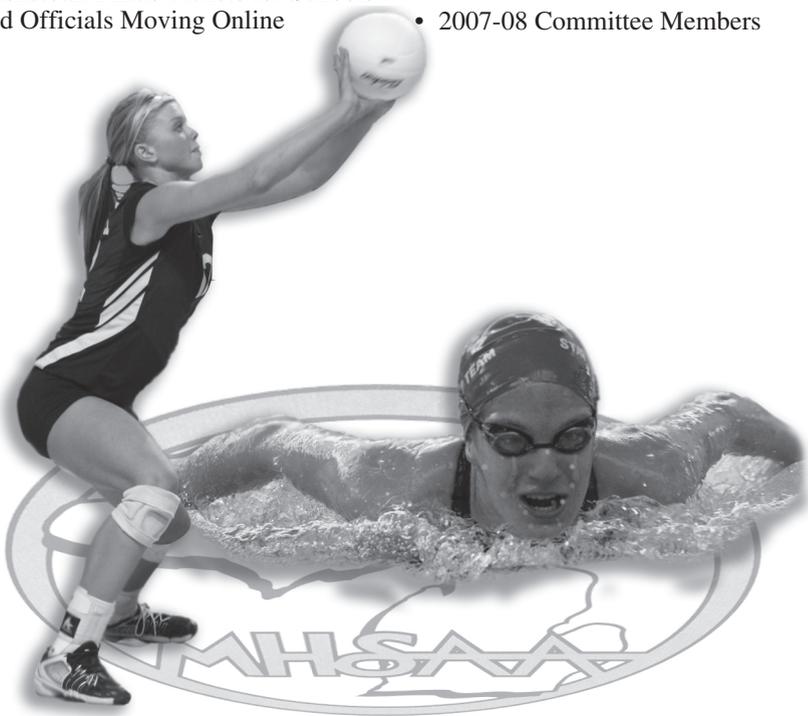


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## MEMBER SCHOOL AND APPROVED OFFICIAL BASKETBALL TICKET ORDER FORMS ONLINE

The **MHSAA Boys and Girls Basketball Finals Ticket Order Forms** for member schools and approved officials previously found in the *Bulletins* will now be available online only at **mhsaa.com**.

The forms will appear on the Boys and Girls Basketball home pages Dec. 1. Users will be able to fill out the forms online, print the document and send to the MHSAA with check or money order.

Mark your calendars to attend both events as the girls move to their new Finals home at Eastern Michigan University on March 6-8, while the boys return to Michigan State University a week later, March 13-15.

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Two of the upcoming MHSAA Finals set to take place are the GirlsVolleyball Finals in Battle Creek from Nov. 15-17, and the Lower Peninsula Girls Swimming & Diving Finals at Ypsilanti, Rochester and Holland on Nov. 16-17.

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

### Traverse City, October 1, 2007

#### Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan  
Keith Eldred, Williamston  
William Newkirk, Meridian  
Dan Flynn, Escanaba  
Karen Leinaar, Benzonia

#### 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.

The Executive Committee is not authorized to approve waiver based on alleged or actual differences between schools based on "environment," demographics, curriculum or extracurricular offerings. 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 contract the MHSAA has with member schools obligates the MHSAA to not change rules during the school year.

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

**Canton-Salem, Canton and Canton-Plymouth High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F])** - The Executive Committee approved for not more than this and the next two school years a cooperative program in girls lacrosse between these three high schools of the same district whose combined enrollment is 5,829 students, which will place the team in Division 1 of the MHSAA tournament. Salem will be the primary school. This is the first time girls lacrosse will be sponsored on an interscholastic basis. The sport is not sponsored by the schools' league, and support from future opponents has been received. After the 2009-10 school year, the program must comply with the 3,500-student enrollment limit for cooperative programs.

**Painesdale-Jeffers, Chassell, Calumet and Hancock High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** - The Executive Committee tabled until Nov. 7, 2007, the application for a cooperative program in boys and girls swimming & diving between these schools. The combined enrollment would be 879 students. Jeffers would be the primary school, and had been the primary school in a cooperative program with Chassell and Ironwood-L. Wright High Schools that dissolved in order to form the new program. There is no league affiliation, and support from future opponents has not been received.

**Jackson-Northwest High School (Regulation I, Sections 1 & 4)** - A request to waive the enrollment regulation was made on behalf of a student who is repeating the 8th grade at Kidder Middle School but who played in two 9th-grade football games to begin the 2007-08 school year with Northwest High School before school began. The school has forfeited the two 9th-grade games and then withheld the student from competition at either level. The school requested that the student be allowed to finish the middle school football season this year and enroll as a first-time 9th-grader in 2008-09 with eight semesters of enrollment intact, after withholding the student from the first two games of the 2008 football season.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver under the conditions being imposed by the schools involved.

**Grass Lake High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5)** - A request to waive the maximum semesters portions of the eligibili-

ty regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student in his fifth semester who started the 9th grade at West Bloomfield High School in the 2005-06 school year when his mother abandoned him. The student received 1.5 credits for the first two semesters of high school. The father and student moved to Grass Lake and the student repeated the 9th grade at Grass Lake High School in the 2006-07 school year. The student will graduate in June 2010.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Royal Oak High School (Regulation I, Sections 7)** - A request to waive the previous semester record regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who was the victim of an assault and home invasion which caused the student to discontinue attendance at Farmington-Central Alternative School and the family to leave their home in Southfield.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver provided the student passed at least 20 credit hours of course work during the first semester of the 2006-07 school year.

**Warren Mott High School (Regulation I, Section 8)** - A request to interpret and consider waiver of the current semester record regulation and specifically Interpretation 47 (non-traditional program having an interscholastic athletic program) was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attends Community High School, which is the non-traditional program of the Warren Consolidated Schools and which is listed on the 2007-08 Warren Mott Enrollment Declaration Form. The student is a resident of the Mott attendance area and would like to participate on the varsity soccer team. Community High School participates in Alnet, which is a series of athletic and academic events utilized to encourage academic achievement and reward students for good attendance. The program serves students from several alternative programs in the area and involves participation against students from other alternative programs who belong to Alnet. The program does not involve try-outs, coaches, officials, the keeping of official stats or standings or publicity. Each event is generally offered once annually and likened to an invitational or play-day program.

The Executive Committee determined that the student is eligible by interpretation, not waiver, noting that the program as it is described is not considered an interscholastic athletic program at this time.

**Bloomfield Hills-Academy of the Sacred Heart (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who participated with an all-girls school in a scrimmage and tournament this fall and attended school for four days there to begin the 2007-08 school year. The student had attended Academy of the Sacred Heart since Kindergarten and did not fit into the other school academically or socially.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Crystal Falls-Forest Park 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 Forest Park High School for grades 9 and 10 and Felch-North Dickinson High School for two days (Sept. 4 and 5, 2007) to begin the 2007-08 school year. The student reenrolled at Forest Park on Sept. 6, 2007 and did not participate in an athletic scrimmage or contest at North Dickinson.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Detroit-Loyola High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who lived with his mother and attended Oak Park High School. The student has moved to the residence of his father, and Loyola High School is the closest nonpublic school to the father's residence. The parents never married. An Educational Transfer Form was submitted, along with an order to withhold income for child support indicating both the father and the student.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Dundee 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 Trenton High School and participated in athletics while residing with her stepfather and a sister who enrolled in Dundee as a 9th-grader. The mother left the student and her sister years ago and the stepfather did not want to care for the two sisters any longer. Two sets

of relatives took the students in and each sister lives with a different relative in the Dundee School District.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Durand 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 Durand Schools from 2000 until 2005-06 when the student moved to California to reside with his mother's boyfriend. The student has returned to live with his mother who resides in Durand, and enrolled there to begin the 2007-08 school year. The student's parents never married and the student's father is listed on the birth certificate but is unknown to the student. While the student has returned to live with his mother in Durand (exception 2), the parents are not divorced and the mother is not the only parent, as is stated under exception 2.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver, the one time only that it will be approved for changes of residence between the parents while the student is enrolled in grades 9 through 12.

**Eastpointe-East Detroit High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the first semester of the 2007-08 school year. The student previously attended East Detroit High School for the 9th grade and enrolled for two days at Clinton Township-Chippewa Valley High School to begin the 2007-08 school year. The student has not participated in athletics previously at either school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are actually conducted in the second semester of the 2007-08 school year at East Detroit High School.

**Eau Claire High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose mother is deceased and whose father's whereabouts are unknown. The student attended school in Indiana for the 2006-07 school year and was abandoned in his most recent household in Indiana. The student's only other relatives, beyond elderly grandparents in Tennessee, are an aunt and

uncle who reside in Eau Claire. The Indiana Department of Child Services has granted temporary custody to them and has written that the student was neglected and abandoned with no other person to care for him.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Elk Rapids High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who lived with an aunt and uncle in Florida for five months during the 2006-07 school year until they moved to Elk Rapids because the uncle lost his job in Florida. The student then moved in with his mother for two months and finished the school year in Florida. The student has returned to live with the aunt and uncle in Elk Rapids, the people he lived with for most of the previous semester.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Farmington 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 Farmington Hills-Mercy High School, participated in athletics there and then enrolled at Farmington High School to begin the 2007-08 school year due to financial difficulties. Due to the change of seasons, the student is missing the entire volleyball season. If full eligibility would not be approved, the school requested subvarsity eligibility.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Farmington High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the first semester of the 2007-08 school year. The student lived with his mother and previously attended Detroit-Pershing High School. The student has enrolled at Farmington High School and now resides with an aunt.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are actually conducted in the second semester of the 2007-08 school year at Farmington High School.

**Farmington Hills-Mercy High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended a therapeutic all-girls boarding school in Ohio during the second semester of the 2006-07 school year. In December 2006, the student was removed from her previous school and local community after it was discovered that she was the victim of a crime. The student enrolled at Mercy High School rather than a closer nonpublic school because the student would continue to be at risk as the perpetrators continued to attend the previous school and other local schools and reside in the area.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Hale High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - On Sept. 6, 2007, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Lupton-Bible Baptist Church School for the 11th grade while residing with his mother and stepfather and attended school in Missouri for the 9th and 10th grades. The student had moved to Hale to the residence of his brother because of a conflict with his stepfather. Hale High School submitted additional information. The school had no knowledge of the hardships until after the original request was not approved.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Hudsonville High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose mother left the student and whose father is unable to care for him. The student previously attended Lake Odessa-Lakewood High School and participated in athletics. The student is residing with an older brother who has children in the Hudsonville Schools.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Imlay City High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Detroit-Communication Media Arts High

School while living with his mother and step-father who are undergoing a divorce. The student was harassed by students and non-students in his old neighborhood and school. At the request of his mother, the student has relocated to Imlay City to live with his grandfather.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Ishpeming 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 Ishpeming High School for the 9th and 10th grades and Westwood High School for 11th grade. A request for waiver of the transfer regulation was approved by the Executive Committee on Nov. 30, 2006, to grant eligibility for most of the student's 11th grade at Westwood High School because the student was involved in a fatal auto accident. Circumstances related to the family of those involved in the fatal accident have changed, and the student has reenrolled at Ishpeming High School to begin the 2007-08 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Jackson-Northwest 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 Saginaw-Swan Valley High School while living with his mother and father, who are unmarried, and two elementary age siblings. The mother is in the National Guard who has recently been stationed in Jackson with anticipated deployment to Iraq. The father stayed in Saginaw to maintain his job. The student did not participate in athletics previously and wishes to play tennis for Northwest High School, which only sponsors a varsity team.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Lansing Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - On Sept. 7, 2007, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of an 18 year old 9th-grade student who practiced and participated in competition from Aug. 13-25, 2007 with the Williamston High School varsity boys soccer team before enrolling at Lansing Christian High School.

Both schools submitted additional information. The student was recently adopted from Guatemala and arrived in Michigan on May 10, 2007, and began attending Williamston High School on a non-credit basis to become acclimated to high school. The student has only one year of eligibility remaining as he will turn 19 years old on June 18, 2008. The family resides in the Williamston School District. Lansing Christian is the closest non-public school to their residence.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this, his one and only year of high school athletic eligibility.

**Lawrence High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who lived with his parents in Utica and attended school there for nine days before moving to Lawrence to live with an aunt and uncle. The student did not participate in any scrimmages, contests or practices. The student's father is incarcerated. The student has a younger sibling diagnosed with cancer.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Leslie High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade foreign exchange student from a CSIET-listed program (Youth for Understanding) who was placed with a host family that does not reside in the Leslie School District. The parents have a 2nd-grade student in the Leslie Schools and older children who graduated from Leslie High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Mt. Morris-E. A. Johnson High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 72 (9th-grader practicing with another school) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who attended Mt. Morris Junior High School in 2006-07. The student practiced football with Flint-Powers Catholic High School for two weeks in August and participated in a scrimmage before enrolling at E. A. Johnson to begin the 2007-08 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Novi-Detroit Catholic Central 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 Troy-Athens High School. The student's father was an assistant wrestling coach who reported drug use by other students, resulting in harassment and vandalism.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Onaway 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 Onaway High School through the 10th grade before moving to Gaylord with his biological mother for the 11th grade in the 2006-07 school year. The student has returned to Onaway to live with his father. The student's parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Pentwater High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who has been a resident of the school district for 18 years and previously attended Hart Public Schools from grades 7-10. An older sibling has attended Pentwater since 2005. Enrolling the student in Pentwater reduced the family's attendance to two different schools, rather than three, which caused transportation issues.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Rochester-Adams High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Rochester Schools from grades 5-9 before moving to Germany due to his father's employment, expecting to return to Michigan for the 2008-09 school year. Because the father's company was sold and the student could not receive enough credit to graduate with his class in 2009, the student and his mother have returned to the same residence in Rochester and reenrolled at Adams High School to begin the 2007-08 school year. The father is responsible for relocating the company headquarters to another European city and will return to Rochester in the spring

of 2008 after his overseas employment responsibilities are completed.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Sparta High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the first semester of the 2007-08 school year. The student attended Sparta High School to begin the 9th grade in 2006-07 and played in two 9th-grade football games. The student enrolled at Kent City High School for the second semester and did not participate in athletics at Kent City.

Pursuant to the conditions of this Section (no previous participation), the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Sterling Heights-Parkway Christian 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 Parkway Christian School since Kindergarten except for one and one-half days in September 2007 when the student attended Sterling Heights High School. The student reenrolled at Parkway Christian on Sept. 7, 2007, and has not participated in athletics at either school this school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Troy High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the first semester of the 2007-08 school year. The student previously attended Troy Schools through the 8th grade and enrolled at Beverley Hills-Detroit Country Day High School to begin the 2007-08 school year. The student enrolled at Troy High School the fourth week of September. The student did not practice, scrimmage or play in a contest for either school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are actually conducted in the second semester of the 2007-08 school year at Troy High School.

**Ubyly High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - On Sept. 6, 2007, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a

12th-grade student. The student previously attended Bay City-Central High School, will turn 18 in late October 2007, and submitted an Educational Transfer Form under the 18-year-old exception, requesting eligibility earlier than his 18th birthday. The school resubmitted the matter with additional information, namely, that the student was the victim of an assault in October 2006.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver. The student gains eligibility on his 18th birthday.

**Vassar High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who has lived with his parents in Vassar his entire life. The student attended Mayville Public Schools since junior high school along with an older brother. The cost of gasoline and the inconvenience of transporting the student to Mayville caused the student to change schools and enroll at Vassar High School to begin the 2007-08 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Vestaburg High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the first semester of the 2007-08 school year. The student attended school in Ohio for the 9th grade while residing with his mother and has moved in with another family in the Vestaburg School District, enrolling to begin the 2007-08 school year. The student has not participated previously in high school sports.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are actually conducted in the second semester of the 2007-08 school year at Vestaburg High School.

**Wayne Memorial High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who lived with his mother and attended Belleville High School. The student has moved to the residence of his father in the Wayne Memorial attendance area. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with an order to withhold income for child support

indicating the father and the student.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Ypsilanti High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Belleville High School while living with his father. The student has moved in with his mother in the Ypsilanti School District and enrolled at Ypsilanti High School to begin the 2007-08 school year. The parents never married. An Educational Transfer Form is in process. A birth certificate indicating both parents was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver pending receipt of a completed Educational Transfer Form in the MHSAA offices.

**Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern High School (Regulation II, Section 11)** - Pursuant to Interpretation 219, a request was made to waive the three-player rule on behalf of an assistant high school boys and girls tennis coach who was recently hired to work at the MVP Sportsplex to teach tennis lessons to a variety of age groups from the greater Grand Rapids area from all surrounding school districts.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver, noting there are many options for the coach to perform teaching functions at the tennis center without violating the three-player rule.

**Northville High School (Regulation II, Section 11)** - Pursuant to Interpretation 219, a request was made to waive the three-player rule on behalf of the high school boys swimming & diving coach who works full time at the Sting Rays Aquatic Club, which is run out of the YMCA in Farmington for students age 5-18. The program is not affiliated with the Northville Schools and involves 150 students in grades 7-12 from 11 different school districts. There are seven participants this year from the Northville Schools.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for the boys swimming & diving coach for the 2007-08 school year.

**Tecumseh High School (Regulation II, Section 11)** - Pursuant to Interpretation 219, a request was made to waive the three-player rule on behalf of the high school girls swimming & diving coach who works full time as director of the Tecumseh Community Pool

and directs a community swim program for 45 students age 5-18 from September through March. Students from five school districts participate. There are three boys and ten girls from the Tecumseh Schools in grades 7-12 involved in the program.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for the girls swimming & diving coach for the 2007-08 school year.

**Regulation III, Section 1(C)** - Pursuant to Interpretation 244, The Executive Committee approved waiver of the enrollment regulation for the following junior high/middle schools to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th and 8th-graders for the sports listed in the 2007-08 school year only:

**Republic-Michigamme** (girls basketball & track)

**Watervliet-Grace Christian** (girls & boys basketball, boys soccer, girls volleyball)

After further discussion concerning enrollments, the following junior high/middle schools were approved for waiver of the enrollment regulation under Interpretation 244 to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th and 8th-graders for the sports listed during the 2007-08 school year only:

**Covert** (All sports except football, ice hockey & wrestling)

**Hillman** (boys basketball)

The Executive Committee requested that the application of Interpretation 244 be reviewed by both the Junior High/Middle School Committee and the MHSAA Representative Council.

**Ann Arbor-Pioneer High School (Regulation V, Section 4)** - A request was made to waive the requirement of forfeiture for use of an ineligible player in two football games on Aug. 24 and 30, 2007. The school used an ineligible transfer student in these two games and reported this to the MHSAA by fax on Sept. 5, 2007. The school appealed because the outcome of the forfeits, caused by adult action, harmed the students who were not involved in the oversight made by school administration regarding eligibility.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request to waive the forfeiture requirement for participation by an ineligible student.

**Epidemic Emergency Plan** - The Executive Committee approved a final draft of the contingency plan for interscholastic athletics for immediate use if health emergencies require, and then for the approval of the Representative Council for use after Nov. 30, 2007.

**National Federation** - The Executive Committee reviewed discussions from the National Federation Section 4 meetings.

**Representative Council** - The Executive Committee reviewed a draft of the Nov. 30, 2007 meeting agenda. The committee authorized a special election for the Northern Section Lower Peninsula Class C and D representative on the Council.

**Scholar-Athlete Committee Nominees** - Due to early mailing notices, the Executive Committee was asked to finalize the list of individuals who will be requested to serve on the Scholar-Athlete Committee in advance of the November Executive Committee Meeting. Only 36 members actually attend the meeting in the MHSAA offices; other screening and review work of applications is done in the winter by many members by mailing of applications.

**Volleyball District Tournaments** - The Executive Committee reviewed the current policies for Volleyball District Tournament scheduling and recent requests from tournament managers and officials assignors for immediate modifications.

To better accommodate a limited number of qualified officials and because gym space is less crowded in the fall than during the winter season, the Executive Committee determined that Volleyball District Tournament scheduling policies shall be modified as follows for the 2007 tournament:

"If schools assigned to a District are in agreement, District Tournament managers have the flexibility to schedule any number of matches on any day, Tuesday through Saturday of District Tournament week."

The Volleyball Committee is requested to review this and other District Tournament scheduling policies and prepare a recommendation for the Representative Council's consideration by May 2008.

**Next Meetings** - The next meetings of the Executive Committee are Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2007, at 8:30 a.m.; and Thursday, Nov. 29, 2007, at 1 p.m. (Representative Council meets Friday, Nov. 30). ■

# OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE SECOND MEETING OF BOARD OF CANVASSERS

**East Lansing, October 8, 2007**

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.

## **SOUTHWESTERN SECTION - CLASS C AND D SCHOOLS (#3)**

Total number of legal ballots received	34
Ken Deitz, Watervliet	17
Chris Miller, Gobles	17
Illegal or incomplete ballots received	3

**No Majority - Names of Ken Deitz and Chris Miller Submitted to Schools**

Board of Canvassers (Signed)  
Mike Vondette, Principal, Hemlock High School

# OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE THIRD MEETING OF BOARD OF CANVASSERS

**Romulus, October 22, 2007**

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.

## **SOUTHWESTERN SECTION - CLASS C AND D SCHOOLS (#3)**

Total number of legal ballots received	31
Ken Deitz, Watervliet	18
Chris Miller, Gobles	13
Illegal or incomplete ballots received	1

**Elected by Majority of Votes - Ken Deitz**

Board of Canvassers (Signed)  
Mark Woodson, Athletic Director, Romulus High School

# UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MEETING

## Escanaba, Sept. 12, 2007

### 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 acknowledged the work of committee member Paul Polfus and his participation in the basketball rules meeting video being presented at all MHSAA rules meetings. This video, having been produced by the MHSAA and the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan (BCAM), is presented to basketball coaches and officials with suggestions for better communication and bench decorum.

### 2007-08 BASKETBALL

Basketball topics included:

1. Format for Class A District 12; having only one Upper Peninsula school, Marquette; and four Northern Lower Peninsula schools: Alpena, Gaylord, Traverse City East and Traverse City West. The committee discussed at length the possible merits of the previously discussed proposal for a District draw that would allow for multiple sites to remove some of the lengthy travel. Members also discussed the possibility of applying this same draw procedure to Classes B and C in some specific circumstances.  
  
The committee recommends formal discussion with Upper Peninsula schools and Lower Peninsula schools that may revamp the traditional one site host District format that all are familiar with. Committee member Dan Flynn, with Nate Hampton, will re-write and distribute materials for continued discussion.
2. Corrections were noted and made to published Class D Regional assignments.

3. Discussion was held on Quarterfinal sites for Classes C and D: Gaylord and Sault Ste. Marie. Contact will be made with both hosts to clarify their intent to host both genders.

### 2007-08 VOLLEYBALL

General information, tournament dates and Regionals through Finals Upper Peninsula officials' selection were discussed. District managers will select District officials.

Quarterfinal 12 C - Michael Lyons, Daggett

Quarterfinal 16D - Vincent Gross, Sault Ste. Marie

Semifinal - Michael Lyons

### FOOTBALL OFFICIALS SELECTION

Ten of the available 11 crews were selected for the first round of the 2007 football tournament. Five crews were selected for District assignments and three crews were selected for Regional assignments.

One crew, plus three positions; Head Linesman, Line Judge and Back Judge will also advance to the Finals competition at Ford Field in Detroit on Friday, Nov. 23 or Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007. Finals officials are Donald Lofholm (Head Linesman), Norway; Leonard Angeli (Line Judge), Marquette and Barry James (Back Judge), Marquette.

### COMPETITIVE CHEER

Regionals are March 1, 2008; Finals are March 7-8, 2008 at the DeltaPlex in Grand Rapids.

Rules meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2007, 7 p.m., Escanaba High School.

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

The Upper Peninsula Finals will be hosted by Sault Ste. Marie High School on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007.

Competition Order:

- Girls Division 3
- Boys Division 3
- Girls Division 2
- Boys Division 2
- Girls Division 1
- Boys Division 1

### **BOYS AND GIRLS GOLF**

Boys and Girls Finals will be held Friday, May 30, 2008. Sites to be determined at the January meeting.

### **GYMNASTICS**

Regionals are March 1, 2008; Finals are March 7-8, 2008 at Troy Athens High School.

Rules meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2007, 5:30 p.m., Escanaba High School.

### **ICE HOCKEY**

Regionals: Feb. 25 - March 1, 2008 - Escanaba

Quarterfinals: March 4-5, 2008 - TBA

Semifinals - March 6-7, 2008 - Compuware Arena, Canton

Finals: Divisions 1, 2 and 3, March 8, 2008 at Compuware Arena, Canton.

### **SKIING**

Regionals: Feb. 14 or 15, 2008. Sites to be selected by Ski Committee.

Finals sites: Feb. 25, 2008. Division 1 - Nub's Nob; Division 2 - Boyne Mountain

### **SOCCER**

Brief discussion relating to Upper Peninsula soccer school concerns.

### **BOYS AND GIRLS SWIMMING**

Finals: Feb. 16, 2008 - Marquette High School

### **TENNIS**

Finals: Girls: Oct. 4, 2007

Division 1 - Marquette

Division 2 - Iron Mountain

Boys: May 29, 2008

Division 1 - Marquette

Division 2 - Ishpeming or Iron Mountain

### **TRACK AND FIELD**

Regionals: May 16-17, 2008

Finals: May 31, 2008 at Kingsford High School

The committee discussed the opportunity the MHSAA is taking with advancing Track and Field Rules Meetings via the internet. While there have traditionally been four Rules Meetings across the Upper Peninsula in Marquette, Ontonagon, Escanaba and Cedarville, the committee enthusiastically welcomes this opportunity, but requests at least one in-person meeting to be held in Marquette.

### **WRESTLING**

Individual Wrestling - Palace of Auburn Hills

District: Feb. 16, 2008

Regional: Feb. 23, 2008

Finals: March 6-8, 2008

Team Wrestling - Kellogg Arena, Battle Creek

District: Div. 2 & 4 - Feb. 13, 2008

Div. 1 & 3 - Feb. 14, 2008

Regionals: Feb. 20, 2008

Finals: Feb. 29 - March 1, 2008

The committee had an opportunity to review a sample of school assignments for the inclusion of Upper Peninsula wrestling schools in the team tournament. The review was made without comment or recommendation for change.

### **FUTURE MEETING**

The next meeting of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee will be held Sunday evening, Jan. 6 and Monday, Jan. 7 at the Escanaba Best Western. This two session meeting will attempt to accommodate the usual business of the committee and to assign basketball officials for both the girls and boys tournaments. ■

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### GRAND SLAM LEADERSHIP (The Importance of Purpose)

*This is the second in a series of Bulletin articles examining ideas for successful leadership.*

On Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001, the Cleveland Orchestra prepared for a concert on Thursday, rehearsing Mahler's Fifth Symphony. However, as the magnitude of the terrorist attacks became clear, orchestra members began to put away their instruments for the day.

The orchestra director and the conductor met the next day to determine what to do about Thursday's concert. Thinking they could cancel, as most other public events that week; or thinking they could go ahead with a concert, but play patriotic music.

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***"Nothing contributes so much to tranquilize the mind as a steady purpose."***

**— Mary Wollstonecraft Shelly  
English Novelist**

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The orchestra director and conductor finally concluded that, perhaps more than at any other time in history, the people of Cleveland needed the orchestra to do the one thing it does supremely well, which is to play the most powerful orchestral music ever created by the human race. And they decided to go ahead with Mahler's Fifth - a piece inspired by the extreme emotions of death, love and life. Mahler's Fifth begins with a somber funeral march announced by a solo trumpet, then joined by cataclysmic onslaughts from the full orchestra, ending an hour later with a cathartic celebration of birth and renewal. It's almost as if Mahler had written the piece after 9/11, not a hundred years earlier, to console our nation.

On the evening of Sept. 13, the concert hall filled to capacity. As people arrived, they received a slip of paper with this message: "Tonight's concert will begin with a moment of silence."

At the appointed time, the conductor strode onto the stage in his tux and tails, turned to the audience and began the moment of silence. However, it wasn't just a moment. The silence was carried long past a minute, almost to two minutes, right to the point where five seconds more would have been five seconds too long. Then the conductor looked up, he turned around to the orchestra as the audience was seated, raised his baton; and then with the flick of a wrist, shattered the silence with the opening trumpet salvo of Mahler's Fifth.

After the stunning, captivating performance, the orchestra director said this: "There is absolutely nothing we could have done to be of better service at that moment than to stick with what we do best, standing firm behind our core values of great music delivered with uncompromising artistic excellence."

Writes Jim Collins in *Good to Great and the Social Sectors*, "It didn't matter that some patrons might want a rousing sing-along, or that others felt the orchestra should not play at all. It didn't matter that some might choose not to donate in the coming year, or that the media might criticize. What mattered is that the orchestra remained true to its core values, . . . doing for the people of Cleveland only what it could do better than any other organization in the world."

Likewise, when facing difficulties in school sports, we must look into the soul of school sports, and then draw upon and lift up its core values.

In every challenge we face, we lift up core values; we depend on them and defend them.

- Every time we're in litigation over a rule, it's not really the rule that's at issue but the core value of having schools make and enforce the rules of educational athletics.

- When years ago a governor tried to force non-enrolled students to be eligible in school sports, our defense was a core value, the enrollment rule. Rule No. 1 in the *Handbook*: being a student in the school you represent in sports is a core value of school sports.
- And the seasons litigation? The seasons decisions of schools were based on a core value, to maximize participation. Our defense of those decisions was based on a core value, to maximize participation. And our implementation of the court-ordered change will pursue a core value, to maximize participation, regardless of the difficulties ahead.

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*“It can truly be said that nothing happens until there is vision. But it is equally true that a vision with no underlying sense of purpose, no calling, is just a good idea.”*

— Peter Senge, Author  
*The Fifth Discipline*

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Is it a difficult time? Then look to the core value for the defense of what we're doing and the inspiration to keep doing it.

A steady purpose is a good comfort in tough times and a good compass in all times. ■

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## REGISTER ALL NONFACULTY COACHES BEFORE THEY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITIES

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

The regulation states, "The person responsible for the immediate training or coaching of a secondary 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](http://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 online at [mhsaa.com](http://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. ■

### *And We Quote —*

*“Versatility. I don’t like a guard or a center or a one-sport guy. Most basketball coaches love one sport guys. I hate one-sport guys. I like multidimensional people because I think they have multidimensional skills.”*

— Tom Izzo

*Michigan State University Men’s Basketball Coach  
on what he looks for in prospective players*

## HEALTH & SAFETY

### SPRAINS, STRAINS & CONTUSIONS

The most common sports related injuries include sprains, strains and contusions.

**Contusions** are injuries to bones or soft tissue that result from direct impact to the injured site whether it be contact from an opponent, the playing surface or sporting equipment such as a stick or ball. The impact results in a painful bruise or hemorrhage (bleeding). The bleeding will often accumulate into a blood tumor which presents as a hard lump at the site of impact.

Healing time increases with a greater area of impact and/or higher force. Time to return to play is affected by the location and amount of loss of function associated with the injury. A general rule of thumb is that an athlete should have full joint range of motion and full strength of the surrounding musculature before re-entering a practice or game. Any contusions involving tingling or numbness should be closely monitored and medical evaluation is recommended.

Contusions to the back or abdomen should be carefully evaluated by a qualified medical professional to ensure that an injury to underlying organs has not occurred as this can result in internal bleeding, a medical emergency requiring immediate attention. Contusions typically take 1-2 weeks to heal, however the lump often associated with the injury may take a prolonged period of time to resolve. Re-injury to the same site increases healing time and can lead to complications.

**Sprains** are injuries to joint connective tissue (ligaments) that result from overstretch or tearing of these stabilizing structures. This type of injury occurs when a joint is forced beyond its normal range of motion causing ligaments, capsule and/or joint membranes to tear to varying degrees. The extent of injury is graded on a 1-3 scale.

Grade 1 injuries are the mildest of sprains and are characterized by overstretching of connective tissue with the possibility of microscopic tearing of tissue. These injuries are associated with minor pain, minimal tenderness to touch, minimal loss of joint function, and little to no swelling. These injuries

usually heal quickly but may require support from either taping or bracing for a few days to a few weeks. Typically healing time for a Grade 1 sprain is 2-10 days.

Grade 2 sprains involve some partial tearing of the ligaments and are accompanied by moderate levels of pain, slight to moderate loss of range of motion, function, and stability, a moderate amount of swelling. These injuries can take 10 days to six weeks to heal.

Grade 3 sprains are severe and can result in complete rupture of ligaments involved. These sprains cause extreme pain, loss of function and instability. These injuries will swell significantly and should be x-rayed to rule out bone injury. With or without fracture, Grade 3 sprains may require temporary casting or splinting. Athletes will often be non-weight-bearing for one to several weeks and require extensive healing time before return to sports. Formal rehabilitation during the recovery period with a Certified Athletic Trainer or Physical Therapist is recommended with this degree of injury to ensure safe return to sport. Athletes may need to refrain from athletic participation for 6-10 weeks when a Grade 3 sprain has been sustained.

**Strains** are injuries to muscle or tendon tissue. Strains can be caused by overstretch or tear of muscle tissue. These tiny tears accumulate over time and eventually result in a strain or pain. A ballistic over-stretch of a muscle during a sprint or powerful kick can also lead to muscle strains. Strains can also be caused by an abnormal muscle contraction that can occur as a result of dehydration, poor muscle flexibility and/or muscle weakness. Strains are graded on a scale similar to the sprain grading scale.

Grade 1 strains involve a minute tearing of muscle fibers. Minor strains are mildly painful to the touch and when stretched and are associated with minimal loss of strength. Mild swelling and bruising may be present. Protective wrapping may be indicated with return to athletics possible in 2-6 weeks.

Grade 2 strains are a partial tear of the muscle and show greater functional limita-

tions than Grade 1 strains. Healing time is typically longer and may range from 6-12 weeks.

Grade 3 strains are most significant with severe pain, loss of function and loss of strength. The greater extent of muscle tearing that occurs with Grade 3 strains can often be detected as a divot or gap in the muscle fibers when touched. This degree of strain is very painful to the touch and often accompanied by extensive swelling and bruising. Healing time adequate for return to athletic participation can take as long as 12-16 weeks.

Consult your physician if you have significant loss of function, if your symptoms are not resolving quickly or if you have any concerns or questions about the symptoms you are experiencing

For further information on this article or for priority appointments for sports injuries please contact Henry Ford Center for Athletic Medicine at 313-972-4216.

Henry Ford Health System's Center for Athletic Medicine offers a comprehensive approach to sports medicine, including surgical and non-surgical care, sports rehabilitation, injury prevention, and performance enhancement programs. The HFHS treatment team includes sports medicine fellowship trained orthopedic surgeons, sports medicine fellowship trained primary care physicians, as well as certified athletic trainers and physical therapists. These health care professionals are supported by the HFHS nationally recognized bone and joint research facility, including the prestigious Herrick Davis Motion Analysis Lab. HFHS is proud to be health care providers to the Detroit area's premier sports programs including professional, collegiate, and high school athletes. ■

## 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:

**Boys Swimming:**  
Brighton

**Alpine Ski:**  
Detroit Country Day  
Greenville  
Pontiac Notre Dame Prep

### SPRING:

**Baseball:**  
East Kentwood  
Essexville Garber

**Softball:**  
Alma  
Caledonia  
Holt

## 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 Nov. 30, 2007. 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.

## STUDENT FOCUS

### STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL AIMS TO KEEP SPORTS IN PERSPECTIVE

The MHSAA Student Advisory Council, sponsored by AT&T, recently convened in East Lansing to author a belief statement as its guiding principle, among other agenda topics. The statement appears in the box below.

The SAC is a 16-member group which provides feedback on issues impacting educational athletics from a student's perspective.

Members of the Student Advisory Council serve for two years, beginning as juniors. Eight new members will be selected annually to the SAC, with nominations made by MHSAA member schools. The Council meets five times each school year to discuss the educational value of interscholastic athletics, emphasizing scholarship, sportsmanship, safety, scope and student leadership of school.

As members of the Student Advisory Council, these students will act as a voice of Michigan's student-athletes; serving as a student sounding board for the MHSAA's Representative Council; assist in planning Sportsmanship Summits, Captain's Clinics and other student leadership events; participate in a yearly focus group about the state of high schools sports for Michigan State University's Institute for the Study of Youth Sports; and assist with medal ceremonies at MHSAA championship events.

AT&T covers all of the expenses of the SAC, including the travel costs of member student-athletes to meetings and MHSAA



*2007-08 Student Advisory Council members are front (L to R): Rachel Gebauer, Alpena; Brittany Bullock, Lansing Catholic; Molly Waterhouse, Vicksburg; Andria Baker, Constantine; Dustin Baker, St. Louis; Bryce Bilinski, Southgate Anderson; Blake Laethem, Caro; Eric Howard, Hudsonville Freedom Baptist. Second Row: Jeffrey Petsch, Montague; Adam Dingman, Cedarville; Matthew Herman, East Kentwood; C.C. Weber, Goodrich; Abby Cohen, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood; Molly Lockwood, Fife Lake Forest Area; Michelle DeMuro, Muskegon Reeths-Puffer. Not Pictured: Willie Cruz, Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse.*

tournaments. In addition, AT&T makes a \$1,000 donation to the athletic department of each school which is represented on the Student Advisory Council, which may be spent as each department sees fit.

#### Student Advisory Council Belief Statement

*As the voice of Michigan's student-athletes, the Student Advisory Council's role is to convey the message of how high school sports are supposed to be played. We are responsible for helping the MHSAA maintain a positive and healthy atmosphere in which interscholastic athletes can thrive.*

*We believe **athletes** should be competitive, sportsmanlike and excel academically. We believe **students** in the stands should have fun, but not take the focus away from the game. We believe **coaches** should act as teachers, helping student-athletes develop while still keeping high school sports in perspective. We believe that **parents** should always be positive role models and be supportive of their child's decisions. We believe **officials** commit their own time to high school sports and respect should always be shown and given to them.*

*The most important goal for student-athletes is to enjoy high school sports while keeping a high level of respect between all those involved in the games.*

## STUDENT FOCUS

### MHSAA/MAB TEAM UP FOR STUDENT BROADCASTING AWARDS PROGRAM

The lifelong lessons taught by high school extra-curricular activities aren't exclusive to athletics -- students participating in all forms of such programs reap their benefits.

To help add value to the after school experience -- athletic and non-athletic -- the Michigan High School Athletic Association is partnering for the fourth straight year with the Michigan Association of Broadcasters Foundation, to present the Sports Public Service Announcement category of the MABF's annual Student Broadcasting Awards.

The Student Broadcasting Awards are open to high school and college students across the state. There are numerous categories at the high school and college levels in both radio and television. The entry deadline is December 14. Complete entry information can be found on the MAB's Web site -- [michmab.com](http://michmab.com) -- and clicking on MAB Foundation.

In the Sports Public Service Announcement category, students are asked to submit a message of either 30 or 60 seconds in length on a subject which helps tell the story of educational athletics. Possible topics include: the value of participation, sportsmanship, sports perspective issues, the privilege of participation, game official recruitment, and encouraging people to support their local school athletic program.

The MHSAA recognizes the top entries each year by having the PSA's shown on video message boards at selected championship events, airing the messages on the

MHSAA-MAB Foundation Championship Radio Network and FSN Detroit, and distributing the messages to radio, television and cable outlets across the state. Last year's winning entries, "Teamwork" -- produced by Davison High School; and "Sports Are A Privilege" -- produced by Haslett High School -- can be viewed at [MHSAANetwork.com](http://MHSAANetwork.com) under the Highlighted Broadcasts section.



*Michigan Association of Broadcasters Foundation  
Supporting youth in sports broadcasting!*

The MHSAA also recognizes the top high school student broadcasters in the sports play-by-play category of the competition by them providing opportunities to announce championship events on the MHSAA Internet Broadcast Network.

The MAB Foundation is not-for-profit organized dedicated to promote, support and enhance the broadcast industry for the good of all Michigan citizens, through education, research, public service, historical preservation, information dissemination and a commitment to diversity in all aspects of the broadcast industry. A major part of the foundation is to promote excellence through a diverse broadcasting work force by offering scholarships, internships and continuing education opportunities. ■

# MHSAA COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2007-08

## 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 2007-08 sport committees, and committees of special interest that are meeting prior to Dec. 31, 2007. All committee members who will be asked to serve on a committee that will meet after Dec. 31, 2007 will be sent invitations the second week of November 2007. *NOTE: This list includes names of some individuals who have been invited but have not confirmed as of Oct. 9, 2007.*

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, and D schools if possible, and the members are from several geographic areas of the state. A committee may be comprised mainly of coaches or administrators, depending on the responsibilities of each particular committee. Several of the sport committees will include a representative, if not the president, of the coaches association of that sport. Beginning with 1990-91, MIAAA and/or MASSP representatives have been appointed to committees for most sports, and officials where appropriate.

### (5) Athletic Equity

#### Thursday, Oct. 4, 2007 9:30 a.m.

Makia Alexander, Official, Redford  
Jarrod Beebe, Athletic Director, JW Sexton HS, Lansing (A)  
Rick Dorn, Athletic Director, Waterford Mott HS, Waterford (A)  
Sonya Dudley, Athletic Director, Arthur Hill HS, Saginaw (A)  
Carman Kennedy, Athletic Director, Grosse Pointe North HS, Grosse Pointe (A)  
Maureen Klocke, Athletic Director, Yale HS, Yale (B)  
Mark Shooshanian, Athletic Director, Fordson HS, Dearborn (A)  
Patti Tibaldi, Athletic Director, Traverse City West HS, Traverse City (A)  
Tammy Wilson, Athletic Director, Lawton HS, Lawton (C)

### (10) Awards Committee

#### Monday, Oct. 8, 2007 9:30 a.m.

Keith Eldred, Dean of Students, Williamston Middle School, Williamston  
Jim Glazier, Principal, Caledonia HS, Caledonia (A)  
Sal Malek, Athletic Director, Ladywood HS, Livonia (B)  
Sean McNatt, Principal, Bronson HS, Bronson (C)  
Jim Sanford, Athletic Director, Lakeshore HS, Stevensville (B)  
Jason Smith, Athletic Director, Saranac HS, Saranac (C)  
Mike Vondette, Principal, Hemlock HS, Hemlock (B)

### (25) Baseball/Softball Site Selection

#### Monday, Nov. 26, 2007 9:30 a.m.

Jack Anderson, Softball Coach, Portland HS, Portland (B)  
Steve Baker, Athletic Director, Gaylord HS, Gaylord (A)  
Sue Barthold, President-MHSSCA, Kentwood  
Jeremy Beal, Athletic Director, Hudson Area HS, Hudson (C)  
Wes Cummings, Athletic Director, Belding Area HS, Belding (B)

William Goldsmith, Athletic Director, Western International HS, Detroit (A)  
Bob Guse, Athletic Director, Ross Beatty HS, Cassopolis (C)  
Kevin Herendeen, Principal, East Jackson HS, Jackson (C)  
Brian Kelly, Athletic Director, De La Salle Collegiate HS, Warren (A)  
Kyle Kiser, Principal, Reese HS, Reese (C)  
Karen Leinaar, Athletic Director, Benzie Central HS, Benzonia (B)  
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)  
Jeff Phillips, Athletic Director, Owosso HS, Owosso (A)  
Aaron Setlack, Athletic Director, Cousino HS, Warren (A)  
Carol Sheldon, Softball Coach, Hazel Park HS, Hazel Park (A)  
Wayne Turmell, President-MHSBCA, Bad Axe HS, Bad Axe (C)  
Dick VanderKamp, Administrator, Christian HS, Grand Rapids (A)  
Bob Veitch, Baseball Coach, Lakewood HS, Lake Odessa (B)

### **(30) Basketball**

**Thursday, Dec. 6, 2007 9:30 a.m.**

Tim Beebe, Basketball Coach, Haslett HS, Haslett (B)  
Mark Farrell, Basketball Coach, Lakewood HS, Lake Odessa (B)  
Frelen Gowen, Boys Basketball Coach, Three Rivers HS, Three Rivers (B)  
Tom Hursey, President-BCAM, 202 East Meadowbrook Drive, Midland  
Chris Miller, Athletic Director, Gobles HS, Gobles (C)  
Steve Newkirk, Principal, Clare Middle School, Clare (MASSP)  
Cheri Smith, Basketball Coach, Lenawee Christian HS, Adrian (D)  
Marshall Thomas, Athletic Director, Saginaw HS, Saginaw (A)  
Arnetta Thompson, Asst. Principal, Union HS, Grand Rapids (A)  
Marc Throop, Athletic Director, Gull Lake HS, Richland (MIAAA) (B)  
John Verdura, Assoc. Director, Archdiocese of Detroit, Detroit  
Reuben Washington, Asst. Principal, Denby Tech & Prep HS, Detroit (A)  
Robert Williams, Facility Manager, U Of D Jesuit HS, Detroit (A)

### **(35) Board Of Canvassers**

**Monday, Sept. 17, 2007 9:30 a.m.**

Leon Olszawski, President, Notre Dame Preparatory School, Pontiac (B)  
Jack Postma, Principal, Unity Christian HS, Hudsonville (B)  
Ronald Stoneman, Superintendent, Walkerville HS, Walkerville (D)  
Mike Vondette, Principal, Hemlock HS, Hemlock (B)  
Mark Woodson, Athletic Director, Romulus HS, Romulus (A)

### **(50) Boys Tennis Seeding**

**Monday, Oct. 15, 2007 3p.m.**

**Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2007 8 a.m.**

Keith Bernacki, Tennis Coach, Seaholm HS, Birmingham (A)  
Glenn Corey, Tennis Coach, Dakota HS, Macomb (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)  
Dwayne (Tiger) Teusink, Advisory, 52 East 30th Street, Holland (Advisory)

## **(95) Golf**

**Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007 1 p.m.**

Mike Clark, Athletic Director, Holland HS, Holland (A)  
Terri Clock, Athletic Director, Bunker Middle School, Muskegon (MIAAA)  
Jack Foster, Golf Coach @ Cadillac HS, 1013 Warbler Lane, Cadillac  
Leroy Hackley, Athletic Director, Jenison HS, Jenison (A)  
Bill Hayes, Golf Coach, Detroit Catholic Central HS, Novi (A)  
Tom Hunt, Athletic Director, East Lansing HS, East Lansing (A)  
Todd Hursey, Golf Coach, Suttons Bay HS, Suttons Bay (C)  
Paul Martin, Golf Coach, Flushing HS, Flushing (A)  
Carol Melcher, Golf Coach, Saline HS, Saline (A)  
Mike Neuman, Athletic Director, Catholic Central HS, Grand Rapids (B)  
Steve Rodriguez, Golf Coach, Pioneer HS, Ann Arbor (A)  
Barry Shanley, Golf Coach, Lawton HS, Lawton (C)  
George Stockero, Principal, Chassell HS, Chassell (MASSP) (D)  
Mark Turnbull, Athletic Director, Onsted HS, Onsted (B)  
Ken Wright, Golf Coach, Wylie E Groves HS, Beverly Hills (A)

## **(100) Gymnastics**

**Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2007 9:30 a.m.**

John Cunningham, President-MHSGCJA, Plymouth  
Tim Erickson, Athletic Director, Rockford HS, Rockford (A)  
Deanna Fakhouri, Gymnastics Coach, Athens HS, Troy (A)  
Jamie Gent, Athletic Director, Haslett HS, Haslett (B)  
Joe Haines, Athletic Director, Kenowa Hills HS, Grand Rapids (A)  
Chris Riker, Athletic Director, Portage Northern HS, Portage (A)  
John Thompson, Athletic Director, Brighton HS, Brighton (MIAAA) (A)  
Susie Weldon, Gymnastics Coach, Freeland HS, Freeland (B)  
Tracy Will, Gymnastics Coach, Forest Hills Central HS, Grand Rapids (A)

## **(140) Officials Review**

**Monday, Sept. 24, 2007 9:30 a.m.**

Dave Baldus, Mid-Michigan Off. Assn., Fremont  
Dave Bos, Ok Conference - Red Div., Hudsonville  
Jim Danhoff, Big 16/KVA, Richland  
Curt Ellis, Kensington Valley Conf., Novi HS, Novi (A)  
Kevin Green, Greater Thumb Conf., Pigeon  
Steve Grinczel, Greater Lansing Soccer Ref. Assn., Haslett  
Don Gustafson, Straits Area Conference, La Salle HS, St Ignace (C)  
Steve Hines, Lake Michigan Conf., East Jordan HS, East Jordan (C)  
Bruce Keeling, Jackson Officials Assn., Reading  
Mike McIntosh, Michigan Mega Conference, Ypsilanti HS, Ypsilanti (A)  
Steve Miller, Eastside Volleyball Off. Assn., Warren  
Betty Near, West Michigan Volleyball Off. Assn., Kentwood  
Robert Price, South Central Off. Assn., Battle Creek  
Rob Pumford, Mid-Thumb Wrestling Off. Assn., Owosso  
Teri Reyburn, Capital Area Activities Conf., DeWitt  
Frank Ruzicka, All American Off. Assn., Auburn Hills

## **(150) Ski**

**Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2007 9:30 a.m.**

Mike Barry, Ski Coach, Lahser HS, Bloomfield Hills (A)  
Kerry Boone, Ski Coach, Walled Lake Northern HS, Commerce (A)  
Ken Brackney, President-MHSSCA, Fenton HS, Fenton (A)  
Todd Bruggema, Principal, Cadillac HS, Cadillac (MASSP) (B)

Mark Fisher, Ski Coach, Glen Lake HS, Maple City (C)  
Christy Salonen, Ski Coach, Marquette HS, Marquette (A)  
Megan Thayer, Assoc. Athletic Director, Notre Dame Preparatory School, Pontiac (B)  
Patti Tibaldi, Athletic Director, Traverse City West HS, Traverse City (MIAAA) (A)

**(190) Track & Field Standards**

**Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007 9:30 a.m.**

Marcelle Caruthers, Girls Track Coach, Everett HS, Lansing (A)  
Rudy Godefroidt, Superintendent, Hemlock HS, Hemlock (B)  
Lorenda Jonas, Principal, Bath Middle School, Bath  
Brian Macomber, Official, Comstock Park  
Paul Nilsson, Track Coach, Williamston HS, Williamston (B)  
Pat Richardson, Athletic Director, Grass Lake HS, Grass Lake (C)  
Mike Roberts, Athletic Director, Hillsdale HS, Hillsdale (C)  
Mike Unger, Athletic Director, Lutheran HS Westland, Westland (D)

**(200) Volleyball**

**Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007 9:30 a.m.**

Tim Bearden, Principal, Grosse Pointe South HS, Grosse Pointe (A)  
Laura Cleveland, Volleyball Coach, Chelsea HS, Chelsea (B)  
Kayleen Cook, Volleyball Coach, DeWitt HS, DeWitt (B)  
Tim Croel, Athletic Director, Frankenmuth HS, Frankenmuth (B)  
Curt Ellis, Athletic Director, Novi HS, Novi (MIAAA) (A)  
Paul Hornak, Athletic Director, Ithaca HS, Ithaca (C)  
Robin Kozuch, Volleyball Coach, Morley Stanwood HS, Morley (C)  
Brian Sarvello, Principal, Ishpeming HS, Ishpeming (MASSP) (C)  
Kris Schrottenboer, Volleyball Coach, Northview HS, Grand Rapids (A)  
Cindy Short, Athletic Director, Everett HS, Lansing (A)  
Fred Smith, Athletic Director, Buchanan HS, Buchanan (B)  
Jennifer Thunberg, President-MIVCA, Central HS, Bay City (A)  
Patti Tibaldi, Athletic Director, Traverse City West HS, Traverse City (A)  
Sheri Warner, Volleyball Coach, New Lothrop HS, New Lothrop (D)  
Bill Wolfe, Volleyball Coach, Shrine Catholic HS, Royal Oak (C)

**(210) Volleyball Site Selection**

**Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007 9:30 a.m.**

Tom Bouma, Athletic Director, Calvin Christian HS, Grandville (C)  
Mike Clark, Athletic Director, Holland HS, Holland (A)  
Dottie Davis, Athletic Director, Huron HS, Ann Arbor (A)  
Dan Delamarter, Athletic Director, Ubly HS, Ubly (C)  
Greg Hermson, Athletic Director, Lakeview HS, Battle Creek (A)  
Kathy Hutfilz, Athletic Director, St Louis HS, St Louis (C)  
Carolyn Krynak, Athletic Director, Royal Oak HS, Royal Oak (A)  
Jean LaClair, Athletic Director, Bronson HS, Bronson (C)  
Karen Leinaar, Athletic Director, Benzie Central HS, Benzonia (B)  
Steve Plunkitt, Athletic Director, Imlay City HS, Imlay City (B)  
Teri Reyburn, Athletic Director, DeWitt HS, DeWitt (B)  
Pat Richardson, Athletic Director, Grass Lake HS, Grass Lake (C)  
Peter Ryan, Athletic Director, Heritage HS, Saginaw (A)  
Chris Schneider, Athletic Director, East Detroit HS, Eastpointe (A)  
Fred Smith, Athletic Director, Buchanan HS, Buchanan (B)  
Terri Lee Smith, Athletic Director, Inland Lakes HS, Indian River (C)  
Betty Wroubel, Athletic Director, Notre Dame Preparatory School, Pontiac (B)

# OFFICIALS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, September 24, 2007

## Members Present:

Dave Baldus, Fremont  
Bruce Keeling, Reading  
Dave Bos, Hudsonville  
Mike McIntosh, Ypsilanti  
Jim Danhoff, Richland  
Steve Miller, Warren  
Curt Ellis, Novi  
Betty Near, Kentwood  
Kevin Green, Pigeon  
Robert Price, Battle Creek

Steve Grinczel, Haslett  
Rob Pumford, Owosso  
Don Gustafson, St. Ignace  
Terri Reyburn, DeWitt  
Steve Hines, East Jordan  
Frank Ruzicka, Auburn Hills

## Staff Members Present:

Mark Uyl (Recorder)

The 2007-2008 MHSAA Officials Review Committee met 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 2007 Representative Council Actions** – The committee received an update from the May meeting of the Representative Council. Approved items included: optional rules tests in several sports; determining tournament assignments in each zone by the number of available officials; approval of the school sportsmanship feedback program; elimination of the annual registration patch (permanent patch in 08-09); allowances for Michigan officials to use membership in out-of-state associations to meet the Approved Association requirement; and allowing MHSAA registered officials who live out of state to work entry level tournaments as long as all other published criteria are met.

**Officials Program Updates** – MHSAA staff reported that over 16,000 criminal history checks had been completed of all 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 2007-08, with over 71 percent of officials registering online this year which is up from 58 percent in 2006-07. A brief update was also given

regarding future online services, including: tournament assignment notification; online rules meetings; the officials technology survey; and officials video training through the Officials Education Consortium project. A summary was also provided on the summer officials meetings which took place in August at DeWitt High School.

**Observation Program** – MHSAA staff will be working with local Approved Associations in the identification of observers and association reimbursement for the MHSAA observation program. The first "class" of observers will be trained at DeWitt High School on Saturday, Aug. 2, 2008.

**School Sportsmanship Feedback** – An update was provided on a variety of sportsmanship initiatives, including the viewing of the BCAM coach and official communication video that is being shown at all basketball rules meetings and is being distributed to each member school. The implementation of an online school sportsmanship feedback program by officials was also discussed. Officials would log into the MHSAA Web site following a contest to submit feedback as to whether sportsmanship exceeded expectations, met expectations or was below expectations in the following categories:

1. Sportsmanship of Student-Athletes
2. Sportsmanship of Coaching Staff
3. Sportsmanship of Adult Spectators
4. Sportsmanship of Student Spectators
5. Game Management (Host school only)

This input from this committee will be used in finalizing the program and subsequent demonstration to the Representative

Council by MHSAA staff at the Nov. 30 meeting.

### **RATINGS & TOURNAMENT SELECTION**

The committee reviewed three pieces of correspondence relative to ratings, and suggestions for improvement. While the ideas submitted had some merit, the committee believed that recent changes to the rating process, including online submission by schools and online access to that data by officials, have dramatically improved how the numbers are being used for tournament selection. The membership in-good-standing requirement was also discussed, with ideas being formulated on how to expand this requirement to other sports.

2008 MHSAA Officials Summer Meetings: A brief discussion was had on future agenda items, formats and content of the upcoming officials meetings next summer.

### **ITEMS FORWARDED TO OTHER MHSAA COMMITTEES**

The committee members expressed concern over the change in policy that now allows schools to wait an unlimited amount of time when weather interrupts contests on nights not followed by a day of school. The specific concerns included:

1. In some cases, contests are not starting until after 9 p.m., which means some contests are concluding at, near or after midnight.

2. With school beginning after Labor Day, many sub-varsity contests (football and soccer) are now subject to this new policy which many committee members believed was intended to cover varsity contests only. With these late starts on Thursday night, for example, officials are getting off the field very late with a workday following the next morning.

The committee simply wanted this issue discussed further by the Football committee and other groups that this change in policy has affected.

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

1. Beginning in 2008, provide the Approved Association and Registered Assignor summer meetings in an online format. The 2008 meeting will be an online meeting which includes the verification test while the face-to-face meetings will be held again in 2009 (16-0).
2. Officials who are members in-good-standing of an Approved Association who meet all other tournament criteria will be given priority consideration (assigned games first) in the sports of baseball and softball. As more Approved Associations develop in lacrosse, competitive cheer, gymnastics and ice hockey, this same requirement will go into effect in those sports (14-0). ■



# ATHLETIC EQUITY COMMITTEE MEETING

## East Lansing, October 4, 2007

### Members Present:

Makia Alexander, Redford  
Jarrod Beebe, Lansing  
Rick Dorn, Waterford  
Sonya Dudley, Saginaw  
Leroy Hackley, Jenison  
Carman Kennedy, Grosse Pointe  
Maureen Klocke, Yale  
Mark Shooshanian, Dearborn

Patti Tibaldi, Traverse City  
Tammy Wilson, Lawton

### Staff Members Present:

Nate Hampton (Recorder)  
Gina Mazzolini (Presentation)  
John E. (Jack) Roberts (Presentation)  
Mark Uyl (Presentation)  
Kathy Vruggink Westdorp (Presentation)

Following the welcome, introduction of committee members, and review of meeting folder materials, the committee was reminded of its authority and responsibility, noting that all recommendations will be directed to the Representative Council, or MHSAA staff, or a specific sport committee for action.

### EQUITY COMMITTEE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

The Equity Committee, as with any other MHSAA Standing Committee, has the duty and responsibility to discuss matters of specific interest relating to equity opportunities for women and minority men and women and to then make recommendations of action to the Representative Council that involve all levels and positions within the governance of the MHSAA.

Goals are to include, but are not limited to:

1. Gather statewide data to define equity problems, direct actions and to monitor progress.
2. Promote through motivation, support and training competent coaches, officials, athletic directors, and governing board members regardless of race, ethnicity, or sex.
3. Sensitize and encourage organizations and employers to affirmatively seek women and minorities for athletic leadership training, placement, and promotion.
4. Promote the benefits of athletics and athletic leadership to students, educators, parents, and community.
5. Improve communication between the school districts, the Michigan High

School Athletic Association, governing boards, professional associations, and higher education regarding the need for balanced staffing of athletic programs.

### LITIGATION/SEASONS/CALENDAR

MHSAA Executive Director John E. Roberts presented the following:

- Continuing litigation brought by a MHSAA member school relating to days/hours of the day MHSAA tournaments are conducted that may also hold religious value for its students, faculty, and families. The MHSAA is waiting for the judge to rule.
- Sports Season Litigation. The current status of this lengthy litigation finds the MHSAA contesting a petition for fees and expenses for plaintiff attorneys in excess of five plus million dollars.
- Mr. Roberts asked committee members to respond to the following general themes which have been developed in response to questions that have been posed in small group discussions with administrators and coaches from large and small, urban, suburban, and rural member schools:
  1. Participation in high school volleyball is down in some schools/same in others. Participation in junior high schools appears to be down. However, committee members reported junior high volleyball participation to be up where the season has been started in the fall.
  2. Attendance at high school volleyball is down for Saturday events, but up on weeknights.

3. Experienced volleyball officials are especially lacking for Saturday events.
4. Boys tennis participation appears to be down. No new programs.
5. Girls golf participation appears to be up. Several new programs have been added.
6. Athletic directors may find a less hectic fall season with fewer nights, but worry about the winter transition with both girls and boys basketball, especially:
  - a. fan burnout;
  - b. insufficient experienced officials, and
  - c. official burnout.

Note: The Annual Sport Participation Survey may be conducted in each of the three seasons rather than once annually in order to obtain hard data to test the accuracy of their observations.

- To counteract the kind of participation declines that have occurred in other states when sports seasons were changed against their will, the MHSAA is facilitating a discussion of scheduling mechanisms that might increase the number of opportunities for students, including these possibilities:

1. Summer seasons
2. Split seasons - fall or spring for golf, tennis, soccer, baseball, softball; winter or fall for competitive cheer, gymnastics, and swimming (schools may choose one season)
3. Alternative formats (students may choose one season), coed team tennis in fall or spring, or separate gender tennis in opposite seasons.

4. Create four seasons during the school year.

Other options in discussion:

1. Modified three season plans, traditional seasons except...
  - a. Winter tournaments one week earlier
  - b. All spring sports to start after most spring breaks and end last weekend in June, (no school sports mid-March to mid-April).
2. Traditional seasons but, in addition to the fall and spring golf and coed tennis sea-

sons, golf and tennis also offered in alternative formats during a short summer season. This entire effort is to keep sport participation high and growing.

3. Modified four-season plan, starting in early August, ending in late June, with bowling and skiing seasons overlapping two winter seasons.

Mr. Roberts also shared two consensus proposals to modify the athletic calendar, not respective of the litigation result. This discussion began before the result of the litigation was known. The consensus focuses on two areas. (1) a minimum number of practices for teams prior the first contest in all sports, and (2) ending winter tournaments one week earlier, and there was also consensus that shortening of seasons had the negative effect of opening the door to non-school interests and that considering should be given to lengthening the period of positive influence of school sports on high school age athletes.

#### **WOMEN IN SPORTS LEADERSHIP**

Assistant Director Kathy Vrugink Westdorp informed the committee on the planning for the Women in Sport Leadership Conference to be held Feb. 10 and 11, 2008, at the Lansing Sheraton Hotel. The conference theme will be "Dare to Soar." Topics will include: Coaches Advancement Program (CAP), media relations, handling game stress, and interactive activities for attending students.

#### **SPORT OFFICIALS**

Assistant Director Mark Uyl provided the committee with information relating to officials registration, recruitment efforts, retention plans and current requirements for criminal history background checks. As of October 2007 the MHSAA has conducted 17,790 criminal background checks through the Michigan State Police ICHAT system. Of the 17,790 ICHAT criminal checks completed, 1,383 officials had at least one conviction (7.8%). The MHSAA currently has 60 officials that have had registration privileges suspended. The MHSAA will continue random checks resulting in a total review within a two- to three-year period.

Mr. Uyl's comments continued with a review of recruitment concerns. Noting that each year the MHSAA will register 1,800+ new officials. For 2007-08, volleyball registrations have increased due to incentives provided to previously registered officials that register for the first time in a different sport.

The committee reviewed data relating to official's gender and tournament assignments of registered officials over a six-year period.

#### **GENERAL DISCUSSIONS**

1. 2006 Equity Committee Minutes
2. 2007 National Federation Of State High School Association's Equity Committee Minutes
3. 2007 Update Meeting Agenda And Survey
4. 2007 Ad In-Service Agenda
5. 2007 Michigan State University's Event "One Book, One Community"
6. Accommodations For Physically Challenged Students
7. National Federation Of State High School Association's State Survey
8. 2007 May Representative Council Minutes
9. National Federation Of State High School Association's Title IX Brochure
10. 2007-08 Listing Of MHSAA Cooperative Programs
11. Schools Testing For Drugs
12. Equitable Use Of School Facilities For Practice And Competition

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The committee recommends MHSAA staff continue efforts to inform MHSAA member schools of the importance to equitably schedule prime space and time for practices and equitable scheduling of prime space and time for competition. ■

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## **GYMNASTICS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**East Lansing, October 10, 2007**

#### **Members Present:**

John Cunningham, Canton  
Tim Erickson, Rockford  
Deanna Fakhouri, Troy  
Jamie Gent, Haslett  
Joe Haines, Grand Rapids  
Chris Riker, Portage

John Thompson, Brighton  
Tracy Will, Grand Rapids

#### **Members Absent:**

Susie Weldon, Freeland

#### **Staff Members Present:**

Kathy Vrugink Westdorp (Recorder)

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#### **GENERAL REVIEW AND PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE**

The 2007 Gymnastics Committee met at the Michigan High School Athletic Association to review its responsibilities as a standing sports committee; review prior Representative Council action; examine current MHSAA policy in respect to out-of-season coaching; determine 2008 Regional qualifying scores; review prior survey results; and draw for 2008 Gymnastics Finals order.

#### **PRIOR REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL ACTION**

Through examination 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 81 schools which offer gymnastics and a total of 57 gymnastics teams.

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 that time. The committee reflected upon and discussed the survey that was given to member schools and gymnastics judges. The committee agreed it was appropriate to send another survey to member schools regarding a gymnastics change of season. This request for a survey now includes additional information which may change the dynamics of the 2005 Gymnastics Survey. At the time of the initial survey, the results of MHSAA litigation had not been determined. With the change of seasons, school administrators and gymnastics coaches have been faced with even more confined space due to both genders playing basketball in the winter season. In addition, since the Survey, the schools that offer competitive cheer have increased significantly. Although the committee agreed that a survey should be sent, they were unsure as to the timeline that should be given to the survey. Discussion included the time of the year the survey should be given as well as whether the survey should be administered in the 2007-08 school year or the 2008-09 school year after school administrators had experienced one year with the change of seasons. Additional discussion also included methodology to administer the survey as well as individuals who should receive the survey. The Gymnastics Committee determined that a survey should be given and a recommendation was made to Representative Council.

Committee members also expressed some concern about MHSAA Regulation 236 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 81 schools which are currently involved in the sponsorship of the sport, many through cooperative programs.

#### **TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

Gymnastics tournament information was reviewed with the committee regarding the October 29, 2007 starting date for tryouts and practice; the first competition date of Saturday, November 17; the Opt-out due date of Friday, February 22; and the regional and final tournaments. Regional tournament sites on March 1, 2008 will be Rockford, Haslet,

Canton-Plymouth and Walled Lake Central. The 2008 MHSAA Gymnastics Finals Tournament will be held at Canton-Plymouth High School. The tournament site in 2009 and 2010 will be Rockford High School.

#### **CALENDAR REVISIONS**

Proposals were 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. This proposal indicates the 2008-09 winter starting dates in girls gymnastics to include language that states, "after 7 separate days of practice for team starting Monday, October 27, 2008 and not before 19 calendar days." In addition, the MHSAA Tournaments in most winter sports (including gymnastics) will be one week earlier. The committee was appraised that the calendar revision information has also been disseminated at Update Meetings throughout Michigan.

#### **2007-08 OUT-OF-SEASON COACHING CLARIFICATIONS**

Committee members reviewed recent changes to out-of-season and summer coaching controls which took effect in June 2007. Information regarding the Summer Dead Period, Preseason Down Time, and Curriculum Courses was discussed. Specific information was given regarding the preseason down period when no open gyms, camps, clinics or competitions with groups that resemble school teams shall occur at the school or be sponsored elsewhere by the school.

In addition, *MHSAA Handbook* Regulation IJ, Section 11 was studied by the committee. Efforts are being made to provide this information to the Gymnastics Coaches and Judges Associations.

#### **2007-08 RULES CHANGES**

National Federation rules revisions made the second year of the two year cycle were received by the committee members. These include a hand placement mat (round-off pad) which may be used in vaulting for assistance in hand placement and extra cushioning. The mat may be 36 inches X 36 inches X 1 3/8 inches or 36 inches X 54 inches X 1 3/8 inches. One manufactured hand place-

ment mat may be used on the runway (not on the board) for any vault and a manufactured sting mat shall not be permitted to be placed on the runway for vaulting. An additional rule change includes the need for the pistons/pedestal (vertical uprights) of the vaulting table to be padded with the manufacturer's protective padding. The protective padding is required for risk minimization for the gymnast.

### **2008-2010 PROPOSED GIRLS GYMNASTICS RULES REVISIONS**

Over 100 proposed rules revisions and editorial changes have been submitted to the National Federation Girls Gymnastics Committee. These revisions and changes were given to each committee member with the request that the revisions be thoroughly reviewed and any comments regarding the revisions should be sent to the MHSAA.

### **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.

### **TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL QUALIFYING SCORES**

The 2002-07 team and individual qualifying scores for regional entry were reviewed. The 2007 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 2008 qualifying scores. In all cases, team entries can be accommodated by Regional hosts. The committee determined that the 2008 Regional qualifying scores will remain consistent with the 2007 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 headset, 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 2008 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.

Monday, Feb. 25, 2008 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. Further information was distributed regarding the number of judges registered in gymnastics in 2006-07. There were 97 total judges (7 male/90 female) registered MHSAA judges.

### **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.

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

1. Conduct a survey in February, 2008 regarding a gymnastic change of season from the winter season to the fall season (4-3).
2. Propose that teams that qualify for the MHSAA Gymnastics Finals be composed of students who are academically eligible and have also qualified for the MHSAA Regional Tournament in at least one event (7-0). ■

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