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Are Those Received In Writing

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Two of the upcoming MHSAA Finals set to take place are the Girls Basketball Finals in East Lansing on Nov. 30-Dec. 2, and the Lower Peninsula Girls Swimming & Diving Finals at Ypsilanti and Rochester on Nov. 17-18. *Photos by 20-20photo.com.*

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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

Traverse City, September 25, 2006

Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan
Keith Eldred, Williamston
William Newkirk, Meridian
James Derocher, Negaunee
Fred Procter, Beverly Hills

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.)

The Executive Committee was reminded that it was the responsibility of each member school involved to provide sufficient factual information about the specific request for the Executive Committee to reach a decision without further investigation. If information is incomplete, contradictory or otherwise unclear or has been received too late to be studied completely, the Executive Committee may deny the request for waiver or delay action. Such requests may be resubmitted to the Executive Committee with additional information at a subsequent meeting or appealed to the full Representative Council.

It is possible that some of the information presented as facts to the Executive Committee by school personnel and others may be inaccurate. However, to avoid constant repetition in this report of phrases such as "it was alleged" or "it was reported," no attempt is made in the introduction of each waiver request to distinguish between truth, allegation, hearsay, opinion, summary or conclusion. If any information provided to the Executive Committee is inaccurate, any

decision of the Executive Committee to grant waiver of a regulation shall be null and void.

A determination of undue hardship is a matter addressed to the discretion of the Executive Committee within the educational philosophy and secondary role of voluntary extracurricular competitive athletics in the academic environment. The Executive Committee will avoid making exceptions that would create precedent that effectively changes a rule without Representative Council action or local board of education adoption, which would exceed Executive Committee authority. The Executive Committee is not authorized to grant waiver based on alleged or actual differences between schools based on "environment," demographics, curriculum or extracurricular offerings.

Students for whom waiver of a particular regulation is granted 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.

Clare and Coleman High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - Because of conditions placed on the program by the Jack Pine Conference, the Executive Committee did not approve a cooperative program in wrestling between these two schools. Clare sponsored wrestling previously and would be the primary school. The combined enrollment of 774 students would place the team in the Division 3 tournament. The Jack Pine Conference submitted a letter stating that only individual bouts involving Clare wrestlers and wrestlers of other Jack Pine Conference schools would be counted to determine the outcome of conference meets.

Flat Rock and Taylor-Baptist Park High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in wrestling between these two schools which both sponsored the sport previously. Flat Rock has dissolved a cooperative agreement with Wyandotte-Our Lady of Mt. Carmel High School begun in 2004 and will be the primary school. The combined enrollment will be 584 students, placing the team in the Division 3 tournament. Support from the Huron League was received.

Inkster-Cherry Hill School of Performing Arts and Academy of Inkster High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls basketball between these two schools located on the same campus, administered by Charter School Services and governed by separate boards. The girls basketball application was received after the April 15 deadline and will not take effect until the 2007-08 school year. Boys basketball will be implemented for the 2006-07 school year. The Academy of Inkster is a new MHSAA member school effective with the 2006-07 school year. In 2005-06, Cherry Hill School of Performing Arts reported a violation of the enrollment regulation by allowing non-enrolled students from the Academy of Inkster to participate in contests with Cherry Hill students. All such contests were forfeited. The combined enrollment of 600 students will continue placement of the team in the Class C tournament. Cherry Hill School of Performing Arts will be the primary school. Written support

was received from the Michigan Athletic League.

Livonia-Churchill High School (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - In the spring of 2006, the three Livonia high schools were among several schools which complied with the 3,500-student enrollment cap by creating two cooperative girls gymnastics teams where there was previously one team. The Executive Committee accepted a plan that would split the enrollment of Franklin into two equal halves mathematically, assigning one-half of its enrollment to a cooperative team where Stevenson was the primary school, and the other half to a program where Churchill was the primary school. The actual division of students from Franklin would be alphabetical. Students from Franklin High School whose last names begin with A-L would be assigned to Churchill, those M-Z would be assigned to Stevenson. Now it is requested to allow the school district in this first year only to amend the alphabetical division at Franklin High School so that all those who come out for the sport will be assigned in nearly equal numbers to each team. Those students would continue with the initial (2006-07) team throughout their high school eligibility. After the 2006-07 season, new Franklin High School students in the gymnastics programs would be assigned A-L and M-Z regardless of the numbers of participants by team.

The Executive Committee granted the request for the 2006-07 school year only.

Lansing-Waverly High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) - A request to waive the maximum semesters portions of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a fifth-year 12th-grade student whose father died when the student was in the 10th grade and who did not earn enough credits for sophomore status.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Lawrence High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) - A request to waive the maximum semesters portions of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a student who is enrolled in his fourth first semester since beginning the 9th grade and is considered an 11th-grade student academically. The student was injured in a football game on Aug. 25, 2006, and is unable to participate in

a contest, practice or class for at least one semester. The school requested that due to the severity of the injury, this current first semester (2006-07) not count as one of the allowed eight semesters and the student be eligible through the end of the first semester of the 2007-08 school year. Interpretation 31 states that "participation in one or more inter-scholastic athletic scrimmages or contests is considered as a semester of competition and should be included on the Master Eligibility List..."

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Canton-Plymouth High School (Regulation I, Section 7) - A request to waive the previous semester record regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose medical and mental health issues were misdiagnosed for several years, resulting in numerous absences and an insufficient previous semester record.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver. Both semesters of the previous school year count toward the maximum of eight for this student.

DeWitt High School (Regulation I, Section 7) - A request to waive the previous semester record regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who did not pass any core classes for the last nine weeks of the 2005-06 school year and is academically ineligible. The student has been tested and placed in 14 hours of support class per week to assist in the regular classroom.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Flint-Kearsley High School (Regulation I, Section 7) - A request to waive the previous semester record regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose father died in November 2005. He withdrew from many of his classes in the 2005-06 school year.

Noting that the student had not achieved a satisfactory academic record in either of his two semesters of high school, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Paw Paw High School (Regulation I, Section 7) - A request to waive the previous semester record regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who was hospitalized in January, March, April and July 2006. The student's last successful previous

semester was the first semester of the 2005-06 school year. The student attempted to take online courses to make up credits but was unable to complete the courses. The student has moved from her mother's home in Grand Rapids to her father's home in Paw Paw, completing an Educational Transfer Form under exception 8 (moving between divorced parents).

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver and indicated that the second semester of the 2005-06 school year must count toward the maximum of eight semesters this student is allowed while in grades 9-12.

Rochester-Adams High School (Regulation I, Section 7) - A request to waive the previous semester record regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who may be in his fifth semester of high school. He began the 9th grade at Wayne Memorial High School and may have repeated the 9th grade at Wayne Memorial, passing four of six classes, before enrolling at Adams High School on Jan. 30, 2006. The student was very ill in March 2006 and missed several days of school. When it was determined that the student would not be able to complete the second semester due to illness, it was decided that the student would receive "H" grades which are not an indication of failure but a lack of credit due to attendance. The student wishes to play subvarsity football this fall.

Noting that the student's academic and attendance records are not clear and may be contradictory, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Ypsilanti High School (Regulation I, Sections 7 & 9) - A request to waive the previous semester record and transfer regulations was made on behalf of a 17-year-old refugee from Haiti who is being placed in the 11th grade. The student, his mother and 24 siblings were among 300,000 people displaced by Hurricane Jeanne in September 2004. The student arrived in the United States in May 2006 and originally went to New Jersey to live with his mother and some of the siblings. In late August, the student was sent to live with two brothers who reside in Michigan, one of whom has assumed guardianship. The student did not attend school in 2004-05 after the hurricane hit but

did take some English as a second language in New Jersey in the summer of 2006.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver, noting that this is the student's fifth semester of high school and that any other school changes would result in ineligibility unless the circumstances conform to one of the stated exceptions.

Auburn Hills-Avondale High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who has been under the care of medical professionals. In July 2005, the student moved with her mother into the Avondale School District and enrolled at Sterling Heights-Utica Stevenson High School in August 2005, participating in tennis. The student withdrew after one semester and was home schooled from January 2006 until enrolling at the school of her residence, Avondale, to begin the 2006-07 school year.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Battle Creek-Lakeview 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 Battle Creek-Central High School while residing with his mother who has moved out of state. The student now resides with his father in the Lakeview School District. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Belding High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Belding High School for the 9th grade and enrolled at Grand Rapids-City High School to begin the 2006-07 school year. The student has reenrolled at Belding and has not participated in athletics at either school.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Belding High School.

Canton-Plymouth High School (Regulation I, Section 9)

- A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose parents are divorced and who previously attended Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High School for the 9th grade in the 2005-06 school year before enrolling at Canton-Plymouth High School whose district does not have geographic borders. All students are assigned to one of three high schools based on a random lottery draw which placed this student in Plymouth High School. Both divorced parents live in the Plymouth-Canton School District (seven miles apart) and share joint physical custody of the student. Both parents' employers changed, impacting this request.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Chesaning High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])

- A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Saginaw High School where she did not participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Chesaning High School.

Corunna High School (Regulation I, Section 9)

- A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose parents are divorced and who previously attended school in Minnesota while residing with his mother and stepfather. The student was having trouble with his living situation and moved to the residence of his father in the Owosso School District. Two step-siblings registered to attend the Corunna Public Schools prior to the student's arrival at the father's home. The step-siblings previously attended Ovid-Elsie Schools.

Noting that the student would have been eligible by rule at Owosso and that there was no history of actual attendance in the Corunna School District, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Frankfort High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Onaway High School during the 2005-06 school year until he completed paperwork to attend Frankfort High School on Feb. 24, 2006. A condition for enrollment at Frankfort was a meeting with the student's mother, who was not available until Feb. 27; and the student was not allowed to attend classes at Frankfort until Feb. 28.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Frankfort High School beginning Feb. 28, 2006.

Grand Rapids-Kenowa Hills High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended an alternative school (Pioneer Work and Learning Center) in the Vassar School District where he did not participate in athletics. The student was in foster care and had moved to Grand Rapids with an aunt but does not live in the Kenowa Hills School District.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Kenowa Hills High School.

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 is the subject of an IEP and has been under the care of medical professionals. He enrolled at Harper Woods High School to begin the 2006-07 school year. On Sept. 7, 2006, the Executive Committee denied a request for subvarsity eligibility because the student played football as a 9th grader. The school requested reconsideration with additional information that was not submitted in the original material. The student enrolled at Madison Heights-Bishop Foley High School for the first quarter of the 9th grade in 2005-06, participated in football and then attended Royal Oak-Shrine High School for the remainder of the 10th grade. On Aug. 7, 2006, Shrine High

School informed the student that it believed he would benefit from alternative education and denied him reenrollment for the 2006-07 school year. Harper Woods is the student's district of residence.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Holland-West Ottawa 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 school in Tennessee while residing with his mother. The student and a brother were removed by the courts from the mother and sent to live with the grandmother who has since encountered health problems and left Tennessee. The student and his brother moved over the summer to the home of their biological father. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form and a Court Order of Child Support indicating both the father and the student were submitted.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Hudsonville-Freedom Baptist High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Freedom Baptist Schools since Kindergarten except for the first three days of the 2006-07 school year when she enrolled, but did not practice or compete in athletics, at Grandville High School. The student reenrolled at Freedom Baptist on Friday, Sept. 8, 2006.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Hudsonville-Freedom Baptist High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who enrolled for the first three days of the 2006-07 school year (but did not practice or compete in athletics) at Hudsonville High School. The student reenrolled at Freedom Baptist on Friday, Sept. 8, 2006.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Kingston High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Kingston Community Schools for her entire career except for one day in the summer of 2006

when she attended school in Florence, Kentucky while residing with her mother. The student has returned to Kingston, is living with a family friend and reenrolled at Kingston High School on the first day of classes, Sept. 5, 2006. The student's father is deceased.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Muskegon-Reeths-Puffer 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 North Muskegon High School for the 9th and 10th grades, participating in football and baseball. The student would like to play ice hockey at Reeths-Puffer High School.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Muskegon-Reeths-Puffer High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended school in California, residing with his mother. The student has been displaced from his parents due to legal reasons and is residing with an aunt in the Reeths-Puffer School District. The student was not involved in athletics in California.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Reeths-Puffer High School.

Onaway High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation, made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose mother was incarcerated for three months (from March 2004 to June 2004) was tabled by the Executive Committee on Sept. 7, 2006, pending additional information. The student was placed in the care of a friend with power of attorney until June 2006. During that time, the student lived with the friend/power of attorney in the Onaway School District but attended Indian River-Inland Lakes High School; the mother lived there when she was released from prison. In June 2006, the power of attorney expired and the mother and student moved from the residence of the friend to a

new residence but within the Onaway School District. Onaway High School is 25-30 miles closer to the student's new home than is Inland Lakes High School. The school submitted additional information demonstrating that the mother was struggling with multiple issues after her release from prison. Through counseling and receiving financial assistance, the mother was able to live on her own with the student and brother and relocated to a new residence in June 2006 within the Onaway School District.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Petoskey High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Concord Academy Boyne and did not participate in athletics because the academy does not offer an athletic program.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Petoskey High School.

Royal Oak High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Kimball High School, transferred to Detroit Country Day on Jan. 21, 2005, and then reenrolled at Kimball High School on March 1, 2006. Kimball and Dondero High Schools have combined to form Royal Oak High School.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Royal Oak High School beginning March 1, 2006.

St. Johns High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Holt High School where he did not participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the

2006-07 school year at St. Johns High School.

Warren Woods-Tower High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 72 was made on behalf of an incoming 9th-grade student who practiced football for an uncertain number of days in August with Conner Creek Academy in Warren. The student did not participate in a game or scrimmage and resides in the Warren Woods-Tower School District.

Based on the limited information received, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver. By rule, the student is eligible for all sports but football during the first semester.

Watervliet-Grace Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 72 (9th grader practicing before school begins) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who met with Grace Christian over the summer, indicating an interest in attending the school for personal and religious reasons. The family needed financial aid to afford tuition which did not become available until Aug. 18, 2006, at which time the family was informed. The student enrolled on the first day of school at Grace Christian but had practiced soccer and played in one scrimmage at Dowagiac Union High School.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver. By rule, the student is eligible for all sports but soccer during the first semester.

Regulation III, Section 1(C) - Pursuant to Interpretation 242, the Executive Committee granted waiver of the enrollment regulation to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th- and 8th-graders for the sports listed during the 2006-07 school year only.

Greenville-Grattan Academic Middle
(7th- & 8th-Grade BBB, GBB, BSO, GSO, VB)

Jackson Christian Middle
(7th-Grade GBB)

Deerfield Middle
(Boys Basketball)

New Member Schools - Pursuant to the MHSAA Constitution adopted by member schools and according to procedures for MHSAA membership approved by the Representative Council on March 27, 1997, the Executive Committee approved membership for the following schools:

Detroit-West Village Academy North is in its second year as a charter school at this west Detroit location formerly occupied by St. Suzanne Grade School and Detroit Community High School. The school operates grades 6-9 with 52 9th-grade students currently enrolled and will add one class in each subsequent school year. The school is owned by the American Institute Management Service (AIMS) and chartered through Central Michigan University. The school intends to sponsor boys and girls JV basketball in 2006-07 and may add girls volleyball in 2007-08. A 2006-07 Membership Resolution was received on July 28, 2006. Provided a 2007-08 Membership Resolution is received by Sept. 28, 2007, and all other rules are complied with, the school would be eligible for MHSAA postseason tournaments in the 2007-08 school year.

Inkster-Academy of Inkster High School is one of four public high school academies administered by Charter School Administration Services with an enrollment of approximately 260 students in grades 9-12. The current Academy of Inkster school building is located in two portable structures with 16-20 classrooms and administrative offices at the same location but unattached to the Cherry Hill School of Performing Arts. Each school has a separate board of directors and building principal. The same person serves both schools as the athletic director; a district athletic administrator is also employed. The Academy of Inkster will sponsor boys and girls basketball in a cooperative agreement with Cherry Hill School of Performing Arts pending Executive Committee approval. The girls basketball agreement will not be in effect until the 2007-08 school year; boys basketball may commence with the 2006-07 winter season. The 2006-07 Membership Resolution was received Aug. 3, 2006. Provided a 2007-08 Membership Resolution is received by Sept.

28, 2007, and all other rules are complied with, the school would be eligible for MHSAA postseason tournaments in the 2007-08 school year.

Representative Council - The Executive Committee reviewed a draft agenda for the Dec. 1, 2006 meeting of the Representative Council and provided several follow-up assignments for staff.

Next Meetings - The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Tuesday, Oct., 17, at 9 a.m.; Monday, Nov. 13, at 9 a.m.; and Thursday, Nov. 30, at 8:30 a.m. (Representative Council meets following day). ■

REGISTER ALL NON-FACULTY COACHES BEFORE THEY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITIES

The *MHSAA Handbook* requires that any coach who is not an administrator or a member of the regular teaching staff of the school district must be registered by the school with the MHSAA. The requirement pertains to all 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 athletic team SHOULD be a member of the regular teaching staff of the school. If a nonfaculty member is used, that person must be registered by the school with the MHSAA on a form provided for that purpose BEFORE assuming any coaching duties. A nonfaculty member coach must be at least eighteen (18) years of age and not a current high school student.

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

There are two ways to fulfill the registration requirement:

1. The easiest way to register nonfaculty varsity head coaches is online at mhsaa.com, as you provide School Directory information.
2. Forms for registering other nonfaculty coaches may be requested from the MHSAA or may be found in the back of the *MHSAA Handbook*. You may copy and enlarge as necessary. The forms – one for high school, the other for the junior high/middle school level – may also be downloaded from the MHSAA Web site at mhsaa.com. Forms may be submitted throughout the school year as nonfaculty coaches are assigned. Many schools submit forms just prior to each season: fall, winter and spring. ■

Scholar-Athlete Award Deadline Approaching!

Applications for the MHSAA-Farm Bureau Scholar-Athlete Award are due in the MHSAA office by 4 p.m. on December 1, 2006. Students may download an application directly from the Scholar-Athlete page on the MHSAA Web site, and school administrators must complete a School Applicant List by logging in to the password-protected School Services area of MHSAA.com. If you have questions about any part of the Scholar-Athlete Award process, please call Andy Frushour in the MHSAA office – 517-332-5046.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, October 17, 2006

Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan
Keith Eldred, Williamston
William Newkirk, Meridian
Ken Dietz, Watervliet
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.)

The Executive Committee was reminded that it was the responsibility of each member school involved to provide sufficient factual information about the specific request for the Executive Committee to reach a decision without further investigation. If information is incomplete, contradictory or otherwise unclear or has been received too late to be studied completely, the Executive Committee may deny the request for waiver or delay action. Such requests may be resubmitted to the Executive Committee with additional information at a subsequent meeting or appealed to the full Representative Council.

It is possible that some of the information presented as facts to the Executive Committee by school personnel and others may be inaccurate. However, to avoid constant repetition in this report of phrases such as "it was alleged" or "it was reported," no attempt is made in the introduction of each waiver request to distinguish between truth, allegation, hearsay, opinion, summary or conclusion. If any information provided to the Executive Committee is inaccurate, any decision of the Executive Committee to grant waiver of a regulation shall be null and void.

A determination of undue hardship is a matter addressed to the discretion of the Executive Committee within the educational

philosophy and secondary role of voluntary extracurricular competitive athletics in the academic environment. The Executive Committee will avoid making exceptions that would create precedent that effectively changes a rule without Representative Council action or local board of education adoption, which would exceed Executive Committee authority. The Executive Committee is not authorized to grant waiver based on alleged or actual differences between schools based on "environment," demographics, curriculum or extracurricular offerings.

Students for whom waiver of a particular regulation is granted 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.

Fife Lake-Forest Area and Kingsley High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) -

The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls soccer between these schools. The combined enrollment of 712 students will place the team in the Division 3 tournament. Forest Area sponsored girls soccer previously and will be the primary school. The Northern Michigan Soccer

League approved the agreement.

Sterling Heights, Warren-Cousino and Warren Mott High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these three schools of the same district in boys lacrosse for no more than three school years, as is permitted in the regulation regardless of enrollment for schools which have not sponsored the sport previously. The combined enrollment of 5,069 places the team in the Division 1 tournament. The program must operate under the 3,500-student limit no later than the end of the 2008-09 school year. Sterling Heights High School will be the primary school. The Macomb Area Conference submitted approval.

Suttons Bay and Northport High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - A request was made to extend the Oct. 15 deadline to later in November for submitting a completed cooperative program application in baseball, softball and boys tennis. Because of conflicting schedules and school board meeting dates, the agreement is in discussion stages at this time. An incomplete application was submitted.

The Executive Committee tabled the application until its next meeting.

Tekonsha High School and Coldwater-Pansophia Academy (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved the addition of baseball, softball and boys and girls track & field to a cooperative program which already exists between these schools in football. Tekonsha has sponsored the sports previously and will be the primary school. The combined enrollment of 195 will place the teams in Division 4 tournaments. Support was received from the Southern Central Athletic Association.

Wyoming-Tri-unity Christian, Byron Center-Zion Christian and Kentwood-West Michigan Lutheran High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these three schools in softball. The combined enrollment of 215 students will place the team in the Division 4 tournament. Tri-unity Christian will be the primary school. None of the schools sponsored softball previously. The River Valley Conference submitted approval.

Wyoming-Tri-unity Christian and Kentwood-West Michigan Lutheran High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these two schools in girls soccer. The combined enrollment of 167 students will place the team in the Division 4 tournament. Tri-unity Christian sponsored girls soccer previously and will be the primary school. The River Valley Conference submitted approval.

Midland-Dow High School (Regulation I, Section 7) - A request to waive the previous semester record regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who withdrew from Dow High School on May 12, 2006, and did not receive any credits for the second semester of the 2005-06 school year. The student did not complete physician recommendations, including a return to school. The student is involved in three correspondence courses to make up deficiencies.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Burton-Atherton High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student. The student's mother is currently building a home in the Atherton School District. The student has not played a fall sport previously but did participate in volleyball while a 9th grader at Burton-Bendle High School.

Citing the specific condition of Section 9(B) – that the student has not previously participated in high school sports – the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Byron Center-Zion Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only during the remainder of the first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Coopersville High School where he did not participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the

2006-07 school year at Zion Christian High School.

Clarkston High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Norway High School and participated in wrestling. The student enrolled while residing with a legal guardian at Clarkston High School on March 27, 2006.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Custer-Mason County Eastern High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Brethren High School and participated in cross country before enrolling at Mason County Eastern on Sept. 28, 2006, out of fear for his safety. In early September, the student was assaulted by classmates away from school grounds, resulting in a fractured nose and a deviated septum that required surgery. A threatening email with content deemed to be specific to the assault was sent to the student on Sept. 21. Brethren High School disciplined the students involved. Included in the materials presented were letters from the principal and athletic director at Brethren High School, a police report, a copy of the email, and medical reports on the procedures and follow-up to the injuries.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver, including eligibility for the 2006 MHSAA Cross Country Tournament.

Detroit-Cass Technical High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B & D]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended Detroit-Renaissance High School for three weeks and did not participate in an athletic scrimmage or contest. The student enrolled at Cass Technical on Oct. 10, 2006. The school requested the subvarsity eligibility end after the first semester. The student's late enrollment date is due to the late start of school because of the Detroit teachers strike and the state count date.

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

the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Cass Technical High School, beginning Oct. 10, 2006.

Felch-North Dickinson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended North Dickinson Schools from Kindergarten through the 11th grade, participating in football. The student enrolled at Iron Mountain High School to begin the 2006-07 school year and attended for nine days before re-enrolling at North Dickinson. The student did not participate in athletics at Iron Mountain High School.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver, including eligibility for the 2006 MHSAA Football Playoffs.

Fenton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Fenton Schools since the 4th grade except for the first day of the 2006-07 school year (Aug. 28, 2006) when he enrolled at Burton-Genesee Christian High School. After one day, the student reenrolled at Fenton High School on Sept. 5, 2006. The student did not participate in athletics at Genesee Christian.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Fenton 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 Flint-The Valley School for the 9th grade, resides in the Fenton School District and has attended other years of school within the Fenton Public Schools. The student changed schools because of the uncertainty of the new location of The Valley School and tuition increases. The student participated in athletics at The Valley School.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Fruitport High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Ravenna High School where he did not participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the

2006-07 school year at Fruitport High School.

Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) -

A request was made waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student. The student previously attended special programs while enrolled at Wyoming-Lee and Charlevoix High Schools during the 9th grade where he did not participate in athletics. The student enrolled at Forest Hills Northern on Sept. 18, 2006.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Forest Hills Northern High School.

Hale 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 Hale schools for Kindergarten through the 10th grade before enrolling at West Branch-Ogemaw Heights for one day on Sept. 6, 2006, and then reenrolling at Hale on Sept. 7, 2006. The student did not participate in athletics at Ogemaw Heights High School.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Jackson-Lumen Christi High School (Regulation I, Section 9) -

Additional information was submitted regarding a previously denied request to waive the transfer regulation, made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended school and lived in North Carolina with his father and stepmother and was sent to Jackson by his father to reside with his grandparents who had raised the student until he was eight years old. The student was suffering mental and physical abuse. The birth mother has not been in the student's life. On Sept. 7, 2006, the Executive Committee denied a request to waive the transfer regulation, citing a lack of information regarding the location of the school in relation to the grandparents' residence and compelling reasons for the student to attend Lumen Christi High School. It has since been reported that Lumen Christi is the closest nonpublic school to the grandparents' residence in East Jackson.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver, including eligibility for fall MHSAA tournaments.

Kingsley High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) -

A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only during the remainder of the first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Traverse City West Junior High School where she did not participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Kingsley High School.

Pickford High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) -

A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit participation in football only on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Kinross-Maplewood Baptist Academy and participated in a football cooperative program between these two schools. On Sept. 25, 2006, the student enrolled at Pickford High School. Maplewood Baptist Academy submitted a letter consenting to the student's new enrollment.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for football only during the first semester of the 2006-07 school year, provided the student actually was a team member in the cooperative program during 2005-06.

Richland-Gull Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9) -

A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Gull Lake High School for the 9th grade and participated in soccer. On Aug. 15, 2006, the family moved to California because the father's job was transferred. In the beginning of the 2006-07 school year, the father learned that he is being transferred back to Michigan. The family will be residing in the Galesburg-Augusta School District which is the same district they lived in previously. The request was for eligibility at the previous school.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver effective with a complete relocation of the student and family from California to the Galesburg-Augusta residence.

Regulation III, Section 1(C) - Pursuant to Interpretation 242, the Executive Committee granted waiver of the enrollment regulation to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th- and 8th-graders for the sports listed during the 2006-07 school year only.

Burt Lake N. Mich. Christian Academy

(All sports except football, ice hockey & wrestling)

Alanson - Littlefield Middle

(7th-grade boys BB)

Bloomfield Hills-Marian High School

(Classification) - A request was made to waive the Aug. 15 deadline for exercising the option to participate in the larger schools' division of the MHSAA Girls Skiing Tournament. This is the first year for two equal divisions in the Alpine Skiing Tournament. This school shares a coach with Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice which is in Division 1 of the MHSAA Boys Alpine Skiing Tournament. Both schools participated previously in the Class A tournament.

The Executive Committee granted the request to participate in Division 1 of the 2007 and 2008 tournaments.

Orchard Lake-St. Mary Preparatory High School (Classification)

- A request was made to waive the Aug. 15 deadline for exercising the option to participate in the larger schools' division of the MHSAA Boys Skiing Tournament that is being conducted in two equal divisions for the first time in 2007. St. Mary shares a coach with Livonia-Ladywood which is in Division 1 of the MHSAA Girls Alpine Skiing Tournament.

The Executive Committee granted the request to participate in Division 1 of the 2007 and 2008 tournaments.

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

- The Executive Committee approved the five conditions which had been accepted by the school district for the administration of its three-school cheerleading program in 2006-07 and 2007-08. The program will not engage in any competition within Michigan or against MHSAA member schools.

Upper Peninsula Wrestling - Based on previous Executive Committee discussions, the committee reviewed a mock-up of

wrestling groups and possible geographic pairings that includes Upper Peninsula schools in the statewide Individual Wrestling Tournament and assessed the impact on Lower Peninsula as well as Upper Peninsula schools.

The Executive Committee again noted the extraordinary loss of classroom instructional time that will result from the combination of separate Team and Individual Wrestling Tournaments being conducted during the same weeks over vast distances and the significantly increased travel expenses for these schools. The Executive Committee believes that, while the desire of Upper Peninsula schools to participate in a statewide Individual Tournament eventually will be accommodated, the change should take place only after consultation with wrestling schools from both peninsulas and consideration of several different formats and schedules that could reduce the negative effects of this accommodation.

Calendar Concerns - The Executive Committee reviewed input to date, considered means of gathering additional input, and discussed a variety of policy changes.

New Member Schools - Pursuant to the MHSAA Constitution adopted by member schools and according to procedures for MHSAA membership approved by the Representative Council on March 27, 1997, the Executive Committee approved membership for the following school:

Detroit-Universal Academy High

School is a public school academy chartered by Oakland University and one of three operated by Hamadeh Educational Services (Star International Academy in Dearborn Heights and Dearborn Heights Universal Learning Academy). The school has an enrollment of 122 students in grades 9-12, 111 in grades 7 and 8, and an additional onsite attendance in the same building of 216 students in grades K-6. The school is unique in that it teaches one hour of instruction in the Arabic language to all students daily. The school anticipates sponsoring boys basketball for the next few school years and is seeking to rent area gymnasiums and play all games away. It anticipates playing a shortened subvarsity schedule in 2006-07, and hopes to play a full varsity schedule in 2007-08. A 2006-07

MHSAA Membership Resolution was received on Aug. 21, 2006. Provided a 2007-08 Membership Resolution is received by Sept. 28, 2007, and all other rules are complied with, the school could be eligible for MHSAA postseason tournaments in the 2007-08 school year.

Representative Council - The Executive Committee reviewed a revised draft of the agenda for the Dec. 1, 2006 meeting and discussed possibilities for appointed Council members.

Next Meetings - The next meetings of the Executive Committee are Monday, Nov. 13, at 9 a.m.; and Thursday, Nov. 30, at 8:30 a.m. (Representative Council meets following day). ■

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE SECOND MEETING OF BOARD OF CANVASSERS

East Lansing, October 3, 2006

I, whose signature appears below, declare the following to be nominees for, or members elect of, the Representative Council or the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc., as a result of ballots received in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Section 6, of the Constitution, or as authorized by the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee at its meeting on October 3, 1941.

UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE ATHLETIC COACH (#9)

Total number of legal ballots received	34
David Duncan, Cedarville	12
Paul Polfus, Carney-Nadeau	22
Illegal or incomplete ballots received	2

Elected by majority of votes - Paul Polfus

Board of Canvassers (Signed)
Rod Doig, Principal, Lansing-Otto Middle School

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UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Escanaba, Sept. 13, 2006

Committee Members Present:

Jim Derocher, Negaunee
Dan Flynn, Escanaba
Don Gustafson, St. Ignace
Paul Polfus, Carney
Joe Reddinger, Felch

Catherine Shamion, Ewen
Tom Smith, Escanaba

Staff Member Present:

Nate Hampton (Recorder)

The meeting started promptly at 8:30 a.m. with Mr. Dan Flynn as chairperson. The committee heard a brief update on the status of the current sport seasons litigation and on the change in the December 2007 Girls Basketball Finals Tournament site from Michigan State University to Eastern Michigan University.

2006-07 BASKETBALL

Girls basketball officials selection: Following review of past practice in officials selection, the committee weighed carefully the process to assign officials that currently meet all stated approved criteria. The committee, with great care, assigned the available 56 officials in some cases to specific competition days at multiple sites rather than the traditional single site for multiple competitive days.

HOST SITES FOR REGIONAL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Officials were also assigned to Region 24 at Escanaba and Region 32 at Houghton, Michigan Technological University.

2007 BOYS BASKETBALL

Class A: District 12 - Finals site will be Traverse City West High School. Open draw will determine match-ups for the earlier rounds of this District competition.

Class B: District 64 - Gladstone

Class C: District 93 - Newberry; District 94 - Ishpeming-Westwood; District 95 - Ironwood-Luther L. Wright; District 96 - Iron River-West Iron County

Class D: District 123 - DeTour; District 124 - Engadine; District 125 - Powers-North Central; District 126 - Crystal Falls-Forest Park; District 127 - Bessemer AD Johnston; District 128 - Lake Linden-Hubbell

Region 24 - Escanaba
Region 31 - St. Ignace
Region 32 - Houghton, MTU
Quarterfinal 12 - Cheboygan
Quarterfinal 16 - If the Regional winner is from the Upper Peninsula, the game will be played in Marquette. If the Regional winner is from the Lower Peninsula, the game will be played at Sault Ste. Marie.

FOOTBALL OFFICIALS SELECTION

Pre-Districts - 10 crews selected
Districts - 5 crews selected
Regionals - 3 crews selected
Semifinals - 2 crews selected
Finals - Referee Hans Wienke and Umpire Gary Petterson were selected.

COMPETITIVE CHEER

Finals: DeltaPlex in Grand Rapids on March 9-10, 2007

Rules meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2006, 7 p.m., Escanaba High School

CROSS COUNTRY

The Upper Peninsula Finals will be hosted by Houghton High School at Michigan Technological University Trails and managed by Mr. Bruce Horsch, Athletic Director, Houghton High School. Competition will begin at 10 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

GOLF

Boys and Girls Finals will be held Friday, June 1, 2007.

Division 1 (Boys and Girls) - Gladstone

Division 2 (Boys and Girls) - Munising

Division 3 (Boys and Girls) - TBA

MHSAA Assistant Director Randy Allen will format, schedule and conduct a policy and tournament procedures meeting for coaches and tournament managers.

GYMNASTICS

Rules meeting will be held at Escanaba High School, Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2006, at 5:30 p.m.

Finals are March 9-10, 2007, at Troy Athens High School.

HOCKEY

Regionals - Feb. 26 - March 3, 2007 - Marquette

Quarterfinals - March 6-7, 2007 - Sault Ste. Marie

Semifinals - March 8-9, 2007 - Compuware Arena, Canton

Finals - Divisions 1, 2 and 3, March 10, 2007, at Compuware Arena, Canton.

SKIING

Regionals - Feb. 15 or 16, 2007. Sites to be selected by Ski Committee.

Finals - Feb. 26, 2007. Division 1 - Marquette Mountain; Division 2 - Schuss Mountain

BOYS AND GIRLS SWIMMING

Finals - Feb. 17, 2007, at Houghton/Hancock

TENNIS

Finals - Girls: Oct. 5, 2006. Division 1 - Marquette; Division 2 - Iron Mountain. Boys: May 31, 2007 - TBA

TRACK AND FIELD

Finals - Kingsford

VOLLEYBALL

Class A: District 32 - LP to determine

Class B: District 64 - Menominee

Class C: District 93 - St. Ignace LaSalle; District 94 - Ishpeming Westwood; District 95 - Stephenson; District 96 - Ironwood Luther L. Wright

Class D: District 124 - Pickford; District 125 - Rapid River; District 126 - Felch-North Dickinson; District 127 - L'Anse; District 128 - Wakefield-Marenisco

Region 24 - Ishpeming-Westwood

Region 32 - Rapid River

WRESTLING

Regarding the long-standing request to consider Upper Peninsula schools' participation in the Lower Peninsula Individual Wrestling Tournament and a demonstration of support by Upper Peninsula schools in the most recent survey, the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee offers a recommendation to the MHSAA Representative Council to dissolve the MHSAA Upper Peninsula Individual Wrestling Tournament and include the Upper Peninsula wrestling schools in a State-wide Individual Wrestling Tournament to commence as soon as possible (6-0, 1 abstention).

FUTURE MEETING

The next meeting of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee will be held Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at the Pioneer Motorlodge in Escanaba. ■

NEW LACROSSE OFFICIALS TRAINING SET

Get involved in the MHSAA's newest tournament sport and become a registered lacrosse official. Training sessions begin soon for both boys and girls lacrosse. Obtain a registration form via the MHSAA Web site on the **Officials** page at **mhsaa.com**



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

EXCITING TIMES FOR COMPETITIVE CHEER

There are today 100 percent more schools sponsoring MHSAA competitive cheer than one year ago, and still sponsorship grows by several schools per week.

The MHSAA has responded by expanding the MHSAA Competitive Cheer Tournament to four equal divisions, each with five Regionals, each sending two teams to the MHSAA Finals.

The growth in MHSAA competitive cheer is being experienced in large schools and small; urban, suburban and rural; Upper Peninsula and Lower Peninsula; both nonpublic and public schools.

Some of the schools new to MHSAA competitive cheer have some history and have enjoyed some success in other forms of cheerleading competition, while other schools are coming to MHSAA competitive cheer with little or no competitive tradition and some trepidation for the task ahead to become a competitive team.

Some schools will be asking the MHSAA to keep advancing the athleticism of the sport, while others will be asking for a more moderate rate of change so the gap between the sport's elite and novices will not become so wide that the "haves" cannot ever be challenged by the "have nots."

Some coaches will be asking the MHSAA to keep pushing the envelope to promote more artistry and imagination in routines, and virtually all coaches will be expecting the MHSAA to help promote the highest levels of safety for every legal stunt and to help minimize the risk of each and every routine.

All of this makes for an "exciting" time for MHSAA competitive cheer; but it's also a time to be evaluating just what it is we stand for in MHSAA competitive cheer. Here's what we believe:

1. **Schools are in charge of MHSAA competitive cheer;** schools, not commercial organizations of any kind. Unlike the National Federation, the MHSAA will not allow a commercial interest to redefine its position on cheerleading as a sport, and it will not allow a commercial

interest to influence the competitive rules or safety standards for the sport.

2. **Within schools, administrators are in charge of MHSAA competitive cheer;** and as with all other MHSAA sports, coaches will operate most successfully and safely under their school's supervision and communicate suggestions for change most effectively through their school's administration.

Ultimately, it was school administrators' concerns that cheerleaders were doing routines that were sky-high at events that were worldwide that caused school administrators to request MHSAA involvement 20 years ago and increased MHSAA regulation more recently. So-called "all-star" cheer is not what schools have been seeking for their students or the sport.

The MHSAA will not be shaken from these core principles by rule changes that commercial organizations do or don't want or the National Federation does or doesn't make. The MHSAA will consider all proposals that come from schools, leagues and associations of coaches, administrators or school boards, as well as the individual members of the Competitive Cheer Committee and its competitive rules subcommittee. Proposals will proceed through the committee process to the MHSAA Representative Council, which will usually accept the committee's proposals but sometimes will alter the committee's timetable to assure that proposals don't outpace the progress of schools, and to help assure that changes can be understood and implemented smoothly (and fairly) at the local school level all across this large and diverse state.

What the MHSAA does, works. It involves listening to voices in out-of-the-way places of our state as well as to those taking first and second places of our tournaments. The process has worked for decades for a wide variety of sports. The future of cheerleading as a school sport in Michigan is dependent on competitive cheer operating within the full view and embrace of school administrators and boards of education. ■

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

YOUTH SPORTS IN COLLABORATION

The longer I serve the MHSAA, the larger my ideas become and the less important is my role. Here's what I mean.

I see things are more complicated and more interconnected. I realize problem-solving requires an earlier start and longer follow-through. It requires coalitions of like-minded people, as well as collaboration with people of clout from diverse points of view.

For example, recruiting and retaining officials. From our follow-up with nearly 8,000 officials who did not renew their registration with the MHSAA over a five-year period, we learned the second and third most frequent reasons cited were poor sportsmanship by spectators and by coaches. We learned that the earlier the official dropped his or her registration, the more likely that person was to cite poor sportsmanship as a cause.

Properly framed, then, our problem is not too few officials; it's too many poor sports.

Therefore the solution, to start with, is better sportsmanship; but it's also training young officials more effectively to equip them to do better and to deal better with poor sportsmanship, and it's mentoring them through tough times.

But the solution is also coach education: equipping coaches to model better conduct and demand it of athletes and spectators alike.

And the solution doesn't start with us in

school sports. It must begin long before, in non-school youth sports programs. If expectations and standards are raised there, our chances improve immensely to increase expectations and standards in school sports.

This means working with non-school youth sports organizations which share our concerns for more and better officials and coaches and better sportsmanship. So far the MHSAA office has hosted two meetings with the leadership of non-school groups, and we've found much common ground and the potential for many joint projects.

Someday these informal meetings may become a hugely influential collaborative working together effectively and efficiently to address problems and implement best practices for youth sports without regard to organizational boundaries.

This "little issue" of too few officials? It's really a huge issue involving sportsmanship and the training of both officials and coaches, and engaging dozens of organizations in Michigan.

School sports in Michigan have huge needs that can only partially and ineffectively be met by the MHSAA and its member schools unless many more of those invested in youth sports join us and engage in the process of helping each others' organizations serve youth sports. ■

And We Quote —

“You can be an ethics entrepreneur, challenging corruption and complacency in your own little corner of the world. Or you can work for better values more privately – in the way you raise your children and how you handle situations at work or in your financial life. Nearly every day, you can choose whether you are part of the cheating culture or against it.

“Integrity, as the famous saying goes, is what you do when no one is looking.”

*– David Callahan, Author
“The Cheating Culture”*

REVIEWING THE REGULATIONS

INTERSCHOLASTIC "CLUB" TEAMS NOT PERMITTED

There are only two ways a member school may be involved with a sport under MHSAA jurisdiction, which is any sport that concludes in an MHSAA-sponsored state tournament (baseball, basketball, bowling, girls competitive cheer, cross country, football, golf, girls gymnastics, ice hockey, lacrosse, alpine skiing, soccer, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, girls volleyball and wrestling).

First, a school might sponsor an **intramural** program. These are programs under school supervision for students of that school only to compete against each other and not against students from other schools, except as provided by *MHSAA Handbook* Interpretation 154 which states: "**A school may have three (3) contests or days of competition for boys and three (3) for girls per season which are an outgrowth of an intramural program. These need not follow eligibility regulations, but no one participating in such activities is eligible to represent the school in that sport on an interscholastic team that season.**"

The second way for a member school to be involved with a sport under MHSAA jurisdiction is to sponsor it on an **interscholastic** basis. These are programs on the freshman, junior varsity or varsity level which have been authorized by the board of education, regardless of how the activity is funded or supported, to compete against students from other schools. These teams are subject to **all** MHSAA rules and regulations.

There are no other ways that **schools** may be involved in sports under MHSAA jurisdiction.

There **are** other ways that **students** of a school may be involved in a sport, but these ways can have no school involvement. These are **community** teams not connected to the school.

Regarding community (non-school) teams, schools can't supervise coaches, facilities or transportation. Schools can't schedule meetings, practices or contests. Schools can't

contract for contests, officials or facilities. Schools can't support community teams with direct or indirect financial assistance for personnel, uniforms, facilities, equipment, transportation, publicity or insurance.

Schools cannot recognize a community team like a school activity. Recognition should not be provided in yearbooks, on the public address system, in school newspapers or on the school bulletin boards unless the same coverage is provided to other community groups that are not school sponsored.

Schools cannot award school letters to community teams in sports under MHSAA jurisdiction. They cannot include these activities in school recognition events.

And finally, schools must attempt to prohibit the use of the school's name, nickname, mascot and colors by outside groups and the media.

When an MHSAA member school sponsors a team in a sport in which the MHSAA conducts a postseason tournament, that team must follow all the rules. **There is no such thing as a partially connected school team, no matter what the school calls the team (club, non-varsity, probationary, etc.).** A non-school team may rent or use school facilities, as do other non-school groups; and outside of a field rental, the team must be disconnected from the school in at least the areas mentioned, and in reality.

Some people might want a status between interscholastic and community programs where the school can be somewhat involved. They like to call this a club team. However, *MHSAA Handbook* Interpretation 155 is explicit: "**Schools cannot conduct, support or recognize club teams in any sport under MHSAA jurisdiction. A team shall not be defined as a club team simply because it is funded with other than school finances. Internal descriptions of school teams such as club, non-varsity, etc., do not change the school's responsibility to follow the regulations for interscholastic athletics for sports in which the MHSAA**

sponsors a postseason tournament, as agreed to in the school's annual Membership Resolution."

There are too many differences between school clubs and so-called club sports teams to equate the two and give them similar recognition. School clubs are normally limited to students of one school, have a school faculty member as an advisor, meet at the school and are subject to control of the school administration. So-called club sports teams usually have none of these features. They are community teams.

In earlier days, prior to the 1970s, the normal path for a sport was from the physical education program to an intramural program to the interscholastic level. Today, the normal path for new sports in our schools is from the community straight to the interscholastic level with no stops in between. This is a bigger jump than in the old days. It is a jump from totally outside school control to totally within school control.

It is not unusual and is within the rules for a team in an emerging sport such as bowling or lacrosse to be funded and supported by

an active and organized parent group that maintains strong connections to the school, funds the program through the school, and is under the direction of the school athletic director. Soccer and ice hockey, for example, grew quite rapidly among member schools with the support of school-based parent and booster clubs as school teams accountable to the school and genuinely under the school sports umbrella, even though some or all of the initial funding originated outside the regular school budget (but then flowed through the school to pay expenses).

Everything in the interscholastic program must be under school authority. The coach is under school authority, even if the coach is not a faculty member of the school. The **funding** is under school authority: funding might come from sources outside the school (such as a booster or parents club), but it must be spent by the school. All interscholastic **events** are under the authority of the school: even if they are at different venues, they must remain under school supervision. ■

OFFICIALS' CALLS ARE FINAL

We enjoy some privileges serving on the MHSAA staff. However, one privilege we do not have is to ignore rules when we don't enjoy their application.

One of the rules of Michigan school sports for very many years is that there is no protest of or appeal to the decisions of contest officials. Whether it is a 5-yard illegal motion call, a 10-yard holding call, a 15-yard pass interference call or a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct call with player or coach ejection, the call is final; and if the penalty calls for next-game disqualification, that is final too.

If after a contest, an official wishes he or she could take back a call of any kind, it's too late. If after a contest, folks pressure an official to rescind the next-game disqualification, the outcome is unchanged: ejection from one contest for unsportsmanlike conduct requires suspension from the next day of competition.

The finality of high school officials' calls has been challenged in courts across the country – once in Michigan – and the result has been that judges will not allow themselves to become super-referees, second guessing onsite contest officials.

On some higher levels of sports – e.g., college and professional – where there are dozens of cameras covering a handful of contests each week, league offices will review some decisions. But our level of sports lacks sophisticated cameras and involves many hundreds of contests in several different sports every week. We have neither the time nor the technology at every venue to be involved in reviewing the calls of contest officials.

Officials see a play and make an instantaneous decision. Their calls are final; and living with the outcome is one of the valuable lessons we try to teach and learn in school-based sports. ■

SCHOOL SPORTS AND SOCIAL CAPITAL

(In the widely acclaimed 2000 book "Bowling Alone," author Robert D. Putnam discusses the causes of social disengagement in America. In the concluding chapter he presents seven challenges which together would reinvest America's social capital. School sports is central to the first challenge presented. The boldface copy is our emphasis.)

Philosophers from Aristotle and Rousseau to William James and John Dewey have begun discussions of civics with the education of youth. They have pondered the essential virtues and skills and knowledge and habits of democratic citizens and how to instill them. That starting point is especially appropriate for reformers today, for the single most important cause of our current plight is a pervasive and continuing generational decline in almost all forms of civic engagement. Today's youth did not initiate the erosion of Americans' social capital - their parents did - and it is the obligation of Americans of all ages to help rekindle civic engagement among the generation that will come of age in the early years of the twenty-first century.

So I set before America's parents, educators and, above all, America's young adults the following challenge: *Let us find ways to ensure that by 2010 the level of civic engagement among Americans then coming of age in all parts of our society will match that of their grandparents when they were that same age, and that at the same time bridging social capital will be substantially greater than it was in their grandparents' era.* One specific test of our success will be whether we can restore electoral turnout to that of the 1960s, but our goal must be to increase participation and deliberation in other, more substantive and fine-grained ways, too - **from team sports to choirs** and from organized altruism to grassroots social movements.

The means to achieve these goals in the early twenty-first century, and the new forms

of connectedness that will mark our success, will almost surely be different from those of the mid-twentieth century. For this reason, success will require the sensibility and skills of Gen X and their successors, even more than of baby boomers and their elders. Nevertheless, some "old-fashioned" ideas are relevant. Take civics education, for example. We know that knowledge about public affairs and practice in everyday civic skills are prerequisites for effective participation. We know, too, that the "civics report card" issued by the U.S. Department of Education for American elementary and high school students at the end of the twentieth century was disappointing.² So improved civics education in school should be part of our strategy - not just "how a bill becomes a law," but "How can I participate effectively in the public life of my community?" Imagine, for example, the civic lessons that could be imparted by a teacher in South Central Los Angeles, working with students to *effect* public change that her students think is important, like getting lights for a neighborhood basketball court.

We know other strategies that will work, too. A mounting body of evidence confirms that community service programs really do strengthen the civic muscles of participants, especially if the service is meaningful, regular, and woven into the fabric of the school curriculum. Episodic service has little effect, and it is hard to imagine that babysitting and janitorial work - the two most frequent types of "community service" nationwide, according to one 1997 study - have much favorable effect. On the other hand, well-designed service learning programs (the emerging evidence suggests) improve civic knowledge, enhance citizen efficacy, increase social responsibility and self-esteem, teach skills of cooperation and leadership, and may even (one study suggests) reduce racism.³ Interestingly, voluntary programs seem to work as well as mandatory ones. Volunteering in one's youth is, as we noted in chapter 7, among the strongest predictors of

adult volunteering. Intergenerational mentoring, too, can serve civic ends, as in Boston's Citizen Schools program, which enables adult volunteers to work with youth on tangible after-school projects, like story writing or Web site building.

Participation in extracurricular activities (both school linked and independent) is another proven means to increase civic and social involvement in later life. In fact, participation in high school music groups, athletic teams, service clubs, and the like is among the strongest precursors of adult participation, even when we compare demographically matched groups.⁴ From a civic point of view, extracurricular activities are anything but "frills," yet funding for them was decimated during the 1980s and 1990s. Reversing that perverse development would be a good start toward our goal of youthful reengagement by 2010. Finally, we know that smaller schools encourage more active involvement in extracurricular activity than big schools - more students in smaller schools have an opportunity to play trombone or left tackle or King Lear. Smaller schools, like smaller towns, generate higher expectations for mutual reciprocity and collective action. So deconcentrating mega schools or creating smaller "schools within schools" will almost surely produce civic dividends.

Our efforts to increase social participation among youth must not be limited to schooling. Though it is not yet easy to see what the Internet-age equivalent of 4-H or settlement houses might be, we ought to bestow an annual Jane Addams Award on the Gen X'er or Gen Y'er who comes up with the best idea. What we need is not civic broccoli - good for you but unappealing - but an updated version of Scouting's ingenious combination of values and fun. I challenge those who came of age in the civically dispiriting last decade of the twentieth century to invest powerful and enticing ways of increasing civic engagement among their younger brothers and sisters who will come of age in the first decade of the twenty-first century.

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SCHOOL SPORTS PERSPECTIVE

MY NEW FRIENDS

In traveling a few weeks ago to present a sportsmanship award to a school in West Michigan, I made a some new friends at that school who were vital parts of its football team – not because they were blessed with the skill to play, but rather the skill to serve.

Standing on the sidelines before the game, I saw the usual flurry of activity as all parties involved were making their final preparations, and just before I went on the field with the coach and the team captains to make the presentation, I asked a student manager if he would hold my camera and give it to me when the ceremony was over so we could take a group picture. He smiled as he took the camera and maintained eye contact with me throughout the on-field presentation, running the camera out to me immediately when we were done – I took a few group pictures and the teams then got down to the business of playing football.

I stayed on the sidelines for the first quarter, and couldn't help but notice how active my one new friend and the other student managers were. Attentive to the needs of the coaches and players – even the officials when they needed help.

Before I left the sideline, I thanked the young man who had helped me that evening, complimented him on the job he was doing to

serve the team, briefly told him of my experiences as a student manager when I was in middle school and high school, and then I told him that I hoped his efforts were being acknowledged by his peers. He smiled again and proudly showed me his state championship ring from the 2005 football season.

My new friends are Kenny Dykema, Garrett Nederhoed and Cody Hunter, students at Muskegon Oakridge High School, where long-time football coach Jack Schugars and athletic director Ray Schuller sing their praises. They talk about how while these young men do not possess the ability to play, their passion for service to their classmates and their school have earned them equal footing with everyone wearing pads and helmets on the team.

There are no problems with players disrespecting Kenny, Garrett and Cody...the coaches and administrators won't tolerate it, and if an upperclassman sees a new player dissing on them, they let them know about it.

These three young men are full stakeholders in their team. They're at all the team functions and treated like all the players. Most of all, these young men also reap the same benefits of the school sports participation experience – and that's what educational athletics are all about. ■



AT&T, HENRY FORD CENTER FOR ATHLETIC MEDICINE JOIN MHSAA TEAM

The MHSAA is pleased to announce the addition of two new corporate partners to its roster this Fall, as **AT&T** and **Henry Ford Health System Center for Athletic Medicine** in Detroit join the lineup.

Bolstering the MHSAA's mission for educational interscholastic athletics – Scholarship, Sportsmanship, Safety and Scope – the Association's newest partners will be key players in Safety and Scope.

AT&T's partnership with the MHSAA creates a new award which will honor four schools annually for their work in promoting the proper role of school sports. The Scope Award will honor one school in each enrollment class (A-B-C-D) with a \$2,500 cash award for doing the best job in promoting a sensible scope for educational athletics in their buildings and communities.

Details about the application process will be provided to schools soon. As part of that process, schools will be required to illustrate how the \$2,500 prize would be used to continue to promote the appropriate scope for school sports. The announcement of the winning schools and presentations will take place at selected MHSAA Final tournaments and in local venues later this school year.

AT&T will also sponsor the MHSAA's new Student Advisory Council, a 16-member group which will provide feedback on issues impacting educational athletics from a student's perspective, and also be involved in the operation of Association championship events and other programming.

Members of the Student Advisory Council will serve for two years, beginning as juniors. Eight new members will be selected annually to the SAC, with nominations made by MHSAA member schools. For the 2006-07 school year, the first eight students, all juniors, are already in place; and will be joined by eight new juniors next Summer.

"It is not often that a large corporation works with a private, non-profit association of schools like the MHSAA and looks to underwrite programming which promotes after-school activities as just that – something which is after the school day chronologically and after the school's mission in importance," said MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts. "AT&T came to us wanting to promote a sensible scope for school sports and promoting student leadership -- the right things that school sports stand for."

As the Association's exclusive health and safety partner, the **Center for Athletic Medicine** will regularly contribute articles for MHSAA publications on sports medicine topics, meet with staff and sports committees to keep them informed on current issues and policies and their impact on school sports, and work with allied groups like coaches and administrative associations and the Youth Sports Institute at Michigan State University.

The Center for Athletic Medicine will also play host to the Kids, Sports & Drugs Conference on Nov. 9, where approximately 350 people from member schools across the state will attend to become informed on a variety of topics, including the ATLAS and ATHENA programs the MHSAA is piloting this year with the support of Sports Illustrated the Oregon Health & Sciences University.

"There are always going to be injuries and health issues encountered by schools, coaches and student-athletes in day-to-day sports activities, any while education can't prevent some injuries from happening, a partnership like this with the Henry Ford Center for Athletic Medicine will help create a safer atmosphere for interscholastic athletics," said Roberts. "The Center for Athletic Medicine will be a valuable resource for our schools to turn to."

In addition to their availability in print, the articles from the Center for Athletic Medicine will be accessible online through the Health & Safety page of the MHSAA Web site.

The Center for Athletic Medicine is part of the Henry Ford Health System, one of the country's largest health care systems, integrates primary and specialty care with research and education. ■

ACL INJURY AND ITS PREVENTION

Injury to the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) is a relatively common and significant knee injury in athletics today. In this article, we will explore the injury and its importance to those involved in coaching and training our young athletes.

The ACL is a ligament which crosses the center of the knee. It holds the tibia (shin bone) from sliding forward on the femur (thigh bone). It also helps with rotational stability (twisting, turning, & changing directions) of the knee.

Injury to the ACL most commonly occurs as a result of a non-contact mechanism, although collision can also result in injury. Frequently, the injury is seen when an athlete twists or changes direction (cut and pivot). Athletes' experience pain and frequently hear or feel a "pop". Most are initially unable to bear weight; the knee usually swells immediately after injury.

In order to return to competitive play, the athlete requires surgical reconstruction of the ligament. More importantly, an ACL rupture requires significant rehabilitative effort for post-operative recovery, but athletes commonly return to their pre-injury level of play.

Female athletes are at a higher risk of ACL injury with some estimates as high as 4-8 times greater than males. While the reasons for this are complex, some research suggests that inherent anatomic factors (body mechanics) of female athletes may contribute to their risk. Gender specific movement patterns of running, jumping, and landing due to anatomic factors may be responsible. Research, led by the senior author Dr. Henry Goitz, of the Henry Ford Center for Athletic Medicine, has identified gender specific proprioception or 'position sense' differences in the legs of elite female athletes. Current training programs are available that have documented a decreased risk of injury to female athletes when specific muscles are retrained. Research is ongoing as to the mechanisms of the effectiveness.

Another possible risk factor for ACL injury is improper and/or inadequate condi-

tioning. ACL injuries are more common in later stages of games or sports participation. This may be due to fatigue of the leg muscles or generalized mental and physical fatigue. Our researchers are presently trying to determine how fatigue affects ALL injuries in order to create test exercises and training strategies to prevent ACL injury.

Coaches, trainers, and parents can help their athletes by being involved in pre-season conditioning programs and supporting research programs for ACL injury prevention. A proper ACL injury prevention program should develop lower extremity and core flexibility, strength, power and coordination. Studies have indicated that a quality program with these components can reduce the incidence of ACL injury. There are a number of ACL injury prevention or jump training programs on the market. Be sure to choose a program that is research based and developed by a team of health care professionals (physicians, athletic trainers and physical therapists). While not all ACL injuries can be prevented, it is our responsibility to educate and condition our athletic youth to prevent as many injuries as we can. To enhance your athlete's preseason conditioning and minimize the risk of injury, contact Henry Ford Center for Athletic Medicine and enroll your athletes in one of its performance enhancement programs.

If you are considering ACL reconstruction, be sure to consult with an orthopaedic surgeon whose specialty is sports medicine surgery such as the physicians at Henry Ford Center for Athletic Medicine.

For further information on this article, our ACL injury prevention program, or for priority appointments for sports injuries please contact Henry Ford Center for Athletic Medicine at 313-972-4216. ■

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HEALTH & SAFETY

PREGAME PREPARATION: DON'T FORGET NUTRITION

Every coach is looking for a competitive edge for his team. Nutrition is often overlooked as a potential competitive edge possibly because it is poorly understood. It has been shown that proper eating before exercise improves performance. It is also important to be well hydrated before the exercise session. Too many high school athletes head off to school without eating breakfast, lunch may be a slice of pizza. At this point they, with very little fuel in their system, they are not prepared to be their best at game time or even practice. Some signs that an athlete may not be eating enough to fuel their performance are:

- Difficulty paying attention in practice or in a game.
- Weight loss
- Fatigue before the practice or games have been completed.
- Injury or frequent illness.

To help athletes achieve peak performance it is important to promote healthy eating and adequate fluid intake. Encourage athletes to take time to eat breakfast everyday. Remind your athletes that lunch for many of them will be their pre game meal and to eat accordingly. And for some athletes, lunch may be as early as 10:30 a.m. and they may not be eating again until after practice or after the game. The size of the meal or snack eaten before exercise is important because adequate time is needed for digestion. A meal or snack that is high in protein and/or fat will take longer to digest. Years ago a typical pre game meal was steak and eggs which is mostly protein and fat. Many studies have confirmed an ideal pre game meal should be predominantly carbohydrate. Eating foods high in carbohydrate can maintain blood glucose levels during exercise and provide fuel for the exercise session. The closer it gets to game time or practice, the smaller the meal or snack should be. To maximize pregame nutrition follow these general guidelines:

Four or more hours before game:

- Sandwich with lean meat such as turkey or ham, fresh fruit or juice, lowfat milk or lowfat yogurt.

Three hours before game:

- Fruit or juice, bagel or toast with a little peanut butter, light cream cheese or margarine or cereal with lowfat milk and fruit.

One - Two hours before game:

- Fresh fruit or fruit juice or a sports beverage.

Foods higher in fat and protein such as steak and eggs, pizza, nachos, and hot dogs will leave the stomach very slowly and be unavailable for fuel during exercise and should be avoided immediately before exercise.

To help keep athletes well hydrated, encourage them to:

- Stop at the drinking fountain between classes.
- Bring a water bottle to school and to practice so that they may take frequent water breaks.
- Drink fluids with their breakfast and lunch.
- During practice and in game situations to drink during time outs or breaks in play, and to drink even in they claim they are not thirsty (since thirst is not a good indicator of hydration).

The body must have the proper fuel for peak performance; there are no substitutes for good nutrition. Some athletes may be tempted to try an energy drink as a quick pick me up before they compete. Coaches need to educate their athletes that there are no quick fixes, including energy drinks, for not eating and drinking adequately during the day. Keep in mind some of these energy drinks may be too high in caffeine to be considered a healthy choice (have your athletes read the label). They should not take the place of healthy meals and adequate fluids during the day.

For more information on nutrition, other sports medicine issues, or to schedule a priority appointment for your athlete, please call 313.972.4216 or visit www.henryford.com. ■

HEALTH & SAFETY

HANDLING CONCUSSIONS

During the 2006-07 academic year, the National Federation of State High School Associations has included in all of its playing rules a Point of Emphasis on "Proper Procedures for Handling Apparent Concussions" (See below). The information was developed and published by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in a booklet for coaches called "Heads Up: Concussion in High School Sports." Last fall, the CDC, with the assistance of the NFHS and its member state high school associations, distributed the booklet and corollary materials to many of the nation's high schools.

The well-being of student-athletes is of utmost concern to the National Federation and its member associations. We hope the information in the CDC information packet, in the Point of Emphasis, and on the National Federation Web site will be of assistance to coaches, teammates and sideline personnel, and also to families and friends. The signs and symptoms of concussions are listed so that all such persons may better evaluate a player's condition if a concussion is suspected. While the ultimate responsibility for each student-athlete's health rests with the student-athlete and his or her parents, guardians and medical professionals, the NFHS believes that this information will help all persons better understand the signs, symptoms and importance of responding to apparent concussions.

Point of Emphasis for 2006-07 Proper Procedures for Handling Apparent Concussions

ACTION PLAN

If you suspect that a player has a concussion, you should take the following steps:

1. Remove athlete from play.
2. Ensure athlete is evaluated by an appropriate health care professional. Do not try to judge the seriousness of the injury yourself.
3. Inform athlete's parents or guardians about the known or possible concussion and give them the fact sheet on concussion.
4. Allow the athlete to return to play only with permission from an appropriate health care professional.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

These signs and symptoms may indicate that a concussion has occurred.

Signs Observed by Coaching Staff

- Appears dazed or stunned
- Is confused about assignment
- Forgets plays
- Is unsure of game, score or opponent
- Moves clumsily
- Answers questions slowly
- Loses consciousness
- Shows behavior or personality changes
- Can't recall events prior to hit
- Can't recall events after hit

Symptoms Reported by Athlete

- Headache
- Nausea
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Double vision or fuzzy vision
- Sensitivity to light or noise
- Feeling sluggish
- Feeling foggy or groggy
- Concentration or memory problems
- Confusion

Information provided by the Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. ■

GUEST EDITORIAL

CAP HITS THE MARK

Just a few years ago the Coaches Advancement Program (CAP) was developed by the MHSAA with the cooperation of Michigan State University and the Institute for the Study of Youth Sports. The CAP program was created after careful planning and analysis of the long standing and highly regarded PACE (Program of Athletic Coaches Education) curriculum that served as the coaching education model for not only our state, but several other states throughout the country. PACE filled a need when it was created by MSU's Youth Sports Institute and the MHSAA in 1987. Prior to the creation of



PACE, there was no formal coaching development program that was readily accessible to virtually every interscholastic coach in Michigan.

I was fortunate to be a member of an early PACE Steering Committee and can recall the discussions and difficulty in determining which topics and issues the curriculum needed to address. Sixteen years later, those decision issues still exist and many would argue the demands of coaching are greater today than ever before.

Enter the CAP program! Today as one of many instructors in the CAP program, I

believe the MHSAA, in conjunction with the Institute for the Study of Youth Sports, has raised the bar for coaches' education in Michigan. The CAP program includes an interactive curricular format, key principles, concepts and issues that coaches face today. It's an exciting program that doesn't stand still. Course content is under constant review and the method of delivery is assessed with each presentation. New and returning instructors are in-serviced annually and assurances of consistency in materials presented are built into each module and PowerPoint presentation.

From a personal standpoint, I feel the strong emphasis and structure that focuses on interactive learning is the key to a successful experience in this program. Each module has been developed with multiple individual and/or group exercises that provide a forum and opportunity for a meaningful exchange of thoughts and ideas.

Having witnessed the development and evolution of formal coaches' education programs in our state, I say without reservation that CAP "Hits the Mark" in providing a solid foundation for successful coaching within the concept of educational athletics. Students, schools, communities and ourselves as coaches are the winners when we participate annually in proven developmental programs such as CAP.

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Troy Public Schools*

**For the most updated CAP Schedule
consult mhsaa.com
Click on "Coaches" from the nav bar**

2006 MHSAA GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Representative Council again has attempted to set up schedules of division of proceeds and allowances for team expenses of schools participating in the 2005 Girls Basketball Tournaments that will be as adequate as possible in view of probable receipts. It should be kept in mind by schools that participating in MHSAA tournaments is voluntary and that expenses of teams competing in tournaments are not guaranteed, although the MHSAA in the past generally has reimbursed competing and entertaining schools where local receipts did not meet the allowed expenses. The cooperation of all schools competing in the 2006 tournament is asked in order that there may be an equitable return both to entertaining and competing schools, and to the MHSAA so that its services to schools and the broad program of meets and tournaments in sports other than basketball may be continued.

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL ACTION

1. **Shirts must be worn by all spectators and cheer sections at all indoor MHSAA tournament venues.**
2. **Image-taking devices of any kind are not to be used in locker rooms during MHSAA tournaments.**

ADMINISTRATION OF TOURNAMENTS

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

Tournament Centers

128 District Centers
32 Regional Centers

Schools listed as being on a probationary status with no hosting or reimbursement privileges will not host any level of competition and will not receive any share of competition receipts or reimbursement for participation.

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

DATES OF TOURNAMENTS

District Tournaments – Monday through Saturday, Nov. 13-18, 2006.

Regional Tournaments – Monday through Wednesday, Nov. 20-22, 2006.

Final Tournaments – Quarterfinals - Tuesday, Nov. 28; Semifinals - Thursday, Nov. 30, Friday, Dec. 1; Finals - Saturday, Dec. 2, 2006.

FINANCIAL PLAN

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

1. At all tournament levels, competing teams will absorb their own travel expenses where the distance to the tournament site is 50 miles or less from the competing school.
2. Beginning with the 51st mile one way, a competing team at District, Regional or Final Tournament level will be reimbursed at the following rate per mile from the home city to the Tournament Center City for each trip:
 - 51 to 100 miles – \$2 per mile
 - 101 to 150 miles -- \$3 per mile
 - 151 to 250 miles -- \$4 per mile
 - 251 to 350 miles - \$5 per mile
 - 351 miles and over -- \$6 per mile
3. Those schools which travel 100 or more miles (one way) to a tournament center are allowed \$200 for hotel expenses (receipts required). A school cannot receive both hotel and additional travel allowances if games are played on successive days. This applies to travel in both District and Regional Tournaments.

ADVANCE SALE RESERVED SEAT TICKET DISTRIBUTION PLAN FOR 2007 BOYS SEMIFINAL AND FINAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT GAMES

NOTICE

MHSAA ticket prices are \$6 for each Semifinal session (2 games) and \$7 for each Final session (one session is 2 games; two sessions are 1 game).

The Jack Breslin Student Events Center will assess a \$1 "ticket system charge" on each ticket, as well as a \$3 "processing fee" on all telephone and mail orders (one handling charge for the entire order) to the Breslin Center Ticket Office. Internet orders will be possible, with applicable charges.

GENERAL PUBLIC SALE OF RESERVED SEAT TICKETS FOR SEMIFINAL AND CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

1. The general public sale of reserved seat tickets for the Championship Games Saturday, March 24 WILL OPEN ON MARCH 1, 2007, provided tickets are available at the time. All requests for reserved seat tickets other than requests by schools or officials as indicated above, must be sent directly to the Breslin Student Event Center. **There will be no sale or distribution of reserved seat tickets to the general public through the MHSAA.** A maximum of six reserved seat combined three session finals tickets will be sold to any one individual and the full remittance of \$24 per three-session ticket must accompany each request. Tickets WILL NOT be returnable after purchase.
2. All Semifinal sessions include two games, and all Semifinal tickets are \$7 per session.
3. Semifinal and Final ticket requests are to be sent to **Bruce Earhart, Ticket Manager, Breslin Student Event Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824.**
4. Requests for reserved seat tickets from the general public received by the Ticket Manager prior to March 1, 2007 will be drawn by lot on that date and filled in the order drawn to the limit of the supply available. Requests for reserved tickets received after March 1 will be filled in the order received to the limit of the available supply.
5. On the date of the Final Tournament Championship Games (Saturday, March 24), there will also be a maximum limit of ten reserved seat tickets sold to any one individual for each session in the event reserved seat tickets still are available at that time.

RESERVED SEAT TICKET DISTRIBUTION PLAN FOR SCHOOLS WHOSE TEAMS ARE CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS

1. For the Saturday morning session Championship game in Classes D and C, 4800 reserved seat tickets at \$7 will be set aside for possible purchase enbloc by the four finalist schools for that session only. (Class D schools -- 1200 each; Class C schools -- 1200 each.)
2. For the Saturday afternoon session Championship Game in Class A, 2400 reserved seat tickets at \$7 will be set aside for possible purchase enbloc by the two finalist schools (1200 each) for that session only.
3. For the Saturday evening session Championship Game in Class B, 2400 reserved seat tickets at \$7 will be set aside for possible purchase enbloc by the two finalist schools (1200 each) for that session only.
4. Tickets reserved for competing schools for the Final Games in which their teams are competing may be purchased by making arrangements as follows:

All reserved seat tickets desired by finalist team schools, up to their maximum allotment, must be purchased and paid for at one time. There will be no individual sales of such tick-

ets. Tickets will not be returnable after purchase. 1200 reserved seat tickets for finalist schools will be allotted for the session only during which their teams are competing.

Schools may pick up tickets at the ticket office at the Breslin Student Event Center from Bruce Earhart.

BOYS BASKETBALL 2007 TICKET INFORMATION

Ticket Categories -- Deadline Dates -- Cost

- 1. All-Tournament** – Member schools and officials may purchase up to their per-school maximum or approved official's maximum All-Tournament tickets that will admit the bearer to all seven sessions of Semifinal and final contests. The All-Tournament ticket will allow the bearer to have the same concourse reserved armchair seat or upper deck reserved armchair seat throughout all the tournament games. Officials must be on the Approved Boys Basketball List.

The school classification maximums and officials maximum:

Cost: \$52 per All-Tournament ticket (includes \$6 ticket system charge). The per-school maximums and officials maximum (Class A - **16**; Class B - **16**; Class C - **12**; Class D - **12**; Junior High - **2**; Approved Officials - **2**. **Deadline Date -- Feb. 9, 2007**

OR

- 2. Combined three-session Finals tickets @ \$24**, (includes \$3 ticket system charge). **Deadline Date – Feb. 9, 2007**
- 3. Semifinal game tickets --** Tickets per session @ \$7, (includes \$1 ticket system charge). **Deadline Date – Feb. 9, 2007**

Session 1 - Class C @ \$7 x (official's maximum or school maximum)

Session 2 - Class D @ \$7 x (official's maximum or school maximum)

Session 3 - Class A @ \$7 x (official's maximum or school maximum)

Session 4 - Class B @ \$7 x (official's maximum or school maximum)

OR

4. A combination of All-Tournament tickets, three-session Finals tickets, and Semifinals tickets that does not exceed specified maximum(s). **Deadline date – Feb. 9, 2007.**

An official or school may not exceed the specified maximum(s) for any category of tickets purchased. Example:

A Class C school may elect to purchase:

Up to 12 All-Tournament Tickets @ \$52 = \$624 + \$3 processing fee

or a combination of tickets that may include:

6 All-Tournament Tickets @ \$52 = \$312

6 Three-Session Finals Tickets @ \$24 = \$144

6 Session 1 Semifinals Tickets @ \$7 = \$ 42

6 Session 2 Semifinals Tickets @ \$7 = \$ 42

6 Session 3 Semifinals Tickets @ \$7 = \$ 42

6 Session 4 Semifinals Tickets @ \$7 = \$ 42

Total = \$624 + \$3 processing fee

(Note: All prices include Breslin ticket system charge.)

Deadline Date – Feb. 9, 2007

(Parking is not included in price of tickets.)

SCHOOL RESERVED SEAT TICKET DISTRIBUTION PLAN

**All-Tournament Tickets (seven sessions) \$52, including \$6 ticket systems charge
OR
Combination Three-Session Finals Reserved Seat Tickets (D/C - A-B) - \$24,
including \$3 ticket systems charge
(Parking Not Included)**

1. High schools classified with the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the 2006-07 school year may purchase combined reserved seat tickets in advance for the morning, afternoon and evening session games at \$24 (does not include parking) for all sessions for the Saturday, March 24, Final Tournament games in accordance with the following maximum allotment schedule (see order blank):
**Class A schools maximum of 16 reserved seat tickets each for each session
Class B schools maximum of 16 reserved seat tickets each for each session
Class C schools maximum of 12 reserved seat tickets each for each session
Class D schools maximum of 12 reserved seat tickets each for each session
Junior High Schools maximum of two reserved seat tickets each for each session**
2. Member schools may request (up to the established per school maximum) All-Tournament tickets that will allow for the same reserved armchair seat in all seven sessions of Semifinal and Final sessions. Cost @ \$52, including \$6 ticket systems charge (see order blank).
3. School requests and remittances are to be forwarded to the Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc., 1661 Ramblewood Drive, East Lansing 48823, in order to be received **NOT LATER THAN FRIDAY, FEB. 9, 2007**. School ticket requests received after Feb. 9, 2007 will not be accepted. Those orders received late in the period ending Feb. 9 may be returned if the available supply of tickets has been exhausted.
4. **Full remittance (check or money order made payable to the Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc.) must accompany all school reserved seat ticket requests. All school requests must be signed by the superintendent of schools or the high school principal. Reserved seat tickets WILL NOT be returnable after purchase.**

SEMIFINAL GAMES -- Thursday, March 22 and Friday, March 23, 2007

ALL GAMES AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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

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

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

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

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES -- SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2007

SESSION 5 -- MORNING

10 a.m. -- Class D Championship Game MSU-Breslin

Noon -- Class C Championship Game MSU-Breslin

SESSION 6 -- AFTERNOON

4 p.m. -- Class A Championship Game .MSU-Breslin

SESSION 6 -- EVENING

8 p.m. -- Class B Championship Game .MSU-Breslin

<p>NOTE: Included in all ticket prices is a new MSU ticket system charge of \$1 per ticket sold.</p>
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SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR RESERVED SEAT TICKETS

NOTE: PLEASE INCLUDE THE SCHOOL I.D. NUMBER ON THIS APPLICATION FORM.
(SEE *MHSAA SCHOOL DIRECTORY* FOR CORRECT NUMBER.)

Class _____

School _____ (I.D. No.) _____

Street _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Date ____/____/____ (Signed) _____
(Superintendent or Principal)

Enclosed is CHECK or MONEY ORDER *made payable to the Michigan High School Athletic Association for total amount of tickets indicated below on this form only. In accordance with the School Ticket Limits explained on reverse side of this Blank.* **IMPORTANT NOTICE:** *Not more than a school's classification allotment limit of tickets may be requested.*

All Games at MSU-Breslin Student Events Center

ALL-TOURNAMENT

TICKETS @ \$52 x (per school maximum-see allotments) \$ _____
(Semifinal and Final Games -- parking is not included)

FINALS -- COMBINED THREE-SESSION FINALS TICKETS

(There is no advance sale of Single-Session, Final Tickets)

Combined Three-Session Finals Tickets @ \$24 x () per quota = \$ _____
(parking not included)

***(See previous page for maximum allowed)**

SEMIFINAL GAME TICKETS

Session 1 (Class C) @ \$7 x (per school maximum-see allotments) \$ _____

Session 2 (Class D) @ \$7 x (per school maximum-see allotments) \$ _____

Session 3 (Class A) @ \$7 x (per school maximum-see allotments) \$ _____

Session 4 (Class B) @ \$7 x (per school maximum-see allotments) \$ _____

Plus \$3 Breslin Center processing fee \$ ADD 3.00

Total Remittance (Finals and Semifinals) \$ _____

IMPORTANT: This APPLICATION BLANK, together with correct remittance (no currency please) for the number of reserved seat tickets requested up to the maximum allotment for any one session, is to be forwarded to Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc., 1661 Ramblewood Drive, East Lansing 48823, **IN ORDER TO BE RECEIVED AT THE MHSAA OFFICE NOT LATER THAN FRIDAY, FEB. 9.**

NOTE: Included in all ticket prices is a new MSU ticket system charge of \$1 per ticket sold.

Schools--Detach and Forward This Form Prior to Friday, Feb. 9 as Directed in Paragraph Above

**RESERVED SEAT TICKET DISTRIBUTION PLAN
FOR BASKETBALL OFFICIALS ON THE
BOYS APPROVED LIST (16 OR MORE RATINGS)**

All Tournament Tickets (seven sessions)--\$52

OR

**Combination Three-Session Finals Reserved Seat Tickets (C/D-A-B) \$24
(Parking Not Included)**

1. The Representative Council has adopted the general policy of allowing a limited number of registered boys basketball officials on the Approved List for the current school year to request advance purchases of reserved seat tickets for the 2007 Final Tournament Championship games.
2. Approved basketball officials may request:
 - a.) a maximum of two (2) All-Tournament tickets that will allow for the same reserved arm-chair seat in all seven sessions of Semifinals and Finals sessions. Cost is \$52, including \$6 ticket system charge (see order blank),
 - or**
 - b.) a maximum of two (2) combination three-session reserved seat tickets at \$24, including \$3 ticket system charge, may be purchased. (See order blank.)
3. This opportunity, however, is modified as follows: Eight hundred (800) reserved seat tickets (2 for each official for each session) will be set aside for the 400 officials whose requests are drawn by lot at the MHSAA office following the closing date of advance ticket sale to schools and officials. After all school ticket requests are filled which are received at the MHSAA office by Feb. 9, and provided reserved seat tickets are still available, the remaining requests for tickets filed by the above officials will be filled to the limit of the supply.
4. Requests by approved boys basketball officials and remittances are to be forwarded to the Michigan High School Athletic Association, 1661 Ramblewood Drive, East Lansing 48823, in order to be received **NOT LATER THAN FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2007**.
5. **Full remittance (check or money order made payable to the MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.) must accompany all requests for reserved seat tickets by the above officials. Reserved seat tickets WILL NOT be returnable after purchase. Second party checks will not be accepted.**

<p>NOTE: Included in all ticket prices is a new MSU ticket system charge of \$1 per ticket sold.</p>
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APPLICATION BLANK FOR RESERVED SEAT TICKETS FOR OFFICIALS ON THE APPROVED BOYS BASKETBALL LIST

1. Please include I.D. Number
2. Requests for tickets will not be honored unless the approved official sends a check or money order in his/her name. **Second party checks** will not be accepted.

Name of Official _____ (I.D. No.) _____

Street _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Official's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Enclosed is CHECK or MONEY ORDER made payable to the Michigan High School Athletic Association for total amount of tickets for ONE OFFICIAL ONLY in accordance with the Ticket Limitations for Registered Officials explained on reverse side of this Blank.

All Games at MSU-Breslin Student Event Center

ALL-TOURNAMENT

TICKETS @ \$52.....(Maximum 2)..... \$ _____
(Semifinal and Final Games -- parking not included)

FINALS -- COMBINED THREE-SESSION FINALS TICKETS

(There is no advance sale of Single-Session, Final Tickets)

Combined Three-Session Finals Tickets @ \$24 (Maximum 2) \$ _____
(parking not included)

SEMIFINAL GAME TICKETS

Session 1 (Class C) @ \$7 x (Maximum 2) \$ _____
 Session 2 (Class D) @ \$7 x (Maximum 2) \$ _____
 Session 3 (Class A) @ \$7 x (Maximum 2) \$ _____
 Session 4 (Class B) @ \$7 x (Maximum 2) \$ _____
 Plus \$3 Breslin Center processing fee \$ _____ ADD 3.00
 Total Remittance (Finals and Semifinals) \$ _____

IMPORTANT: This APPLICATION BLANK, together with correct remittance (no currency please) for the number of reserved seat tickets requested up to the maximum of two (2) for any one session is to be forwarded to Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc., 1661 Ramblewood Drive, East Lansing 48823, **IN ORDER TO BE RECEIVED AT THE MHSAA OFFICE NOT LATER THAN FRIDAY, FEB. 9.**

Applications will NOT be accepted from officials not on the Approved Boys Basketball List.

NOTE: Included in all ticket prices is a new MSU ticket system charge of \$1 per ticket sold.

Officials--Detach and Forward This Blank Prior to Friday, Feb. 9, as Directed in Paragraph Above

MHSAA Girls Basketball Tournament Sites Are Needed For 2007

(The Selection Committee will meet in the spring of 2007)

Complete the Card on Reverse Side and Return to MHSAA

**Reminder:
Coordinate This Interest Form With The School
Athletic Director and High School Principal**

Detach below

From

Place
Stamp
Here

**Michigan High School Athletic Association
1661 Ramblewood Drive
East Lansing, MI 48823-7329**

ATTN: Girls Basketball Availability

MHSAA Girls Basketball Tournament Sites Are Needed For 2007

(The Selection Committee will meet in the spring of 2007)

Complete the Card Below and Return to MHSAA as soon as possible

Host Availability Interest Forms for other sports will be included in the March 2007 *Bulletin*. If you desire to host a Girls Basketball Tournament during 2007, return the post card below as soon as possible.

- Please coordinate this form through the high school principal
- Indicate the name of the person to whom the information should be sent

Detach below

2007 Girls Basketball Site Availability Interest Form

Please send the Host Availability Form for the sport of Girls Basketball for the 2007 Season. We will abide by all policies of the MHSAA Representative Council and all instructions of the MHSAA director responsible for girls basketball as we conduct the tournament on behalf of the MHSAA.

Direct all forms to: _____ Title: _____

City _____ School _____ Class _____

Street _____ Zip _____

Other Expenses of Teams Competing at the Final Tournament

1. **Meal Allowance** – The maximum allowance for meals is three dollars (\$3) for breakfast, four dollars (\$4) for lunch and six dollars (\$6) for dinner, per person for a maximum of 15 individuals.
2. **Lodging** – The maximum allowance is the current hotel rate secured for a maximum of fifteen individuals. Allowance for expenses of competing schools at the Final Tournament will continue 24 hours after the time of the elimination, provided they remain at the Tournament Center City. **(Overnight lodging will not be arranged or reimbursed for schools within 50 miles of the tournament site unless competition begins before 10 a.m. the next day.)** Schools which are defeated in Quarterfinal games (Tuesday, Nov. 28) will not receive expense allowances for coming to the Final Tournament Center to attend Final games.
3. **Additional Per Diem School Allowance** – In addition to the above allowances, schools competing in the Final Tournament are to be paid \$100 for each day their team plays in Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Final games. Any of the four Upper Peninsula schools which win their Quarterfinal games on Tuesday, Nov. 28, will be paid the additional \$100 above allowed expenses for Wednesday, Nov. 29, if they cannot return home Tuesday night.

Division of District and Regional Tournament Proceeds

1. Before any division of proceeds is made, the following are to be deducted from the admission gross receipts; cost of officials, the amount paid to scorers and timekeepers (payment to each of the above \$20 for a single game on one date; \$10 for each of the above officials for each additional game scored or timed on the same date). All other administration costs not specified above must be deducted from the school's share of the proceeds.
2. The balance is to be divided as follows:
 - 30% to the entertaining school, (includes management, liability insurance, rentals, heat, lights, janitor, honorarium, etc.)

- 70% to the MHSAA, (includes allowed expenses for competing schools)
or
- 25% to the entertaining college or university, (includes management, liability insurance, rentals, heat, lights, janitor, honorarium, etc.)
- 75% to the MHSAA, (includes allowed expenses for competing schools).

Division of Final Tournament Proceeds

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

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

Admission Prices for Tournament Games

The Representative Council at its March, 2006 meeting set the following prices for all tournament game tickets: District, Regional and Quarterfinal - \$5; Semifinal - \$7; Final - \$8 (parking not included). Breslin Center ticket system charge of one dollar (\$1) included in price of Semifinal and Final tickets. Processing fee of \$3 per telephone and mail order for Semifinals and Finals not included in above prices). **Shirts must be worn at all MHSAA tournament sites at all times.**

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

OFFICIALS Assignment and Fees

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

Officials for this year's tournaments were chosen from the people on the Approved List.

District managers may assign officials to specific District Tournament contests after the draw has been completed. The number of

teams entered and the days of duration of the tournament determines the number of officials assigned to each center. Agreements are entered into with officials as independent contractors and notification made to tournament managers of the officials assigned. Three (3) officials will be assigned to each basketball tournament beginning at the District level and continuing through the Final level. Fees were set as indicated below.

District and Regional Tournaments

Fee for officials working one game per day in District Tournaments will be \$40 plus the round trip allowance of 15 cents per mile (minimum allowance \$8) from home city of the official to District Tournament Center City for each day they officiate.

Fee for officials working one game per day in Regional Tournaments will be \$50 plus the round trip allowance of 15 cents per mile (minimum allowance \$8) from home city of the official to Regional Tournament Center City for each day they officiate.

Final Tournament

Officials working in Quarterfinal Tournaments will be paid \$55, Semifinal and Final officials will be paid \$55 per day and expenses, the latter being limited to one round trip allowance at 15 cents per mile (minimum allowance \$8) from home city of the official to Tournament Center City (official highway map mileage). Semifinal and Final officials will receive single occupancy lodging at the current hotel rate, and an allowance of \$14 per day for meals. Officials assigned to Semifinal games only will receive lodging and meal allowance if their home city is 70 miles or more from the tournament site (map mileage).

DRAWING AT DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS

Drawings at both Upper and Lower Peninsula District Tournaments will be by lot with the names of all teams placed in the hat on an even basis. **Any school which has played four or more games on a District Tournament floor during the 2006-07 season is not to draw a first-round bye at that District Tournament.**

Drawings may take place three Mondays prior to the start of the tournament (Oct. 23, 2006), but not later than the Monday preceding the tournament (Nov. 6, 2006), and should be made in the presence

of as many representatives of the competing schools as desire to attend. **Principals and athletic directors are encouraged to attend draw meetings to obtain specific information concerning administration of the tournament.** Notification should be sent to all competing schools as to the time and place of drawing. Attendance of school representatives is optional.

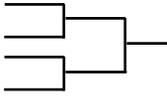
The best method of drawing so that no confusion will result is to place the names of the teams on individual slips of paper, fold and staple each of them or place them in capsules. Place these names in a hat or container so that they may be drawn one at a time. Have some neutral party draw one capsule,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

Whenever the home or any other team that is participating in a District Tournament on a floor (one which it has played four or more games on during the 2005 season) and there are byes involved, do not place the name of such team or teams in the hat until after the byes are drawn. Home teams (or those having played four or more games in tournament or regular scheduled play on the floor during the current season) are not entitled to byes on such floors in District Tournaments. This assures an open draw to all contestants and eliminates any chance of such a team drawing a bye.

ADVANCE MASTER DRAWING FOR 2006 REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Advance drawings of 2006 District Tournament qualifiers to Regionals again were authorized by the Representative Council. These advance master drawings apply to all 2006 Regional Tournaments. Separate drawings were made at the May 17, 2006 meeting of the Basketball Tournament Committee for four-team Regional Tournaments.

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

- 1. 2nd Lowest District No. 
 - 2. Highest District No. 
 - 3. Lowest District No. 
 - 4. 2nd Highest District No. 
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REGIONAL WINNERS

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

FINAL TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

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

POINT-DIFFERENTIAL RULE

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

BASKETBALLS

Balls that meet National Federation rules code standards that are of top grade, catalogue numbered, leather covered or composite cover, molded, orange-tan color will be used in all tournaments. Each tournament manager will provide a ball of the above description for use in that tournament. The Rawlings CompMich 285 will be used at Semifinal and Final tournaments.

TEAM ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY

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

1. Schools must notify their tournament managers by the Opt-Out Due Date if they DO NOT intend to participate in a previously assigned MHSAA tournament, and;
2. **Schools must see that tournament managers receive an accurate Eligibility List and Team Roster by the Opt-Out Due Date.** These forms are available at mhsaa.com. Failure to fulfill the above obligations by the specified Opt-Out Due Date will result in MHSAA penalties as stipulated in the *MHSAA Handbook*. **For girls basketball the Opt-Out Due Date is Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006. NO additions to the Master Eligibility List can take place after the draw meeting.**
3. All players on the Master Eligibility List submitted are eligible for tournament play even if the individual names are not on the Team Roster.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

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

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

IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS -

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

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

CONTESTANTS AND CHEERLEADERS TICKETS

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

CHAPERON TICKETS

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

ADVANCE PURCHASE BY SCHOOLS OF TICKETS FOR DISTRICTS AND REGIONALS

Schools are urged to contact District or Regional Tournament Managers in advance if they plan to bring groups of students or adults to tournament games. Usually tickets for such spectators should be purchased in advance to assure seating accommodations.

BANDS & HALFTIME PERFORMANCES

By action of the Representative Council, bands or musical instruments are not to be allowed at Districts, Regionals or Quarterfinal Tournament sites. This regulation was adopted to conserve space, lessen expense to schools and to avoid unnecessary confusion. **By action of the Representative Council in May, 1998, pep bands are allowed to perform before the game and during timeouts and breaks during the Semifinals and Finals only of the MHSAA Girls Basketball Tournament.**

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

LOTTERIES AT TOURNAMENTS

Schools should not conduct lotteries or drawings for distributing money or merchandise either before, during or after any tournament basketball contests. Non-players are not to shoot baskets at half time. The distribution of miniature balls is prohibited. The sale of merchandise such as t-shirts, hats, belts, etc. is not permitted at MHSAA spon-

sored events, except selected early rounds and at the Final Tournament when coordinated with MHSAA staff.

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

VIDEOTAPING OR FILMING AT MHSAA SPONSORED MEETS AND TOURNAMENTS

The Representative Council at its May 1996, meeting voted to eliminate *MHSAA Handbook* Regulation II, Section 14(A), that prohibits schools from videotaping or filming contests in which they are not participating without permission of competing teams. Previous Council action in 1995 had eliminated the Regulation for football only, but in 1996 the Regulation was eliminated in all sports. Leagues and conferences may continue to enforce third-party (scouting) limitations for league games and league teams; however, non-conference opponents will not be subject to such prohibitions and will be allowed to videotape events without advance permission. It is to be understood that videotape scouting does not include press box or preferred seating status without prior consent of the host school.

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

Spectator Videotaping/Filming - Spectators must receive permission from the Tournament Manager for any live action taken of athletic events other than snapshots. If permission is granted for spectators to film the entire event or take clips, it is to be with the understanding the tape/film may not be sold, leased, borrowed, rented for commercial purposes or shown on cable television. The Tournament Manager should not permit spectators to interfere with the view of other spectators or news media personnel covering the activity; is not required to provide electri-

cal hook-ups; or tripod space; may require spectator videotaping from a designated location(s); and if there is any question as to the purposes of filming or taping, the request should be denied by the local tournament management.

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

Delayed Television - Arrangements for taped-delayed broadcasts must be made through the MHSAA office and only one origination will be allowed at a tournament center. A fee is required for each girls basketball game at each site. Tape delayed telecasts of events for which live television is contracted, will not be permitted. MHSAA Finals in all sports are not available on a delayed television basis.

2006 FINAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Quarterfinal games in the tournament will be played Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 16 locations selected by the Basketball Tournament Committee. Locations of games are published in this issue of the *Bulletin*.

Semifinal games will be played Thursday, Nov. 30 and Friday, Dec. 1 at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center at Michigan State University in East Lansing.

SESSION 1 - Two Class C games

(1 and 2:50 p.m.) Thursday

SESSION 2 - Two Class D games

(6 and 7:50 p.m.) Thursday

SESSION 3 - Two Class A games

(1 and 2:50 p.m.) Friday

SESSION 4 - Two Class B games

(6 and 7:50 p.m.) Friday

Each of the sessions will require separate admission tickets.

FINAL (CHAMPIONSHIP) GAMES

in all classes (A-B-C-D) will be played at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center on Saturday, Dec. 2. There will be separate afternoon and evening sessions as follows:

Saturday Morning/Afternoon - 10 a.m.

- Class D and A Championship games

Saturday Evening - 4 p.m. - Class C and B Championship games.

TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT

General management of the Final Tournament will be under the direction of NATE HAMPTON, Assistant Director, MHSAA.

ADMISSION PRICES

The following admission prices for the 2006 Final Basketball Tournament games were adopted by the Representative Council: **Quarterfinal Games** (Nov. 28) - General admission, \$5. **Semifinal Games** (Nov. 30 and Dec. 1) - \$7 (parking not included). **Championship Games** (Dec. 2) - Seats are \$8 per session (which includes the one dollar (\$1) Breslin Center ticket system charge) (parking not included). **All-Tournament tickets** (six sessions) are available for a price of \$44 each or two session Final tickets are available for a price of \$16 each (which includes the one dollar (\$1) Breslin Center ticket system charge).

The seating plan for the 2006 Semifinals and Finals will be "open seating". **No reserved seating except for specific areas designated for competing school fans.**

All spectator tickets will be purchased through Michigan State University's Jack Breslin Student Event ticket office. Contact Bruce Earhart, Ticket Office Manager, 517-432-5000.

NOTICE: MHSAA ticket prices are \$7 for each Semifinal session (2 games) and \$8 for each Final session (one session is 2 games) (which includes the one dollar (\$1) Breslin Center ticket system charge). The Jack Breslin Student Events Center will assess a \$3 "processing fee" on all telephone and mail orders (one handling charge for the entire order) to the Breslin Center Ticket Office. Internet orders will be possible, with applicable charges.

TICKET DISTRIBUTION FOR QUARTERFINAL - NOV. 28

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

DISTRIBUTION OF SEMIFINAL RESERVED SEAT TICKETS - NOV. 30- DEC. 1

Competing schools in all classes will have in advance a limited number of tickets for advance sale of Semifinal tickets for the session in which their teams are competing. Approved basketball officials and schools of all classes throughout the state may order in advance (not later than Oct. 23), tickets at \$7 (which includes the one dollar (\$1) Breslin Center ticket system charge) but does not include the MSU processing fee.

All tickets will go on sale at Michigan State University, Jack Breslin Student Event Center on Monday, Nov. 6, 2006. ■

2006 GIRLS BASKETBALL REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Nov. 20-22

(For District Assignments, consult mhsaa.com)

No.	Class	Host School	City	Manager
1	A	West Ottawa HS	Holland	Ron Allen
2	A	Lakeview HS	Battle Creek	Greg Hermsen
3	A	Saline HS	Saline	Scot Graden
4	A	Ladywood HS	Livonia	Sal Malek
5	A	Cousino HS	Warren	Aaron Setlak
6	A	Rochester HS	Rochester Hills	Michael Watson
7	A	Chippewa Valley HS	Clinton Township	Al Kastl
8	A	HH Dow HS	Midland	Dan Mc Shannock
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9	B	Coldwater HS	Coldwater	Doug Johnson
10	B	Renaissance HS	Detroit	Michael Hunt
11	B	Warren Woods-Tower HS	Warren	Jan Sander
12	B	Yale HS	Yale	Maureen Klocke
13	B	Alma HS	Alma	Kevin Akin
14	B	Rogers HS	Wyoming	Dave Price
15	B	Spring Lake HS	Spring Lake	Cavin Mohrhardt
16	B	Houghton Lake HS	Houghton Lake	Sue Milner
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17	C	Watervliet HS	Watervliet	David Wheeler
18	C	Michigan Center HS	Michigan Center	Greg Pscodna
19	C	Bishop Foley HS	Madison Heights	Vic Fournier
20	C	Valley Lutheran HS	Saginaw	Kurt Hofmeister
21	C	Olivet HS	Olivet	Tom Sowles
22	C	Evart HS	Evart	Randy Kruse
23	C	Kingsley Area HS	Kingsley	Mark Olmstead
24	C	Escanaba HS	Escanaba	Dave Ballard
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25	D	Gobles HS	Gobles	Chris Miller
26	D	Grass Lake HS	Grass Lake	Pat Richardson
27	D	Our Lady Of The Lakes HS	Waterford	Michael Boyd
28	D	Owosso HS	Owosso	Jeffrey Phillips
29	D	Catholic Central HS	Manistee	Jason Allen
30	D	Johannesburg-Lewiston HS	Johannesburg	Fred Davis
31	D	Newberry HS	Newberry	Brandon Bruce
32	D	Michigan Techn University	Houghton	Dave Nordstrom

2006 GIRLS BASKETBALL QUARTERFINAL TOURNAMENTS

Nov. 28

No.	Class	Host School	City	Manager
1	A	Eastern HS	Lansing	Mario Villarreal
2	A	Cass Technical HS	Detroit	Robert Shannon
3	A	University of Detroit Mercy	Detroit	Glenn Knott
4	A	Heritage HS	Saginaw	Peter Ryan
5	B	Thornapple Kellogg HS	Middleville	Tony Koski
6	B	University of Detroit Mercy	Detroit	Glenn Knott
7	B	DeWitt HS	DeWitt	Teri Reyburn
8	B	Cedar Springs HS	Cedar Springs	Pete Bush
9	C	Bronson HS	Bronson	Jean LaClair
10	C	Chippewa Valley HS	Clinton Township	Al Kastl
11	C	Pewamo-Westphalia HS	Pewamo	Keith Norick
12	C	Cheboygan Area HS	Cheboygan	Steve Parker
13	D	Michigan Center HS	Michigan Center	Greg Pscodna
14	D	Imlay City HS	Imlay City	Steve Plunkitt
15	D	Traverse City Central HS	Traverse City	Ian Hearn
16	D	Sault Area HS	Sault Ste Marie	Tim Hall
		OR		
		Marquette HS	Marquette	Mark Mattson

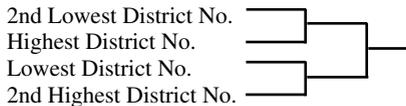
****NOTE:** If the winner from Regional 31 is from the Upper Peninsula, the game will be played at ESCANABA HIGH SCHOOL. If the winner is from the Lower Peninsula, the Quarterfinal game will be played at SAULT AREA HIGH SCHOOL.

ASSIGNMENT OF QUALIFIERS FROM DISTRICTS TO REGIONALS

The advance master drawing for all 2006 Regional Girls Basketball Tournaments (Nov. 20-22) was conducted by the Lower Peninsula Committee and will apply to all 2006 Girls Regional Basketball Tournaments. No drawings will be conducted by Regional Managers.

ADVANCE MASTER REGIONAL TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS (Winners from District Tournaments)

Four Teams



As a result of the above advance master drawing DISTRICT WINNERS at each Regional Tournament are paired as follows on the next page:

2006 GIRLS BASKETBALL REGIONAL PAIRINGS

November 20-22

Class A

Region 1 Holland West Ottawa

Jenison Dist. 6
Greenville Dist. 8
Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills Dist No. 5
Grand Haven Dist. 7

Region 2 Battle Creek-Lakeview

Battle Creek-Central Dist. 2
Jackson-Northwest Dist. 4
Kalamazoo-Loy Norrix Dist. 1
Lansing-Eastern Dist. 3

Region 3 Saline

Wyandotte-Roosevelt Dist. 14
Dearborn-Edsel Ford Dist. 16
Tecumseh Dist. 13
Romulus Dist. 15

Region 4 Livonia-Ladywood

Detroit-Cass Technical Dist. 18
Livonia-Franklin Dist. 24
Detroit-Mumford Dist. 17
Farmington Hills-Mercy Dist No. 19

Region 5 Warren-Cousino

Fraser Dist. 21
Utica Eisenhower Dist. 27
Grosse Pointe North Dist. 20
Southfield-Lathrup Dist. 22

Region 6 Rochester Hills-Rochester

South Lyon Dist. 25
Auburn Hills-Avondale Dist. 29
Commerce-Walled Lake No Dist. 23
Stoney Creek Dist. 26

Region 7 Clinton Twp Chippewa Valley

Macomb-Dakota Dist. 28
Oxford Dist. 31
Fenton Dist. 9
White Lake-Lakeland Dist. 30

Region 8 Midland-HH Dow

Bay City-Central Dist. 11
Flint-Carman-Ainsworth District 32
Saginaw-Heritage Dist. 10
Dist. 12

Class B

Region 9 Paw Paw

Paw Paw Dist. 34
Parma-Western Dist. 36
Coloma Dist. 33
Three Rivers Dist. 35

Region 10 Detroit-Renaissance

Carleton-Airport Dist. 38
Dearborn-Divine Child Dist. 40
Chelsea Dist. 37
Riverview Community Dist. 39

Region 11 Warren Woods-Tower

Warren Woods-Tower Dist. 42
Livonia-Clarenceville Dist. 44
Mt Clemens Dist. 41
Beverly Hills-Det Cty Day District 43

Region 12 Yale

Montrose-Hill Mc Cloy Dist. 55
Algonac Dist. 57
Williamston Dist. 45
Richmond Dist. 56

Region 13 Alma

North Branch Dist. 58
Chesaning Dist. 60
Ionia Dist. 54
Midland-Bullock Creek Dist. 59

Region 14 Wyoming-Rogers

Middleville Thornapple-Kellogg Dist. 47
Zeeland West Dist. 50
Charlotte Dist. 46
Wyoming Park Dist. 49

Region 15 Spring Lake

Muskegon-Orchard View District 51
Cedar Springs Dist. 53
Coopersville Dist. 48
Whitehall Dist. 52

Region 16 Houghton Lake

Standish-Sterling Dist. 62
Dist. 64
Cadillac Dist. 61
Cheboygan Area Dist. 63

2006 GIRLS BASKETBALL REGIONAL PAIRINGS

November 20-22

Class C

Region 17 Watervliet

Constantine Dist. 66
Bangor Dist. 74
Niles-Brandywine Dist. 65
Galesburg-Augusta Dist. 73

Region 18 Michigan Center

Jonesville Dist. 68
Grass Lake Dist. 72
Bronson Dist. 67
Sand Creek Dist. 69

Region 19 Madison Heights-Bishop Foley

Allen Park-Cabrini Dist. 71
Harper Woods Dist. 78
Romulus-Summit Acad North Dist. 70
Rochester Hills-Luth NW Dist. 77

Region 20 Saginaw-Valley Lutheran

Saginaw-Nouvel Dist. 87
Ubyly Dist. 89
Clawson Dist. 79
Marlette Dist. 88

Region 21 Olivet

Springport Dist. 76
Laingsburg Dist. 81
Wyoming-Kelloggsville Dist. 75
Genesee Dist. 80

Region 22 Evart

White Cloud Dist. 83
Carson City-Crystal Dist. 86
Ravenna Dist. 82
Farwell Area Dist. 85

Region 23 Kingsley Area

Whittemore-Prescott Dist. 90
Kalkaska Dist. 92
Leroy-Pine River Area Dist. 84
Boyne City Dist. 91

Region 24 Escanaba

Gwinn Dist. 94
Iron River-West Iron County Dist. 96
St Ignace-La Salle Dist. 93
Calumet Dist. 95

Class D

Region 25 Gobles

Battle Creek-St Philip Dist. 98
Byron Center-Zion Christian Dist. 108
Lawrence Dist. 97
Climax-Scotts Dist. 99

Region 26 Grass Lake

Saline-Wash Christian Dist. 101
Webberville Dist. 107
Litchfield Dist. 100
Westland-Huron Valley Lutheran Dist. 106

Region 27 Waterford-Our Lady of the Lakes

Warren-Immaculate Conception Dist. 103
Novi-Franklin Road Christian Dist. 105
Wyandotte-Mt Carmel Dist. 102
Auburn Hills-Oakland Christian Dist. 104

Region 28 Owosso

Burton-Genesee Christian District 111
Owendale-Gagetown Dist. 113
Fowler Dist. 110
Carsonville-Port Sanilac Dist. 112

Region 29 Manistee-Catholic Central

Marion Dist. 114
Frankfort Dist. 116
Fremont-Prov Christian Dist. 109
Custer-Mason County E Dist. 115

Region 30 Johannesburg-Lewiston

Central Lake Dist. 118
Posen Dist. 121
Traverse City Christian Dist. 117
Bay City-All Saints Dist. 120

Region 31 Newberry

Pellston Dist. 122
Rapid River Dist. 124
Vanderbilt Dist. 119
Cedarville Dist. 123

Region 32 Houghton-MTU

Republic-Michigamme Dist. 126
Dollar Bay Dist. 128
Powers-North Central Dist. 125
Ontonagon Area Dist. 127

2005 GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT QUARTERFINAL — SEMIFINAL— FINAL PAIRINGS

CLASS A

QUARTERFINAL
(Tuesday, Nov. 28)

SEMIFINALS
(Friday, Dec. 1)

FINALS
(Saturday, Dec. 2)

Winners From:

Saline Reg 3

at Detroit Cass Tech
Livonia Ladywood Reg 4

Chippewa Valley Reg 7

at Saginaw Heritage
Midland Dow Reg 8

Warren Cousino Reg 5

at U-D Mercy
Rochester Reg. 6

Holland West Ottawa Reg 1

at Lansing Eastern
Battle Creek Lakeview Reg 2

at MSU Breslin Center
1 p.m.

at MSU Breslin Center
Noon

at MSU Breslin Center
2:50 p.m.

CLASS B

QUARTERFINAL
(Tuesday, Nov. 28)

SEMIFINALS
(Friday, Dec. 1)

FINALS
(Saturday, Dec. 2)

Winners From:

Coldwater Reg 9

at M'ville Thornapple-Kellogg
Wyoming Rogers Reg 14

Detroit Renaissance Reg 10

at Detroit U-D Mercy

Warren Woods Tower Reg 11

Spring Lake Reg 15

at Cedar Springs
Houghton Lake Reg 16

Yale Reg 12

at DeWitt
Alma Reg 13

at MSU Breslin Center
6 p.m.

at MSU Breslin Center
6 p.m.

at MSU Breslin Center
7:50 p.m.

CLASS C

QUARTERFINAL
(Tuesday, Nov. 28)

SEMIFINALS
(Thursday, Nov. 30)

FINALS
(Saturday, Dec. 2)

Winners From:

Olivet Reg 21

at Pewamo-Westphalia

Evart Reg 22

Watervliet Reg 17

at Bronson

Michigan Center Reg 18

Madison Hts. Bishop Foley Reg 19

at Chippewa Valley

Saginaw Val Lutheran Reg 20

Kinglsey Reg 23

at Cheboygan

Escanaba Reg 24

at MSU Breslin Center
1 p.m.

at MSU Breslin Center
4 p.m.

at MSU Breslin Center
2:50 p.m.

CLASS D

QUARTERFINAL
(Tuesday, Nov. 29)

SEMIFINALS
(Thursday, Nov. 30)

FINALS
(Saturday, Dec. 2)

Winners From:

Manistee Catholic Central Reg 29

at Traverse City Central

Johannesburg-Lewiston Reg 30

Newberry Reg 31

at Sault Area/Marquette

Houghton-MTU Reg 32

Waterford Our Lady Reg 27

at Imlay City

Owosso Reg 28

Gobles Reg 25

at Michigan Center

Grass Lake Reg 26

at MSU Breslin Center
6 p.m.

at MSU Breslin Center
10 a.m.

at MSU Breslin Center
7:50 p.m.

MHSAA COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2006-07

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 2005-06 sport committees, and committees of special interest.

NOTE: This list includes names of some individuals who have been invited but have not confirmed as of October 9, 2006.

Committee appointments are made on an annual basis 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. 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, 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 where appropriate.

(5) Athletic Equity

Thursday, October 6, 2005 9 a.m.

Makia Alexander, Official, Redford

Russell Davis, Athletic Director, Jackson HS, Jackson (A)

Rick Dorn, Athletic Director, Huron HS, New Boston (B)

Sonya Dudley, Athletic Director, Arthur Hill HS, Saginaw (A)

Jan Gillette, Athletic Director, Comstock Park HS, Comstock Park (B)

Paul Jones-Salaam, Athletic Director, Baldwin Community Schools, Baldwin (D)

Maureen Klocke, Athletic Director, Yale HS, Yale (B)

Terry Mileski, Superintendent, Rapid River HS, Rapid River (D)

Shelley Millis, Athletic Director, Montabella HS, Blanchard (C)

Teri Reyburn, Athletic Director, DeWitt HS, DeWitt (B)

Pat Richardson, Athletic Director, Grass Lake HS, Grass Lake (C)

Doris Rodgers, Athletic Director, Crockett Technical HS, Detroit (B)

Mark Shooshanian, Athletic Director, Fordson HS, Dearborn (A)

Annetta Thompson, Athletic Director, Creston HS, Grand Rapids (A)

Patti Tibaldi, Athletic Director, Traverse City West HS, Traverse City (A)

Tammy Wilson, Athletic Director, Lawton HS, Lawton (C)

(10) Awards Committee

Monday, October 9, 2006 9:30 a.m.

Jennifer Chaney, Athletic Director, Catholic Central HS, Lansing (B)

Keith Eldred, Dean of Students, Williamston Middle School, Williamston

Gary Hice, Athletic Director, Petoskey HS, Petoskey (B)

John Horrigan, Athletic Director, Cadillac HS, Cadillac (B)

Jeff Humanson, Principal, Whiteford HS, Ottawa Lake (C)
Sal Malek, Athletic Director, Ladywood HS, Livonia (B)
Teri Reyburn, Athletic Director, DeWitt HS, DeWitt (B)
Jim Sanford, Athletic Director, Lakeshore HS, Stevensville (B)
Mike Vondette, Athletic Director, Hemlock HS, Hemlock (B)

(20) Baseball/Softball

Tuesday, January 23, 2007 9:30 a.m.

Justin Ansel, Athletic Director, Onaway Area HS, Onaway (D)
Sue Barthold, President-MHSSCA, East Kentwood HS, Kentwood (A)
Vic Bechard, Baseball Coach, Trenton HS, Trenton (B)
Mike Brya, Baseball Coach, DeWitt HS, Lansing (B)
Jim Conway, Athletic Director, Mt Pleasant HS, Mt Pleasant (A)
Jeff Cook, Asst. Principal, St Clair HS, St Clair (MASSP) (B)
Marty DeJong, Softball Coach, Kalamazoo Christian HS, Kalamazoo (C)
Rick Dorn, Athletic Director, Huron HS, New Boston (B)
Denny Fulk, Principal, Laingsburg HS, Laingsburg (C)
Keith Green, Athletic Director, Hemlock HS, Hemlock (B)
Dave Gumpert, Athletic Director, South Haven HS, South Haven (B)
Kurt Hofmeister, Athletic Director, Valley Lutheran HS, Saginaw (C)
Nancy Malinowski, Athletic Director, Mercy HS, Farmington Hills (A)
Shelly Millis, Athletic Director, Montabella HS, Blanchard (C)
Gary Murphy, Athletic Director, Lakewood HS, Lake Odessa (B)
Terry Newton, Athletic Director, St Philip Catholic Central HS, Battle Creek (D)
Tim O'Rourke, Athletic Director, Bullock Creek HS, Midland (B)
Mark Rasmussen, Baseball Coach, Catholic Central HS, Grand Rapids (B)
Peter Ryan, Athletic Director, Heritage HS, Saginaw (A)
Rick Schmidt, Athletic Director, Holt HS, Holt (A)
Ken Stephens, Athletic Director, Allen Park HS, Allen Park (A)
Gerrard Taylor, Softball Coach, Renaissance HS, Detroit (B)
Larry Thompson, Baseball Coach, Lenawee Christian HS, Adrian (D)
Wayne Turmell, President-MHSBCA, Bad Axe HS, Bad Axe (C)
Dick VanderKamp, Athletic Coordinator, Christian HS, Grand Rapids (A)
Steve VanderLaan, Softball Coach, Williamston HS, Williamston (B)
Shelley Vollmar, Athletic Director, Crestwood HS, Dearborn Heights (A)
Pat Watson, Baseball Coach, West Bloomfield HS, West Bloomfield (A)
Brian Zdanowski, Athletic Director, Greenville HS, Greenville (A)

(25) Baseball/Softball Site Selection

Monday, November 27, 2006 9:30 a.m.

Steve Baker, Athletic Director, Gaylord HS, Gaylord (A)
Sue Barthold, President-MHSSCA, East Kentwood HS, Kentwood (A)
John Biedenbach, Softball Coach, Trenton HS, Trenton (B)
John Bishop, Baseball Coach, Allegan HS, Allegan (B)
Jake Boss, Baseball Coach, Catholic Central HS, Lansing (B)
Jim Conway, Athletic Director, Mt Pleasant HS, Mt Pleasant (A)
Jessica Creager, Softball Coach, Everett HS, Lansing (A)
Tim Croel, Athletic Director, Frankenmuth HS, Frankenmuth (B)
Morley Fraser, Athletic Director, Central HS, Bay City (A)
Walt Gawkowski, Athletic Director, Mona Shores HS, Norton Shores (A)
Jamie Gent, Athletic Director, Haslett HS, Haslett (B)
William Goldsmith, Athletic Director, Western International HS, Detroit (A)
Kevin Herendeen, Principal, East Jackson HS, Jackson (C)
Brian Kelly, Athletic Director, De La Salle Collegiate HS, Warren (A)

Mike LaLonde, Softball Coach, Cheboygan Area HS, Cheboygan (B)
Karen Leinaar, Athletic Director, Benzie Central HS, Benzonia (B)
Dave Mammel, Baseball Coach, Coleman HS, Coleman (C)
Al Martus, Athletic Director, Goodrich HS, Goodrich (B)
Brian Myers, Athletic Director, Bangor HS, Bangor (C)
Terry Newton, Athletic Director, St Philip Catholic Central HS, Battle Creek (D)
Brian Parsons, Athletic Director, Grandville HS, Grandville (A)
Randy Salisbury, Principal, Britton-Macon HS, Britton (D)
Carol Sheldon, Softball Coach, Hazel Park HS, Hazel Park (A)
Bertha Smiley, Athletic Director, Southeastern HS, Detroit (A)
Wayne Turmell, President-MHSBCA, Bad Axe HS, Bad Axe (C)

(30) Basketball

Thursday, December 7, 2006 9:30 a.m.

Keisha Brown, Basketball Coach, Sacred Heart Academy HS, Mt Pleasant (D)
Kevin Cross, Basketball Coach, Suttons Bay HS, Suttons Bay (C)
Dave Duncan, Athletic Director, Cedarville HS, Cedarville (D)
Mark Farrell, Basketball Coach, Lakewood HS, Lake Odessa (B)
Frelen Gowan, Boys Basketball Coach, Three Rivers HS, Three Rivers (B)
Tom Hursey, President-BCAM, 202 East Meadowbrook Dr., Midland
Maureen Klocke, Athletic Director, Yale HS, Yale (B)
Kathy McGee, Director of Advancement/Coach, Luke M Powers Catholic HS, Flint (B)
Chris Miller, Athletic Director, Gobles HS, Gobles (C)
Steve Newkirk, Principal, Clare Middle School, Clare (MASSP)
Bill Norton, Basketball Coach, Wylie E Groves HS, Beverly Hills (A)
Beth Perez, Basketball Coach, Eastern HS, Lansing (A)
Nancy Poole, Athletic Director, Inter-City Baptist HS, Allen Park (D)
Jerry Racine, Athletic Director, Ishpeming HS, Ishpeming (C)
Joe Reddinger, Athletic Director, North Dickinson HS, Felch (D)
Cheri Smith, Basketball Coach, Lenawee Christian HS, Adrian (D)
Marshall Thomas, Athletic Director, Saginaw HS, Saginaw (A)
Arnetta Thompson, Athletic Director, Creston HS, Grand Rapids (A)
Marc Throop, Athletic Director, Gull Lake HS, Richland (MIAAA) (B)
John Verdura, Assoc. Director, Archdiocese of Detroit, Detroit
Mike Vondette, Principal, Hemlock HS, Hemlock (B)
Gerald Wetherspoon, Athletic Director, Pershing HS, Detroit (A)

(35) Board Of Canvassers

Monday, September 18, 2006 9:30 a.m.

Rod Doig, Principal, Otto Middle School, Lansing
Bob Howe, Superintendent, Leslie HS, Leslie (C)
James Okler, Athletic Director, Grosse Ile HS, Grosse Ile (B)
Jack Postma, Principal, Unity Christian HS, Hudsonville (B)
Dennis Szczerowski, Principal, Morley Stanwood HS, Morley (C)

(40) Bowling

Thursday, March 15, 2007 9:30 a.m.

Boys Bowling Coach, St Francis HS, Traverse City (MIAAA) (C)
Scott Bennett, Advisory, 28200 Southfield Rd, Lathup Village (Advisory)
Karl Bosman, Bowling Coach, Trenton HS, Trenton (B)
Larry Boyer, Athletic Director, Pennfield HS, Battle Creek (B)
Rudy Godefroidt, Superintendent, Hemlock HS, Hemlock (B)
Janet Greaves, Bowling Coach, Waterford Mott HS, Waterford (A)
Danielle Hare, Bowling Coach, Heritage HS, Saginaw (A)

Greg Hermsen, Athletic Director, Lakeview HS, Battle Creek (A)
Mike Johnson, Bowling Coach, Kenowa Hills HS, Grand Rapids (A)
Rich Kimball, Athletic Director, Northwest HS, Jackson (A)
Greg Kozdemba, Bowling Coach, Haslett HS, Haslett (B)
Jay Kulbertis, Principal, Escanaba HS, Escanaba (MASSP) (A)
Tracy Long, Bowling Assn. Representative, 10762 Easton Road, New Lothrop (Advisory)
Vic Michaels, Director, Archdiocese of Detroit, Detroit (MIAAAA)
Jerry Racine, Bowling Coach, Ishpeming HS, Ishpeming (C)
Pat Richardson, Athletic Director, Grass Lake HS, Grass Lake (C)
Randy Shank, Finals Manager, 7191 E 17 Mile Rd, Sterling Heights

(50) Boys Tennis Seeding

Wednesday, May 23, 2007 3 p.m.

Thursday, May 24, 2007 8 a.m.

Tom Bershback, Tennis Coach, Grosse Pointe South HS, Grosse Pointe (A)
Gary Ellis, Athletic Director, Allegan HS, Allegan (B)
Erin Fouty, Tennis Coach, NorthPointe Christian HS, Grand Rapids (C)
Eric Gajar, Tennis Coach, Greenhills HS, Ann Arbor (C)
Dee McCaffrey, Tennis Coach, Mason HS, Mason (A)
Barb Myler, Tennis Coach, Shrine Catholic HS, Royal Oak (C)
Jeff Newingham, Athletic Director, Garber HS, Essexville (B)
Bryan Polston, Tennis Coach, Okemos HS, Okemos (A)
John Shade, Tennis Coach, Grosse Ile HS, Grosse Ile (B)
Mark Shenton, Tennis Coach, North Farmington HS, Farmington Hills (A)

(55) Classification

Wednesday, January 17, 2007 1 p.m.

Kirk Baese, Principal, Ovid-Elsie HS, Elsie (MASSP) (B)
Bill Chilman, Principal, Cadillac HS, Cadillac (B)
John Danaher, Athletic Director, Niles HS, Niles (A)
Jim Dittmer, Board Member, Mason County Central HS, Ludington (MASB) (B)
Keith Eldred, Dean of Students, Williamston Middle School, Williamston
Dan Flynn, Teacher/Coach, Escanaba HS, Escanaba (A)
Jim Hilgendorf, Superintendent, Johannesburg-Lewiston HS, Johannesburg (MASA) (D)
Ryle Kiser, Principal, Reese HS, Reese (C)
Lillian Mason, Board Member, 5091 Briar Ridge Ct, Grand Blanc (MASB)
Dan McShannock, Athletic Director, HH Dow HS, Midland (MIAAAA) (A)
Cheri Meier, Principal, Ionia Middle School, Ionia (MASSP)
Jeff Melvin, Principal, Bangor HS, Bangor (C)
Vic Michaels, Director, Archdiocese of Detroit, Detroit
Cavin Mohrhardt, Athletic Director, Spring Lake HS, Spring Lake (B)
Linda Myers, Superintendent, Morley Stanwood HS, Morley (C)
Matt Peters, Athletic Director, Ellsworth Community HS, Ellsworth (D)
Mike Roberts, Athletic Director, Hillsdale Academy, Hillsdale (D)
Dave Snyder, Principal, Petoskey HS, Petoskey (B)
Broderick Williams, Principal, JW Sexton HS, Lansing (B)

(60) Competitive Cheer

Wednesday, February 7, 2007 9:30 a.m.

Amy Fuller, Cheer Coach, Franklin HS, Livonia (A)
Janet Gillette, Athletic Director, Comstock Park HS, Comstock Park (B)
Steve Guy, Athletic Director, Shelby HS, Shelby (C)
Joe Haines, Athletic Director, Kenowa Hills HS, Grand Rapids (A)
Pam Ingles, Cheer Coach, Allegan HS, Allegan (B)

Julie Jones, Cheer Coach, Gull Lake HS, Richland (B)
Jack Kramer, Principal, Houghton Lake HS, Houghton Lake (MASSP) (B)
Vic Michaels, Director, Archdiocese of Detroit, Detroit
Ken Mohney, Athletic Director, Mattawan HS, Mattawan (MIAAA) (A)
Martha Pattee, Cheer Coach, Ewart HS, Ewart (C)
Rex Peckens, Athletic Director, Ovid-Elsie HS, Elsie (B)
Heather Prentice, President-CCCAM, 6877 Thunderbay, Portage
Shane Redshaw, Athletic Director, Stoney Creek HS, Rochester Hills (A)
Jennifer Ruddell, Cheer Coach, Chippewa Hills HS, Remus (B)
Kathy Showers, Cheer Coach, Mason HS, Mason (A)
Craig Smith, Athletic Director, Armada HS, Armada (B)
Kathy Snyder, Cheer Coach, HH Dow HS, Midland (A)
Jessica Trefry, Cheer Coach, Michigan Center HS, Michigan Center (C)

(70) Cross Country/Track & Field Regulations

Thursday, January 25, 2007 9:30 a.m.

Jim Brown, Track Coach, Tecumseh HS, Tecumseh (A)
Lewis Clingman, Teacher/Coach, Burton Middle School, Grand Rapids
Tom Eschmann, Athletic Director, Southfield HS, Southfield (A)
David Evens, Track Coach, Central HS, Grand Rapids (A)
Tom Gass, MITCA Representative, Vandercook Lake HS, Jackson (C)
Robert Glenn, Athletic Director, Murray-Wright HS, Detroit (B)
Rudy Godefroidt, Superintendent, Hemlock HS, Hemlock (B)
Jerry Haggerty, Athletic Director, Hamilton HS, Hamilton (B)
Antie Hardy, Athletic Director, New Haven HS, New Haven (C)
Kathy Hubbard, Track Coach, JW Sexton HS, Lansing (B)
Cody Inglis, Athletic Director, Suttons Bay HS, Suttons Bay (C)
Tom Laughlin, Cross Country Coach, Grand Haven HS, Grand Haven (A)
Joan Ludtke, Cross Country Coach, White Cloud HS, White Cloud (C)
Mitch Lutzke, Track Coach, Williamston HS, Williamston (B)
Tony Magni, Track Coach, Detroit Catholic Central HS, Novi (A)
Mike Nesbitt, Track Coach, Bay City Western HS, Auburn (A)
Lindsay Olds, Track Coach, Hartford HS, Hartford (C)
Mike Roberts, Athletic Director, Hillsdale Academy, Hillsdale (D)
Fred Smith, Athletic Director, Comstock HS, Kalamazoo (MIAAA) (B)
Larry Steed, Track Coach, Whitmore Lake HS, Whitmore Lake (C)
Mike Unger, Athletic Director, Lutheran HS Westland, Westland (D)
Dave Wheeler, Track Coach, Watervliet HS, Watervliet (C)

(75) Football

Thursday, February 8, 2007 9:30 a.m.

Jeremy Andrews, Football Coach, Watervliet HS, Watervliet (C)
Tony Annese, Football Coach, Muskegon HS, Muskegon (A)
Ernie Ayres, Football Coach, Sand Creek HS, Sand Creek (C)
Tim Baker, Football Coach, Constantine HS, Constantine (C)
Tom Barbieri, Liason-MHSFCA, Dexter HS, Dexter (A)
Keisha Brown, Athletic Director, Sacred Heart Academy HS, Mt Pleasant (D)
Bob Buckel, Football Coach, Flushing HS, Flushing (A)
Tom Burrill, Football Coach, Caledonia HS, Caledonia (A)
Richard Carter, Athletic Director, Cody HS, Detroit (A)
Cedric Dortch, Football Coach, Highland Park Community HS, Highland Park (B)
Morley Fraser, Athletic Director, Central HS, Bay City (A)
Keith Froelich, Athletic Director, Okemos HS, Okemos (MIAAA) (A)
Todd Geerlings, Official, Caledonia

Jamie Gent, Athletic Director, Haslett HS, Haslett (B)
 Mike Gilcrest, Principal, Spring Lake HS, Spring Lake (B)
 Don Gustafson, Principal, La Salle HS, St Ignace (C)
 Maureen Klocke, Athletic Director, Yale HS, Yale (B)
 Dave Larkin, Football Coach, Jenison HS, Jenison (A)
 Dan McShannock, Athletic Director, HH Dow HS, Midland (MIAAA) (A)
 Vic Michaels, Director, Archdiocese of Detroit, Detroit
 Kurt Richardson, Football Coach, Clarkston HS, Clarkston (A)
 Randy Schaedig, Football Coach, Cedarville HS, Cedarville (D)
 Michael Sharrow, Principal, Algonac HS, Algonac (MASSP) (B)
 Jim Sparks, Football Coach, Clawson HS, Clawson (C)
 Jim Sutton, Asst. Athletic Director, East Kentwood HS, Kentwood (A)

(90) Girls Tennis Seeding

Monday, October 16, 2006 3 p.m.

Tuesday, October 17, 2006 8 a.m.

Nancy Brissette, Tennis Coach, Garber HS, Essexville (B)
 Glenn Corey, Tennis Coach, Troy HS, Troy (A)
 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)
 Barb Myler, Tennis Coach, Shrine Catholic HS, Royal Oak (C)
 Mark Soberielski, Tennis Coach, Grosse Pointe South HS, Grosse Pointe (A)
 Dave Sukup, Tennis Coach, Forest Hills Northern HS, Grand Rapids (B)

(95) Golf

Wednesday, November 29, 2006 1 p.m.

Jim Bennett, Golf Manager, Grosse Ile HS, Grosse Ile (B)
 Mike Clark, Athletic Director, Holland HS, Holland (A)
 Terri Clock, Athletic Director, Bunker Middle School, Muskegon (MIAAA)
 Jack Foster, Golf Coach, Cadillac HS, Cadillac (B)
 Mike Garvey, Athletic Director, Otsego HS, Otsego (B)
 Leroy Hackley, Athletic Director, Jenison HS, Jenison (A)
 Tom Hardy, Athletic Director, St Francis HS, Traverse City (C)
 Dave Hutton, Manager, Grandville HS, Grandville (A)
 Larry Judson, Manager, 11479 Ray Rd, Gaines
 Bob Lober, MIGCA Executive Director, 10090 E. Pickwick Ct, Traverse City
 Chad Loe, Golf Coach, Petoskey HS, Petoskey (B)
 Carol Melcher, Golf Coach, Saline HS, Saline (A)
 Mike Morris, Principal, Centreville HS, Centreville (MASSP) (C)
 Jim Neubecker, Golf Manager, Byron Area HS, Byron (C)
 Mike Neuman, Athletic Director, Catholic Central HS, Grand Rapids (B)
 Gary Newcomb, Golf Manager, 3498 Highview Rd, Highland
 Pat Nowak, Golf Coach, Ithaca HS, Ithaca (C)
 Teri Reyburn, Athletic Director, DeWitt HS, DeWitt (B)
 Barry Shawley, Golf Coach, Lawton HS, Lawton (C)
 Paul Sternburgh, Golf Manager, St Johns HS, St Johns (A)
 Scott Street, Golf Coach, Walled Lake Western HS, Walled Lake (A)
 John Thompson, Athletic Director, Brighton HS, Brighton (A)
 Deb VanKuiken, Athletic Director, Holly HS, Holly (A)
 Jeff Whitely, Golf Coach, Flint Southwestern HS, Flint (B)
 Ken Wright, Golf Coach, Wylie E Groves HS, Beverly Hills (A)

(100) Gymnastics**Wednesday, October 11, 2006 1 p.m.**

John Cunningham, President-MHSGCJA, Canton HS, Canton (A)
Bob Dowd, Athletic Director, Athens HS, Troy (A)
Deanna Fakoyi, Gymnastics Coach, Athens HS, Troy (A)
Jamie Gent, Athletic Director, Haslett HS, Haslett (B)
Joe Haines, Athletic Director, Kenowa Hills HS, Grand Rapids (A)
Sue Heinzman, Athletic Director, Canton HS, Canton (A)
Barry Hobrla, Athletic Director, Lowell HS, Lowell (MIAAA) (A)
Rick Schmidt, Athletic Director, Holt HS, Holt (A)
Linda Scholl, Gymnastics Judge, Parma
Joe Thienes, Athletic Director, Forest Hills Eastern HS, Ada (B)
Suzy Weldon, Gymnastics Coach, Freeland HS, Freeland (B)
Tracy Will, Gymnastics Coach, Forest Hills Central HS, Grand Rapids (A)

(110) Ice Hockey**Wednesday, May 23, 2007 9:30 a.m.**

Bob Dailey, Athletic Director, Northview HS, Grand Rapids (A)
Larry Edlund, Athletic Director, Portage Central HS, Portage (A)
Curt Ellis, Finals Manager, Novi HS, Novi (A)
Eric Federico, Superintendent, OA Carlson HS, Gibraltar (B)
Joe Ford, Hockey Coach, Mason HS, Mason (A)
Cody Inglis, Athletic Director, Suttons Bay HS, Suttons Bay (C)
Alan Kranzo, Hockey Coach, Catholic Central HS, Grand Rapids (B)
Mark Mattson, Athletic Director, Marquette HS, Marquette (A)
Pete Mazzoni, President-MHSHCA, Churchill HS, Livonia (A)
George Niniowsky, Official/Advisory, 5318 Langlewood Dr, West Bloomfield (Advisory)
Shane Redshaw, Athletic Director, Stoney Creek HS, Rochester Hills (A)
Colin Ripmaster, Principal, Mattawan HS, Mattawan (MASSP) (A)
Peter Ryan, Athletic Director, Heritage HS, Saginaw (MIAAA) (A)
Bob Scurfield, Athletic Director, Midland HS, Midland (A)
Ken Stephens, Athletic Director, Allen Park HS, Allen Park (A)

(120) Junior High/Middle School**Tuesday, January 9, 2007 1 p.m.**

Dave Armstrong, Principal, Watervliet Middle School, Watervliet
Steve Bennink, Athletic Director, Coopersville JHS, Coopersville
Bob Bullock, Athletic Director, Chippewa Middle School, Okemos
Sam Davis, Athletic Director, Lansing School District, Lansing
Don Dunham, Principal, Clinton Middle School, Clinton
Keith Eldred, Dean of Students, Williamston Middle School, Williamston
Paul Ellinger, Superintendent, Cheboygan Area HS, Cheboygan (B)
William Grusecki, Principal, Tawas Area JHS, Tawas City (MASSP)
Al Gulick, Athletic Director, Warren Woods Middle School, Warren
Donald Gustafson, Principal, St Ignace Middle School, St Ignace
Amy Lantig, Basketball Coach, Durand Middle School, Durand
Tom Mecsey, Athletic Director, Cranbrook-Kingswood Middle School, Bloomfield Hills (MIAAA)
Tim Syrek, Athletic Director, Otsego Middle School, Otsego
William Taylor, Athletic Director, Baseline Middle School, South Haven

(125) Lacrosse-Boys

Wednesday, January 24, 2007 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 9, 2007 9:30 a.m.

Ron Allen, Athletic Director, West Ottawa HS, Holland (A)
Dave Barry, Principal, Walled Lake Central HS, Walled Lake (MASSP) (A)
Greg Brynaert, Athletic Director, Romeo HS, Romeo (A)
Chris Corteg, Athletic Director, Utica Eisenhower HS, Shelby Township (A)
Bob Dowd, Athletic Director, Athens HS, Troy (MIAAA) (A)
Aaron Frank, Finals Manager, Seaholm HS, Birmingham (A)
Shawn Grady, Lacrosse Coach, Okemos HS, Okemos (A)
Scott Grimes, Principal, Grand Haven HS, Grand Haven (A)
Barry Hobrla, Athletic Director, Lowell HS, Lowell (A)
Tom Hunt, Athletic Director, East Lansing HS, East Lansing (A)
Bill Katsaros, President-MSLCA, Athens HS, Troy (A)
Dan Mills, Boys Lacrosse Coach, Portage Central HS, Portage (A)
Ric Seagar, Asst. Principal, Bronson HS, Bronson (C)
Meg Seng, Athletic Director, Greenhills HS, Ann Arbor (C)
Mark Woodson, Athletic Director, Romulus HS, Romulus (A)

(130) Lacrosse-Girls

Thursday, January 25, 2007 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 9, 2007 9:30 a.m.

Sue Calvo, Athletic Director, Swartz Creek HS, Swartz Creek (A)
Eve Claar, Athletic Director, Pioneer HS, Ann Arbor (A)
Dawn Coe, Girls Lacrosse Coach, West Ottawa HS, Holland (A)
Rob Holder, Lacrosse Coach, Athens HS, Troy (A)
Betsy Kreston, Lacrosse Coach, Luke M Powers Catholic HS, Flint (B)
Ed Maloney, Athletic Director, Gabriel Richard HS, Ann Arbor (C)
Mike Mehall, President-MWSLCA, 23600 Liberty St, Farmington
Ken Mohny, Athletic Director, Mattawan HS, Mattawan (MIAAA) (A)
Deanna Radcliffe, Girls Lacrosse Coach, South Lyon HS, South Lyon (A)
Rick Schmidt, Athletic Director, Holt HS, Holt (A)
Sarah Tisdale, Lacrosse Coach, Waverly HS, Lansing (A)
Keith Vree, Athletic Director, Rockford HS, Rockford (A)

(135) Lower Peninsula Girls/Boys Basketball Tournament

Tuesday, September 26, 2006 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 16, 2007 9:30 a.m.

Steve Baker, Athletic Director, Gaylord HS, Gaylord (A)
Blaine Brumels, Athletic Director, East Kentwood HS, Kentwood (A)
Tony Burton, Athletic Director, Brown City HS, Brown City (C)
Pete Bush, Athletic Director, Cedar Springs HS, Cedar Springs (B)
Lorin Cartwright, Athletic Director, Pioneer HS, Ann Arbor (A)
Terry Curley, Athletic Director, Marysville HS, Marysville (B)
Ken Dietz, Athletic Director, Watervliet HS, Watervliet (C)
Lafayette Evans, Supervisor, Detroit Public Schools, Detroit
Jamie Foster, Athletic Director, Northern HS, Flint (A)
Tim Genson, Athletic Director, Mason County Central HS, Scottville (B)
Leroy Hackley, Athletic Director, Jenison HS, Jenison (A)
Bob Herm, Athletic Director, Clawson HS, Clawson (C)
Kris Isom, Athletic Director, Madison HS, Adrian (C)
Doug Johnson, Athletic Director, Coldwater HS, Coldwater (B)
Dewayne Jones, Athletic Director, West Bloomfield HS, West Bloomfield (A)
Rich Kimball, Athletic Director, Northwest HS, Jackson (A)

Jean LaClair, Athletic Director, Bronson HS, Bronson (C)
Bruce Lenington, Athletic Director, Southfield-Lathrup HS, Lathrup Village (A)
Vic Michaels, Director, Archdiocese of Detroit, Detroit
Sheryl Mox, Athletic Director, Potterville HS, Potterville (C)
William Newkirk, Superintendent, Meridian HS, Sanford (C)
Jeff Pitman, Athletic Director, Mason HS, Mason (A)
Ellen Pugh, Athletic Director, Ogemaw Heights HS, West Branch (B)
Al Schrauben, Athletic Director, St Patrick HS, Portland (D)
Fred Smith, Athletic Director, Comstock HS, Kalamazoo (B)
Terri-Lee Smith, Athletic Director, Inland Lakes HS, Indian River (C)
Annetta Thompson, Athletic Director, Creston HS, Grand Rapids (A)
Mike Vance, Athletic Director, Central HS, Flint (A)
Mario Villarreal, Athletic Director, Eastern HS, Lansing (A)
Gregg Wagner, Athletic Director, Port Huron Northern HS, Port Huron (A)
Brian Zdanowski, Athletic Director, Greenville HS, Greenville (A)

(140) Officials Review

Monday, September 25, 2006 9:30 a.m.

Dave Bos, OK Conference, 5730 Marlin Avenue, Hudsonville
Dennis Clark, SE MI Officials Assn, 35985 Cadet Court, Clinton Township
Mike Conlin, Capitol Area Off. Assn., 3326 Sunny Lane, Lansing
Curt Ellis, Kensington Valley Conference, Novi HS, Novi (A)
Chris Haack, President-SWMSRA, 51244 Bakeman Rd, Sister Lakes
Steve Hines, Lake Michigan Conference, East Jordan HS, East Jordan (C)
Bruce Keeling, President-Jackson Area Off Assn, Reading
Duane Luedeking, Officials Assignor-KVA, 2623 Hemlock St, Portage
Betty Near, WMVOA, 4303 Brookmere Dr., SE, Kentwood
Tom Post, Northern Sports Off. Assn., 4311 Grelick Road, Traverse City
Rob Pumford, Mid-Thumb Wrestling Off. Assn, 2763 E. Juddville Road, Owosso
Teri Reyburn, CAAC, DeWitt HS, DeWitt (B)
Hans Weinke, Mid Peninsula Ath. Assn., N 3436 Four Seasons Drive, Iron Mountain
Wayne Welton, President-SE Conference, Chelsea HS, Chelsea (B)
Tim Zeeman, Flint Metro League, Lapeer West HS, Lapeer (A)

(150) Ski

Tuesday, November 7, 2006 9:30 a.m.

Kris Agnew, Ski Coach, Heritage HS, Saginaw (A)
Mike Barry, Ski Coach, Lahser HS, Bloomfield Hills (A)
Jim Bartlett, Advisory, Nub's Nob, Harbor Springs (Advisory)
Kerry Boone, Ski Coach, Walled Lake Northern HS, Commerce (A)
Bill Chilman, Principal, Cadillac HS, Cadillac (MASSP) (B)
Marilyn Crighton, District Ath. Supervisor, Rochester Community Schools, Rochester
John Dolce, Athletic Director, Forest Hills Northern HS, Grand Rapids (B)
Shelly Funk, Ski Coach, Rockford HS, Rockford (A)
Gary Hice, Athletic Director, Petoskey HS, Petoskey (MIAAA) (B)
John Horigan, Athletic Director, Cadillac HS, Cadillac (B)
Shaun Johnson, Ski Coach, Benzie Central HS, Benzonia (B)
Casey McGovern, Ski Coach, East Grand Rapids HS, Grand Rapids (B)
Brad Miller, President-MHSSCA, Traverse City Central HS, Traverse City (A)
Sue Miller, Ski Coach, Charlevoix HS, Charlevoix (C)
Hugh Potter, Ski Coach, East Lansing HS, East Lansing (A)
Renee Rhoades, Ski Coach, Howell HS, Howell (A)
Betty Wroubel, Athletic Director, Notre Dame Preparatory School, Pontiac (B)

(155) Soccer

Wednesday, February 7, 2007 9:30 a.m.

Matt Boersma, Soccer Coach, Eaton Rapids HS, Eaton Rapids (B)
Sean Byram, Soccer Coach, Gaylord HS, Gaylord (A)
John Conlon, President-MISCA, East Kentwood HS, Kentwood (A)
Ken Erney, Athletic Director, Fruitport HS, Fruitport (B)
Dene Hadden, Principal, South Haven HS, South Haven (MASSP) (B)
Jason Heersma, Athletic Director, Wyoming Park HS, Wyoming (B)
Scott Kubit, Soccer Coach, Benzie Central HS, Benzonia (B)
Sal Malek, Athletic Director, Ladywood HS, Livonia (B)
Jose Mejia, Soccer Coach, Tecumseh HS, Tecumseh (A)
Joe Menden, Soccer Coach, Eastern HS, Lansing (A)
Richard Niessen, Athletic Director, Hackett Catholic Central HS, Kalamazoo (C)
Doris Pipkens, Soccer Coach, Holt HS, Holt (A)
Susan Riksen, Official, Gobles
Michael Roy, Athletic Director, Vicksburg HS, Vicksburg (MIAAA) (B)
Matt Sullivan, Soccer Coach, Fenton HS, Fenton (A)
Jeff Vennell, Athletic Director, Cranbrook Kingswood HS, Bloomfield Hills (B)
Mike Vondette, Principal, Hemlock HS, Hemlock (B)
Betty Wroubel, Athletic Director, Notre Dame Preparatory School, Pontiac (B)

(175) Swimming

Tuesday, February 20, 2007 9:30 a.m.

Bill Andrew, Athletic Director, Plainwell HS, Plainwell (B)
Mike Bakker, Athletic Director, Fenton HS, Fenton (A)
Wendy Daniel, Swim Coach, Luke M Powers Catholic HS, Flint (B)
MaryAnn Egnatak, Swim Coach, Albion HS, Albion (B)
Brad Flikkema, Swim Coach, Calvin Christian HS, Grandville (C)
Tom Flynn, Athletic Director, Wylie E Groves HS, Beverly Hills (A)
Brian Foust, Official, Plymouth
Ray Greenland, Swim Coach, Eaton Rapids HS, Eaton Rapids (B)
Scott Hedges, Swim Coach, Cranbrook Kingswood HS, Bloomfield Hills (B)
Denny Hill, Swim Coach, Pioneer HS, Ann Arbor (A)
Dave Jolly, Swim Coach, Chelsea HS, Chelsea (B)
Mike Matter, Swim Coach, Heritage HS, Saginaw (A)
Joe O'Brien, Swim Coach, East Grand Rapids HS, Grand Rapids (B)
Bob Oliver, Swim Coach, Haslett HS, Haslett (B)
Corrin Popp, Swim Coach, Harper Creek HS, Battle Creek (B)
Mike Rado, President-MISCA, Lahser HS, Bloomfield Hills (A)
Janis Stahr, Official, Flat Rock
Catherine Stevens, Athletic Director, East Kentwood HS, Kentwood (A)
Doug VanderJagt, Asst. Principal, Rockford HS, Rockford (MASSP) (A)
Hooker Wellman, Swim Coach, Ludington HS, Ludington (B)

(180) Tennis

Tuesday, January 16, 2007 9:30 a.m.

Jennifer Aldrich, Tennis Coach, Allegan HS, Allegan (B)
Jayne Boerman, Tennis Coach, South Christian HS, Grand Rapids (B)
Matt Brown, Tennis Coach, Cadillac HS, Cadillac (B)
Eva Claar, Athletic Director, Lahser HS, Bloomfield Hills (A)
Jim Cummins, Advisory, Location: MSU, Battle Creek (Advisory)
Chris Curtiss, Athletic Director, Corunna HS, Corunna (B)
Tom Flynn, Athletic Director, Wylie E Groves HS, Beverly Hills (A)

Erin Fouty, Tennis Coach, NorthPointe Christian HS, Grand Rapids (C)
 Wendy Franz, Advisory, Midland Community Tennis Ctr, Midland (Advisory)
 Judy Hehs, Principal, Academy Of The Sacred Heart, Bloomfield Hills (C)
 Renee Kent, Athletic Director, Big Rapids HS, Big Rapids (B)
 Tom Leyrer, President-MHSTeCa, Jenison HS, Jenison (A)
 Nancy Malinowski, Athletic Director, Mercy HS, Farmington Hills (A)
 Heather McKinney, Tennis Coach, Whitehall HS, Whitehall (B)
 Pete Militzer, Tennis Coach, Portage Central HS, Portage (A)
 Lee O'Bryan, Asst. Principal, Fraser HS, Fraser (MASSP) (A)
 Pam Porter, Tennis Coach, Lakeshore HS, Stevensville (B)
 Peter Ryan, Athletic Director, Heritage HS, Saginaw (A)
 Steve Stanley, Tennis Coach, Williamston HS, Williamston (B)
 Beth VanDyke, Tennis Coach, Holland HS, Holland (A)
 Deb VanKuiken, Athletic Director, Holly HS, Holly (MIAAA) (A)

(185) Track & Field Site Selection

Wednesday, January 24, 2007 9:30 a.m.

Tim Baker, Track Coach, Constantine HS, Constantine (C)
 Kevin Behmer, President-MITCA, Huron HS, Ann Arbor (A)
 Fred Bowers, Athletic Director, Waldron HS, Waldron (D)
 Pete Bush, Athletic Director, Cedar Springs HS, Cedar Springs (B)
 Marcelle Carruthers, Track Coach, Everett HS, Lansing (A)
 Lewis Clingman, Teacher/Coach/Official, Burton Middle School, Grand Rapids
 Tom Durbin, Athletic Director, Hudson Area HS, Hudson (C)
 Tom Eschman, Athletic Director, Southfield HS, Southfield (A)
 Greg Glover, Athletic Director, Webberville Community HS, Webberville (D)
 Rudy Godefroidt, Superintendent, Hemlock HS, Hemlock (B)
 Ed Greenman, Athletic Director, Harper Creek HS, Battle Creek (B)
 Antie Hardy, Athletic Director, New Haven HS, New Haven (C)
 Steve Hines, Athletic Director, East Jordan HS, East Jordan (C)
 Dwight Jones, Athletic Director, Mumford HS, Detroit (A)
 Sal Malek, Athletic Director, Ladywood HS, Livonia (B)
 Greg Mikulich, Track Coach, Marion HS, Marion (D)
 Jim Murray, Track Coach, Brandywine HS, Niles (C)
 Paul Nilsson, Track Coach, Williamston HS, Williamston (B)
 Ellen Pugh, Athletic Director, Ogemaw Heights HS, West Branch (B)
 Mike Roberts, Athletic Director, Hillsdale Academy, Hillsdale (D)
 Bob Root, Athletic Director, Carman-Ainsworth HS, Flint (A)
 Daniel Simeck, Track Coach, Warren Woods-Tower HS, Warren (B)
 Kim Spalsbury, Track Coach, Grand Ledge HS, Grand Ledge (A)
 Jim Stanback, Track Coach, Central HS, Battle Creek (A)
 Jim Sutton, Asst. Athletic Director, East Kentwood HS, Kentwood (A)

(190) Track & Field Standards

Wednesday, December 6, 2006 9:30 a.m.

Rudy Godefroidt, Supt/Official, Hemlock HS, Hemlock (B)
 Brian Macomber, Official, Comstock Park
 Paul Nilsson, Track Coach, Williamston HS, Williamston (B)
 Jim Noble, Athletic Director, Heritage HS, Saginaw (A)
 Mike Roberts, Athletic Director, Hillsdale Academy, Hillsdale (D)
 Kim Spalsbury, Track Coach, Grand Ledge HS, Grand Ledge (A)
 Mike Unger, Athletic Director, Lutheran HS Westland, Westland (D)

(200) Volleyball**Tuesday, December 5, 2006 9:30 a.m.**

Tim Bearden, Principal, South Lake HS, St Clair Shores (B)
Valerie Blanchette, Volleyball Coach, Auburn Hills Christian School, Auburn Hills (D)
Laura Cleveland, Volleyball Coach, Chelsea HS, Chelsea (B)
Kayleen Cook, Volleyball Coach, DeWitt HS, Lansing (B)
Catherine Cost, Principal, Athens HS, Troy (A)
Tim Croel, Athletic Director, Frankenmuth HS, Frankenmuth (B)
Angie DelMarone, Volleyball Coach, Luke M Powers Catholic HS, Flint (B)
Curt Ellis, Athletic Director, Novi HS, Novi (MIAAA) (A)
Kathi Frank, Official, Onsted
Vicky Groat, Volleyball Coach, St Philip Catholic Central HS, Battle Creek (D)
Kim Hagan, Volleyball Coach, Okemos HS, Okemos (A)
Blake Hagman, Advisory, Final Manager, Kalamazoo (Advisory)
Linda Hoover, Official, Marshall
Paul Hornak, Athletic Director, Ithaca HS, Ithaca (C)
Cody Inglis, Athletic Director, Suttons Bay HS, Suttons Bay (C)
Renee Kent, Athletic Director, Big Rapids HS, Big Rapids (B)
Jean LaClair, President-MIVCA, Bronson HS, Bronson (C)
Heather McNitt, Volleyball Coach, Hartford HS, Hartford (C)
Cheri Meier, Principal, Ionia Middle School, Ionia
Brian Sarvello, Principal, Ishpeming HS, Ishpeming (MASSP) (C)
Meg Seng, Athletic Director, Greenhills HS, Ann Arbor (C)
Roxane Steenhuisen, Volleyball Coach, East Kentwood HS, Kentwood (A)
Patti Tibaldi, Athletic Director, Traverse City West HS, Traverse City (A)
James Walls, Volleyball Coach, Henry Ford HS, Detroit (A)
Sheri Warner, Volleyball Coach, New Lothrop HS, New Lothrop (C)

(210) Volleyball Site Selection**Tuesday, September 19, 2006 9:30 a.m.**

Tom Bouma, Athletic Director, Calvin Christian HS, Grandville (C)
Jim Brown, Athletic Director, Lenawee Christian HS, Adrian (D)
Dottie Davis, Athletic Director, Huron HS, Ann Arbor (A)
Dan Delamarter, Athletic Director, Ubly HS, Ubly (C)
Ken Erny, Athletic Director, Fruitport HS, Fruitport (B)
Chris Ervin, Athletic Director, St Johns HS, St Johns (A)
Jim Fish, Athletic Director, North Branch HS, North Branch (B)
Leroy Hackley, Athletic Director, Jenison HS, Jenison (A)
Greg Hermson, Athletic Director, Lakeview HS, Battle Creek (A)
Maureen Klocke, Athletic Director, Yale HS, Yale (B)
Jean LaClair, President-MIVCA, Bronson HS, Bronson (C)
Nancy Poole, Athletic Director, Inter-City Baptist HS, Allen Park (D)
Steve Proctor, Athletic Director, Fulton HS, Middleton (C)
Ellen Pugh, Athletic Director, Ogemaw Heights HS, West Branch (B)
Teri Reyburn, Athletic Director, DeWitt HS, DeWitt (B)
Pat Richardson, Athletic Director, Grass Lake HS, Grass Lake (C)
Pete Ryan, Athletic Director, Heritage HS, Saginaw (A)
Fred Smith, Athletic Director, Comstock HS, Kalamazoo (B)
Jennifer Thunberg, Athletic Director, Central HS, Bay City (A)
Wayne Welton, Athletic Director, Chelsea HS, Chelsea (B)
Betty Wroubel, Athletic Director, Notre Dame Preparatory School, Pontiac (B)

(215) Wrestling

Wednesday, January 24, 2007 9:30 a.m.

Rick Arnett, Principal, Delton Kellogg HS, Delton (MASSP) (B)
Larry Boyer, Athletic Director, Pennfield HS, Battle Creek (B)
Todd Cheney, Wrestling Coach, Hartland HS, Hartland (A)
Marty Covert, President-MWA, Byron Area HS, Byron (C)
Bob Dailey, Athletic Director, Northview HS, Grand Rapids (A)
Joe Droski, Athletic Director, Sparta HS, Sparta (B)
Tom Flynn, Athletic Director, Wylie E Groves HS, Beverly Hills (A)
Bruce Foster, Wrestling Coach, Kelloggsville HS, Wyoming (C)
Denny Fulk, Principal, Laingsburg HS, Laingsburg (C)
Mike Garvey, Athletic Director, Otsego HS, Otsego (MIAAAA) (B)
Joe Guyski, Athletic Director, Durand Area HS, Durand (B)
Mark Haag, Superintendent, Michigan Center HS, Michigan Center (C)
Tim Jones, Wrestling Coach, Pine River Area HS, Leroy (C)
Steve Lewis, Asst. Principal/Official, Rockford HS, Rockford (A)
Russ Mackenzie, Athletic Director, Lamphere HS, Madison Heights (B)
Randy Nesbitt, Principal, Hart HS, Hart (C)
Russ Pericolosi, Wrestling Coach, Iron Mountain HS, Iron Mountain (C)
Jeff Pitman, Athletic Director, Mason HS, Mason (A)
Jack Richardson, Wrestling Coach, Grandville HS, Grandville (A)
Murray Rose, Wrestling Coach, Allegan HS, Allegan (B)
Jamie Segorski, Wrestling Coach, Escanaba HS, Escanaba (A)
Todd Skinner, Wrestling Coach, Linden HS, Linden (B)

TRAVEL FORM FOR OUT-OF-STATE PRACTICE

The following schools have submitted the travel form for out of state practice which is required by the MHSAA *Handbook*, Regulation II, Section 6(B). The regulation states that: Schools which desire to conduct practice out of state at a site more than 600 highway miles round-trip from their location must complete and submit to the MHSAA office the "Travel Form for Out-Of-State Practice" at least 30 days in advance of departure.

FALL:

No forms submitted

WINTER:

Alpine Ski:

Pontiac Notre Dame Prep

SPRING:

Baseball:

Coldwater
Essexville Garber

Softball:

Alma
Brighton
Coldwater

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL SITE SELECTION

COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, September 19, 2006

Members Present:

Tom Bouma, Grandville
Jim Brown, Adrian
Dottie Davis, Ann Arbor
Dan Delamarter, Ubly
Ken Erny, Fruitport
Chris Ervin, St Johns
Jim Fish, North Branch
Leroy Hackley, Jenison
Greg Hermson, Battle Creek
Maureen Klocke, Yale
Jean LaClair, Bronson
Nancy Poole, Allen Park

Steve Proctor, Middleton
Ellen Pugh, West Branch
Teri Reyburn, DeWitt
Pat Richardson, Grass Lake
Pete Ryan, Saginaw
Fred Smith, Kalamazoo
Jennifer Thunberg, Bay City
Wayne Welton, Chelsea
Betty Wroubel, Pontiac

Staff Members Present:

Gina Mazzolini
Sharla Stokes (Recorder)

The committee was reminded of its responsibility and reviewed the accepted criteria for selecting the 2007 hosts for MHSAA Girls Volleyball Tournament contests involving Lower Peninsula schools. The Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee will select sites where all the schools or a majority are Upper Peninsula schools.

DRAWINGS

Drawings were conducted for District qualifiers to Regional Tournament competition as well as Semifinal bracket placement in all classes.

Four Team Regional: Tournament Advance Master Draw

Lowest District No.
2nd Lowest District No.
Highest District No.
2nd Highest District No.

Semifinal Bracket Placement in All Classes:

Class A	Class B
4 <input type="text"/>	5 <input type="text"/>
1 <input type="text"/>	7 <input type="text"/>
2 <input type="text"/>	6 <input type="text"/>
3 <input type="text"/>	8 <input type="text"/>
Class C	Class D
12 <input type="text"/>	14 <input type="text"/>
11 <input type="text"/>	13 <input type="text"/>
9 <input type="text"/>	15 <input type="text"/>
10 <input type="text"/>	16 <input type="text"/>

The committee then selected Quarterfinal, District and Regional centers in all classes except schools located in the Upper Peninsula. ■

BOYS BASKETBALL SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING East Lansing, September 26, 2006

Members Present:

- Steve Baker, Gaylord
- Blaine Brumels, Kentwood
- Tony Burton, Brown City
- Pete Bush, Cedar Springs
- Lorin Cartwright, Ann Arbor
- Terry Curley, Marysville
- Ken Dietz, Watervliet
- Lafayette Evans, Detroit
- Jamie Foster, Flint
- Leroy Hackley, Jenison
- Bob Herm, Clawson
- Kris Isom, Adrian
- Doug Johnson, Coldwater
- Dewayne Jones, West Bloomfield
- Rich Kimball, Jackson
- Jean LaClair, Bronson
- Bruce Lenington, Lathrup Village
- Vic Michaels, Detroit

- Sheryl Mox, Potterville
- William Newkirk, Meridian Schools
- Jeff Pitman, Mason
- Ellen Pugh, West Branch
- Al Schrauben, Portland
- Arnetta Thompson, Grand Rapids
- Mike Vance, Flint
- Gregg Wagner, Port Huron
- Brian Zdanowski, Greenville

Members Absent:

- Fred Smith, Kalamazoo
- Terri-Lee Smith, Indian River
- Mario Villarreal, Lansing

Staff Member Present:

- Nate Hampton
- Sharla Stokes (Recorder)

The committee was reminded of its responsibility and reviewed the accepted criteria for selecting the 2007 hosts for MHSAA Boys Basketball Tournament contests.

DRAWINGS

Drawings were conducted for District qualifiers to Regional Tournament competition as well as Semifinal bracket placement in all classes.

**Four Team Regional:
Tournament Advance Master Draw**

- Lowest District No.
- 2nd Lowest District No.
- 2nd Highest District No.
- Highest District No.

Semifinal Bracket Placement in All Classes:

- | Class A | Class B |
|---|---|
| 4 <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> | 7 <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> |
| 1 <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> | 8 <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> |
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- | Class C | Class D |
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The committee then selected Quarterfinal, Regional, and District Centers in all classes except schools located in the Upper Peninsula.

The committee selected geographic pairings for Regional Tournament No. 8. The northern two Districts will play at Gaylord High School for its first round of the Regional. The two southernmost Districts will play at Flint-Northern High School for its first round of the Regional, with the winners from each playing the final Regional contest at Midland-HH Dow High School. ■

OFFICIALS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, September 25, 2006

Members Present:

Dave Bos, Hudsonville
Dennis Clark, Clinton Township
Mike Conlin, Lansing
Curt Ellis, Novi
Christopher Haack, Sister Lakes
Steve Hines, East Jordan
Bruce Keeling, Reading
Duane Luedeking, Portage
Betty Near, Kentwood
Tom Post, Traverse City

Rob Pumford, Owosso
Terri Reyburn, DeWitt
Mike VanHoven, Flushing
Hans Weinke, Iron Mountain
Wayne Welton, Chelsea

Staff Members Present:

Tom Minter
Mark Uyl (Recorder)

The 2006-2007 MHSAA Officials Review Committee met in the MHSAA Office Building to review topics involving high school officiating. After introductions were completed, the committee reviewed the terms of appointment to the Officials Review Committee, as well as the charge and mission of the group relative to the MHSAA decision making process.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Review of 2006 Representative Council Actions: The committee received an update from the May meeting of the Representative Council. Approved items included establishing awards for those officials in their 45th and 50th years of registration, along with approval of the observation standards and feedback forms in a variety of sports.

Officials Program Updates: MHSAA staff reported that over 14,000 criminal history checks had been completed of all currently registered officials. Every official will be subject to subsequent, random checks every three years. It was also noted that online registration numbers have increased in 2006-07, with over 57% of officials registering online this year, up from 31% in 2005-06. A brief update was also given regarding the increase in officials ratings submitted by schools online, as well as an introduction of future online services, including tournament assignment notification and submission of officiating schedules.

Officials Ratings: The committee felt very strongly that a "point of emphasis" was needed for all athletic directors and coaches

during rules meetings in 2007-08 regarding the rating standards. Too many times, coaches are rating an official over one particular call in a game, or are even threatening an official with the rating during a contest when disagreement over a call occurs. By revisiting the general guidelines and standards for ratings, the process can be improved.

Online Meetings: The concept of online rules meetings was discussed, and the MHSAA is moving ahead in examining this option could be beneficial as a "disaster plan" (significant spike in gas prices, for example), great value still remains in face-to-face meetings.

Zone Assignment Structure: Much discussion took place regarding the current zone assignment structure. The committee reviewed rating data from all zones which analyzed the number of approved officials in each zone by sport, along with the average ratings by sport. The consensus of the group was the number of tournament assignments each zone receives should be based on the number of approved officials in that zone, not based on where the tournament host site is located.

Observation Program: MHSAA staff will be working with local Approved Associations in the identification of observers and association reimbursement for the MHSAA observation program.

Officials Fee Survey and Pay Structure: The committee reviewed the recently completed survey of leagues and conferences regarding officials pay. This

data will be shared with the MHSAA Finance Committee at its upcoming November meeting.

Annual Rules Testing: The committee discussed the need for an annual, online rules test for officials in all sports. This pre-season exercise is needed, the committee believed, to better prepare officials for the upcoming season. Michigan is currently one of the few states that does not provide an annual rules test.

School Sportsmanship Ratings: Discussion took place on the implementation of an online, school sportsmanship rating program by officials. Officials would log into the MHSAA system at close of a contest and submit a rating in the following categories:

- A. Sportsmanship of Student-Athletes
- B. Sportsmanship of Coaching Staff
- C. Sportsmanship of Adult Spectators
- D. Sportsmanship of Student Spectators
- E. Game Management (Host school)

The ratings would be on a 1-5 scale, much like schools currently use for the rating of officials. This new program received great support from school personnel and officials alike on the committee.

Registration Patches: The committee believes that with current technology (online directory, school rating database, etc) that are more effective and accurate means to confirm registration than the current registration patch, making it no longer needed.

Items Forwarded to Additional MHSAA Committees: The committee forwarded a proposal to the Track & Field Committee regarding official's uniforms. The proposal would be to allow a red bucket cap or wide-brim hat for officials, in addition to the baseball-style cap that is currently allowed. The committee did support this proposal with an advisory vote of 14-1 in favor.

Committee Member Proposals: Committee members had the opportunity to present any items and proposals to the group, of which there were no formal presentations. Items of note mentioned by members included support for better communication with the member-in-good standing requirement with

associations and the MHSAA, along with comments regarding the role of registered assignors in the tournament selection process as well as more collaboration between adjoining zone representatives during officials selection committee meetings.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. In 2007-08, the MHSAA will have an online rules test of 30 questions available to all officials in baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball, volleyball, and wrestling in which the results will be reported to official's selection committee members in those sports (15-0).
2. In 2007-08, the MHSAA will have an online rules test of 30 questions available to all officials in baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball, volleyball, and wrestling that will be required to be eligible to work a MHSAA tournament contest (15-0).
3. When determining the number of assignments each zone receives in tournament selection, it will be based on the number of approved officials in the zone during the previous year rather than where the host site is located within the zone map (14-1).
4. The MHSAA will create an online, school sportsmanship rating program. Officials would log into the MHSAA system at close of a contest and submit a rating for each of the participating schools in the following categories:
 - A. Sportsmanship of Student-Athletes
 - B. Sportsmanship of Coaching Staff
 - C. Sportsmanship of Adult Spectators
 - D. Sportsmanship of Student Spectators
 - E. Game Management (Host school)The ratings would be on a 1-5 scale, much like schools currently use for the rating of officials with areas of concern being required for ratings of 3 and below (15-0).
5. Eliminate the annual registration patch for officials (15-0). ■

GYMNASTICS COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, October 11, 2006

Members Present:

John Cunningham, Canton
Deanna Fakhouri, Troy
Jamie Gent, Haslett
Joe Haines, Grand Rapids
Barry Hobrla, Lowell
Linda Scholl, Parma
Suzy Weldon, Freeland
Tracy Will, Grand Rapids

Members Absent:

Bob Dowd, Troy
Sue Heinzman, Canton
Joe Thienes, Grand Rapids

Staff Members Present:

Kathy Vruggink Westdorp (Recorder)

GENERAL REVIEW AND PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE

The 2006 Gymnastics Committee met at the Michigan High School Athletic Association to review its responsibilities as a standing sports committee; review Representative Council action from 2004-05 and 2005-06; examine current MHSAA policy in respect to out-of-season coaching; determine 2007 Regional qualifying scores; understand calendar concerns; and draw for 2007 Gymnastics Finals order.

PRIOR REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL ACTION

Through review of prior meeting minutes and Representative Council action, there had been earlier discussion regarding the number of current gymnastics cooperative programs. Committee members viewed a list of the cooperative programs that presently exist in gymnastics; all of which subsist between schools whose combined enrollment does not exceed 3500 students. Presently there are over 80 schools which offer gymnastics and a total of 62 gymnastics teams, which is one more team than in 2005-06.

Additional discussion included information regarding the vaulting horse which is no longer a legal piece of equipment. The vault table is the only piece of equipment that may be used for vaulting. Additional clarification was reviewed and repeated which included the National Federation Girls Gymnastics Committee's approval of the height parameters of 100-135 cm for the 2006-07 season.

In May 2005, the Representative Council

responded to constituent requests that the MHSAA Girls Gymnastics Tournament be scheduled for the conclusion of a fall season by directing staff to survey athletes, coaches, administrators and judges. The surveys were conducted in the fall of 2005 and did not support a change in the girls gymnastics season at the present time. The committee discussed the survey that was given to member schools and gymnastics judges and also brainstormed additional ways to help increase the number of schools which offer gymnastics in the future. Suggestions included working with the Coaches and Judges Association to help increase awareness of gymnastics and also promoting the sport of gymnastics through the Coaches and Judges Association.

Committee members also expressed concern about MHSAA Regulation 235 which includes language that there would be consideration of terminating sponsorship of tournament competition when fewer than 64 schools sponsor a sport for two consecutive years. Presently, there has been no indication from the Representative Council that gymnastics is under that consideration as there are 86 schools who are currently involved in the sponsorship of the sport, many through cooperative programs.

CALENDAR CONCERNS

A worksheet was reviewed that highlighted some of the more frequently expressed possibilities for changing the starting dates and lengths of high school seasons as well as the major issues created by those options and some ideas for "solving" the

issues. Additional opinions and ideas were also sought from the committee. One of the proposals discussed was to conduct all winter tournaments one week earlier, and return girls competitive cheer to the week before girls gymnastics. The committee was appraised that the calendar worksheet has also been disseminated at Update Meetings throughout Michigan.

2006-07 OUT-OF-SEASON COACHING CLARIFICATIONS

MHSAA Interpretation 216 was reviewed by the Committee and questions were asked regarding the general prohibitions and permissions that were allowed within the rule. Emphasis was provided regarding the language "that coaches shall not coordinate, officiate at, or in other ways assist with out-of-season school or non-school athletic events which involve more than three students from the same school in a sport they coach that is sponsored by that school in grades 7 through 12 in the district in which they coach."

In addition, the changes to preseason down time, the summer dead period and curriculum courses were also reviewed by the Committee. The Committee indicated that efforts would also be made to provide this additional information to the Coaches and Judges Associations.

RULES MEETING POINTS OF EMPHASIS

Some concern was expressed regarding the National Federation's new ruling on the round-off entry vault and the readiness of students to perform the vault. Responses varied regarding the entry vault, and an emphasis will be made at all rules meetings to make certain that there is a readiness in all events and that a proper progression is taught with each event.

Further reference was made to the "Opt-Out" Due Date and the reiteration to coaches as to what the date means in terms of gymnastics entries.

COACHES AND JUDGES EDUCATION

Information was shared regarding the need for coaches to receive continuing education in all aspects of coaching. The multi-leveled Coaches Advancement Program was reviewed by the committee and discussion included the need for both new and veteran coaches to continue striving for additional educational opportunities.

MHSAA TOURNAMENT SITES

The 2007 Regional and Final sites were determined and the athletic administrators at the sites have been notified. The Regionals will be hosted by Rockford, Holt, Canton-Plymouth and Troy Athens. Troy-Athens High School will also be the site of the 2007 Girls Gymnastics Finals.

Last year, the Committee expressed concern for the necessity of having a spring floor at each Regional Gymnastics site. Each Regional site that has been designated currently has access to a spring floor and therefore there was no additional recommendation made to the MHSAA Representative Council.

TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL QUALIFYING SCORES

A review of 2006 Regional participation information and scoring distribution for events at each site were received and discussed in order to assist the committee's charge to establish 2007 qualifying scores. There was discussion regarding National Federation gymnastics rules changes and how the rule changes might affect difficulty values of the routines normally performed in Michigan. In all cases, team entries can be accommodated by Regional hosts. The committee determined that the 2007 Regional qualifying scores will remain consistent with the 2006 Regional qualifying scores. These scores are as follows:

Vault - 7.8	Bars - 7.0
Beam - 7.4	Floor Exercise - 8.0
Team - 119	

FINAL TOURNAMENT DRAW AND HOSTING

Committee members verbalized the tasks, equipment and procedures that are necessary to conduct an efficient meet. These procedures included judge's use of headsets, the use of a spring floor in warm-up and competition, score table personnel who time coaches inquiry, the need for a visible scoreboard and the necessity of having conscientious score flashers and timers. In addition, committee members participated in a draw for order of competition at the 2007 Finals. First, second and third place teams at each Regional were assigned a number by blind draw. The number the team received determined the order of competition on vault, bars, beam and floor exercise.

The date of Monday, Feb. 26, 2007 was established as the date when regional and state designated officials would meet at the MHSAA in a continued effort to provide additional consistency in judging during regional and state tournament play.

EDUCATION

There was a desire to make certain that the education of new officials and coaches remained a priority in gymnastics. The officials who were present indicated a willingness to continue to encourage additional gymnasts who had graduated from their programs to become officials. ■

Strategic Partners Assists With Finals Tournament Housing

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

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

Some sports will have different reservation instructions as they are part of previously existing arrangements with local convention bureaus. For those sports not listed, interested parties can contact Strategic Partners directly if they desire assistance in arranging housing.

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

A link to the Finals Preferred Housing list can be found on all of the sports pages of the MHSAA Web site, and on the Tournaments page.

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