the event and seek corporate support for it with the assistance of the Ford Field/Detroit Lions marketing staff. "High school sports by their nature must keep a low commercial profile, but it has become necessary to engage the support of corporate partners to help underwrite the costs of these events," Roberts said.

Roberts also complimented the Pontiac Silverdome for its many years of service. "Our run of 29 consecutive years at the Pontiac Silverdome was the second longest at any site ever for an MHSAA Final event, and we are appreciative of how well the building and its staff served our schools and their fans," Roberts said. "We leave the Silverdome with some great memories of great games, and salute the people behind the scenes there and the City of Pontiac for being an excellent host to the event." The only facility to continuously host an MHSAA Final event longer than the Silverdome is Stowe Stadium in Kalamazoo, with 58 years of service as a Boys Tennis Finals venue beginning in 1947. ■

## STRATEGIC PARTNERS ASSISTS WITH FINALS TOURNAMENT HOUSING

The MHSAA is in its first full year of an arrangement with Strategic Partners, a Plymouth-based company, to streamline housing arrangements for schools participating in many Association Final events and their spectators.

In most sports, links will be provided on the respective sports pages of the MHSAA Web site to information about hotel arrangements for participating teams and their fans. Information and forms will be provided, which schools and fans will submit directly to Strategic Partners to make reservations.

Strategic Partners will arrange for discounted rates for spectators and even lower rates for participating schools. Schools will not have to meet a minimum room requirement to take advantage of their rates, but a school administrator will be required to make the arrangements.

"This tiered service will provide spectators and teams with better rates than they could generally obtain on their own," said John Johnson, MHSAA Communications Director. "It also provides great rates to teams requiring fewer rooms than what is normally required for group discounts.

"Our tests in a handful of sports a year ago encouraged us to expand the program this year," Johnson added.

"We are excited about expanding our partnership with MHSAA and providing the schools and their supporters with a convenient method of making reservations, and by leveraging our purchasing volume, at attractive group rates," said Patrick Tinetti, Vice President of Marketing for Strategic Partners.

Strategic Partners is a company which offers a variety of housing and meeting planning services for groups and associations. It represents hotel properties across the nation. For more information, visit its Web site at [sphotels.com](http://sphotels.com) ■

## 2004-05 BUSH AWARD RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

Two long-time school servants and a living legend in sports broadcasting in his community are the recipients of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Allen W. Bush Award for 2004-05.

This year's recipients are: Richard Burdis of Mt. Morris, athletic director at Flushing High School; Daniel Edmunds of Brownstown, athletic director for Taylor Public Schools; and Doug Wentworth of Hudsonville, a sportscaster for most of his career in the Grand Rapids area. The recipients of this year's awards will be recognized at ceremonies in their communities during the remainder of the 2004-05 school year.

Al Bush Sr., served as executive director of the MHSAA for 10 years. The award honors individuals for past and continuing service to prep athletics as a coach, administrator, official, trainer, doctor or member of the media. The award was developed to bring recognition to men and women who are giving and serving without a lot of attention. This is the 13th year of the award, with the selections being made by the MHSAA's Representative Council.

Here are brief biographical sketches of the 2004-05 Bush Award recipients:

**Richard Burdis** – In his 34th year of service to educational athletics, the last seven with Flushing Community Schools, Richard Burdis still serves as a high school assistant principal and athletic director. A 1967 graduate of Mt. Morris St. Mary's, Burdis earned his B.S. degree in Education from Central Michigan University in 1971, and began his teaching, coaching and administrative career with the Mt. Morris School District that year. He earned his Master's degree in Educational Administration from CMU in 1998.

While at Mt. Morris, Burdis taught three subjects at the junior high school level, and also coached three sports at the high school level, including 14 years as the varsity baseball coach, where his teams won four league championships. He was also the high school's athletic director and assistant principal for seven years.

As a coach, he has been honored on the local and regional level on multiple occasions, and he was inducted into the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1997. As an administrator, he was a Regional Athletic Director of the Year in 1999; served on the regional board of directors for the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association; hosted MHSAA postseason tournament events in 11 different sports and took an active role in MHSAA committees for baseball and softball.

Burdis is active in Mt. Morris as a life-long member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He was the founder and first president of the Little League in that city and has served on its Recreation Planning Committee. He served for 10 years with the local Kiwanis Club on its Flint Scholar-Athlete Selection Committee. He was nominated for the award by Clio High School.

"None loom as large in programs as those who make a lifetime commitment to serve in many ways in the area in which they grew up – long after they've grown up," said John E. "Jack" Roberts, MHSAA Executive Director. "Richard Burdis can serve as an excellent role model as someone who gained much from his experiences growing up in Mt. Morris, and the way he has given back in his educational and administrative career at nearby Flushing and personally as a civic leader in Mt. Morris."

**Daniel Edmunds** – For the last eight years of his 35-year career in education, Daniel Edmunds has been an administrator in the Taylor School District, where he currently serves as the citywide athletic director. Edmunds earned a Bachelor's and two Master's Degrees from Eastern Michigan University. He then entered the Taylor system as a teacher and coach, guiding football, basketball, track and softball teams in the district. He earned statewide softball Coach of the Year honors from the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association in 1985; and was twice the Downriver football coach of the year – in 1985 and 1989.

As Taylor's citywide athletic director, Edmunds has overseen all aspects for sports programs for two high schools and three middle schools, in addition to scheduling the town's

school athletic facilities for public use. He has been a tournament manager for MHSAA events in seven sports, and served on MHSAA committees which selected officials for postseason tournament games.

Edmunds has also been active regionally as the current president of the Mega Conference, which he has also served as a treasurer for. He has also worked with the City of Taylor Recreation Department to run elementary sports programs for girls and boys, and swimming programs for senior citizens and youth. He also takes part in activities at the Grace Episcopal Church and his local American Legion post. He was nominated for the award by Belleville High School.

“It takes a special person to effectively lead a school's athletic program nowadays. It takes an exceptional one to oversee all the activities for senior and junior high schools in a single district,” said Roberts of Edmunds. “Daniel Edmunds is an excellent choice for the Bush Award because of his dedicated service in a variety of roles in the Taylor Public Schools. He has been successful in the development of young people as a teacher and a coach, and as an administrator working with the district's athletic programming.”

**Doug Wentworth** – A local icon in sports broadcasting in West Michigan for over 40 years, Doug Wentworth is held in high esteem by the high school sports community for his love of the game and the fairness he exhibits towards its participants. Many an athletic director in the greater Grand Rapids area finds the arrival of Wentworth to broadcast a game – usually solo – a welcome sight.

A Wisconsin native who graduated from John Brown University in 1957, four years after he broadcast his first high school football game, Wentworth came to Michigan in 1958 to work as a disc jockey at WHAK in Rogers City. In 1960, he began a 25-year run as a disc jockey and high school sports play-by-play announcer at WJBL in Holland. He took on the announcing duties for Calvin College basketball in 1964, a role he still relishes with his current station, WFUR, where he continues his coverage of high school sports, and also does play-by-play of Hope College football.

The perspective he brings to high school sports broadcasting has been noticed and appreciated by coaches, players, spectators – and officials. It was the West Michigan Officials Association which bestowed an award upon Wentworth upon reaching the milestone of broadcasting high school sports for 40 years. He has also received an Honorary Alumni Award from Calvin College. He was nominated for the award by Grand Rapids South Christian High School.

“We've always said the essence of high school sports is its local nature, and no one embodies that nature better than Doug Wentworth,” said Roberts. “He is the ultimate word-smith – painting pictures of what's happening between local teams on the playing surface so well for those of us listening on the radio. He is also the ultimate cheerleader for promoting the educational nature of our games, and the recognition he has brought to many young people across West Michigan is appreciated by all.” ■

### **Former MHSAA Assistant Director Martin Honored**

Suzanne Martin will receive the prestigious National Federation of State High School Associations Citation Award on July 5 at the NFHS Summer Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. The Citation is one of the highest awards presented by the NFHS and is given annually to individuals who have made exemplary, significant and lasting contributions to high school sports and activities.



Martin was an assistant director for the MHSAA who retired in December 2002 after 25 years with the Association. While at the MHSAA, Martin established the nation's first, largest and longest running conference to promote the role of females in interscholastic athletics, the Women In Sports Leadership Conference.

Martin also spearheaded the movement of girls competitive cheer as a tournament sport, one which continues to grow at a rapid rate today.

## SURVEY LURES FORMER OFFICIALS

The MHSAA has always emphasized retention and recruitment of contest officials, and takes pride in figures that indicate a yearly growth in registered officials, including a record 12,268 during the 2003-04 school year.

While those numbers are strong, participation numbers continue to grow as well. More schools offering more sports mean more games. The number of officials must increase to properly serve the schools and student-athletes.

In a continued effort to increase registration of officials, it became apparent there was a pool of candidates that was being forgotten: those people formerly registered who discontinued officiating for one reason or another.

Thus, the MHSAA launched a campaign during last August to prompt former officials to return to the gymnasiums and fields throughout Michigan, and also to determine reasons officials packed up their whistles in the first place. The results were encouraging and successful.

Surveys were sent to 7,950 people who were registered for at least one year between 1998 and 2002, but were not registered for the 2003-04 school year. Included with the survey was a postcard simply stating, "We Want You Back," on which those interested could request registration materials. More than 900 surveys have been returned, and 420 postcards were returned to the MHSAA office. Of the 420 requesting registration materials via the postcard, 75 people re-registered, while another 99 re-registered without returning the card. The 174 former officials who were not registered in 2003-04, but did register this fall, have been sent a follow-up letter to determine if their decision was influenced by the recent survey, postcard, or a combination of both.

Equally as encouraging were the 322 respondents who indicated they plan to return to officiating at some point in the future.

The survey results revealed a variety of factors leading to officials' decisions to leave the avocation. The majority of the questions aimed to measure attitudes toward innate elements of officiating, such as sportsmanship, assignments, compensation and time, while other questions were demographic and factual in nature (how many sports, how many years, gender, race, etc.).

Several of the more prevailing factors leading to individuals' decisions to leave officiating are presented on the following page. And, they might contradict some common perceptions. For example, poor sportsmanship by players and compensation are not primary factors for our officials leaving the games.



For a copy of the survey and the results (based on the 877 surveys received at the time of tabulation), please visit the Officials page of the MHSAA Web site, [mhsaa.com](http://mhsaa.com).

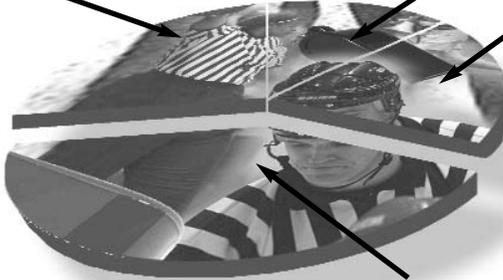
***A postcard that accompanied the survey carried the simple message: "We Want You Back." Several answered the call, as 420 returned the card requesting registration information. In all, 174 people re-registered after receiving the survey and postcard.***

## OFFICIALS SURVEY FINDINGS

### Decision to Leave Officiating Based on...

*(The top reasons for leaving officiating, based on the number of respondents who "strongly agreed" in these categories)*

**Local Association Politics - 98**    **Poor Sportsmanship by:**  
**Fans - 88 | Coaches - 89**



**Career Change/Job Demands - 223**

Additionally, time spent away from children (79) and spouses (65) also ranked highly among main reasons for not officiating.

Interestingly, despite some feelings of "Local Association Politics," the highest number of those surveyed responded favorably to the following:

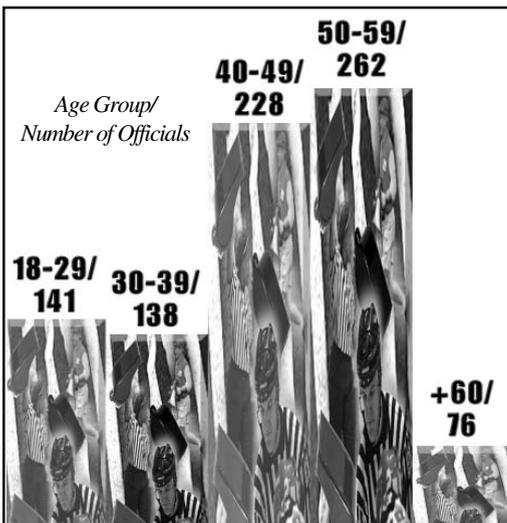
- I was able to advance to the next level (subvarsity to varsity)
- Peers helped me improve skills and rules knowledge

Also, the number citing poor sportsmanship by players was substantially fewer (53) than the number indicating such behavior from coaches or fans.

### How Can We Improve?

#### A Sampling of Responses

- "Evaluations of officials throughout the season by MHSAA, not school administrators and coaches. The current system lends itself to imbalanced feedback and reactions."
- "Let the officials rate coaches and schools. Some coaches and parents acted like this was the World Series or NBA Finals, and it became hard for me to continue. The game has changed so much in just the eight years I've been out of school. Lack of respect by parents, coaches and players is the only reason I will no longer officiate."
- "Coaches and players have a right to expect professional jobs from officials. But to expect an inexperienced official to perform as a seasoned pro the first season is lunacy. Adequate training opportunities will help performance and retention."



### ◀ Age-Old Question

The graph at left indicates the age groups of those completing the survey, revealing the majority left officiating between the ages of 40 and 60. Further questions showed that officials' exit years tended to coincide with "hallmark" years in the field (5th, 10th, 20th year of work).

\*30 respondents did not submit age

## SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS ANNOUNCED FOR GIRLS BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL & BOYS SOCCER

The recipients of the top Michigan High School Athletic Association's Good Sports Are Winners! Awards for the recently-completed 2004 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.

**Rochester Hills Stoney Creek** in boys soccer, **Muskegon** in football, and **Lansing Christian** and **Portland St. Patrick** 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. The presentation of the girls basketball award to Lansing Christian and Portland St. Patrick will take place at a boys basketball contest between the two schools at Portland High School on Feb. 22. Presentation dates at the other two schools will be announced at a future date.



Stoney Creek was the runner-up in the Division 2 boys soccer tournament; Muskegon was the champion in the Division 2 football playoffs, while Lansing Christian and Portland St. Patrick squared off against each other in the Class D title game in girls basketball, with Lansing Christian repeating as champion in a 58-54 overtime contest.

In addition to receiving the finals award, Stoney Creek was honored in boys soccer at the Regional level of play; Muskegon will receive awards in football for the District, Regional and Semifinals rounds; Lansing Christian earned a District award in girls basketball; and Portland St. Patrick will receive District and Regional honors in girls basketball. It is the first time any of the schools has been named a recipient of a Finals award.

At the District, Regional, Quarterfinal and Semifinals levels of MHSAA tournaments, all schools which meet a set of sportsmanlike standards are recognized. Those schools will be presented framed certificates from MEEMIC Insurance. Numerous schools will receive more than one award from Fall tournaments, with Dearborn and Grand Rapids South Christian heading the list with five each.

In all, 560 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 (click on Recognition page). During the course of the school year, more than 1,000 teams will be recognized in 13 activities for their sportsmanship efforts during MHSAA tournaments.

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, the "MEEMIC Club."

The following pages list of Good Sports Are Winners! Award recipients as submitted by tournament managers through Jan. 25 for the recently completed Fall sports season.

# 2004 Fall Good Sports Are Winners! Award Recipients

*Based on reports received at the MHSAA offices as of 1/25/05.*

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

## Boys Soccer

### District Awards

Division 1

Detroit Catholic Central

East Kentwood

Fenton

Grand Blanc

Grand Ledge

Hudsonville

Janison

Lansing Everett

Rochester Adams

Rockford

Division 2

Auburn Hills Avondale

Bay City John Glenn

Birmingham Seaholm

Bloomfield Hills Andover

B.H. Cranbrook-Kingswood

Bloomfield Hills Lahser

Dearborn Divine Child

Dearborn Heights Crestwood

Farmington Hills Harrison

Fremont

Grand Rapids South Christian

Hudsonville Unity Christian

Linden

Mt. Pleasant

Owosso

Pontiac Notre Dame Prep

Redford Thurston

Riverview

Royal Oak Dondero

Royal Oak Kimball

Spring Lake

St. Clair

St. Clair Shores Lakeview

St. Clair Shores South Lake

Trenton

Warren Woods-Tower

Division 3

Albion

Algonac

Boyne City

Charlevoix

Cheboygan

Delton Kellogg

Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker

Flint Powers Catholic

Freeland

Grand Rapids Forest Hills Eastern

G.R. NorthPointe Christian

Grandville Calvin Christian

Harbor Springs

Ironwood

Ithaca

Jackson Lumen Christi

Kalamazoo Christian

Kingsford

LeRoy Pine River

Madison Heights Bishop Foley

Madison Heights Lamphere

Muskegon Orchard View

Onsted

Otsego

Saginaw Nouvel

Saranac

South Haven

Stockbridge

Whitehall

Wyoming Godwin Heights

Wyoming Kelloggsville

Division 4

Adrian Lenawee Christian

Allen Park Cabrini

Allen Park Inter-City Baptist

Burt Lake N. Michigan Christian

Cadillac Heritage Christian

Dansville

Fruitport Calvary Christian

Harbor Springs Harbor Light

Hillsdale Academy

Holton

Jackson Christian

Jonesville

Mason County Eastern

McBain N. Michigan Christian

Muskegon W. Michigan Christian

North Muskegon

Pentwater

Taylor Baptist Park Christian

Westland Lutheran

### Regional Awards

Division 1

Dearborn

East Kentwood

Holland

Livonia Stevenson

Okemos

Portage Central

Division 2

Bloomfield Hills Lahser

Hazel Park

Linden

Mt. Pleasant

Owosso

Rochester Hills Stoney Creek

Division 3

Dowagiac

G.R. NorthPointe Christian

South Haven

Division 4

Burt Lake N. Michigan Christian

Cadillac Heritage Christian

Cooks Big Bay deNoc

Northport

### Semifinal Awards

Division 1

Utica Eisenhower

Division 2

Rochester Hills Stoney Creek

Vicksburg

Division 3

South Haven

Division 4

Burt Lake N. Michigan Christian

## Football

### District Awards

Division 1

Anchor Bay

Battle Creek Central

Belleville

Canton

Clinton Twp. Chippewa Valley

East Kentwood

Grand Blanc

Grandville

Livonia Churchill

Novi

Rockford

South Lyon

Traverse City West

Utica Ford

Westland John Glenn

Division 2

Birmingham Groves

Flint Carman-Ainsworth

Davison

Dearborn

Flushing  
Kalamazoo Central  
Midland  
Muskegon  
Oxford  
Pontiac Northern  
Southfield  
Southfield Lathrup

Division 3  
Bloomfield Hills Lahser  
Carleton Airport  
Charlotte  
Chelsea  
Greenville  
Haslett  
Lansing Sexton  
Lapeer East  
Lowell  
Mason  
Richland Gull Lake  
Riverview  
Sparta  
Sturgis  
Three Rivers

Division 4  
Algonac  
Battle Creek Harper Creek  
Battle Creek Pennfield  
Cheboygan  
Clinton Township Clintondale  
Comstock Park  
DeWitt  
Grand Rapids Catholic Central  
Grand Rapids South Christian  
Hamilton  
Highland Park  
Madison Heights Lamphere  
Marine City  
Muskegon Orchard View  
Paw Paw  
Pinconning  
Spring Lake  
Howard City Tri-County

Division 5  
Armada  
Benzie Central  
Berrien Springs  
Birch Run  
Cass City  
Coloma  
Gladstone  
Goodrich  
Grayling  
Hillsdale  
Jackson Lumen Christi  
Livonia Clarenceville  
Mason County Central

Midland Bullock Creek  
Portland  
Reed City  
Richmond  
Saginaw Nouvel  
Shepherd

Division 6  
Addison  
Albion  
Boyer City  
Clare  
Clawson  
Hanover-Horton  
Iron Mountain  
Ithaca  
Kingsley  
Laingsburg  
Madison Heights Bishop Foley  
Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central  
Olivet  
Pine River  
Reese  
Reese  
Sandusky  
Suttons Bay  
Union City  
Whittemore-Prescott

Division 7  
Bloomingdale  
Deckerville  
Detroit St. Martin dePorres  
Fennville  
Homer  
Manchester  
Mendon  
Potterville  
Royal Oak Shrine  
Sand Creek  
Schoolcraft  
Uby  
Unionville-Sebewaing

Division 8  
Allen Park Cabrini  
AuGres-Sims  
Baraga  
Carsonville-Port Sanilac  
Cedarville  
Climax-Scotts  
Crystal Falls-Forest Park  
Frankfort  
Gaylord St. Mary  
Harper Woods Trinity Catholic  
Johannesburg-Lewiston  
Kingston  
Lake Linden-Hubbell  
Manistee Catholic Central  
Martin

Morrice  
North Adams-Jerome  
Posen  
Redford Bishop Borgess  
Rock Mid Peninsula  
Vestaburg  
Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes

## **Regional Awards**

Division 1  
Clinton Twp. Chippewa Valley  
Livonia Churchill  
Macomb Dakota  
Novi  
South Lyon

Division 2  
Birmingham Groves  
Dearborn  
Detroit Pershing  
Flushing  
Hudsonville  
Muskegon

Division 3  
Bloomfield Hills Andover  
Charlotte  
East Grand Rapids  
Lowell  
St. Johns  
Sturgis

Division 4  
DeWitt  
Grand Rapids South Christian  
Marine City  
Muskegon Orchard View  
Paw Paw  
Pontiac Notre Dame Prep

Division 5  
Midland Bullock Creek  
Gladstone  
Grand Rapids West Catholic  
Jackson Lumen Christi  
Saginaw Nouvel

Division 6  
Negaunee

Division 7  
McBain  
Mendon  
Newberry

Division 8  
Beal City  
Crystal Falls Forest Park  
Frankfort  
North Adams-Jerome

Posen  
Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes

### **Semifinal Awards**

Division 1  
Macomb Dakota  
Sterling Heights Stevenson

Division 2  
Dearborn  
Muskegon

Division 3  
Charlotte  
Lowell  
St. Johns

Division 4  
No Reports Received

Division 5  
Midland Bullock Creek  
Jackson Lumen Christi

Division 6  
No Reports Received

Division 7  
Unionville-Sebewaing

Division 8  
Beal City  
Climax Scotts  
Crystal Falls Forest Park

## **Girls Basketball**

### **District Awards**

Class A  
Benton Harbor  
Brighton  
Brownstown Woodhaven  
Canton  
Chelsea  
Clio  
Davison  
East Detroit  
East Kentwood  
Ferndale  
Flint Carman-Ainsworth  
Flint Central  
Flint Kearsley  
Flint Northern  
Flushing  
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern  
Fraser  
Gaylord  
Grand Rapids Union  
Grand Haven  
Grand Rapids Christian  
Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills

Grand Rapids Northview  
Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills  
Grandville  
Greenville  
Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse  
Hazel Park  
Holland  
Holt  
Howell  
Hudsonville  
Jenison  
Kalamazoo Central  
Lapeer West  
Lincoln Park  
Lowell  
Macomb-L'Anse Creuse North  
Muskegon Mona Shores  
Mt. Pleasant  
Northville  
Oak Park  
Petoskey  
Pontiac Northern  
Portage Central  
Portage Northern  
Rockford  
Saginaw Heritage  
Saginaw  
Southfield Lathrup  
Southgate Anderson  
Sterling Heights  
Sterling Heights Stevenson  
Taylor Kennedy  
Taylor Truman  
Temperance Bedford  
Traverse City Central  
Traverse City West  
Tecumseh  
Warren Cousino  
Warren Mott  
West Ottawa  
White Lake Lakeland  
Wyandotte Roosevelt  
Zeeland

Class B  
Allendale  
Bay City John Glenn  
Birch Run  
Caro  
Cass City  
Centerline  
Cheboygan  
Comstock  
Dearborn Divine Child  
Detroit Chadsey  
Detroit Crockett  
Detroit Southwestern  
Elk Rapids  
Erie Mason  
Essexville Garber

Flint Beecher  
Flint Powers Catholic  
Flint Southwestern Academy  
Frankenmuth  
Grand Rapids South Christian  
Grand Rapids West Catholic  
Grandville Calvin Christian  
Grayling  
Grosse Ile  
Hamilton  
Holland Christian  
Houghton Lake  
Hudsonville Unity Christian  
Jackson Northwest  
Ludington  
Mason County Central  
Middleville Thornapple Kellogg  
Midland Bullock Creek  
Millington  
Muskegon Oakridge  
North Branch  
Otisville Lakeville  
Paw Paw  
Pinconning  
Plainwell  
Riverview  
Roscommon  
South Haven  
Stockbridge  
Vassar  
Warren Lincoln  
Warren Woods-Tower  
Wyoming Park  
Wyoming Rogers  
Yale

Class C  
Bath  
Blissfield  
Bloomington  
Breckenridge  
Brethren  
Bronson  
Burton Atherton  
Clare  
Clawson  
Clinton  
Dearborn Henry Ford Academy  
Detroit Comm. & Media Arts  
Gobles  
Hale  
Hart  
Houghton  
Inkster  
Indian River Inland Lakes  
Iron Mountain  
Ithaca  
Kalamazoo Christian  
Laingsburg  
Lawrence

LeRoy Pine River  
 Mancelona  
 McBain  
 Mesick  
 Michigan Center  
 Mio  
 Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central  
 Morenci  
 Muskegon Catholic Central  
 Newberry  
 Norway  
 Onaway  
 Pellston  
 Potterville  
 Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest  
 Royal Oak Shrine  
 Sand Creek  
 Saranac  
 Southfield Christian  
 Springport  
 St. Louis  
 Whittemore-Prescott

Class D  
 Alanson  
 Alba  
 Allen Park Cabrini  
 Arenac Eastern  
 AuGres-Sims  
 Baraga  
 Battle Creek Calhoun Christian  
 Battle Creek St. Philip  
 Big Rapids Crossroads Charter  
 Academy  
 Birmingham Roeper  
 Burton Valley Christian Academy  
 Crystal Falls-Forest Park  
 Dearborn Heights Acad. For  
 Business & Tech  
 Detroit City  
 Detroit Holy Redeemer  
 Engadine  
 Fairview  
 Fowler  
 Genesee Christian  
 Harbor Springs Harbor Light  
 Christian  
 Harper Woods Trinity Catholic  
 Hillsdale Academy

Holt Central Lutheran  
 Lansing Christian  
 Lansing New Covenant Christian  
 Mackinaw City  
 Martin  
 Morrice  
 Otsego Baptist Academy  
 Pickford  
 Portland St. Patrick  
 Posen  
 Taylor Baptist Park Christian  
 Taylor Light & Life Christian  
 Tekonsha  
 Webberville  
 Wyandotte Mt. Carmel

### Regional Awards

Class A  
 Detroit Pershing  
 Flint Northern  
 Grandville  
 Mt. Pleasant  
 Saginaw Arthur Hill  
 Traverse City West

Class B  
 Allendale  
 Belding  
 Byron Center  
 Capac  
 Detroit Country Day  
 Dexter  
 Flint Powers Catholic  
 Goodrich  
 Grand Rapids South Christian  
 Grosse Ile  
 Harper Woods Regina  
 Ionia  
 Newaygo  
 Riverview  
 St. Clair

Class C  
 Charlevoix  
 Clinton  
 Detroit Comm. & Media Arts  
 Detroit St Martin dePorres  
 Elton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker  
 Flint Hamady

Houghton  
 Iron Mountain  
 McBain  
 Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central  
 Morenci  
 Negaunee  
 Saugatuck  
 St. Ignace  
 Suttons Bay  
 Whittemore-Prescott

Class D  
 Allen Park Cabrini  
 Burton Genesee Christian  
 Carney-Nadeau  
 Centerline St. Clement  
 Frankfort  
 Harper Woods Trinity Catholic  
 Kinde North Huron  
 Kingston  
 Leland  
 McBain N. Michigan Christian  
 Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart  
 Portland St. Patrick  
 St. Joseph Michigan Lutheran  
 Vanderbilt  
 Walkerville

### Quarterfinal Awards

Class A  
 Flint Northern  
 St. Johns

Class B  
 Ionia  
 Ludington  
 St. Clair

Class C  
 Bridgman  
 Charlevoix  
 Flint Hamady  
 Iron Mountain  
 Michigan Center  
 Shelby

Class D  
 No Reports Received

*Tournament Managers: Information and Report Forms for the Good Sports Are Winners! Award can be found on the MHSAA Web site on the Resources Page under Administrators and on the Recognition Page.*

## SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

The finalists for the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Award for the 2004-05 school year have been announced.

The program, which has been recognizing student-athletes since the 1989-90 school year, honors 28 individuals, one in each sport in which the Association sponsors a post-season tournament. Farm Bureau Insurance underwrites the Scholar-Athlete Award, and presents a \$1,000 scholarship in each sport. This year, 2,522 applications were received from 446 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-four schools had two or more finalists this year. Bloomfield Hills Lahser and Otsgeo lead the way with four finalists; Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern and White Lake Lakeland each had three; and Alma, Ann Arbor Huron, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Battle Creek Central, Birmingham Marian, Birmingham Seaholm, Dearborn Divine Child, East Lansing, Essexville Garber, Flint Powers Catholic, Grand Haven, Grand Rapids Catholic Central, Grosse Ile, Grosse Pointe South, Harbor Springs, Jackson Lumen Christi, Leroy Pine River, Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep and Wayne Memorial each had two finalists.

The applications were judged by a 70-member committee of school coaches, counselors, faculty members, administrators and board members from MHSAA member schools, from which the 124 finalists and 28 scholarship recipients were selected. Fall sports scholarship recipients will be announced on February 1; Winter sports recipients on February 8; and Spring sports winners will be announced on February 15. To honor the 28 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 19.

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 on the Recognition page. ■



*The 2004-05 recipients of the Scholar-Athlete Award will be honored at halftime of the MHSAA Class C Boys Basketball Final on March 19 in East Lansing.*

# 2005 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 2005 Basketball Tournaments that 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 2005 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 three committees -- the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee, the Lower Peninsula Basketball Tournament Committee and the Lower Peninsula Site Selection 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-round games will be held at 16 Quarterfinal sites, with 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, Feb. 28-March 5, 2005

**Regional Tournaments** – Tuesday through Saturday, March 8-12, 2005

**Quarterfinals** – Tuesday, March 15

**Semifinals** – Thursday, March 17 and Friday, March 18

**Finals** – Saturday, March 19, 2005

### 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 fifteen 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 15) 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 15, will be paid the additional \$100 above allowed expenses for Wednesday, March 16, 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, 2004 meeting set the following prices for all tournament game tickets: District, Regional and Quarterfinal - \$5, Semifinal - \$6, Final - \$7, (Breslin parking and ticket system charge and processing fee for Semifinal and Final tickets not included in above cost). **NOTICE** - *MHSAA ticket prices are \$6 for each Semifinal session (2 games per session) and \$7 for each Final session (one session is 2 games; two sessions are 1 game). The Jack Breslin Student Events Center will assess a \$0.50 "ticket system charge" on each ticket, as well as a \$2.50 "processing fee" on all telephone and mail orders (one handling charge for the entire order) to the Breslin Center Ticket Office. Internet orders will be possible, with applicable charges.*

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.

**Shirts must be worn at all MHSAA tournaments at all times.**

#### **OFFICIALS**

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

Officials for tournaments will be announced following assignments made by the Upper and Lower Peninsula Tournament Officials Committees. Tournament man-

agers and officials selected will be notified.

Officials for this year's tournaments were chosen from the people on the Approved List. District managers may assign officials to specific District Tournament contests after the draw has been completed. 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. Three (3) officials will be assigned to each basketball tournament beginning at the Regional level and continuing through the Final level. Fees are set as indicated below.

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

Fee for officials working one game per day in District Tournaments will be \$45 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 \$50 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 \$55 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 2004-05 season is not to draw a first round bye at that District Tournament.**

**Drawings may take place three Mondays prior to the start of the tournament (Feb. 7, 2005), but not later than the Monday preceding the tournament (Feb. 21, 2005), 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.** 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.

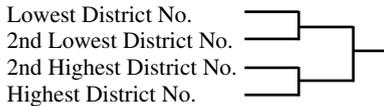
Whenever the home or any other team that is participating in a District Tournament on a floor (one which it has played four or more games during the 2004-05 season) and there are byes involved, do not place the name of such team or teams in the hat until after the byes are drawn. Home teams (or those 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 2005 REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

Advance drawings of 2005 District Tournament qualifiers to Regionals again were authorized by the Representative Council. These advance master drawings apply to all 2005 Regional Tournaments.

Separate drawings were made at the Sept. 21, 2004 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 or if travel is inordinate for both teams.** Complete brackets including times, dates and locations are included in this issue of the *Bulletin*.

**POINT DIFFERENTIAL RULE**

By state association adoption, the Point Differential Rule is to be used at all tournament levels. In all levels of competition during the regular season and the MHSAA tournaments after the first half when one team has a lead of 40 points a running clock will be established. The clock will revert to regular time schemes should the score be reduced to a 30-point lead. During any running clock mode the clock will be stopped as normal for all timeouts and between quarters; **and for free throws during the last two (2) minutes remaining in the game.**

**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**

**ENTRY MATERIALS - By Representative Council action, schools will no longer complete an entry blank to participate in MHSAA postseason tournaments. The Entry Blank Due Date is now replaced by an Opt-Out Due Date. Two obligations of membership and participation remain:**

1. Schools must notify their District Tournament Managers by the Opt-Out Due Date if they **DO NOT** intend to participate in a previously assigned MHSAA tournament, and;
2. **Schools must see that tournament managers receive an accurate Eligibility List and Team Roster by the Opt-Out Due Date.** These forms are available at mhsaa.com. Failure to fulfill the above obligations by the specified Opt-Out Due Date will result in MHSAA penalties as stipulated in the *MHSAA Handbook*. **For boys basketball the Opt-Out Due Date is Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2005. NO additions to the Master Eligibility List can take place after the draw meeting.**

All players on the Master Eligibility List submitted are eligible for tournament play even if the individual names are not on the Team Roster.

**WITHDRAWAL POLICY**

Tournament management is to contact the MHSAA office if a school withdraws or fails to show for scheduled competition after the Opt-Out Due Date for team sports or the pairings, heat assignments or flights are determined for individual sports of the first level of the MHSAA tournament in that

sport.

The MHSAA staff person responsible for the sport will request from the school principal a written explanation for the no-show/withdrawal. If the reason is determined to be unacceptable by MHSAA staff, the MHSAA Executive Director will place the school on probation for the next two school years. A second offense within the two-year probationary period will cause the school to be prohibited from tournament play in that sport for the two years following the second offense.

#### **IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS --**

Schools are to forward the Team Roster and Master Eligibility List to designated District Managers. These two items will fulfill the requirement for the duration of their tournament play.

**LATE FORMS --** If the Team Roster and Master Eligibility List are received after the Opt-Out Due Date, **but before the drawings are made**, it may be accepted with the payment of a \$50 late fee. The \$50 late fee is due in the hands of the manager before the draw. The late fees are to be retained by the host school.

#### **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. Twelve 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, half time 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 basketball game at each site. Tape-delayed tele-

casts 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.

## **2005 FINAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

### **Location of Games**

**Quarterfinal Games** in the Final Tournament will be played Tuesday, March 15 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 17 and Friday, March 18 at the Jack Breslin Student Event 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 19. 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 2005 Final Basketball Tournament games were adopted by the Representative Council:

**Quarterfinal Games (March 15)** - General admission, \$5. **Semifinal Games**

**(March 17 and 18)** - Reserved seats only, \$6 (parking not included). **Final Games - (March 19)** - 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.

**NOTICE** - *MHSAA ticket prices are \$6 for each Semifinal session (2 games) and \$7 for each Final session (one session is 2 games; two sessions are 1 game). The Jack Breslin Student Events Center will assess a \$0.50 "ticket system charge" on each ticket, as well as a \$2.50 "processing fee" on all telephone and mail orders (one handling charge for the entire order) to the Breslin Center Ticket Office. Internet orders will be possible, with applicable charges.*

#### **TICKET DISTRIBUTION FOR QUARTERFINAL GAMES FOR ALL CLASSES — MARCH 15**

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 17-18**

Competing schools in all classes will be able to purchase 1200 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. 11), reserved seat tickets at \$6 (plus the Jack Breslin ticket system charge and processing fee) 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 Tuesday, March 1. ■



*MSU's Breslin Center in East Lansing will once again host the MHSAA Boys Basketball Semifinals and Finals, March 17-19.*

**2005 BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT  
 QUARTERFINAL — SEMIFINAL— FINAL PAIRINGS  
 District and Regional Assignments can be found at [mhsaa.com](http://mhsaa.com)**

**CLASS A**

**QUARTERFINAL  
 (Tuesday, March 15)**

**SEMIFINALS  
 (Friday, March 18)**

**FINALS  
 (Saturday, March 19)**

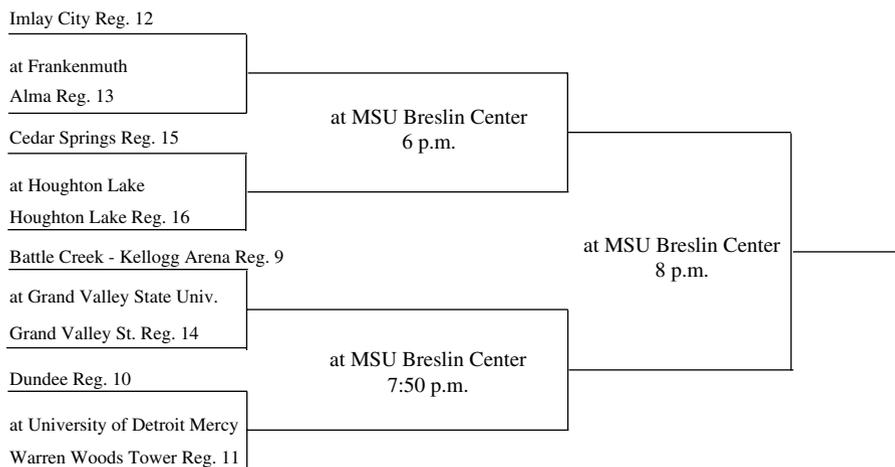


**CLASS B**

**QUARTERFINAL  
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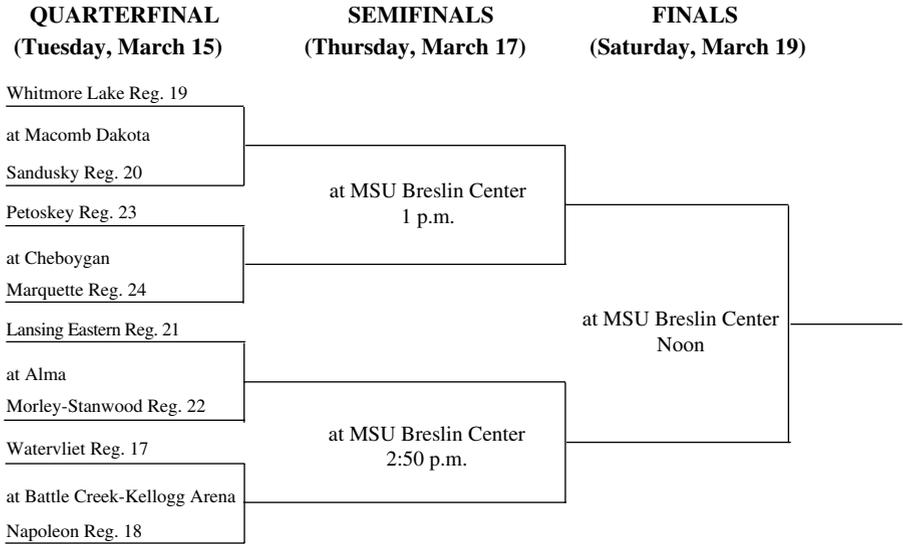
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**FINALS  
 (Saturday, March 19)**



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**CLASS C**



**CLASS D**



*\* If winner of Reg. 31 is from the UP, QF will be at Escanaba;  
 If winner of Reg. 31 is from the LP; QF will be at Sault Ste. Marie*

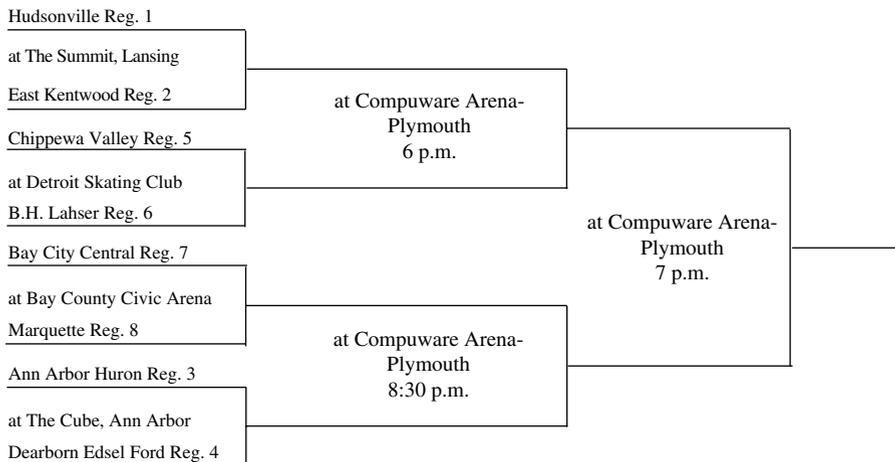
**2005 ICE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT**  
**QUARTERFINAL — SEMIFINAL— FINAL PAIRINGS**  
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**DIVISION 1**

**QUARTERFINAL**  
**(Wednesday, March 9)**

**SEMIFINALS**  
**(Friday, March 11)**

**FINALS**  
**(Saturday, March 12)**

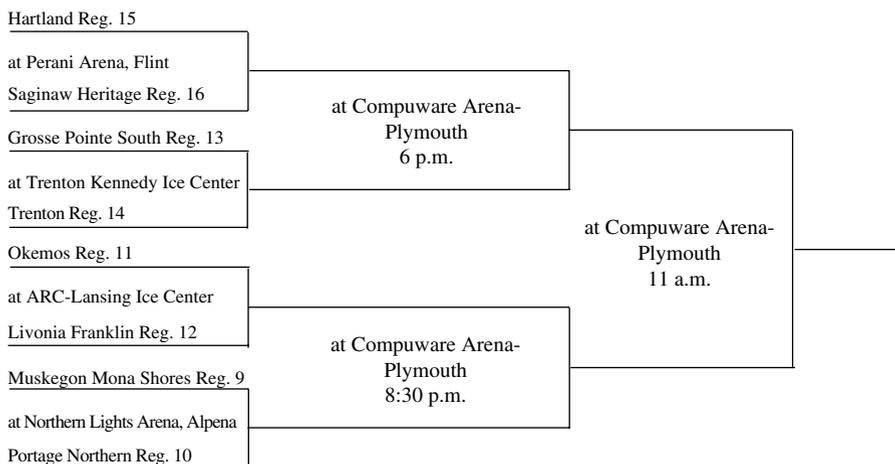


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**QUARTERFINAL**  
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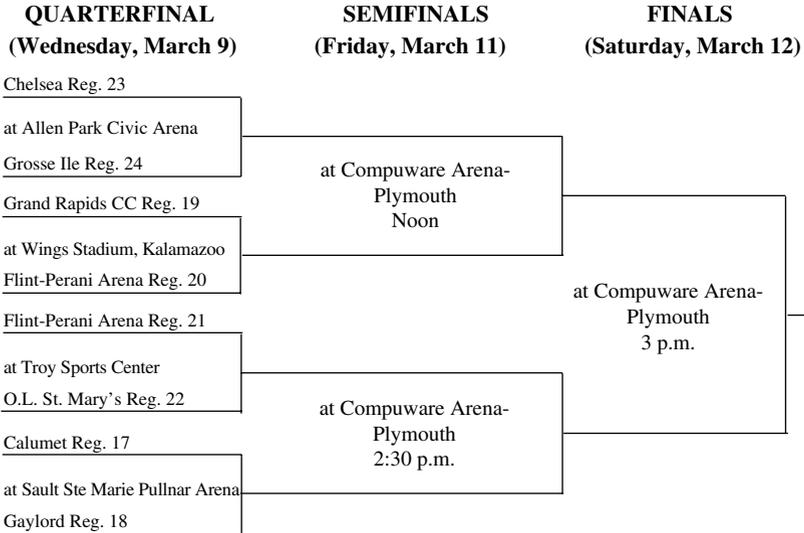
**SEMIFINALS**  
**(Thursday, March 10)**

**FINALS**  
**(Saturday, March 12)**



**2005 ICE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT**  
**QUARTERFINAL — SEMIFINAL— FINAL PAIRINGS**  
 Regional Assignments can be found at [mhsaa.com](http://mhsaa.com)

**DIVISION 3**

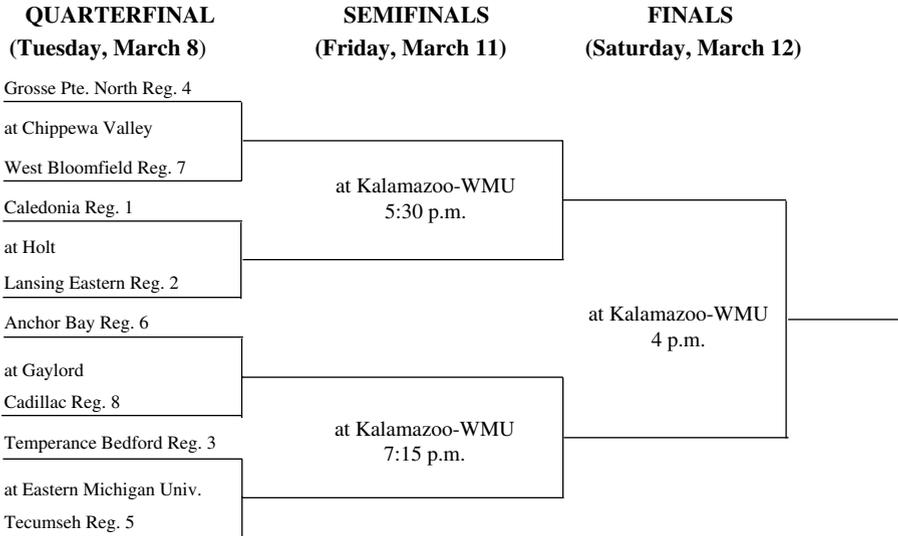


**2005 ICE HOCKEY FINALS**  
**AT-A-GLANCE**

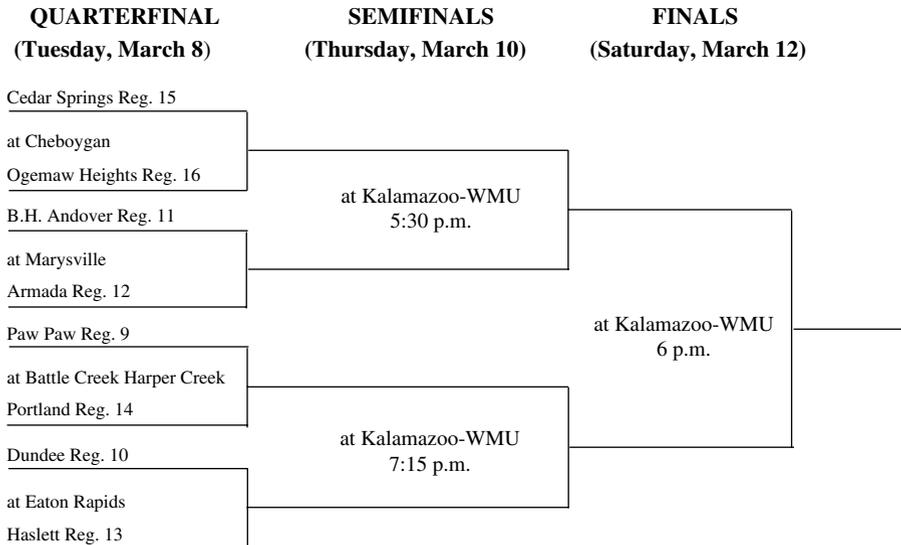
<b>SEMIFINALS (March 10-11, 2005)</b>		
<b>(Thursday, March 10)</b>	<b>(Friday, March 11)</b>	
<b>Division 2</b>	<b>Division 3</b>	<b>Division 1</b>
6 p.m.	Noon	6 p.m.
8:30 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
<b>FINALS (Saturday, March 12)</b>		
11 a.m. - Division 2		
3 p.m. - Division 3		
7 p.m. - Division 1		

**2005 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT  
 QUARTERFINAL — SEMIFINAL— FINAL PAIRINGS**  
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**CLASS A**



**CLASS B**

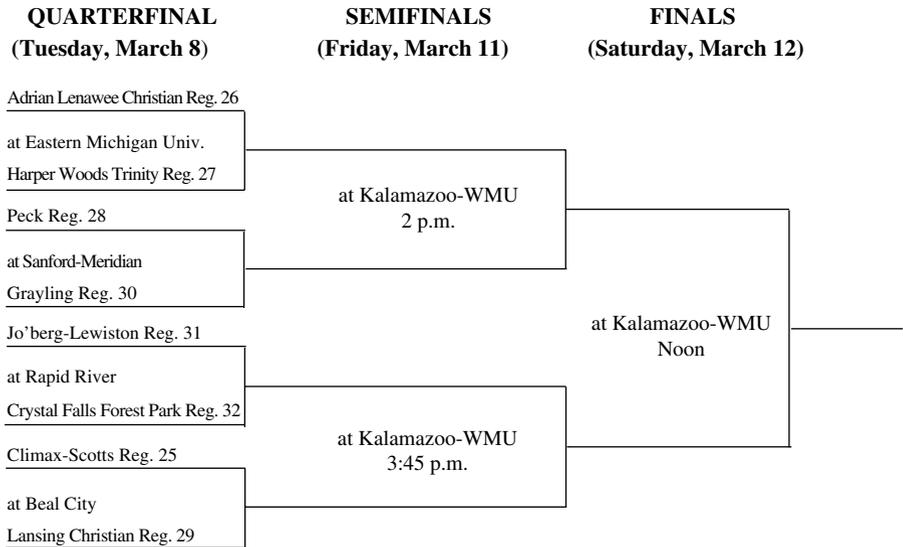


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**QUARTERFINAL — SEMIFINAL— FINAL PAIRINGS**  
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**CLASS C**



**CLASS D**



# MHSAA GOLF COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, November 30, 2004

## Members Present:

Jim Bennett, Grosse Ile  
Chris Carter, Muskegon  
Kevin Dean, Edwardsburg  
Ken Dietz, Hartford  
Dave Hutton, Grandville  
Bob Jenkins, Detroit  
Nancy Johnson, Greenville  
Larry Judson, Byron Center  
Gregg Kirchen, Holland  
Bob Lober, Traverse City  
Doug McKay, Warren  
Melanie Miller, Lansing (MIAAA)  
Mike Morris, Centreville

James Neubecker, Byron  
Roger Perkins, Grand Rapids  
Andy Piazza, Grand Blanc  
Chuck Schira, Portage  
Paul Sternburgh, St. Johns  
Ernie Silverthorn, Alma

## Members Absent:

Bob Artymovich, Harper Woods  
Nancy Mohre, Charlotte

## Staff Members Present:

Randy Allen (Recorder)

The MHSAA Golf Committee met in the MHSAA Office Building to review MHSAA policies and procedures for boys and girls golf. Agenda items were compiled from correspondence, MHSAA staff, committee members and the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association.

## SEASONS LITIGATION

Executive Director Jack Roberts updated the committee on the status of litigation over change of seasons and how it relates to boys and girls golf. The MHSAA is recommending to schools that contingency plans for golf seasons changing in 2005-06 be developed and ready for implementation if necessary.

## 2004 TOURNAMENT REVIEW

All aspects of the 2004 girls tournament and 2004 boys tournament were reviewed. The committee reinforced the following policies and procedures for Regional competition: Initial groupings must be foursomes or threesomes, no fivesomes allowed; observers may use motorized carts when available, maintain guideline stating golfers be able to score 65 for nine holes to enter MHSAA Regional. Other tournament procedures were discussed and it was recommended to continue the voluntary Regional managers meeting that was conducted in 2004.

Coaching privileges at the Finals and Regional tournaments were reviewed. Finals managers reported no problems at the girls and Boys Finals. No problems were reported

on the initial year of coaching allowed at the Regional tournaments in the fall of 2004, although future managers and coaches information will clarify some issues regarding the definition of coaching and proper identification of coaches.

Finals managers reported success in assembling groups of rules officials to adjudicate each of the four divisions with coverage of all courses satisfactory. The same approach will be used in future Finals tournaments.

The committee reviewed the 2003 committee proposal for adding a District level to the boys tournament plan and reducing the Finals field, which was returned to the committee for further study. After a lengthy discussion, the committee unanimously approved submitting the same plan with some adjustments to meet Representative Council concerns for implementation in 2005-06.

## GENERAL TOPICS

Correspondence from Grand Rapids North Hills Classical Academy was shared with the committee regarding the penalty for players returning to the course. As the policy and penalty were clearly stated in the Regional policies and announced at coaches meetings, no change in the regulation or penalty was proposed.

Other items discussed were the MHSAA three-player rule, use of additional university courses for Finals venues, interpretation of

the amateur status rule, clarification of limits of competition, rules meeting requirements and the four meet minimum required for participation in the MHSAA tournament.

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

### Tournament Format

Revise the boys and girls golf tournament formats and qualifying procedures as follows:

#### Boys Tournament

- Add a District round to the boys golf tournament. In each division assign schools to one of 10 Districts.
- Reduce the number of Regionals from eight to five.
- From each of the 10 Districts, the top six teams and top six individuals not on a qualifying team will advance to the Regional.
- Each of the five Regionals will receive qualifying teams and individuals from two Districts.
- From the five Regionals, the top three teams and top three individuals not associated with a qualifying team will advance to the Finals. All ties for team and individual qualifiers at each level will be broken for advancement purposes.
- Regionals will be conducted on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday prior to the Finals. Districts will be conducted on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday prior to the Regionals.
- The Finals field will consist of 15

teams and 15 individuals, 90 total golfers.

- Conduct the Finals over 36 holes, 18 on Friday and 18 on Saturday with all teams and individuals competing both days.
- Participating schools will be responsible for Finals greens fees for both days of the tournament for team and individual qualifiers.

#### Girls Tournament

- The Finals field will consist of 15 teams and 15 individuals, 90 total golfers.
- Conduct the Finals over 36 holes, 18 on Friday and 18 on Saturday with all teams and individuals competing both days.

**Rationale:** The 24 teams currently in the boys Finals field is much too large for a reasonable pace of play and quality competition. Reducing the Finals to 15 teams with 15 individuals over 36 holes will improve pace of play, enhance competition, shorten rounds and eliminate a complicated and time consuming administrative procedure by the MHSAA. The girls Finals currently has a field of 15 teams, therefore eliminating the "cut" after day one will standardize the field for both the boys and girls Finals. Having schools responsible for greens fees at both days of the Finals will more than offset the additional expenses of managers fees, medals and trophies at the added District level.

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# MHSAA BASKETBALL COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, December 9, 2004

## Members Present:

Timothy Baker, Constantine  
Bart Bartels, Britton  
Mitch Bohn, Sanford  
Sam Cornett, South Haven  
Joe Droski, Sparta  
David Feldman, Bloomfield Hills  
Mike Furnas, Union City  
Donald Gustafson, St. Ignace  
Leroy Hackley, Byron Center  
Tom Hursey, Midland (BCAM)  
John Horrigan, Cadillac  
Rene LaFreniere, Manton  
Reid McBeth, Buchanan  
Tom McDonald, Utica  
Steve Newkirk, Harrison (MASSP)  
Joe Reddinger, Felch  
Bill Roose, Detroit

Al Schrauben, Portland  
Dan Stolz, Okemos  
Brian Swinehart, Westland  
Scott Weiss, Caledonia  
Crystal Westfield, Ann Arbor  
Mark White, Detroit

## Members Absent:

Gary Iwinski, Brown City  
Kathy McGee, Flint  
John Norton, Three Oaks  
Laurie Ryan, Grand Rapids  
Marc Throop, Richland (MIAAA)

## Staff Members Present:

Nate Hampton, (Recorder)  
Tom Minter  
Mary Uyl

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. Following 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 rules meeting sites for the 2005-06 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 the first Girls Finals recently hosted by Michigan State University's Breslin Center, and possible contingency plans should the courts mandate a change of MHSAA tournaments for girls basketball.

## GENERAL DISCUSSION

The committee discussions also included the 2004-05 Basketball Committee minutes; disposition of that committee's recommendations to MHSAA staff and the Representative

Council; National Federation Basketball Questionnaire/survey; BCAM/BOCCC plans for Coach/Official Communication; reactions to three-person officiating crews in Regional competitions; forms used in the selection process for host facilities; out-of-season issues and the growing involvement of students in AAU programs; the requirement that officials who receive tournament invitations must be members in good standing with local Approved Associations starting in 2005-06; the process for replacing officials who decline tournament invitations at the District level; bench decorum rules, specifically, National Federation Rule 1-13, length of coaching box; National Federation rule clarification, Rule 4-23; legal guarding position; brand name and description of balls to be used at boys and girls Semifinals and Finals, and current *Handbook* Interpretation No. 251, alternatives to lengths of contests for junior high/middle schools.

## DISCUSSIONS

Specific discussion yielded the following suggestions and/or recommendations:

- Suggestions for basketball rules meetings if the seasons are changed.
  1. Continue with the basic philosophy

of hosting rules meetings at least three weeks prior to the start of a new season.

2. Basketball Rules Meetings should start with the BCAM Clinic. In 2005, the meeting will be Sept. 30.
  3. For 2005-06, rules meetings should be scheduled as previously with basketball being a doubleheader with football starting on Monday, July 25, 2005, and ending with the BCAM Clinic on September 30, 2005.
- **Suggestion for Site Selection Committee:** Host the committee either as a single committee for both genders or two separate committees on the same day. Host the assignment committees meeting in the spring of each year.
  - **Suggestions for basketball facility forms:** One form demonstrating a school's desire to host an MHSAA tournament should be required for either or both genders of tournament. One form for either or both genders should be required for description of facility.
  - Suggestions for possible *Handbook* modifications should the seasons change:
    1. Regulation II, Section 10 - Limitations Senior High Schools (page 55): Remove "...limited to five games in any 14 day period..." and "...Monday through Sunday and...". Rewrite as follows: "Senior high school teams and individuals shall participate in a maximum of three (3) games Monday through Sunday, but only 2 of the 3 games shall occur on a day or night before a school day; and teams and individuals shall observe the season maximum of 20 games."
    2. Regulation III, Section 10 - Junior High /Middle School Starting Dates and Basketball Limitations (page 77): No change, except for starting date with the basketball reference.
    3. Interpretation No. 215 - Boys Practicing With Girls Teams (page 64): Lengthy discussion, but no recommendation for change.

## OFFICIALS

MHSAA basketball tournament assignments:

- Where necessitated by official replacement or lack of officials, allow multi-tournament site assignments, but not more than one game per day.
- Establish a regular-season contest criteria for officials that may include a combination of boys/girls games for tournament eligibility. Officials may elect to be tournament eligible in either gender or both, but must work at least 10 varsity contests if one gender or six varsity contests in both girls and boys if the desire is to be tournament eligible in both genders.

## MICHIGAN POINTS OF EMPHASIS

- Coach/official communication should include pregame discussion with coach as to any situations that the officials should be made aware of, (i.e., athletes that wear special devices, facility issues, coach concerns with opponents, etc.).
- Rough play; low post positions and displacement.
- Verticality.
- Legal guarding position - officiate the defense.
- Closely guarded count - distance - switch.
- Noisemakers, including cell phones.

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Allow three officials at District level (19-1).
2. Allow 14-foot coaching box (19-0).
3. Remove current *MHSAA Handbook* regulations/interpretations prohibiting coaches from participating in play with students during open gyms. (18-1)
4. Expand current three-player out-of-season regulations/interpretations to four-player out-of-season regulations/interpretations to enhance out-of-season player development. (12-7) ■

# MHSAA TENNIS COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, January 6, 2005

## **Members Present:**

Doug Adams, Clio  
Mary Bradley, Elsie  
Tom Kudwa, Ludington  
Carl Latora, Portage  
Jerry Murphy, Rochester Hills (MHSTeCA)  
Marla Philpot, Port Huron (MASSP)  
Pam Porter, Stevensville

## **Members Absent:**

Sue Bailey, DeWitt  
Lorin Cartwright, Ann Arbor  
Jim DeRidder, Grand Rapids  
Bob Dowd, Troy  
Wendy Franz, Midland (Advisory)

Dennis Green, Harbor Springs  
Michelle Hicks, Grand Rapids  
Dave McCarney, Lincoln Park  
Keely Mounger, Flint  
Richard Niessen, Kalamazoo  
Karen Page, Holland  
Meg Seng, Ann Arbor-Greenhills  
Linda Siebold, Lansing-Everett  
Dwayne "Tiger" Teusink, Holland (Advisory)  
Deb VanKuiken, Holly (MIAAA)  
Mary Walter, Traverse City  
Don Zoller, Frankenmuth

## **Staff Member Present:**

Gina Mazzolini (Recorder)

The 2004-2005 MHSAA Tennis Committee met on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005 in the MHSAA office. After a brief welcome and introductions, the committee was reminded of its responsibility and the process for rule change.

## **REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SEEDING**

The committee proposed to modify the USTA seeding procedure to the following: place the No. 3 seed in the same half of the draw as the No. 2 seed, thus the No. 4 seed will be in the same half as the No. 1 seed.

## **ALLOW OPPOSITE GENDER ATHLETES TO PARTICIPATE IN TEAM PRACTICE**

The committee proposed to allow up to three players of the opposite gender to assist with a team during the course of the season. This would allow the students to feed tennis balls to team players or even play points/games.

## **ESTABLISH AN ETHICS COMMITTEE**

The committee approved in concept the notion of developing an Ethics Committee within the Tennis Coaches Association to help deal with various ethical problems such as "stacking." The Ethics Committee would establish a list or set of guidelines on how to address such issues and work with MHSAA on enforcement.

## **PLAY SEMIFINAL AND FINAL MATCHES ON SATURDAY OF THE FINAL TOURNAMENT WEEKEND**

The committee proposed that Final Managers make every effort to play all Semifinal and Final Matches on Saturday of the Final Tournament weekend. The intent of this proposal is to generate support and spectatorship for a "Finals" event. Management would have an option to deviate from this recommendation if weather is an issue.

## **FINAL TOURNAMENT SEEDING**

The committee proposed to modify the USTA seeding procedure to the following: place the No. 3 seed in the same half of the draw as seed No. 2; place the No. 4 seed in the same half as the No. 1 seed; place the No. 5 seed in the same quarter as the No. 4 seed; place the No. 6 seed in the same quarter as the No. 3 seed; place the No. 7 seed in the same quarter as the No. 2 seed; and place the No. 8 seed in the same quarter as the No. 1 seed. Seed positions will take priority over MHSAA Regional assignment variations.

## **THREE-PLAYER REGULATION**

The committee agreed that the three-player regulation was a good rule, but requested that the MHSAA better define or list the penalty or penalties for repeat offenders.

**DISCUSSION - NO ACTION**

1. Mandate a minimum number of days of practice prior to the first day of competition.
2. Look at start dates in August and when the date is August 9, post pone until later.
3. If the tennis seasons switch, allow during the transition year only, a three week period in the fall for females to practice and scrimmage.

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

1. At MHSAA Regionals, modify the USTA seeding procedure to the following: place the No. 3 seed in the same half of the draw as the No. 2 seed, thus the No. 4 seed will be in the same half as the No. 1 seed (no coin flips ) (7-0).
2. Allow up to three players of the opposite gender to assist with a team during the course of the season. This would allow the students to feed tennis balls to team players or even play points/games (4-3).
3. Develop an Ethics Committee within the Tennis Coaches Association to help deal with various ethical problems such as

"stacking." The Ethics Committee would establish a list or set of guidelines on how to address such issues and work with MHSAA on enforcement (7-0).

4. Play Semifinal and Final Matches on Saturday. The intent of this proposal is to generate support and spectatorship for a "Finals" event. Management would have an option to deviate from this recommendation if weather is an issue (7-0).
5. At MHSAA Finals, modify the USTA seeding procedure to the following: place the No. 3 seed in the same half of the draw as seed No. 2; place the No. 4 seed in the same half as the No. 1 seed; place the No. 5 seed in the same quarter as the No. 4 seed; place the No. 6 seed in the same quarter as the No. 3 seed; place the No. 7 seed in the same quarter as the No. 2 seed; and place the No. 8 seed in the same quarter as the No. 1 seed. Seed positions will take priority over MHSAA Regional assignment variations (no coin flips) (7-0).
6. Maintain the three-player regulation, but better define or list the penalty or penalties for repeat offenders (7-0). ■

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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)

# JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, January 11, 2005

## Members Present:

Dave Beyer, Gladwin  
Joe Clay, Detroit  
Terri Clock, Muskegon  
Keith Eldred, Williamston  
Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan  
Ray Freeze, Bath  
Kay Johnson, Morenci  
Thomas Mecsey, Bloomfield Hills (MIAAA)  
Linda Meyers, Morley  
Jim Nielsen, Muskegon  
Dennis Powers, Greenville

David Reeves, Traverse City  
Ken Szczepanski, Hopkins  
Tom Thompson, Saginaw

## Members Absent:

Joe Haines, Grand Rapids  
Jim Okler, Grosse Ile  
Fred Keier, Riverview

## Staff Member Present:

Randy Allen (Recorder)

The MHSAA Junior High/Middle Schools Committee met in the MHSAA Office Building to review topics suggested for discussion by the MHSAA Staff and review regulations and possible changes brought to the attention of the committee by the membership.

Prior to discussion of specific topics, committee members were made aware of the purpose of committee meetings and reviewed the minutes and recommendations of the 2004 meeting.

## LITIGATION UPDATE

Executive Director Jack Roberts updated the committee on the seasons litigation and ramifications for junior high/middle school seasons. It was reported that the litigation does not affect junior high/middle schools directly, but possible changes by senior high schools will influence season placement at all levels.

## JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL SURVEY

Data from the MHSAA survey of member and non-member schools relating to season length, contest limitations and 6th grade participation was reviewed. The question of establishing limits of competition to sports that do not currently have limits was referred to each sports committee for review. The committee did not support any change to the current restrictions on 6th-grade practice or participation with students in grades 7-8.

## HANDBOOK REVIEW

Several areas of the *MHSAA Handbook* were reviewed. Correspondence from several members schools wishing an earlier start for fall practices were discussed. The committee voted to maintain the current fall season start dates and to review the topic again in 2006. The committee supported the competitive cheer committee proposal to increase dates of competition. The "three-player" rule was discussed as it relates to junior high/middle schools coaches with no action taken. Limits on multiple team participation under Regulation IV, Section 8 were discussed but no action taken.

It was noted that currently there is no transfer restriction for a 7th or 8th-grade student; and the committee was of the opinion that even a 7th or 8th-grader who participates in a 9th-12th-grade program under Regulation I, Section 10(D) should be allowed to transfer as 7th and 8th-graders without loss of eligibility, provided that transfer student has not exceeded the limits of competition for the level at which that student would play (junior high/middle school or high school). In addition, the committee voted to change Interpretation No. 76 (also affects Regulation III, Section 9(B) ) so that the exception is eliminated and all 9th-graders would be treated the same.

## GENERAL DISCUSSION

The committee heard reports on the plans for a junior high/middle school component to future sportsmanship summits on a regional

basis, separate junior high/middle school athletic director in-service and an update on the MIAAA junior high/middle school committee. Also reviewed were scoring rules for junior high/middle school Volleyball matches as adopted by the Representative Council. The committee was updated on the total number of member schools, membership promotion efforts and agenda items for the workshops at the 2005 MIAAA Annual Conference.

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

1. Maintain the existing regulations on the start of fall practice dates for junior high/middle school sports as stated in the 2004-05 *Handbook*. Review the fall start dates in 2006 (14-0).
2. Do not establish season limits on the sports of bowling, golf, gymnastics, skiing, hockey or lacrosse. Have each sport

committee review the need for such limits and determine the appropriate number of contest limits and season lengths commensurate with other sports for review by the junior high/middle school committee in 2006 (14-0).

3. Support the Competitive Cheer committee proposal to increase from 4 to 8 the number of competitions allowed for junior high/middle school competitive cheer programs (14-0).
4. Remove the exception in *Handbook* Interpretation No. 76 and Regulation III, Section (B). Allow 8th grade students who participated in the 9-12 grade program under Regulation 1, Section 9 (D) to be eligible at any school when enrolling as first time 9th grade students and be treated the same as all other students under Exception No. 10 of the transfer regulation (14-0). ■

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### **REQUIREMENT FOR TOURNAMENT COACHING ELIGIBILITY**

If you are a high school head coach reading this article, you are most probably a head coach who attends the annual rules meeting in your sport. If for some reason you are unable to attend the yearly meeting, you are probably one who takes the coaches examination and returns the test on time, with a passing grade of at least 70 percent.

There are, however, some coaches every fall, winter and spring who do not attend a rules meeting and after numerous notices, do not return a coaches exam, or do not return the coaches exam with a passing grade (70 percent).

The Representative Council, in March 2004, determined that this basic requirement of a head coach to take, pass and return on a timely basis a rules exam if they are not present for the annual rules meeting should have a means of enforcement or penalty. The Council stipulated that beginning with the fall of 2004, coaches who do not return the test with a passing grade after two mailings will not be allowed to coach in the MHSAA tournament that season. The team can participate unless the school has had no representation at rules meetings for two years, but the regular season coach – who for any reason missed this basic test requirement – will not be allowed to be present at the tournament site when his or her team is participating. In addition to the coach being barred from the contest, a school administrator must be present to supervise competitors.

Failing to fulfill the meeting attendance requirement – followed by failing to submit a passing test after two mailings sent in duplicate to coaches, athletic directors and principals – will result in at least a substitute coach being present at tournament time. It is a minimal and basic requirement that must be met by the men and women who are so valuable and visible in the wider picture of educational athletics.

As the rules meeting schedule runs its course, the MHSAA will be listing on [mhsaa.net](http://mhsaa.net) the schools, by sport, whose coaches have yet to return their exam with a passing grade. It is hoped that the "Current Ineligible Coaches List" will alert coaches or other concerned parties and remind them of this basic requirement that must be met to allow them to be present at MHSAA tournaments where their team is participating.

The MHSAA is hopeful that 100 percent compliance can be achieved and will communicate this new requirement in many varied forms until the weeks prior to the tournament. Please assist by spreading the word to all those who may miss one of the many messages: Effective immediately, head coaches must attend the rules meeting or submit a passing exam on time to be eligible to coach in this years MHSAA Tournaments. ■

## 2004 UPDATE MEETING SURVEY RESULTS

### All Meetings

1. In which category do you favor revising the "Three-Player Rule" to permit a coach to coach more of that school district's students in that coach's sport out of season during the school year (select one)?

#### In Team Sports

**73 (7.94%)**

2	Superintendents	(2.74%)
23	Principals	(31.51%)
40	Athletic Directors	(54.79%)
3	Coaches	(4.11%)
1	Board Member	(1.37%)
4	Other	(5.48%)
21	Class A	(28.77%)
13	Class B	(17.81%)
19	Class C	(26.03%)
18	Class D	(24.68%)
2	Jr. High	(2.74%)

#### In Individual Sports

**64 (6.96%)**

7	Superintendents	(10.94%)
18	Principals	(28.13%)
33	Athletic Directors	(51.56%)
1	Coach	(1.56%)
3	Board Members	(4.69%)
2	Other	(3.13%)
16	Class A	(25.00%)
22	Class B	(34.38%)
19	Class C	(29.69%)
7	Class D	(10.94%)
0	Jr. High	(0.00%)

#### In Both Team and Individual Sports

**211 (22.96%)**

16	Superintendents	(7.58%)
52	Principals	(24.64%)
120	Athletic Directors	(56.87%)
4	Coaches	(1.90%)
4	Board Members	(1.90%)
15	Other	(7.11%)
64	Class A	(30.33%)
60	Class B	(28.34%)
48	Class C	(22.75%)
34	Class D	(16.11%)
5	Jr. High	(2.37%)

#### In No Sports (no change)

**571 (62.13%)**

65	Superintendents	(11.38%)
169	Principals	(29.60%)
278	Athletic Directors	(48.69%)
9	Coaches	(1.58%)
11	Board Members	(1.93%)
39	Other	(6.83%)
151	Class A	(26.44%)
177	Class B	(31.00%)
145	Class C	(25.39%)
78	Class D	(13.66%)
20	Jr. High	(3.50%)

2. Currently, in all sports but baseball, cross country, softball, tennis and track & field, there is a different date for the earliest practice and the first contest. Do you favor a different starting date for the earliest practice and first competition in all sports?

#### YES 370 (40.61%)

35	Superintendents	(9.46%)
103	Principals	(27.84%)
190	Athletic Directors	(51.25%)
9	Coaches	(2.43%)
11	Board Members	(2.97%)
22	Other	(5.95%)
105	Class A	(28.38%)
114	Class B	(30.81%)

#### NO 541 (59.39%)

54	Superintendents	(9.98%)
160	Principals	(29.57%)
273	Athletic Directors	(50.46%)
8	Coaches	(1.48%)
8	Board Members	(1.48%)
38	Other	(7.02%)
149	Class A	(27.54%)
157	Class B	(29.02%)

85	Class C	(22.97%)	143	Class C	(26.43%)
56	Class D	(15.14%)	75	Class D	(13.86%)
10	Jr. High	(2.70%)	17	Jr. High	(3.14%)

**3. Which of these proposals do you prefer (select one)?**

- a. If a school sponsors MHSAA competitive cheer, then school-affiliated sideline (game) cheerleading squads may not be involved in competition against other squads at any time **unless the two programs are entirely separate (different coaches and students).**

**167 (18.53%)**

12	Superintendents	(7.19%)	71	Class A	(42.51)
57	Principals	(34.13%)	46	Class B	(27.54)
85	Athletic Directors	(50.90%)	32	Class C	(19.16)
2	Coaches	(1.20%)	15	Class D	(8.98%)
3	Board Members	(1.80%)	3	Jr. High	(1.80%)
8	Other	(4.79%)			

- b. If a school sponsors MHSAA competitive cheer, then school-affiliated sideline (game) cheerleading squads may not be involved in competition against other squads at any time.

**220 (24.42%)**

20	Superintendents	(9.09%)	56	Class A	(25.45%)
54	Principals	(24.55%)	77	Class B	(35.00%)
126	Athletic Directors	(57.27%)	50	Class C	(22.73%)
4	Coaches	(1.82%)	28	Class D	(12.73%)
4	Board Members	(1.82%)	9	Jr. High	(4.09%)
12	Other	(5.45%)			

- c. No change. (Competitive cheer team members and coaches may participate in competitions for all school-affiliated sideline cheerleading squads year-round, subject to travel, all-star and national championship restrictions.)

**514 (57.05%)**

55	Superintendents	(10.70%)	124	Class A	(24.12%)
148	Principals	(28.79%)	145	Class B	(28.21%)
251	Athletic Directors	(48.86%)	142	Class C	(27.63%)
10	Coaches	(1.95%)	88	Class D	(17.12%)
12	Board Members	(2.33%)	15	Jr. High	(2.92%)
38	Other	(7.39%)			

**4. Which of these proposals do you prefer (select one)?**

- a. If a school does not sponsor MHSAA competitive cheer, then sideline (game) cheerleading squads affiliated with that school are unregulated until its sideline cheerleading program includes **more than three** competitions against other teams.

**162 (18.28%)**

16	Superintendents	(9.88%)	50	Class A	(30.86%)
41	Principals	(25.31%)	47	Class B	(29.01%)
90	Athletic Directors	(55.56%)	46	Class C	(28.40%)
4	Coaches	(2.47%)	16	Class D	(9.88%)
3	Board Members	(1.85%)	3	Jr. High	(1.85%)
8	Other	(4.94%)			

- b. If a school does not sponsor MHSAA competitive cheer, then sideline (game) cheerleading squads affiliated with that school are unregulated unless the sideline cheerleading program includes **any** competition against other teams.

**225 (25.40%)**

20	Superintendents	(8.89%)	66	Class A	(29.33%)
63	Principals	(28.00%)	76	Class B	(33.78)
127	Athletic Directors	(56.44%)	45	Class C	(20.00%)
1	Coach	(0.44%)	30	Class D	(13.33%)
3	Board Members	(1.33%)	8	Jr. High	(3.56%)
11	Other	(4.89%)			

- c. No change. (If a school does **not** sponsor MHSAA competitive cheer, school-affiliated sideline cheerleading squads may engage in any number or type of competitions, anytime, anywhere.)

**499 (56.32)**

51	Superintendents	(10.22%)	132	Class A	(26.45%)
149	Principals	(29.86%)	142	Class B	(28.46%)
236	Athletic Directors	(47.29%)	128	Class C	(25.65%)
11	Coaches	(2.20%)	82	Class D	(16.43%)
13	Board Members	(2.61%)	15	Jr. High	(3.01%)
39	Other	(7.82%)			

5. If the MHSAA Girls Volleyball Tournament is moved from winter to fall, do you favor scheduling the MHSAA Girls Volleyball Tournament (select one)...

**On the weekend before Thanksgiving**  
**780 (85.43%)**

74	Superintendents	(9.49%)
223	Principals	(28.59%)
409	Athletic Directors	(52.44%)
12	Coaches	(1.54%)
16	Board Members	(2.05%)
46	Other	(5.90%)

216	Class A	(27.69%)
228	Class B	(29.23%)
195	Class C	(25.00%)
122	Class D	(15.64%)
19	Jr. High	(2.44%)

**On the weekend after Thanksgiving**  
**133 (14.57%)**

15	Superintendents	(11.28%)
38	Principals	(28.57%)
59	Athletic Directors	(44.38%)
4	Coaches	(3.01%)
3	Board Members	(2.26%)
14	Other	(10.53%)

36	Class A	(27.07%)
41	Class B	(30.83%)
35	Class C	(26.23%)
14	Class D	(10.563%)
7	Jr. High	(5.26%)

6. If the MHSAA Girls Basketball Tournament is moved from fall to winter, do you favor (select one, and in each case assume all Semifinals and Finals would be at the same venue)...

- a. Conducting each level of the girls tournament one week before the boys

**705 (78.16%)**

66	Superintendents	(9.36%)	191	Class A	(27.09%)
179	Principals	(25.39%)	210	Class B	(29.79%)
395	Athletic Directors	(56.03%)	197	Class C	(24.54%)
11	Coaches	(1.56%)	112	Class D	15.89%)
14	Board Members	(1.99%)	19	Jr. High	(2.70%)
40	Other	(5.67%)			

b. Conducting each level of the boys tournament one week before the girls

**34 (3.77%)**

1	Superintendent	(2.94%)	9	Class A	(26.47%)
13	Principals	(38.24%)	16	Class B	(47.06%)
17	Athletic Directors	(50.00%)	4	Class C	(11.76%)
0	Coaches	(0.00%)	5	Class D	(14.71%)
0	Board Members	(0.00%)	0	Jr. High	(0.00%)
3	Other	(8.82%)			

c. Conducting the Class A and B boys and girls tournaments one week before the Class C and D boys and girls tournaments

**51 (5.56%)**

3	Superintendents	(5.88%)	17	Class A	(33.33%)
18	Principals	(35.29%)	15	Class B	(29.41%)
21	Athletic Directors	(41.18%)	12	Class C	(23.53%)
2	Coaches	(3.92%)	4	Class D	(7.84%)
1	Board Members	(1.96%)	3	Jr. High	(5.88%)
6	Other	(11.76%)			

d. Conducting the Class C and D boys and girls tournaments one week before the Class A and B boys and girls tournaments

**112 (12.42%)**

16	Superintendents	(14.29%)	31	Class A	(27.68%)
48	Principals	(42.86%)	26	Class B	(23.21%)
33	Athletic Directors	(29.46%)	37	Class C	(33.04%)
3	Coaches	(2.68%)	14	Class D	(12.50%)
2	Board Members	(1.79%)	4	Jr. High	(3.57%)
10	Other	(8.93%)			

**7. Upper Peninsula Schools Only - The Compliance Plan approved by the District Court requires the MHSAA to continue separate U.P. Tennis Tournaments in the fall for girls and spring for boys and to offer separate U.P. Soccer Tournaments in the fall for girls and the spring for boys. Do you (select one)...**

a. Favor this change

**64 (46.38%)**

8	Superintendents	(12.50%)	13	Class A	(20.31%)
13	Principals	(20.31%)	20	Class B	(31.25%)
37	Athletic Directors	(57.81%)	14	Class C	(21.88%)
2	Coaches	(3.13%)	14	Class D	(21.88%)
0	Board Members	(0.00%)	3	Jr. High	(4.69%)
4	Other	(6.25%)			

b. Favor a modification that, if permitted by the Court, would reverse U.P. Tennis Tournaments for boys and girls and maintain U.P. soccer as it is today?

**74 (53.62%)**

8	Superintendents	(10.67%)	7	Class A	(9.46%)
18	Principals	(24.00%)	16	Class B	(21.62%)
43	Athletic Directors	(57.33%)	29	Class C	(39.19%)
1	Coach	(1.33%)	21	Class D	(28.38%)
2	Board Members	(2.67%)	1	Jr. High	(1.35%)
3	Other	(4.00%)			

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