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The Only Official Interpretations Are Those Received In Writing

The Most Efficient Method of Communication With the MHSAA on Eligibility Questions

Athletic Directors should gather all information necessary on a question and then call or write the MHSAA. Coaches or parents calling the MHSAA on eligibility matters can create confusion and delay. (Parents or coaches subsequently inform the AD, who then calls the MHSAA to verify and then "gets back" to the parent or coach.) AD's or Principals are encouraged to contact the MHSAA Office directly.

Please follow this efficient path of communication

Remember, only written eligibility interpretations are official. Have new students complete the New Student Transfer Information Form to gather detailed eligibility information for internal school review. **Do not mail the New Student Transfer form to the MHSAA.**

ON THE COVER

The MHSAA is in the midst of its busiest time of the year for postseason tournaments, with basketball, skiing and swimming among the highlighted events. Check out MHSAA.com for all of the schedule and ticket information.

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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 14, 2009

Members Present:

Jim Derocher, Negaunee
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Pete Ryan, Saginaw

Staff Members 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.)

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duction 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.

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

Adoption of these regulations, as well as policies, procedures and schedules of MHSAA tournaments, 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.

Walled Lake Western High School (Regulation I, Sections 6 & 9) – A request was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student to waive the undergraduate standing and transfer portions of the eligibility regulation and specifically Interpretation 84 (foreign exchange student not eligible if graduated). The student is 17 years old, from a CSIET-approved program and is living with a host family in the Walled Lake Western attendance area. The student has received a high school diploma from Holland but has been placed in 11th grade classes at Walled Lake Western.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Bay City-John Glenn High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day or enrollment. The student is considered in the 10th grade academically. The student began the 9th grade in 2006-07 at Pinconning High School, the 10th grade in 2007-08 at John Glenn, and then returned to Pinconning at the end of his fourth semester and to begin his fifth semester. The student reenrolled at John Glenn High School on Oct. 6, 2008.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at John Glenn High School, commencing Oct. 6, 2008.

Gladwin High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended

Gladwin Schools for many years, living with his father. To begin the 2008-09 school year, the student moved to the residence of his mother and enrolled at Swartz Creek High School. The parents never married. On Sept. 29, 2008, the Executive Committee approved a request to waive the transfer regulation on this student's behalf for eligibility at Swartz Creek High School due to the completion of an Educational Transfer Form. The visitation with the mother did not work out, the student did not play in a game or scrimmage with Swartz Creek, and on Oct. 20 the student returned to the father's residence. Gladwin High School is now submitting a second Educational Transfer Form for this student along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

Pursuant to the one-time provision of exception 8, the Executive Committee did not approve the request to waive the transfer regulation a second time for this student.

Harper Woods High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who began the 9th grade at Harper Woods High School, participated in basketball and lived with her father. To begin the 10th grade, the student moved in with her mother and enrolled at Inkster High School. The student has returned to live with her father and reenrolled at Harper Woods High School on Jan. 7, 2009. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form is in process with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver pending satisfactory completion of forms.

Kalamazoo-Loy Norrix High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended school and lived in Indiana with her mother who has recently divorced. The family deemed it best for the student to move with the grandmother in the Loy Norrix attendance area, enrolling on Nov. 5, 2008. The school

requested that if full eligibility is not granted, the student be eligible at the subvarsity level as the student has not participated in athletics in the 9th grade.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level through the end of the 2008-09 school year.

Madison Heights-Bishop Foley High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who has made a full and complete residential change and will be enrolling at Bishop Foley High School to begin the second semester on Jan. 19, 2009. The student previously attended Troy High School. Royal Oak-Shrine High School is one-half mile closer to the student's new residence than Bishop Foley. An older brother is currently a 12th-grade student at Bishop Foley and has been attending there since the 10th grade.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Mt. Morris-E. A. Johnson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended school in Arizona while living with her mother. The student has moved to the residence of her father who resides in the E. A. Johnson High School attendance area, enrolling on Nov. 24, 2008. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with documents from the Wayne County Circuit Court indicating both the father and the student.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Niles-Brandywine High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Niles High School before enrolling at Brandywine High School on Nov. 6, 2008. The student was involved in a school violation and alleges he was not afforded an acceptable hearing regarding the incident.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Republic-Michigamme High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (school of residence) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade foreign exchange student whose placement was changed by Youth For Understanding (a CSIET-approved program) due to changes in the former host family. The student will be moving from Washtenaw County where she attended Ann Arbor-Huron High School to a residence in Dickinson County. The student will enroll on Jan. 16, 2009 at Republic-Michigamme High School (not her school of residence) because the new host family has an 11th-grade daughter who is enrolled at Republic-Michigamme.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Roseville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Macomb-Lutheran North for the 9th grade and Macomb-L'Anse Creuse North for the 10th grade and first trimester of the 11th grade before enrolling at Roseville High School on Nov. 24, 2008. The student had issues with several students at her former school and did not try out for softball her sophomore year at L'Anse Creuse North. The student now attends Roseville because cousins are also enrolled there.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

St. Louis High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Ithaca High School. The student changed schools due to conflicts with fellow wrestlers at Ithaca High School. The student is residing with his grandmother in the St. Louis School District.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Westland-John Glenn High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Detroit-Cass Technical

High School while living with her father. The student has moved to the residence of her mother who resides in the John Glenn High School attendance area, enrolling on Sept. 16, 2008. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with child support documentation indicating both the father and the student.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ypsilanti High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Belleville High School while living with her mother. The student moved to the residence of her father who resides in the Ypsilanti High School attendance area, enrolling on Oct. 15, 2008. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with documents from the

Washtenaw County Circuit Court indicating both the father and the student.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Subvarsity Waiver Requests Meeting All Conditions of Section 9(B) – The Executive Committee approved immediate eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the following transferring 9th- or 10th-grade students (after entering 9th grade, before completing 10th grade) who have not previously participated in an inter-scholastic scrimmage or contest in any MHSAA sport at the high school level (whether MHSAA member schools or not) and who do not qualify for one of the 15 stated exceptions to the transfer regulation and have transferred for reasons having nothing to do with athletics, discipline or family finances and would not require Executive Committee evaluation or comparison of school demographics or curriculum:

Requesting High School	Grade	Former High School	Date of Enrollment	Length of Subvarsity Eligibility Status
Buchanan	9	Collins, Lawrenceville, GA	Dec. 17, 2008	2008-09 School Year
GPW-U-Liggett	9	Grosse Pointe South	Jan. 13, 2009	2008-09 School Year
Leroy-Pine River	9	Cadillac	Jan. 5, 2008	2008-09 School Year
Marquette	10	Negaunee	Sept. 2, 2008	Jan. 19, 2009
Muskegon	9	Muskegon-Oakridge	Nov. 24, 2008	2008-09 School Year
Muskegon	10	Muskegon Tech Acad	Sept. 18, 2008	Jan. 19, 2009
Warren-Regina	9	St. Clair	January 2009	2008-09 School Year

Allegan High School (Regulation II, Section 11) – Pursuant to Interpretation 221, a request to waive the three-player rule for the 2008-09 school year was made on behalf of the boys swimming coach who is also the Allegan Pool Director and Recreation Director. For several years the coach has conducted the youth swim program for students younger than the 7th grade and has directed others to coach students in grades 7-12. The school district has been unable to find a coach for the current program, open to the general public which involves 100-120 participants ages 5-18 and includes students from four school districts including Allegan (Gobles, Hastings and Otsego). Thirteen Allegan students in grades 7-12 are involved in the program.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this person in the boys swimming & diving program for the 2008-09 school year.

Chelsea High School (Regulation II, Section 11) – Pursuant to Interpretation 221, a request to waive the three-player rule for the 2008-09 school year was made on behalf of the assistant boys swimming coach who was recently hired to replace a former coach. The new assistant coach is also the director of the Chelsea Aquatic Club which consists of approximately 100 participants ages 6 to 18 from three school districts including Chelsea (Manchester and Dexter). It is estimated the coach would coach ten Chelsea boys in grades 7-12 in the Chelsea Aquatic Club program.

The Executive Committee approved the

request for waiver for this person in the boys swimming & diving program for the 2008-09 school year.

Regulation III, Section 1(C) – Pursuant to Interpretation 246, the Executive Committee approved waiver of the enrollment regulation to permit 6th-grade students of the following junior high/middle schools to participate with and against 7th and/or 8th graders for the sports listed in the 2008-09 school year only.

Litchfield – girls basketball

McBain-Northern Michigan Christian – boys and girls track & field

Chesaning Middle School (Regulation III, Section 1) – A request to waive the enrollment regulation was made to allow students from Chesaning-Our Lady of Perpetual Help Middle School to participate with students on Chesaning Middle School athletic teams. Our Lady is not a member school and has nine students enrolled in grades 7 and 8 (six below the 15 students required for onsite enrollment under MHSAA membership).

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Macomb-Seneca Middle School (Regulation III, Section 13) – A request to waive the limited team membership regulation was made on behalf of a 7th-grade student who has been involved with an elite non-school volleyball team for several years. The Macomb Area Middle School Athletic Association continues to play volleyball in the winter, which conflicts with the non-school volleyball contests.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Applying New Academic Regulations – The Executive Committee approved the following policies for the transition to the revisions for previous and current academic regulations approved by the Representative Council on Dec. 5, 2008 for the 2009-10 school year (schools may have more restrictive policies):

1. Students must be completing 66% in their first term of the 2009-10 school year.
2. Students in trimester systems who were ineligible at the end of the second trimester of the 2008-09 school year but have a satisfactory third trimester record become eligible on Aug. 1, 2009.
3. Students in trimester systems who were ineligible at the end of the third trimester of the 2008-09 school year become eligible at the start of their second trimester of the 2009-10 school year.
4. Students in semester systems who are ineligible at the end of the second semester of the 2008-09 school year become eligible on their 61st scheduled school day of the 2009-10 school year, provided they have been doing passing work cumulatively for the previous 60 days.
5. Students who achieve credit for four courses but not 66% of full course load potential for a full-time student (e.g., four of seven) during their last academic term of 2008-09 remain eligible at the start of the 2009-10 school year.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing (with the Audit & Finance Committee meeting to follow); Thursday, March 26, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing (with the Representative Council meeting on March 27); Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing (with the Audit & Finance Committee meeting to follow); and Sunday, May 3, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. in Gaylord (with the Representative Council meetings beginning at 12 Noon).■

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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Vic Michaels, Detroit
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Britton-Macon and Deerfield High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E] and III, Section 1[C]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of boys and girls basketball and girls volleyball to the high school and middle school cooperative agreements which exist between these schools in several sports. Britton-Macon will be the primary school. Both schools sponsored basketball and volleyball previously. The combined 2008-09 high school enrollment is 314. Depending on the February 2009 Enrollment Declarations, it is likely that teams would enter the 2009-10 Class C tournaments. Classifications for 2009-10 will be finalized in March. Support from the Tri-County Conference was received.

Detroit-Allen Academy (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) – A request to waive the maximum enrollment and competition portions of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who began the 9th grade at Detroit-Cass Technical High School in the fall of 2004-05, withdrew in January 2005, and was not enrolled in any school for the second semester of 2004-05. Beginning with the fall of 2005, the student has been enrolled for seven consecutive semesters at Allen Academy, including the first semester of the 2008-09 school year which was the student's fifth first semester and eighth semester overall. The current second semester of 2008-09 is the student's ninth overall, and fourth second semester.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Mendon High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) – A request to waive the maximum enrollment and competition portions of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who has been in foster care or court supervision throughout high school. The student began the 9th grade at Flushing High School in the fall of 2005-06, was placed in an Adolescent Day Treatment (ADT) program through Redford Union High School for the 10th grade and first semester of the 11th grade before being placed again in foster care and enrolling in Mendon High School to begin the second

semester of the 2008-09 school year. The student received credit for several classes each semester since first enrolling in 2005-06 but did not participate in athletics until the 11th grade at Mendon High School. While the student has enough credits to graduate in June 2009, several courses were in a residential placement and not of a quality sufficient to prepare the student for college. The student is currently enrolled in his eighth semester.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Albion High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Albion Schools for his entire career except for the fall of 2008 when the student moved from the home of his grandmother to the home of his mother in North Carolina. The grandmother has had custody of the student since the 7th grade when the father was incarcerated. The mother has relocated several times and was planning on moving to Georgia when it was decided that the student should return to Albion to again reside with his grandmother who has been primarily responsible for the student's care since the 7th grade.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ann Arbor-Father Gabriel Richard High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended a residential school in South Carolina, did not participate in athletics, and returned to the residence of his parents in Ann Arbor, enrolling on Nov. 24, 2008. The student lives closer to Ann Arbor-Greenhills High School than to Father Gabriel Richard but prefers a faith-based education and would like to participate in track & field. Gabriel Richard only has a limited junior varsity level track team. If full eligibility is denied, the school requested eligibility at the subvarsity level for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year.

The Executive Committee did not

approve the request for waiver at the varsity level but did approve the request for waiver at the subsvarsity level through the remainder of the 2008-09 school year.

Battle Creek-Lakeview High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who was a lifelong student of the Lakeview School District except for eight school days from Jan. 20-29, 2009 when the student attended Union City High School and did not participate in athletics. The student reenrolled at Lakeview on Jan. 30, 2009.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Bellevue High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who is residing with her cousin. The student attended Brown City High School until January 2009. The student's residence has changed several times. She lived with her parents in Brown City until Sept. 2008, in North Branch with an aunt, and then attempted to return home to her parents in November 2008. When the student turned 17, she moved in with friends and then a cousin.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Brimley High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended Sault Ste. Marie-Sault Area High School while living with his mother. The student has moved to Brimley to live with his father, enrolling at Brimley High School on Jan. 19, 2009. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Dearborn Heights-Annapolis High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who began the 2008-09 school year at Annapolis and attended Dearborn Heights-Robichaud High School for one

day on Jan. 15, 2009. The student reenrolled at Annapolis High School on Jan. 21, 2009.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Eaton Rapids High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended Holt High School while living with her father. The student has moved to Eaton Rapids to live with her mother, enrolling on Jan. 26, 2009. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Fair Haven-Anchorage Bay High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Anchorage Bay High School for the 9th and 10th grades and enrolled at Grosse Pointe Woods-University Liggett High School to begin the 2008-09 school year. For financial reasons and because of a 30-mile one-way commute, the student reenrolled at Anchorage Bay on Oct. 31, 2009.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Creston High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who lived with his grandmother who adopted the student and has lived in Tennessee for the first 15 years of his life. When the grandmother died last year, the student moved in with an aunt in Tennessee; two older siblings moved to Michigan, one enrolling at MSU. On Dec. 2, 2008, the student moved to the Grand Rapids-Creston attendance area to live with his 30-year-old sister, who has now become his guardian, and enrolled at Creston to begin the second trimester. The student's birth parents have not been in his life.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Lincoln Park High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation, and specifically Interpretation 73 (both schools and MHSAA must agree to eligibility when a student participates and then moves back to the former district before 90 school days of enrollment), was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student. The student previously attended Ecorse High School before moving over the summer with his family and renting a home in Lincoln Park. In late December, the school discovered that the owners of the rental home in Lincoln Park had been foreclosed upon in November and the student returned with his family to his brother's residence in Ecorse. The student had played football and five basketball games until the move back to the former address was discovered, at which time the school withheld the student from competition. On Jan. 14, 2009, the student and his father found another home and moved back into Lincoln Park and the student participated in four games between Jan. 15-27, 2009. On Jan. 29, the school realized the error in applying Interpretation 73, withheld the student again from competition and sought approval from the MHSAA and Ecorse High School as is stipulated in the interpretation. Ecorse High School declined to approve eligibility. The student has continued his enrollment at Lincoln Park.

The Executive Committee confirmed that, because the conditions of Handbook Interpretation 73 were not met, Lincoln Park High School must forfeit all contests in which this student participated since his residence returned to Ecorse in November. However, because of the circumstances and the number of games from which the student has been withheld since Jan. 29, the Executive Committee approved the request to waive the requirements of Interpretation 73 and determined that the school may reinstate the student's eligibility immediately.

Owosso High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and the specific language of Exception 2 (the single parent, if

divorced) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Boys Town, a residential school in Nebraska, for the 10th grade and first semester of the 2008-09 school year. The student attended Owosso in the 9th grade and has returned to live with her mother in Owosso. The parents never married and the father has not been in the student's life during this time.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Tekonsha High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who attended the Tekonsha School District since the 7th grade except for five school days from Jan. 26 – Feb. 2, 2009, when the student attended Union City High School and did not participate in athletics. The student reenrolled at Tekonsha on Feb. 3, 2009.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Warren-Cousino High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Warren Mott High School and enrolled at Cousino on Sept. 30, 2008.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Cousino High School beginning Sept. 30, 2008.

Wyoming-Lee High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Lee High School for three years. Over the summer, the student and her mother changed residences to the Wyoming-Rogers attendance area and the student enrolled at Rogers High School to begin the 2008-09 school year. The student did not participate in athletics at Rogers, was uncomfortable there and reenrolled at Lee High School on Jan. 26, 2009.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Subvarsity Waiver Requests Meeting All Conditions of Section 9(B)

– The Executive Committee approved immediate eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the following transferring 9th- or 10th-grade students (after entering 9th grade, before completing 10th grade) who have not previously participated in an interscholastic scrimmage or contest in any MHSAA sport at the high school level

(whether MHSAA member schools or not) and who do not qualify for one of the 15 stated exceptions to the transfer regulation and have transferred for reasons having nothing to do with athletics, discipline or family finances and would not require Executive Committee evaluation or comparison of school demographics or curriculum:

Requesting High School	Grade	Former High School	Date of Enrollment	Length of Subvarsity Eligibility Status
E pointe-Eaton Acad Hillsdale	10	Detroit-Osborn	Jan. 6, 2009	2008-09 School Year
Niles-Brandywine	9	Detroit-Osborn	Jan. 26, 2009	2008-09 School Year
Niles-Brandywine	9	Truancy Academy	Jan. 26, 2009	2008-09 School Year
Niles-Brandywine	9	Edwardsburg	Jan. 28, 2009	2008-09 School Year

Detroit Community High School (Regulation II, Section 6)

– A request to waive the 600-mile round-trip travel limitation was made to permit participation at the 5th Annual Robert Shumake Scholarship Relays which would include teams from the government of the Bahamas. The event will be held on April 25, 2009, at Detroit-Renaissance High School.

The Executive Committee reviewed the history and rationale of policies and procedures for restricting interstate travel distances in high school athletics, noting that as travel has become more expensive and financial support for schools has declined, and as non-school interests have sought to profit from interstate events for high school student-athletes, limits on the length of travel are increasingly favored. Executive Committee members indicated the need to be vigilant on behalf of the large majority of member schools which have consistently opposed proposals to increase the scope of travel and to remain supportive of member schools which are attempting to maintain comprehensive interscholastic athletic programs against pressures to advance sports over academics or a single sport over a balanced program.

Also reviewed was the importance of applying the rule not only to Michigan schools traveling out of state but also to out-of-state schools traveling to Michigan;

for without applying the rule in both directions, MHSAA member schools’ opposition to national-scope events for high school sports would be undermined and Michigan would host the type of events that MHSAA schools do not want and view as a threat to the core beliefs of educational athletics.

The Executive Committee expressed concern that approving international competition by teams from as far away as the Bahamas would make it nearly impossible to continue to enforce the travel limitation for competition with schools from non-bordering states within the United States which would be in excess of the 600-mile round-trip travel limitation. The Executive Committee noted that the existing travel limits allow for participation from the states which border Michigan or are no more than 300 miles from the site of the event which, in operating under the existing member school travel limitation in 2008, included participation by 28 teams from four states (Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio).

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-East Grand Rapids High School (Regulation II, Section 11)

– Pursuant to Interpretation 221, a request to waive the three-player rule for the 2008-09 school year was made on behalf of the boys and girls swimming & diving coach. The East Grand Rapids Waves has

seen a recent departure of several coaches which resulted in the request for the East Grand Rapids High School coach to become involved. The non-school program anticipates approximately 200 participants ages 6-18 and involves students from eight school districts including East Grand Rapids. There are approximately 30 students in grades 7-12 from the East Grand Rapids School District involved. A request for this coach to become involved with the same program was approved in September 2006.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Regulation III, Section 1(C) – Pursuant to Interpretation 246, a request for waiver of the enrollment regulation was made by Big Rapids-Crossroads Charter Academy to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th

and/or 8th graders in the sports of boys and girls track & field in the 2008-09 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Representative Council – The Executive Committee reviewed a draft agenda for the March 27, 2009 Representative Council meeting.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing (with the Representative Council meeting on March 27); Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing (with the Audit & Finance Committee meeting to follow); Sunday, May 3, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. in Gaylord (with the Representative Council meetings May 3-5); and Wednesday, June 10, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing. ■

AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, February 12, 2009

Members Present:

Vic Michaels, Detroit
Jim Derocher, Negaunee
Eric Federico, Gibraltar
Chip Hansen, East Jordan

Staff Members Present:

Randy Allen
Nate Hampton
Gina Mazzolini
Tom Minter
Peggy Montpas
Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts (Recorder)
Mark Uyl
Kathy Westdorp

2009-10 Budget Preparation Schedule

Feb. 12: Audit and Finance Committee proposals (including personnel);

March 27: Representative Council approval;

April 22: Audit and Finance Committee proposals (remainder of budget);

May 5: Representative Council approval.

2008-09 Year-To-Date Review

– Through Jan. 31, 2009, revenues were approximately \$15,733 below the 2007-08 school year, and total disbursements were nearly \$438,382 lower than the first six months of the previous fiscal year, reflecting concentrated efforts to reduce expenses

in all aspects of MHSAA operations.

Audit Review – The professional audits for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 fiscal years remain incomplete pending resolution of the association's liability for plaintiff attorneys' fees and expenses in the sports seasons litigation.

It was reported that, at the auditor's recommendation, the MHSAA will begin in 2009-10 to transition to a full accrual budget and audit to more accurately reflect total revenues and expenses.

The preliminary audited tournament financial reports for the 2007-08 school year showed that a record 15 tournaments had direct revenue in excess of direct expenses, but that only three tournaments

– boys basketball, girls basketball and football – have net revenues sufficient to cover functional expenses, and the surplus from those three sports overcomes the deficit of the 25 other tournaments. The downward slide in net revenues for both boys and girls basketball is a major concern.

IRS Form 990 Compliance – Steps being taken to assure full compliance with increasing regulations related to IRS Form 990 filings were discussed. The Audit and Finance Committee approved three policy statements for the Council’s adoption in March: (1) Policy for Form 990 Review and Approval; (2) Conflict of Interest Policy; and (3) Compensation Policies and Procedures.

Football Playoff Finances – In order to bring more oversight of ticket sales and more accountability for expenses, the Audit and Finance Committee recommended and the Representative Council approved the following in March 2008:

1. Numbered tickets would be provided to all host sites; and unused tickets returned to the MHSAA with financial reports.
2. Hosts would receive a portion of the gross ticket sales from which they would pay their local expenses; and the balance, less an amount to pay game officials, would be sent to the MHSAA.
3. The MHSAA would forward a smaller portion of the gross to opponents who would pay their own travel expenses, except that the MHSAA would add a mileage bonus of \$500 for trips over 150 miles (one way) or \$1,000 for trips over 250 miles (one way).

In determining the appropriate host and visitor shares, the objective was to increase the MHSAA’s share of Pre-District games and have nearly no change at the District, Regional and Semifinal levels. In actual practice, revenue to the MHSAA and the MHSAA’s share of total revenues declined sharply at the second and third rounds of the 2008 playoffs. Visiting team revenue at those levels more than doubled compared to 2007 in spite of a sharp decline in attendance at those rounds.

The Audit and Finance Committee approved a proposal to Council to reduce the host share of gross revenue for the second round of Football Playoff games from 25 percent to 20 percent and to reduce the visitor share of gross revenue for the second and third rounds of Football Playoff games from ten to five percent.

The committee engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding the establishment of reimbursements for Football Tournament host schools which must rent competition facilities all season, or feel the necessity to do so or wish to do so for a playoff game. No reimbursements are now provided, and the committee did not approve any proposal to change these policies at this time.

Other Tournaments – The Audit and Finance Committee approved a proposal to Council to suspend the \$300 minimum payment to the hosts of MHSAA tournaments at venues where admission is not charged. Managers’ honoraria would continue and approved expenses would continue to be reimbursed.

Officials – The Audit and Finance Committee discussed at length and approved the following proposal to Council:

1. Incorporate the minimum mileage reimbursement into the basic fee for MHSAA tournament officials; raise fees across the board for MHSAA tournament officials; and strategically increase tournament officials’ fees in selected sports.
2. Increase the officials registration fees from \$20 (online) or \$25 (paper) to \$25 or \$30; increase the sport fees from \$10 to \$12; and increase late fees from \$20 to \$30.
3. Restructure the MHSAA tournament officials selection process to make more use of electronic efficiencies and economies, eliminate onsite officials selection committees, and reduce the number of conflicts, cancellations and reassignments.

Personnel Considerations – The Audit and Finance Committee adopted proposals for the Representative Council’s action in March relative to compensation for staff for fiscal year 2009-10. ■

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FOOTBALL PLAYOFF EXPANSION

This is the fourth in a six-part series "Taking Stock," addressing six major issues of school sports in Michigan over the past two decades.

My arrival in Michigan coincided with the first autumn of having 64 teams in the MHSAA Football Playoffs. Previously, it was 32 teams, with eight teams in each of four classes, taking three weeks.

In 1986, the regular season was started a week earlier, and the playoffs were expanded to four weeks, accommodating 16 teams in each of four classes. Even some undefeated teams failed to qualify under that format of 64 teams.

In 1990, the playoffs were doubled in size without lengthening the four-week format, as each of the four classes was divided in two for a total of eight 16-team brackets and a total of 128 teams. "Genius," people said. "Doubled the qualifiers without lengthening the tournament. Great."

But soon once again, complaints were expressed. Strong schools said they couldn't fill schedules because opponents wouldn't risk a single loss, for sometimes teams with one loss didn't qualify under that format.

So in 1998, the MHSAA Representative Council responded to requests and surveys, and directed staff to develop plans to expand the playoffs once more.

And so we did, beginning with the 1999 tournament.

The new plan would allow teams to qualify with three losses, sometimes even four. But we had to add a fifth week to the playoffs, which meant starting another week earlier in August; and we would have to place the qualifiers in eight divisions of 32 teams on Sunday **after** the Week 9 regular-season games.

Over two decades, the Football Playoff qualifying field has increased from 32 to 256, a 700 percent increase. More than 40 percent of all football schools – and 100 percent of all teams which lose three games – now qualify.

And still people complain. In fact, they seem to complain **more** today about scheduling difficulties now than they did 20 years ago. In 1986, a small number of undefeated schools missed qualifying; this year, 50 of 68 schools with 5-4 records missed qualifying; so the number of near misses has multiplied more than tenfold; but these are "near misses" by teams with mediocre records. The complaints have actually increased as the number of qualifiers has increased! The complaints have **increased** as the **merits** of the complaints have **decreased**.

It is dispiriting to me to see how all of this has stressed long-standing league and conference relationships, and how difficult football scheduling has become for individual schools and their league leadership.

Nothing close to consensus exists for change. Neither the Football Coaches Association nor any group of the state's administrators has spoken clearly in favor of another week of playoffs in order to double the qualifiers. The majority opposes an eight-game regular season; and an even larger majority opposes an earlier start to the football season to accommodate a five-week playoff schedule.

Some people suggest adding another round and playing three games in two weeks like some nearby states. But that's putting pride before protection of students' health. Moreover, some nearby states are talking about dropping that intense scheduling; so there's no need for us to start talking about it.

Some people look to Indiana for our model, where all schools qualify for the Football Playoffs. As with the seasons litigation, some critics are heard to say: "If other states can do it, why can't Michigan?"

We **can** do it. **Should** we is the more important question.

We can get all schools into the

MHSAA Football Playoffs. But we have twice as many football schools as Indiana, so we're going to need twice as many classifications or another week or two longer of playoffs to complete the tournament.

And is it safe or sane to play undefeated teams against winless teams in a collision sport like football? And does it strike

you as inappropriate if the playoffs last longer than the regular season?

We are smart enough in Michigan to devise a Football Playoffs where all schools qualify. We are also smart enough **not** to do so. The question isn't if we can expand the Football Playoffs. It's if we **should**. ■

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL & UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE NOMINATION PROCEDURES FOR 2009-10

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 ■

"GUEST" CONTRIBUTORS

SPORTSMANSHIP IS ALWAYS IN STYLE

This timeless reading appears as a chapter in the book The Athlete in the Making, by Jesse Feiring Williams, MD of Columbia University, and Eugene White Nixon of Panama College. Both were professors of physical education at the time, which was 1932, proving at least some good things never change (Excuse the masculine references and pronouns).

Time was, and not so long ago, when the baseball player who knew how to cut third base while the umpire was watching the play at first, or the football player who was skillful at holding the opposing player without being detected by the umpire, was to that degree a greater athlete and a bigger hero. Cheating, taking unfair advantage, beating the gun, were all elements in athletic proficiency. A story is told of the big league baseball manager who said to his squad at the conclusion of the first reading of the rules: "Now the purpose of this meeting is to consider how we can beat the rules."

For many years professional and amateur baseball alike reflected such a spirit. Bullying, cheating, "crabbing" were all too common in every form of sport. The present movement away from muck-erism probably should be attributed in large measure to the growing popularity of golf and tennis. Baseball, boxing, and many of our common sports trace their origin to the common people who possessed no code of honor. On the other hand golf and tennis, historically gentlemen's games, have come down to us so interwoven with a high code of honor that we have been forced to accept the code along with the game. To the great majority of golfers ability to make oneself play the ball just exactly as it lies is a more important element in golfing proficiency than is ability to lay the ball dead to the pin.

The effect of the golf code upon the attitude of the millions who play the game is reflected in all our sports. Most big league ball players also indulge in golf. And the ball player who conducts himself according to the code in his morning round of golf is extremely unlikely to make a mucker of himself the same afternoon on the diamond. The quality of his sportsmanship is tremendously effective in

influencing the attitude of the thousands of sports-loving, hero worshippers in the stands.

Many efforts have been made to define sportsmanship, most of which have been faulty in that they have concentrated too much upon one element, or have omitted others. Sportsmanship must be thought of as an attitude rather than a particular way of acting. A man may avoid breaking the rules of the game because of fear of penalties. But such a player can scarcely be classed as a true sportsman. Nor is a sportsman in golf one who plays the ball as it lies for the reason that a reputation for trickiness would make it difficult for him to find opponents to play against him.

Sportsmanship is a composite of qualities of character, and not a way of doing. The man who observes the rules of the game because dishonesty in any form is incompatible with his ways of thinking and feeling, is to that degree a sportsman. With such a man the danger of penalties does not come into consideration,

The sportsman plays the game for all there is in it. He plays to win. The namby pamby attitude of playing the game for the sake of the game, or for the exercise involved, adds nothing to the pleasure or satisfaction of either party in the contest. Nothing quite infuriates a player so much as the thought that the opponent is letting him win. "The sportsman plays for his own side."

The sportsman takes no unfair advantage of the rules nor of the opponent. This is an inflexible principle of sportsmanship. The sportsman finds more satisfaction in honorable defeat than in any victory won by unfair means. The sportsman keeps his temper under full control. The sportsman is modest. Any bragging about his exploits must come from other sources. He is never over-confident. He displays

no false courage.

The sportsman respects the opponent, the officials, and the game. He is friendly to the opponent at all times. He makes no disparaging remarks. He accepts the decisions of the official in good spirit. He does nothing to bring the game into disrepute. He displays no ill will.

The sportsman keeps himself fit. The member of a team makes himself a mucker when he fails in this duty.

The sportsman does not quit, either physically or mentally.

The sportsman is unselfish. He enters into the team work without reservation. He is willing to share the glory with his team mates.

The sportsman offers no excuse for his defeat. He admits that on this particular occasion the opponent was his superior. He only looks forward to another day.

The sportsman wins graciously. He tries to lessen the sting of defeat for the opponent. He never gloats. These are the things a sportsman does and does not. But

after all, remembering that sportsmanship is an attitude and not a way of acting, the player may be a sportsman in spite of the fact that he fails on occasion to measure up to all these standards of conduct. He is a sportsman in so far as he has developed an attitude which motivates him to right conduct, and in so far as he is constantly attempting to improve this attitude.

Sportsmanship has to be learned and practiced. By our very nature we possess urges to self centered conduct. Our responses to these urges can only be modified by practicing other responses. The player who hopes to become proficient in sports, and who accepts the newer conception of sportsmanship as an important element in true proficiency, should practice this attitude as faithfully as he practices mashie pitches, forward passes, or laying down bunts. And the player who attains true sportsmanship will be a credit to himself and to the game, regardless of his mechanical skill, or lack of it. ■

IS IT REALLY JUST ABOUT WINNING?

Long ago, I entered law school wanting to do good. I left more concerned with doing well.

In an atmosphere dominated by raging competitive instincts, persuasive rationalizations and real economic pressures, cynicism drowned out idealism. My notion of the legal system as a grand forum for the pursuit of truth and justice was reduced to the idea that, in the end, it was just an adversarial game with a less noble purpose: win!

But it's not just lawyers who are vulnerable to mission drift.

The idealistic drive of people who enter politics to pursue their personal version of the public good can be crushed or converted by real politics. It's not easy to solve complicated problems in a world dominated by clashing convictions, limited resources, out-sized egos and consuming personal ambitions. And so, the acquisition and retention of power, initially the means to an end, becomes the end itself – the measure of success is winning.

If you're involved in youth sports, you too may be the victim of mission drift. Is youth sports really a recreational and educational activity designed to allow children to have fun and develop valuable life skills or is just an early field of combat teaching the lesson that, in the end, it's just about winning?

These questions are probed in a challenging online assessment designed by the Josephson Institute to identify the core beliefs and values of the parents who support their children's involvement in sports and the coaches and other adults that administer the programs.

Take a look at the survey at www.charactercounts.org/sports

I suspect some of you will find a gap between your ideals and the reality you create or condone.

— Michael Josephson
President and Founder, Josephson Institute

MHSAA WEIGHT MONITORING PROGRAM RECEIVES GENEROUS BOOST

Greg Hatcher, a 1983 graduate of Alma College and current member of the Alma College Board of Trustees, is underwriting Michigan's costs for the National Wrestling Coaches Association's administration of the Michigan Wrestling Weight Monitoring Program.

Hatcher is CEO of the Hatcher Agency headquartered in Little Rock, Ark., where the company is the No. 1 producer for eight different insurance companies serving the state. Hatcher graduated from Alma College with a degree in Public Relations. While at Alma, he was president of the student body and lettered in soccer, wrestling and baseball.

Michigan's Wrestling Weight Monitoring Program began with a nutrition education component in the 1994-95 school year. By the 1997-98 school year, the MHSAA was requiring every high school wrestler to have a body fat assessment and then stipulated a lowest eligible weight for competition for each wrestler and a maximum pace for weight reduction to reach that lowest eligible weight.

For the 2004-05 school year, the MHSAA replaced its in-house computer

processing and reporting to all teams and schools with the NWCA program that was introduced and successfully tested during the 2001-02 school year.

Michigan was one of the nation's earliest pioneers of a comprehensive weight education and control program in wrestling, taking encouragement and the best ideas from several states, especially Wisconsin. National high school wrestling rules began to require healthy weight management programs during the 2006-07 school year.

Mike Moyer, Executive Director of the National Wrestling Coaches Association, was instrumental in securing Hatcher's support for Michigan high school wrestling. Both Moyer and Hatcher have as a long-term goal restoring intercollegiate wrestling programs in Michigan, in part to help replenish the depleted pool of high school wrestling coaches throughout the state. With nearly 500 high schools sponsoring wrestling for almost 12,000 wrestlers in Michigan, the five intercollegiate wrestling programs that remain in Michigan are inadequate to serve the interscholastic program. ■

ANALYSIS OF MHSAA MEMBERSHIP

January 1, 2009

770 Total High Schools

654 (85%) Total Public Schools

- 51 (7%) Charter (Public School Academies)
- 603 (78%) Traditional Schools

116 (15%) Total Nonpublic Schools

- 104 (14%) Religious
- 12 (2%) Secular Non-Public

819 Total Junior High/Middle Schools

736 (90%) Total Public Schools

- 35 (4%) Charter (Public School Academies)
- 700 (85%) Traditional Schools

84 (10%) Total Nonpublic Schools

- 78 (10%) Religious
- 6 (0.7%) Secular

GANAKAS, VANKUIKEN RECEIVE WISL AWARDS

Two Flint area athletic administrators – Gail Ganakas of Flint Community Schools, and Deb VanKuiken of Holly High School – have been named the recipients of the 2008-09 Women In Sports Leadership Award by the Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association.



Each year the Representative Council considers the achievements of women coaches, officials and athletic administrators affiliated with the MHSAA who show exemplary leadership capabilities and positive contributions to athletics. This is the first time since the award was initiated in 1990 that two individuals will be honored. The award will be presented to Ganakas at halftime of the Class C championship game in the MHSAA Girls Basketball Tournament at the Convocation Center in Ypsilanti on March 21; and VanKuiken will receive her award at the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Conference in Traverse City on March 22.

Ganakas is currently the Executive Director of Community Education/Relations for Flint Community Schools, where she has served for 36 years. Coming on the scene when schools were beginning to initiate athletic programs for girls, she was a teacher-coach at Holmes Junior High School before becoming principal at Whittier Middle School. In her current position, she has been instrumental in designing study table programs for high school and middle school student-athletes, an athletic handbook for the school district and athletic fundraising.



Ganakas

Also an athletic leader in the community, Ganakas has served as the only female to chair the local CANUSA Games which involve over 15,000 participants annually in 20 sports from Flint and Hamilton, Ontario. She has also served as a board member locally for Big Brothers-Big Sisters, the Welch Foundation; and nationally for the alumni association at Michigan State University, from which she received her bachelor's degree in 1971 and her master's degree in 1975. She earned her doctoral degree in education from Western Michigan University in 1982. She is a 1967 graduate of East Lansing High School.

"Flint has long been regarded for its school sports programs, and Gail Ganakas has been a tireless proponent of preparing young women in particular for the most important game of all – the game of life – through athletics," said John E. "Jack" Roberts, Executive Director of the MHSAA. "Her strong work ethic, respect for others and a desire to give back to the community make her a worthy recipient of this award."

VanKuiken coached and taught at Bridgeport High School for 12 years before moving to Holly in 1996 to become the school's assistant principal and athletic director. Since 2002, she has been a full time athletic administrator. A 1979 graduate of Lansing Sexton High School where she competed in softball, tennis and volleyball; VanKuiken played field hockey at Central Michigan University and earned her bachelor's degree in 1984. She received her master's degree in Educational Administration from CMU in 1994.



VanKuiken

As athletic director at Holly, she has enhanced the school's athletic handbook for coaches and student-athletes, expanded the Broncho Hall of Fame, and served as an MHSAA committee member and tournament host on multiple occasions. She has also made significant contributions as a presenter at Women In Sports Leadership Conferences conducted by the MHSAA. VanKuiken has also held leadership roles within the Tri Valley Conference and the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association; having

served during the 2007-08 school year at the MIAAA's president, and is in the middle of a five-year term on its Board of Directors.

"Deb VanKuiken's work touches many people in so many ways," Roberts said. "From promoting good sporting behavior at her school and league, to encouraging our female athletes, to helping set the tone for educational athletics statewide, her leadership skills and vision have put her at the forefront. We're pleased to honor her with the Women In Sports Leadership Award."

The honoring of Ganakas and VanKuiken brings to 21 the number of Women In Sports Leadership Award recipients. Past recipients are:

- 1990 – Carol Seavoy, L'Anse
- 1991 – Diane Laffey, Harper Woods
- 1992 – Patricia Ashby, Scotts
- 1993 – Jo Lake, Grosse Pointe
- 1994 – Brenda Gatlin, Detroit
- 1995 – Jane Bennett, Ann Arbor
- 1996 – Cheryl Amos-Helmicki, Huntington Woods
- 1997 – Delores L. Elswick, Detroit
- 1998 – Karen S. Leinaar, Delton
- 1999 – Kathy McGee, Flint
- 2000 – Pat Richardson, Grass Lake
- 2001 – Suzanne Martin, East Lansing
- 2002 – Susan Barthold, Kentwood
- 2003 – Nancy Clark, Flint
- 2004 – Kathy Vrugink Westdorp, Grand Rapids
- 2005 – Barbara Redding, Capac
- 2006 – Melanie Miller, Lansing
- 2007 – Jan Sander, Warren Woods
- 2008 – Jane Bos, Grand Rapids



TEAMS PRACTICING OUT-OF-STATE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FORM

The tradition of taking a team on a "spring trip" for practice only is a separate issue from sanctioning a competition. Any school which conducts practice sessions out of state at a site more than 600 miles round-trip must submit to the MHSAA office a Travel Form for Out-of-State Practice at least 30 days in advance of departure. This does not allow schools to compete in a scrimmage, practice or competition with a team from another school.

The following interpretation was adopted at the May 2004 Representative Council meeting:

"When a school-sponsored team, or group of students which resembles the school team, intends to conduct practice sessions out of state at a site more

than 600 highway miles round-trip from that school, the Travel Form for Out-of-State Practice is required. For the purpose of this Section, it shall be considered a practice for a school team if a school coach in that sport is present with any number of players from that school's team, other than his/her family members."

MHSAA catastrophic insurance does not cover such events.

The form can be found on the MHSAA Website. Pursuant to action of the Representative Council in May 2003, all schools which complete this form will be listed in the *MHSAA Bulletin*.

A list of schools which completed the form appears below (The list is current through Jan. 1, 2009).

Schools Submitting Out-of-State Travel Forms for 2008-09

FALL	East Kentwood	Coldwater
<i>Cross Country:</i>	Essexville Garber	Coopersville
Utica	Howard City Tri County	East Kentwood
	Hudsonville	Flint Kearsley
WINTER	Jackson Northwest	Frankfort
<i>Boys Swim/Dive:</i>	Madison Hts. Lamphere	Grandville
Brighton	Portland	Hemlock
	Richland Gull Lake	Holland West Ottawa
<i>Skiing:</i>	Saginaw Swan Valley	Holt
Detroit Country Day	Saline	Hudsonville
Manistee	Shepherd	Jenison
	Wyoming Kelloggsville	Lake Odessa Lakewood
SPRING	Zeeland East	Portland
<i>Baseball:</i>		Saginaw Swan Valley
Benzie Central	<i>Girls Softball:</i>	
BH Cranbrook Kingswood	Alma	<i>Girls Soccer:</i>
Caledonia	Bath	Eaton Rapids
Chelsea	Bay City Western	Jackson Northwest
Clawson	Bellevue	Montrose
Croswell-Lexington	Chelsea	
DeWitt	Clinton	

***Winter Officials Ratings Due April 1
All Ratings Submitted Online
No Exceptions to Deadline***

DON'T MISS THE 30th ANNUAL OFFICIALS AWARDS & ALUMNI BANQUET

April 18, 2009

The Michigan High School Athletic Association is proud to announce the 30th Annual Officials' Awards and Alumni Banquet to be held on Saturday, April 18, 2009. The Banquet will be held at the Radisson Hotel, Lansing, beginning at 7 p.m.

For our 30th annual celebration, a multimedia show is being produced for the banquet, taking a look back at what was happening in the years our honorees stepped into the officiating ranks. To assist us in the production of this show, we are asking that officials being honored share images from their early days in officiating. If you have a good picture of someone being honored that you would like to have included in the show, please contact the Officials Department at the MHSAA, 517-332-5046.

As part of the program, individualized awards will be presented to those officials with 20 years of service, 30 years of service, 40 years of service, 45 years of service and 50 years of service with the Michigan High School Athletic Association. The Vern Norris Award will be presented to one official in recognition of contributions made to officiating. The Banquet will give those officials who were awarded plaques previously, a chance to renew acquaintances as "alumni."

Those who plan to attend should complete the form below and return it with a check or money order in the amount of \$20.00 per ticket to the MHSAA no later than April 2, 2009. Ticket orders will be filled on a first-come basis; however, priority will be given to those officials receiving awards. Officials, friends and relatives are also encouraged to attend. **Tickets will not be sold at the door.**

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OFFICIALS' AWARDS AND ALUMNI BANQUET

Saturday, April 18, 2009

PLEASE PRINT

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MAILING ADDRESS _____

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Number of tickets ordered _____ @ \$20 — Total: \$ _____

Please return before April 2, 2009, and make check payable to the Michigan High School Athletic Association, 1661 Ramblewood, East Lansing, Michigan 48823.

TICKET MONEY CANNOT BE REFUNDED

MHSAA COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2009

As Appointed by the Representative Council or Executive Committee

Listed below are the coaches, ADs, principals, superintendents, other faculty members and board of education members of MHSAA member schools who have been selected by the MHSAA Executive Committee to serve on the 2008-09 sport committees, and committees of special interest that are meeting after Jan. 1, 2009. Those committees which met prior to Jan. 1, 2009 were listed in the November Bulletin.

NOTE: This list includes names of some individuals who have been invited but have not confirmed as of Jan. 20, 2009.

Committee appointments are made on an annual basis in 2 phases, after receiving nominations of schools and recommendations of MHSAA Representative Council members. Potential committee members are notified of their appointments early in September as the school year begins and also in late November for committees which meet after Jan. 1. At that time, committee members receive a description of committee responsibilities and the dates and times of the meetings. The MHSAA requests that schools do not send substitutes.

Each year school representatives who serve as committee members meet in the MHSAA building to provide staff members with an array of opinions and information. Sport committees meet to select tournament sites, specify tournament procedures, and set time schedules. Sport committees may also recommend changes to the Representative Council regarding regular-season play and tournament qualification procedures.

Each committee is comprised of representatives from Class A, B, C, and D schools if possible, and the members are from several geographic areas of the state. A committee may be comprised mainly of coaches or administrators, depending on the responsibilities of each particular committee. Several of the sport committees will include a representative, if not the president, of the coaches association of that sport.

Beginning with 1990-91, MIAAA and/or MASSP representatives have been appointed to committees for most sports, and officials included when possible.

(20) Baseball/Softball

Tuesday, January 20, 2009 9:30 a.m.

Sue Barthold, President-MHSSCA, Kentwood
Jim Conway, Athletic Director, Mt Pleasant HS, Mt Pleasant (A)
Ken Dietz, Athletic Director, Watervliet HS, Watervliet (C)
Matt Eldred, Baseball Coach, Otsego HS, Otsego (B)
Keith Green, Athletic Director, Hemlock HS, Hemlock (B)
Ed Greenman, Athletic Director, Harper Creek HS, Battle Creek (B)
Clark Huntley, Athletic Director, Morley Stanwood HS, Morley (C)
Cody Inglis, Athletic Director, Traverse City Central HS, Traverse City (MIAAA) (A)
Tom Kaechele, Softball Coach, Caledonia HS, Caledonia (A)
Sean Maloney, Athletic Director, Huron HS, New Boston (B)
Tim McDonald, Baseball Coach, Bay City Western HS, Auburn (A)
Jenny Morgan, Softball Coach, Rochester HS, Rochester Hills (A)
Kristalyn Musselman, Softball Coach, Tecumseh HS, Tecumseh (B)
Debbie Norman, Softball Coach, Cabrini HS, Allen Park (C)
Brian Parsons, Athletic Director, Grandville HS, Grandville (A)
Mark Rademacher, President-MHSBCA, Pewamo-Westphalia HS, Westphalia (C)
Michael VanHoven, Athletic Director, Flushing HS, Flushing (A)
Wayne Welton, Athletic Director, Chelsea HS, Chelsea (B)
Ted Williams, Athletic Director, Munising HS, Munising (C)

(40) Bowling

Wednesday, March 25, 2009 9:30 a.m.

Dale Bannister, Athletic Director, East Jackson HS, Jackson (C)
Harry Burke, President, MHSIBCA, Grosse Pointe Woods
Josh Collopy, Bowling Coach, Howell HS, Howell (A)
Rick DuDick, Bowling Coach, Bay City Western HS, Auburn (A)

Rudy Godefroidt, Superintendent, Hemlock HS, Hemlock (B)
Janet Greaves, Bowling Coach, Waterford Mott HS, Waterford (A)
Sue Hutchings, Bowling Coach, Marshall HS, Marshall (B)
Vicki Kowalski, Bowling Coach, Mercy HS, Farmington Hills (A)
Sal Malek, Athletic Director, Ladywood HS, Livonia (MIAAA) (B)
Jason Mellema, Athletic Director, Ravenna HS, Ravenna (C)
Mike Roach, Bowling Coach, Pennfield HS, Battle Creek (B)
Jim Salzwedel, Bowling Coach, Kelloggsville HS, Wyoming (B)
Mike Schlimme, Bowling Coach, Traverse City Central HS, Traverse City (A)
Nancy Simon, Bowling Coach, Romeo HS, Romeo (A)

(55) Classification

Wednesday, January 14, 2009 1 p.m.

Kirk Baese, Principal, Ovid-Elsie HS, Elsie (B)
Dave Chrisinske, Athletic Director, Allendale HS, Allendale (MIAAA) (B)
Russell Davis, Athletic Director, Jackson HS, Jackson (A)
James Dittmer, Board Member, 3115 W Kinney Rd, Ludington (MASB)
Keith Eldred, Associate Athletic Director, Williamston HS, Williamston (B)
Chris Ervin, Athletic Director, St Johns HS, St Johns (A)
Dan Flynn, Teacher/Coach, Escanaba HS, Escanaba (B)
Jim Hilgendorf, Superintendent, Johannesburg-Lewiston HS, Johannesburg (D)
John Hoef, Athletic Director, Pittsford HS, Pittsford (C)
Lillian Mason, Board Member, 5091 Briar Ridge Ct, Grand Blanc (MASB)
Jeff Melvin, Principal, Bangor HS, Bangor (C)
Vic Michaels, Director of Phys. Education & Athletics, Archdiocese of Detroit, Detroit
Richard Niesen, Athletic Director, Hackett Catholic Central HS, Kalamazoo (C)
Peter Ryan, Athletic Director, Heritage HS, Saginaw (A)
Ronald Stoneman, Superintendent, Dansville HS, Dansville (C)

(60) Competitive Cheer

Wednesday, February 4, 2009 9:30 a.m.

Steve Bennink, Athletic Director, Coopersville HS, Coopersville (B)
Stephanie Davis, Competitive Coach, Crosswell-Lexington HS, Crosswell (B)
Kevin Guzzo, Athletic Director, St Joseph HS, St Joseph (B)
Leroy Hackley, Athletic Director, Jenison HS, Jenison (A)
Celeste Kubiak, Competitive Cheer Coach, Houghton Lake HS, Houghton Lake (B)
Ken Mohney, Athletic Director, Mattawan HS, Mattawan (MIAAA) (A)
Heather Prentice, Competitive Cheer Coach, Northern HS, Pontiac (A)
Teri Reyburn, Athletic Director, DeWitt HS, DeWitt (B)
Sarah Stewart, Competitive Cheer Coach, Ovid-Elsie HS, Elsie (B)
Tricia Williams, Competitive Cheer Coach, Stoney Creek HS, Rochester Hills (A)

(70) Cross Country/Track & Field Regulations

Thursday, January 22, 2009 9:30 a.m.

John Carlson, Cross Country Coach, Belding Area HS, Belding (B)
Christopher Ceresa, Athletic Director, Milford HS, Highland (A)
Paul Christiansen, Athletic Director, Glen Lake HS, Maple City (C)
Dan Ebright, Track Coach, Central HS, Grand Rapids (B)
Richard Franklin, Principal, Athens Middle School, Athens (MASSP)
Rudy Godefroidt, Superintendent, Hemlock HS, Hemlock (B)
Kevin Guzzo, Athletic Director, St Joseph HS, St Joseph (B)
Antie Hardy, Athletic Director, New Haven HS, New Haven (C)
Lorenda Jonas, Principal, Bath Middle School, Bath
Robert Lynch, Track Coach, Mumford HS, Detroit (A)
Brian Macomber, Official, Comstock Park
Randy Salisbury, Athletic Director, Britton-Macon HS, Britton (D)
Fred Smith, Athletic Director, Buchanan HS, Buchanan (MIAAA) (B)

Kim Spalsbury, Track Coach, Grand Ledge HS, Grand Ledge (A)
Mark Werley, Athletic Director, Zeeland West HS, Zeeland (B)
Thomas Wilcher, Track Coach, Cass Technical HS, Detroit (A)

(75) Football

Thursday, February 5, 2009 9:30 a.m.

Larry Featherstone, Athletic Director, Benton Harbor HS, Benton Harbor (A)
Dan Flynn, Teacher/Coach, Escanaba HS, Escanaba (B)
Keith Froelich, Athletic Director, Okemos HS, Okemos (MIAAA) (A)
Denny Fulk, Principal, Laingsburg HS, Laingsburg (C)
Shawn Griffith, Football Coach, Constantine HS, Constantine (C)
Antie Hardy, Athletic Director, New Haven HS, New Haven (C)
Courtney Hawkins, Athletic Director, Beecher HS, Flint (C)
Vic Michaels, Director, Archdiocese of Detroit, Detroit
George Murphy, Athletic Director, Hudsonville HS, Hudsonville (A)
Peter Ryan, Athletic Director, Heritage HS, Saginaw (A)
Peter Stuursma, Football Coach, East Grand Rapids HS, Grand Rapids (B)
Tom Wilcher, Football Coach, Cass Technical HS, Detroit (A)
Bill Wilhams, Football Coach, Madison HS, Adrian (C)
Mark Woodson, Athletic Director, Romulus HS, Romulus (A)

(90) Girls Tennis Seeding

Wednesday, May 20, 2009 1 p.m.

Thursday, May 21, 2009 8 a.m.

Keith Bernacki, Tennis Coach, Seaholm HS, Birmingham (A)
Nancy Brissette, Tennis Coach, Garber HS, Essexville (B)
Gary Ellis, Athletic Director, Allegan HS, Allegan (B)
Joe Gentle, Tennis Coach, North Muskegon HS, North Muskegon (C)
Jan Gottlin, Tennis Coach, Riverview Community HS, Riverview (B)
Al Inkala, Tennis Coach, Okemos HS, Okemos (A)
Jerry Murphy, Tennis Coach, Rochester HS, Rochester Hills (A)
Barb Myler, Tennis Coach, Shrine Catholic HS, Royal Oak (C)
Mark Sobieralski, Tennis Coach, Grosse Pointe South HS, Grosse Pointe (A)
Dave Sukup, Tennis Coach, Forest Hills Northern HS, Grand Rapids (B)

(110) Ice Hockey

Wednesday, May 20, 2009 9:30 a.m.

Steve Baker, Athletic Director, Gaylord HS, Gaylord (A)
Dan Barry, Ice Hockey Coach, De La Salle Collegiate HS, Warren (A)
Todd Bell, Ice Hockey Coach, East Kentwood HS, Kentwood (A)
Randy Campana, Ice Hockey Coach, Notre Dame Preparatory School, Pontiac (B)
James Garofalo, Official, Allen Park
Tom Hunt, Athletic Director, East Lansing HS, East Lansing (A)
Al Martus, Athletic Director, Ruddiman Middle School, Detroit
Vic Michaels, Director of Phys. Education & Athletics, Archdiocese of Detroit, Detroit
Jim Murray, Ice Hockey Coach, Portage Central HS, Portage (A)
Brian Parsons, Athletic Director, Grandville HS, Grandville (A)
Peter Ryan, Athletic Director, Heritage HS, Saginaw (MIAAA) (A)
Sean Zaborowski, Athletic Director, Lakeview HS, St Clair Shores (A)

(120) Junior High/Middle School

Tuesday, January 6, 2009 9:30 a.m.

Mike Alley, Principal, St Clair Middle School, St Clair
Terri Clock, Athletic Director, Muskegon HS, Muskegon (A)
Lloyd Dozeman, Athletic Director, Holland Christian Middle School, Holland
Keith Eldred, Associate Athletic Director, Williamston HS, Williamston (B)
Richard Franklin, Principal, Athens Middle School, Athens
Rudy Godefroidt, Superintendent, Hemlock Middle School, Hemlock

Bob Guse, Athletic Director, Ross Beatty HS, Cassopolis (C)
Nick Hardiman, Athletic Director, Alger Middle School, Grand Rapids
Kay Johnson, Principal, Morenci Middle School, Morenci
Tom Mecsey, Kingsbury Country Day School, Oxford (MIAAA)
Steve Newkirk, Principal, Clare Middle School, Clare
Jeffrey Phillips, Athletic Director, Owosso HS, Owosso (A)
William Taylor, Athletic Director, Baseline Middle School, South Haven (MIAAA)
Rob White, Athletic Director, Saline HS, Saline (A)

(125) Lacrosse-Boys

Wednesday, January 21, 2009 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 07, 2009 9:30 a.m.

Mike Campbell, Lacrosse Coach, Catholic Central HS, Grand Rapids (B)
Rick DeBlasio, (Advisory), East Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids
Bob Dowd, Athletic Director, Athens HS, Troy (MIAAA) (A)
Steve Emert, Athletic Director, Walled Lake Central HS, Walled Lake (A)
Aaron Frank, Athletic Director, Seaholm HS, Birmingham (A)
Shawn Grady, Lacrosse Coach, Okemos HS, Okemos (A)
Michelle Hicks, Athletic Director, University Liggett HS, Grosse Pointe Woods (D)
Mike Jolly, (Advisory), Troy Public Schools, Troy
Darren Millman, Lacrosse Coach, Pioneer HS, Ann Arbor (A)
Dennis Noe, City Wide Athletic Director, Farmington Public Schools, Farmington
Clark Udell, Athletic Director, Forest Hills Central HS, Grand Rapids (A)
Dave Wilson, Lacrosse Coach, Detroit Catholic Central HS, Novi (A)

(130) Lacrosse-Girls

Thursday, January 15, 2009 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 06, 2009 9:30 a.m.

Jerry Cowan, Athletic Director, Hartland HS, Hartland (A)
Keith Froelich, Athletic Director, Okemos HS, Okemos (MIAAA) (A)
Cindy Hill, Lacrosse Coach, Tecumseh HS, Tecumseh (B)
Timothy Hollern, Athletic Director, Forest Hills Eastern HS, Ada (B)
Carmen Kennedy, Athletic Director, Grosse Pointe North HS, Grosse Pointe (A)
Betsy Kreston, Lacrosse Coach, Luke M Powers Catholic HS, Flint (B)
Mike Mehall, President-MWLCA, 23603 Liberty, Farmington
Ken Mohny, Athletic Director, Mattawan HS, Mattawan (A)
Marty Simmonds, Athletic Director, Notre Dame Preparatory School, Pontiac (B)

(135) Basketball & Volleyball Site Selection

Tuesday, May 19, 2009 9:30 a.m.

Fred Bowers, Athletic Director, Waldron HS, Waldron (D)
Dottie Davis, Athletic Director, Huron HS, Ann Arbor (A)
Daniel Delamarter, Athletic Director, Ubly HS, Ubly (C)
Ken Dietz, Athletic Director, Watervliet HS, Watervliet (C)
Rick Dorn, Athletic Director, Waterford Mott HS, Waterford (A)
Morley Fraser, Athletic Director, Central HS, Bay City (A)
Leroy Hackley, Athletic Director, Jenison HS, Jenison (A)
Jerry Haggerty, Athletic Director, Hamilton HS, Hamilton (B)
Antie Hardy, Athletic Director, New Haven HS, New Haven (C)
John Hoefl, Athletic Director, Pittsford HS, Pittsford (C)
Kristen Isom, Athletic Director, Madison HS, Adrian (C)
Carmen Kennedy, Athletic Director, Grosse Pointe North HS, Grosse Pointe (A)
Rich Kimball, Athletic Director, Catholic Central HS, Lansing (B)
Jack Kramer, Principal, Houghton Lake HS, Houghton Lake (B)
Andrew Laboe, Athletic Director, Loy Norrix HS, Kalamazoo (A)
Karen Leinaar, Athletic Director, Benzie Central HS, Benzonia (B)
Vic Michaels, Director, Archdiocese of Detroit, Detroit

Steve Parker, Athletic Director, Cheboygan Area HS, Cheboygan (B)
Jeff Phillips, Athletic Director, Owosso HS, Owosso (A)
Ellen Pugh, Athletic Director, Ogemaw Heights HS, West Branch (B)
Bob Root, Athletic Director, Carman-Ainsworth HS, Flint (A)
Jim Sanford, Athletic Director, Lakeshore HS, Stevensville (B)
Cindy Short, Athletic Director, Everett HS, Lansing (A)
Robert Stanton, Principal, Jackson Christian School, Jackson (D)
Zac Stevenson, Athletic Director, Woodhaven HS, Brownstown (A)
Jennifer Thunberg, Athletic Director, Pinconning Area HS, Pinconning (B)
Patti Tibaldi, Athletic Director, Traverse City West HS, Traverse City (A)
Gerald Weatherspoon, Athletic Director, Pershing HS, Detroit (A)
Mark Werley, Athletic Director, Zeeland West HS, Zeeland (B)
Jeff Whiteley, Athletic Director, Flint Central Academy, Flint (A)

(155) Soccer

Tuesday, February 3, 2009 9:30 a.m.

Jim Brown, Athletic Director, Lenawee Christian HS, Adrian (D)
Aaron Dean, President-MHSSCA, 17001 Ferris, Grand Haven
Jim Flore, Soccer Coach, Williamston HS, Williamston (B)
Kevin Green, Athletic Director, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker HS, Pigeon (C)
Jason Heerema, Athletic Director, Wyoming Park HS, Wyoming (B)
Andy Homer, Soccer Coach, Columbia Central HS, Brooklyn (B)
Amy Rossow, Soccer Coach, Grosse Ile HS, Grosse Ile (B)
Diane Thompson, Soccer Coach, Grant Middle School, Grant
John Thompson, Athletic Director, Brighton HS, Brighton (A)
Jerry Weesies, Athletic Director, Kalamazoo Christian HS, Kalamazoo (C)

(175) Swimming

Tuesday, February 17, 2009 9:30 a.m.

Tim Eastman, Principal, Hackett Catholic Central HS, Kalamazoo (C)
Tom Flynn, Athletic Director, Wylie E Groves HS, Beverly Hills (MIAAA) (A)
Liz Hill, Assistant Swimming Coach, Pioneer HS, Ann Arbor (A)
Mike Matter, Swim Coach, Heritage HS, Saginaw (A)
Brett Pohlonski, Swim Coach, Holt HS, Holt (A)
Ellen Pugh, Athletic Director, Ogemaw Heights HS, West Branch (B)
Dan Scripsema, Swim Coach, Jenison HS, Jenison (A)
Marty Simmonds, Athletic Director, Notre Dame Preparatory School, Pontiac (B)
Marc VanSoet, Holland Community Aquatic Center, Holland (Advisory)

(180) Tennis

Tuesday, January 13, 2009 9:30 a.m.

Michael Bakker, Athletic Director, Fenton HS, Fenton (MIAAA) (A)
Nancy Brissette, Tennis Coach, Garber HS, Essexville (B)
Gary Ellis, Athletic Director, Allegan HS, Allegan (B)
Kathi Frank, Tennis Coach, Onsted HS, Onsted (B)
Wendy Franz, Advisory, Midland Community Tennis Ctr, Midland (Advisory)
Tom Hunt, Athletic Director, East Lansing HS, East Lansing (A)
Peter Miltzer, Tennis Coach, Portage Central HS, Portage (A)
Pete Riley, Tennis Coach, Notre Dame Preparatory School, Pontiac (B)
Peter Ryan, Athletic Director, Heritage HS, Saginaw (A)
Meg Seng, Athletic Director, Greenhills HS, Ann Arbor (C)
Tiger Teusink, Tennis Coaches Association, 52 E. 30th St, Holland (Advisory)

(185) Track & Field Site Selection

Wednesday, January 21, 2009 9:30 a.m.

Tim Baker, Track Coach, Constantine HS, Constantine (C)
Ron Beegle, Athletic Director, Charlotte HS, Charlotte (B)

Tony Burton, Athletic Director, Brown City HS, Brown City (C)
Rudy Godefroidt, Superintendent, Hemlock HS, Hemlock (B)
Ruth Gullekson, Track Coach, Morley Stanwood HS, Morley (C)
Erik Harrelson, Athletic Director, Bath HS, Bath (C)
Steve Hines, Athletic Director, East Jordan HS, East Jordan (C)
Sal Malek, Athletic Director, Ladywood HS, Livonia (B)
Jim Okler, Athletic Director, Grosse Ile HS, Grosse Ile (B)
Dave Price, Athletic Director, Rogers HS, Wyoming (B)
Ernest Sciuillo, Athletic Director, Sterling Heights HS, Sterling Heights (A)
Michael VanHoven, Athletic Director, Flushing HS, Flushing (A)

(215) Wrestling

Wednesday, January 28, 2009 9:30 a.m.

Zane Ballard, Wrestling Coach, St Johns HS, St Johns (A)
Martin Covert, President-MWA, Byron Area HS, Byron (C)
John Danaher, Athletic Director, Niles HS, Niles (A)
Dan Flynn, Teacher/Coach, Escanaba HS, Escanaba (B)
Mike Garvey, Athletic Director, Otsego HS, Otsego (MIAAA) (B)
Scott Marry, Wrestling Coach, Hudson Area HS, Hudson (C)
Jeffrey Phillips, Athletic Director, Owosso HS, Owosso (A)
James Richardson, Wrestling Coach, Grand Haven HS, Grand Haven (A)
Robert Santello, Athletic Director, Detroit Catholic Central HS, Novi (A)
Jake Stenz, Wrestling Coach, Alpena HS, Alpena (A)
Grant Syswerda, Wrestling Coach, Cousino HS, Warren (A)
Michael Van Hoven, Athletic Director, Flushing HS, Flushing (A)
Keith Weiland, Wrestling Coach, L'Anse Creuse HS, Harrison Township (A)

REGISTER ALL NONFACULTY COACHES BEFORE THEY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

“NOTE: The Representative Council URGES that all schools strive to the standard that only qualified faculty members are used as head coaches of interscholastic athletic teams, and that all non-faculty coaches complete the MHSAA’s Coaches Advancement Program (CAP) or equivalent program. It should be the goal of every member school to require coaching education for every coach, every year.”

There are two ways to fulfill the registration requirement:

1. The easiest way to register nonfaculty varsity head coaches is online at mhsaa.com, as you provide School Directory information. Click on “School Login” atop the left-hand nav bar.
2. Forms for registering other nonfaculty coaches may be requested from the MHSAA or may be found on the MHSAA Website. Forms may be submitted throughout the school year as nonfaculty coaches are assigned. ■

Calendar Concerns

1. Presently the girls and boys basketball seasons and MHSAA tournaments are offset by one week (girls start and end one week before boys). Would you prefer (choose one):
- No change (one week offset).
 - One-week change (two-week offset).
 - Two-week change (three-week offset).
 - Three-week change (four-week offset).
 - Four-week change (five-week offset).

A 456 (59.3%)

39	Superintendents (8.6%)	130	Class A (30.4%)
112	Principals (24.6%)	145	Class B (34.0%)
264	Ath. Directors (57.9%)	97	Class C (22.7%)
9	Coaches (2.0%)	53	Class D (12.4%)
4	Board Members (0.9%)	2	JH/Middle (0.5%)
28	Other (6.1%)		

B 134 (17.4%)

5	Superintendents (3.7%)	35	Class A (26.5%)
32	Principals (23.9%)	33	Class B (25.0%)
88	Ath. Directors (65.7%)	31	Class C (23.5%)
3	Coaches (2.2%)	31	Class D (23.5%)
0	Board Members (0.0%)	2	JH/Middle (1.5%)
6	Other (4.5%)		

C 123 (16.0%)

8	Superintendents (1.8%)	21	Class A (4.9%)
21	Principals (4.6%)	35	Class B (8.2%)
84	Ath. Directors (18.4%)	37	Class C (8.7%)
2	Coaches (0.4%)	20	Class D (4.7%)
1	Board Members (0.2%)	2	JH/Middle (0.5%)
7	Other (1.5%)		

D 38 (4.9%)

0	Superintendents (0.0%)	3	Class A (2.3%)
4	Principals (3.0%)	16	Class B (12.1%)
30	Ath. Directors (22.4%)	11	Class C (8.3%)
1	Coaches (0.7%)	8	Class D (6.1%)
0	Board Members (0.0%)	0	JH/Middle (0.0%)
3	Other (2.2%)		

E 18 (2.3%)

0	Superintendents (0.0%)	5	Class A (1.2%)
1	Principals (0.2%)	2	Class B (0.5%)
16	Ath. Directors (3.5%)	5	Class C (1.2%)
0	Coaches (0.0%)	5	Class D (1.2%)
0	Board Members (0.0%)	1	JH/Middle (0.2%)
1	Other (0.2%)		

2. Presently all spring sports practices may begin the second Monday after March 1 (March 8 in 2010). Would you prefer (choose one):

- One week later start to practice for all spring sports, and no change in the end of the season MHSAA tournament dates for all spring sports.
- One week later start to practice for all spring sports and up to seven days later finish for MHSAA tournaments in all spring sports except girls soccer, baseball and softball (no change for those three).
- No change for practices or tournaments for any spring sports.

A 163 (57.8%)

14	Superintendents (8.6%)	34	Class A (22.4%)
71	Principals (43.6%)	61	Class B (40.1%)
71	Ath. Directors (43.6%)	36	Class C (23.7%)
1	Coaches (0.6%)	20	Class D (13.2%)
0	Board Members (0.0%)	1	JH/Middle (0.7%)
6	Other (3.7%)		

B 119 (42.2%)

7	Superintendents (5.9%)	32	Class A (27.4%)
44	Principals (37.0%)	45	Class B (38.5%)
61	Ath. Directors (51.3%)	27	Class C (23.1%)
1	Coaches (0.8%)	12	Class D (10.3%)
1	Board Members (0.8%)	1	JH/Middle (0.9%)
5	Other (4.2%)		

Meetings 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8

A 194 (39.0%)

17	Superintendents (8.8%)	35	Class A (18.9%)
25	Principals (12.9%)	50	Class B (27.0%)
133	Ath. Directors (68.6%)	51	Class C (27.6%)
5	Coaches (2.6%)	46	Class D (24.9%)
0	Board Members (0.0%)	3	JH/Middle (1.6%)
14	Other (7.2%)		

B 156 (31.3%)

7	Superintendents (4.5%)	51	Class A (33.6%)
8	Principals (5.1%)	45	Class B (29.6%)
122	Ath. Directors (78.2%)	37	Class C (24.3%)
4	Coaches (2.6%)	14	Class D (9.2%)
2	Board Members (1.3%)	5	JH/Middle (3.3%)
13	Other (8.3%)		

C 148 (29.7%)

8	Superintendents (4.1%)	44	Class A (23.8%)
26	Principals (13.4%)	38	Class B (20.5%)
101	Ath. Directors (52.1%)	32	Class C (17.3%)
4	Coaches (2.1%)	24	Class D (13.0%)
2	Board Members (1.0%)	3	JH/Middle (1.6%)
7	Other (3.6%)		

3. Independent of No. 2, do you favor delaying the spring LP Boys Golf Finals from a Friday/Saturday event to the following Monday/Tuesday or Tuesday/Wednesday (from June 11/12, 2010 to June 14/15 or 15/16 in 2010)?

YES 264 (35.4%)

NO 481 (64.6%)

14 Superintendents (5.3%)	77 Class A (29.7%)	37 Superintendents (7.7%)	118 Class A (25.9%)
44 Principals (16.7%)	85 Class B (32.8%)	126 Principals (26.2%)	148 Class B (32.5%)
191 Ath. Directors (72.3%)	55 Class C (21.2%)	272 Ath. Directors (56.5%)	118 Class C (25.9%)
4 Coaches (1.5%)	37 Class D (14.3%)	11 Coaches (2.3%)	63 Class D (13.8%)
1 Board Members (0.4%)	5 JH/Middle (1.9%)	4 Board Members (0.8%)	8 JH/Middle (1.8%)
10 Other (3.8%)		31 Other (6.4%)	

4. Independent of the previous questions, do you favor having the spring LP Boys Golf District tournament dates begin one week later, after Memorial Day weekend (from May 27 or 28 or 29 to June 3 or 4 or 5) in 2010?

YES 391 (53.0%)

NO 347 (47.0%)

23 Superintendents (5.9%)	117 Class A (31.4%)	26 Superintendents (7.5%)	78 Class A (23.4%)
92 Principals (23.5%)	132 Class B (35.4%)	78 Principals (22.5%)	98 Class B (29.4%)
245 Ath. Directors (62.7%)	72 Class C (19.3%)	212 Ath. Directors (61.1%)	97 Class C (29.1%)
9 Coaches (2.3%)	46 Class D (12.3%)	6 Coaches (1.7%)	54 Class D (16.2%)
3 Board Members (0.8%)	6 JH/Middle (1.6%)	2 Board Members (0.6%)	6 JH/Middle (1.8%)
19 Other (4.9%)		23 Other (6.6%)	

Academic Standards

5. Presently students must have passed in the previous semester and be passing in the current semester at least four classes (20 credit hours or the equivalent). Would you favor changing the requirement to “. . . 66% of credit load potential for a full-time student . . .”? (This would allow 3 of 4 classes, 4 of 5, 4 of 6, 5 of 7, 6 of 8, but would NOT allow 3 of 5 or 4 of 7.)

YES 630 (79.8%)

NO 159 (20.2%)

33 Superintendents (5.2%)	149 Class A (24.8%)	20 Superintendents (12.6%)	48 Class A (31.0%)
144 Principals (22.9%)	201 Class B (33.4%)	36 Principals (22.6%)	40 Class B (25.8%)
395 Ath. Directors (62.7%)	146 Class C (24.3%)	96 Ath. Directors (60.4%)	37 Class C (23.9%)
14 Coaches (2.2%)	95 Class D (15.8%)	2 Coaches (1.3%)	23 Class D (14.8%)
4 Board Members (0.6%)	10 JH/Middle (1.7%)	1 Board Members (0.6%)	7 JH/Middle (4.5%)
40 Other (6.3%)		4 Other (2.5%)	

6. Presently students who have a deficient academic record at the end of an academic term are ineligible under Regulation I, Section 7 for a semester, or 90 school days in a trimester system, regardless of the length of the academic term of their school. Would you prefer (choose one):

- a. No change.
- b. A change to 60 school days for all students.
- c. A change to the next semester for students in a semester system and the next trimester for students in a trimester system.

A 191 (24.2%)

B 518 (65.7%)

15 Superintendents (7.9%)	51 Class A (27.4%)	31 Superintendents (6.0%)	130 Class A (26.2%)
48 Principals (25.1%)	46 Class B (24.7%)	104 Principals (20.1%)	165 Class B (33.3%)
111 Ath. Directors (58.1%)	43 Class C (23.1%)	343 Ath. Directors (66.2%)	118 Class C (23.8%)
5 Coaches (2.6%)	40 Class D (21.5%)	10 Coaches (1.9%)	73 Class D (14.7%)
1 Board Members (0.5%)	6 JH/Middle (3.2%)	2 Board Members (0.4%)	10 JH/Middle (2.0%)
11 Other (5.8%)		28 Other (5.4%)	

C 79 (10.0%)

7 Superintendents (3.7%)	17 Class A (9.1%)
27 Principals (14.1%)	28 Class B (15.1%)
36 Ath. Directors (18.8%)	22 Class C (11.8%)
1 Coaches (0.5%)	5 Class D (2.7%)
2 Board Members (1.0%)	1 JH/Middle (0.5%)
6 Other (3.1%)	

13. Do you favor allowing the use of school-owned, issued or identified practice (non-competition) jerseys during summer camps?

YES 556 (70.9%) NO 228 (29.1%)

28	Superintendents (5.0%)	131	Class A (24.6%)	25	Superintendents (11.0%)	63	Class A (28.8%)
112	Principals (20.1%)	181	Class B (34.0%)	64	Principals (28.1%)	59	Class B (26.9%)
374	Ath. Directors (67.3%)	118	Class C (22.2%)	116	Ath. Directors (50.9%)	65	Class C (29.7%)
11	Coaches (2.0%)	92	Class D (17.3%)	4	Coaches (1.8%)	26	Class D (11.9%)
3	Board Members (0.5%)	10	JH/Middle (1.9%)	2	Board Members (0.9%)	6	JH/Middle (2.7%)
28	Other (5.0%)			17	Other (7.5%)		

Sixth Graders

14. Do you favor subjecting school-sponsored athletic programs for 6th graders to the same eligibility rules and competition limits as 7th and 8th graders in MHSAA member schools?

YES 372 (47.5%) NO 411 (52.5%)

25	Superintendents (6.7%)	85	Class A (23.9%)	28	Superintendents (6.8%)	110	Class A (27.8%)
92	Principals (24.7%)	95	Class B (26.8%)	85	Principals (20.7%)	143	Class B (36.2%)
222	Ath. Directors (59.7%)	93	Class C (26.2%)	266	Ath. Directors (64.7%)	90	Class C (22.8%)
7	Coaches (1.9%)	75	Class D (21.1%)	8	Coaches (1.9%)	42	Class D (10.6%)
3	Board Members (0.8%)	7	JH/Middle (2.0%)	2	Board Members (0.5%)	10	JH/Middle (2.5%)
23	Other (6.2%)			22	Other (5.4%)		

Basketball/Volleyball

15. Do you favor expansion of the concept of allowing teams on the top line of each bracket in the draw for MHSAA Basketball and Volleyball District Tournaments to host so that both teams do not have to travel to a third site for District tournament games (minimum facility requirements would be maintained for hosting)? Unless there is extraordinary travel for both teams, the Semi-finals and Finals of the District would be conducted at the assigned District host.

YES 635 (81.4%) NO 145 (18.6%)

42	Superintendents (6.6%)	164	Class A (26.9%)	11	Superintendents (7.6%)	29	Class A (21.0%)
143	Principals (22.5%)	194	Class B (31.9%)	31	Principals (21.4%)	46	Class B (33.3%)
399	Ath. Directors (62.8%)	152	Class C (25.0%)	90	Ath. Directors (62.1%)	31	Class C (22.5%)
11	Coaches (1.7%)	89	Class D (14.6%)	4	Coaches (2.8%)	28	Class D (20.3%)
4	Board Members (0.6%)	10	JH/Middle (1.6%)	1	Board Members (0.7%)	4	JH/Middle (2.9%)
36	Other (5.7%)			8	Other (5.5%)		

Ice Hockey

16. Do you favor allowing schools the option of extending each period in ice hockey from 15 to 17 minutes?

YES 221 (31.7%) NO 476 (68.3%)

11	Superintendents (5.0%)	49	Class A (23.0%)	36	Superintendents (7.6%)	141	Class A (31.1%)
46	Principals (20.8%)	56	Class B (26.3%)	113	Principals (23.7%)	159	Class B (35.0%)
143	Ath. Directors (64.7%)	64	Class C (30.0%)	292	Ath. Directors (61.3%)	92	Class C (20.3%)
8	Coaches (3.6%)	37	Class D (17.4%)	6	Coaches (1.3%)	56	Class D (12.3%)
3	Board Members (1.4%)	7	JH/Middle (3.3%)	2	Board Members (0.4%)	6	JH/Middle (1.3%)
10	Other (4.5%)			27	Other (5.7%)		

NEW ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS IN 2009-10

Effective with the 2009-10 school year, the minimum academic standard for athletic eligibility changes to “66 percent of credit load potential for a full-time student,” and the period of ineligibility following a deficiency at the end of a term is “the next trimester or 60 scheduled school days in schools not operating under a trimester system.”

These changes were approved by the MHSAA Representative Council on Dec. 5, 2008, after more than two years of discussion throughout the MHSAA’s diverse constituency. As always, MHSAA member schools may apply higher standards and longer periods of ineligibility than the MHSAA minimum standard.

Prior to the 1986-87 school year, the minimum requirement was that students be passing 15 credit hours. For the past 22 years, the minimum standard has required passing 20 credit hours, usually four courses. The new minimum standard will mean that students who pass four of seven courses, or three of five courses, will no longer meet minimum standards.

The current rule states that students who are failing to meet the minimum standard are ineligible for the next semester, or 90 school days in schools using academic systems other than semesters. The change that is coming in 2009-10 stipulates that students are ineligible for the next trimester, or 60 school days in schools using academic systems other than trimesters.

The 2009-10 school year will be one of transition, and the following policies and procedures have been approved by the MHSAA Executive Committee as minimum standards for this time of transition:



1. Students must be completing 66% in their first term of the 2009-10 school year.
2. Students in trimester systems who were ineligible at the end of the second trimester of the 2008-09 school year but have a satisfactory third trimester record become eligible on Aug. 1, 2009.
3. Students in trimester systems who were ineligible at the end of the third trimester of the 2008-09 school year become eligible at the start of their second trimester of the 2009-10 school year.
4. Students in semester systems who are ineligible at the end of the second semester of the 2008-09 school year become eligible on their 61st scheduled school day of the 2009-10 school year, provided they have been doing passing work cumulatively for the previous 60 days.
5. Students who achieve credit for 20 credit hours but not 66% of full course load potential for a full-time student (e.g., three of five or four of seven courses) during their last academic term of 2008-09 remain eligible at the start of the 2009-10 school year only.■

And, we quote —

Concentration is the ability to think about absolutely nothing when it is absolutely necessary.

**— Ray Knight
Former MLB Player**

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