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### ON THE COVER

The 2007-08 school year is underway, and so are the sports seasons. Among the championships to be determined later this fall are boys & girls cross country for both peninsulas, along with boys soccer. The UP Cross Country titles will be decided on Oct. 20, while the LP Cross Country Finals take place on Nov. 3. The Boys Soccer Finals are slated for Nov. 3.

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Not all the facts presented to the Executive Committee and Representative Council as part of requests to waive eligibility regulations are included in the reports of those meetings, either because of the volume of material reviewed or the confidentiality requested by schools for their students, parents or faculty.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, August 13, 2007

### Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan  
Keith Eldred, Williamston  
William Newkirk, Meridian  
Jim Derocher, Negaunee  
Vic Michaels, Detroit

### Staff Members Present:

Mark Uyl  
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 their participation.

Adoption of these regulations, as well as policies, procedures and schedules of MHSAA tournaments, is a choice schools make locally when they consider their option of MHSAA membership. Consistent with rulings of the Attorney General and Michigan Supreme Court, schools are not bound by the decisions of the Executive Committee, but the association may limit participation in the postseason tournaments it sponsors to those

schools which choose to apply rules and penalties as promulgated by the MHSAA and adopted by each member school's board of education. The MHSAA exercises no independent authority over schools or students.

**Summary of 2006-07 Waiver Requests -** During the 2006-07 program year, there were 448 (versus 518 in 2005-06, 436 in 2004-05, 355 in 2003-04 and 408 in 2002-03) requests by member schools to waive regulations, of which 326 (387 in 2005-06, 297 in 2004-05, 214 in 2003-04 and 215 in 2002-03) were granted by the Executive Committee. Of the total, 282 (276 in 2005-06, 295 in 2004-05, 232 in 2003-04 and 291 in 2002-03) requests involved the transfer regulation, of which 198 were granted (204 in 2005-06, 196 in 2004-05, 144 in 2003-04 and 130 in 2002-03).

**Rationale for Transfer Regulation -** The following rationale for the transfer regulation, first established by the Executive Committee on Aug. 6, 1985 and last reviewed Aug. 14, 2006, was reaffirmed:

- a. The rule tends to insure equality of competition in that each school plays students who have been in that school and established their eligibility in that school.
- b. The rule tends to prevent students from "jumping" from one school to another.
- c. The rule prevents the "bumping" of students who have previously gained eligibility in a school system by persons coming from outside the school system.
- d. The rule tends to prevent interscholastic athletic recruiting.
- e. The rule tends to prevent or discourage dominance of one sport at one school with a successful program, i.e., the concentration of excellent baseball players at one school to the detriment of surrounding schools through transfers and to the detriment of the natural school population and ability mix.
- f. The rule tends to create and maintain stability in that age group, i.e., it promotes team stability and team work expectation fulfillment.
- g. The rule is designed to discourage parents from "school shopping" for athletic purposes.
- h. The rule is consistent with educational philosophy of going to school for academics first and athletics second.

- i. It eliminates family financial status from becoming a factor on eligibility, thus making a uniform rule for all students across the state of Michigan (i.e., tuition and mileage considerations).
- j. It tends to encourage competition between nonpublic and public schools, rather than discourage that competition.
- k. It tends to reduce friction or threat of students changing schools because of problems they may have created or because of their misconduct, etc.

**Eben Junction-Superior Central High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) -** A request to waive the enrollment regulation was made to allow 8th-grade students to participate with and against students in grades 9-12 in cross country. The 2007-08 high school enrollment submitted by the school is 116 students. Preseason numbers indicate that only four girls will compete on the 2007-08 cross country team and the school is concerned about meeting league and contractual obligations.

The Executive Committee noted that it would exceed its authority to make an exception to the 99-student maximum for participation by 8th-graders that has been established and reviewed by the Representative Council. The request for waiver was not approved.

**East Lansing and Bath High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) -** The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these two schools in ice hockey for the 2007-08 school year. East Lansing has sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. The combined enrollment of the two schools will be 1,466 students, continuing placement of the team in the Division 2 tournament. The Capital Area Conference has approved the agreement.

**Galesburg-Augusta and Kalamazoo-Hackett Catholic Central High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) -** The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in wrestling between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 820 students will place the team in the Division 2 tournament. Galesburg-Augusta sponsored wrestling previously and will be the primary school. The Kalamazoo Valley Association has approved the agreement.

**Grand Rapids-Kenowa Hills, Comstock Park and Lowell High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F])** - The Executive Committee tabled a partially completed application for a cooperative program in boys and girls alpine skiing. Kenowa Hills would be the primary school. The combined enrollment of 3,263 students would place the team in the Division 1 tournament. None of the schools previously sponsored the sport. Action by the boards of education is pending, and support from the league or future opponents has not been submitted.

**Kalamazoo-Hackett Catholic Central and Parchment High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F])** - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls alpine skiing between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 962 students will continue placement of one team in the Division 2 tournament. Both schools sponsored boys and girls skiing previously; Hackett will be the primary school. League support has been received.

**Manistee, Bear Lake, Manistee-Catholic Central and Onkama High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** - The Executive Committee tabled a partially completed application for the addition of Bear Lake and Onkama High Schools to a cooperative program in wrestling that has existed between Manistee and Catholic Central High Schools since Sept. 13, 2000. The combined enrollment of 890 students would move the team from the Division 4 to Division 3 tournament. The Western Waterways Activities Conference has approved the program. Board of education action from two of the schools is pending.

**Manistique and Cooks-Big Bay de Noc High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in wrestling between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 440 students will place the team in the Division 4 tournament. Manistique sponsored wrestling previously and will be the primary school. League support of the agreement has been received.

**Muskegon Catholic Central, Spring Lake and North Muskegon High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F])** - The Executive Committee approved the addition of North Muskegon High School to a cooperative

agreement in ice hockey that has existed between Muskegon Catholic Central and Spring Lake High Schools since 2003. Muskegon Catholic Central will continue to be the primary school. The combined enrollment of 1,400 students will change the team's placement to the Division 2 tournament. The team does not compete in a league. Support from many future opponents has been received.

**Otisville-Lakeville and Mt. Morris-E. A. Johnson High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey between these schools. Lakeville sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. The combined enrollment of 1,439 will move this program from Division 3 to 2 in the MHSAA Ice Hockey Tournament. The Genesee Area Conference supports the application.

**Shelby Township-Utica Eisenhower High School (Regulation I, Section 1[F])** - A request to waive the enrollment regulation was made on behalf of five students in grades 10-12 from Utica and Utica Stevenson High Schools who participated previously in the cooperative program first approved for the 2004-05 school year between these four high schools of the same district: Sterling Heights-Utica Stevenson, Sterling Heights-Utica Ford II, Utica High School and Shelby Township-Utica Eisenhower. The students would continue their eligibility until graduation, and no new students would be permitted to participate with the team. Only Utica Eisenhower would continue to offer a boys lacrosse team, on which these five students would participate.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for these five students until their graduation, provided the students are eligible under all regulations; and the cooperative program shall compete in Division 1 of the MHSAA Boys Lacrosse Tournament regardless of its combined enrollment as long as any of these students is a participant.

**Kalamazoo-Hackett Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 4)** - A request to waive the maximum semesters portion of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who moved with his parents from Illinois in the fall of

2003 after withdrawing from school in the 9th grade in late October 2003. Upon changing residences to Michigan, the student did not enroll in school but attended a Sylvan Learning Center to complete skills failed in the 8th grade in Illinois. Including the first two months of the first semester of the 2003-04 school year, the student will begin his fifth first semester in the fall of 2007-08, and this will be his eighth semester overall.

The request for waiver was not approved by the Executive Committee.

**Whitehall High School (Regulation I, Section 7)** - A request to waive the previous semester record regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who had been a successful student for the 9th and 10th grades. The student was suspended from school and athletics and experienced academic failures during the second semester of the 11th grade in the 2006-07 school year.

The request for waiver was not approved by the Executive Committee.

**Adrian High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who began the 9th grade at Adrian High School in September 2006. The student attended Adrian-Madison High School from Feb. 23 - May 14, 2007 while residing with his grandmother due to the mother's incapacity. The mother has rehabilitated and the student is returning to live with her and reenroll at Adrian High School. The student would be eligible under Exception 2 except that the mother is not the only living parent nor divorced. The student's biological father is not a part of the student's life.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Adrian-Lenawee Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Lenawee Christian Schools since the 4th grade except for the second semester of the 2006-07 school year when the student moved to the residence of his mother in Ann Arbor and attended Pioneer High School for one semester. The student's custodial father was killed in an auto accident on Aug. 9, 2006, one day before the divorce was to be finalized. The student moved in with the family of a Lenawee Christian student for the first

semester of the 2006-07 school year before moving to Ann Arbor. The student wishes to reenroll at Lenawee Christian High School to begin the 2007-08 school year. The student has a 12th-grade sister who remained at Lenawee Christian and an 8th-grade sister who intends to enroll there.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Albion High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - A request is 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 father and began the 9th grade at Albion High School in the 2006-07 school year and enrolled at Springport High School for the second semester while residing with his stepmother, who is separated from the father. The student has returned to live with his father in Albion and did not participate in athletics previously at either school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only during the first semester of the 2007-08 school year at Albion High School.

**Ann Arbor-Gabriel Richard High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A confidential request to waive the transfer regulation is made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Ann Arbor-Pioneer High School for grades 9-11 until enrolling in a residential facility in Bridgeport. In May, the student returned to the residence of his parents (exception 2) and intends to enroll at Gabriel Richard to begin the 2007-08 school year. Gabriel Richard is not the closest non-public school but is the closest Catholic school (Ann Arbor-Rudolf Steiner is closer). The student is Catholic and previously attended a Catholic grade school which is a feeder to Gabriel Richard High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver with caution that the student's previous semester record be checked for compliance.

**Bloomington High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who is relocating with his family from Indiana to a residence in the Allegan School District. His 9th-grade sister will enroll at Bloomington High School. His

father is accepting a pastorate at a church which requires residence in a parsonage in the Allegan School District. The student previously attended a small Christian school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Burr Oak 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 Sturgis Schools since the 3rd grade while residing in Burr Oak. The student began the 9th grade at Sturgis High School in 2006-07 and did not participate in athletics due to several medical conditions. Burr Oak only sponsors a varsity football team.

Finding no compelling reason for the change of schools, the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Burton-Atherton 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 Burton-Faithway Christian School and completed the college preparatory curriculum at Faithway. The student intends to take advancement and honors courses at Atherton because the student has completed the highest course work (but not grade) that is available at Faithway Christian.

Noting that it is not to consider curriculum differences between schools when deciding waiver requests, the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Burton-Faith 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 Valley Christian Academy and will enroll at Faith for demographic, instructional, religious and environmental reasons.

Noting that these differences between schools are not to be factors in waiver considerations, the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Byron Center-Zion 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 Grand Rapids-Covenant Christian High School for the 10th grade and Heritage Protestant Reform School which ends at grade 9. The student intends to enroll at Zion Christian to begin the 2007-08 school

year. The student sustained ridicule for not being of the same denomination that Covenant Christian High School was affiliated with (Protestant Reform). Zion Christian is a non-denominational school and the student is not Protestant Reform.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Caro High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C])** - A request was made to reconsider a June 13, 2007 Executive Committee decision to not approve waiver of the transfer regulation on behalf of 10th and 11th-grade brothers who previously attended Cass City High School and participated in the boys swimming & diving cooperative program between these two schools. The students intend to enroll at Caro High School to begin the 2007-08 school year. The original request for waiver was not approved as it did not include support from Cass City High School as is stipulated in the regulation. A supporting letter from Cass City administration, missing at the June meeting, was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for swimming & diving only during the first semester of the 2007-08 school year at Caro High School.

**Davison 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 Millington High School while residing with his parents. Due to a deteriorating home life, the student now lives with his grandmother in the Davison School District and will be enrolling to begin the 2007-08 school year. The student's mother died in November 2002 and the father is unemployed. The student's previous school supports the student's change of schools.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Davison High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Davison Schools since the 5th grade until moving with his mother and younger sisters to Arkansas for the second semester of the 2006-07 school year. The student's home life was unstable and the student had conflicts with the mother's boyfriend. The student has returned to Davison this summer and will be residing

with the family of another 11th-grade Davison student.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Davison High school (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who lived with his grandparents since he was a year old except for the 9th grade in 2006-07 when the student lived with his mother in the Mt. Morris School District and attended Mt. Morris-E. A. Johnson High School. The student had attended Carman-Ainsworth Schools for the 8th grade while living with his grandparents. The mother is frequently unemployed and has not provided a stable environment for the student. The grandparents moved into the Davison School District on June 15, 2007. Physical custody of the student was legally given to the grandparents on July 25, 2007, and the student registered to enroll at Davison High School on Aug. 3, 2007.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Delton Kellogg 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 Lake Odessa-Lakewood High School while residing with his mother. The student has returned to the residence of his father in the Delton Kellogg School District and will be enrolling at Delton Kellogg High School to begin the 2007-08 school year. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Detroit-U of D Jesuit High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation (and specifically Interpretation 60 - closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended an out-of-state boarding school for grades 9-11 and returned to his parents' home in Grosse Pointe (Exception 2). The student is Catholic and his family has a history of Jesuit education. The closest nonpublic school is Grosse Pointe Woods-University Liggett.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**East Lansing High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student, a victim of a crime, who previously attended another high school before enrolling at East Lansing High School in March 2007 at the request of the other school's principal.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Flint-Carman-Ainsworth 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 Detroit-Mumford High School while residing with his mother in Detroit. In February 2007, the student moved to the residence of his aunt and enrolled in the Carman-Ainsworth alternative program in April 2007. The student did not participate in athletics previously.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only during the first semester of the 2007-08 school year at Carman-Ainsworth High School.

**Gibraltar-Carlson High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of two 11th-grade brothers who began the 9th grade at Carlson High School in the 2005-06 school year. After one semester, the mother married and moved to Ann Arbor, enrolling the students at Huron High School. While at Huron, the students made the 9th-grade baseball team but complained of harassment from other students. To begin the 2006-07 school year, the school district allowed the students to change schools to Ann Arbor-Pioneer. On Aug. 14, 2006, the Executive Committee granted a request to waive the transfer regulation and the students were immediately eligible at Pioneer High School. However, while at Pioneer, the students continued to complain of harassment.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Grand Rapids-Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose previous education in grades 8-10 consisted of a

combination of home schooling and the North Hills Classical Academy (50 percent to each). The student was 100 percent home schooled from Kindergarten to grade 7. The student's 9th-grade brother will also enroll to begin the 2007-08 school year. The student has not participated in athletics previously. The family is Catholic, and Grand Rapids-Catholic Central is the closest Catholic high school to their home.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Grand Rapids-South Christian 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 his grandparents for three years while attending Byron Center Charter School for grades 9 and 10. Midway through the 10th grade, the student attended a boarding school in Utah. The student is returning to live with his grandparents, similar to the allowance of Exception 2 except that he is not returning to live with his parents. South Christian High School is the closest nonpublic school to the student's residence.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Hale 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 West Branch-Ogemaw Heights High School and will be enrolling at Hale High School to begin the 2007-08 school year. In May 2007, the student's parents suddenly moved to South Carolina, leaving the student off with a friend of the parents who resides in the Hale School District and whose grandchildren attend Hale Schools. The student participated in football while at Ogemaw Heights and completed the second semester.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Hamilton High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously lived with his mother in Muskegon and attended Mona Shores High School. The student has moved into the residence of his father and intends to enroll at Hamilton High School to begin the 2007-08 school year. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational

Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Hemlock High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who was abandoned by his parents at a young age and has lived with his step-grandparents in the Merrill School District. The step-grandparents are no longer physically or financially able to keep the student who is now living with an aunt who is a resident of the Hemlock School District.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Holland 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 Muskegon-Orchard View, living in foster care. Parental rights were suspended due to neglect, and the student entered foster care. On June 1, 2007, the student left foster care and is now living with a family from the student's church that has been given full guardianship without a date of expiration. The family resides in the Holland High School District.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Holland 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 her parents in the Holland-West Ottawa School District while attending Holland Christian High School. The student has moved in with her grandparents who live in the Holland School District and will be enrolling at Holland High School. The student experienced social difficulties at the previous school. The student considered changing schools in February 2007 but decided to delay the move until the end of the school year as she was moving from a semester school to a trimester school.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Holland-West Ottawa High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously lived with her mother in the Holland School District and attended Holland High

School. The student has moved into the residence of her father in the West Ottawa School District and intends to enroll to begin the 2007-08 school year. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Hudsonville-Freedom Baptist High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of two 11th-grade foreign exchange students from South Korea who are intending to enroll at Freedom Baptist High School to begin the 2007-08 school year. The students were placed by an organization which is not listed by CSJET for the 2007-08 school year: SACE-USA (Study Abroad Cultural Exchange). CSJET is currently not accepting new applications for 2007.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Hudsonville-Unity 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 another high school and was the victim of criminal activity.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Jackson High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose father has never been in his life and whose mother resides in Pennsylvania with a substance abuse problem which has never allowed her to maintain custody or care of the student. The student began the 9th grade at Jackson High School and lived with an older brother, then moved to Pennsylvania to live with an uncle in November 2006, and is now returning to Jackson to reside with another brother, intending to reenroll at Jackson High School to begin the 2007-08 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Jackson-East Jackson High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who has been attending Lumen Christi High School while

residing with his grandparents in Jackson since June of 2006. The student attended school in North Carolina before that and was sent by his father to live with his grandparents who had raised the student until age 8. On Oct. 17, 2006, the Executive Committee approved a waiver of the transfer regulation for this student at Lumen Christi. The current change results from financial and discipline issues.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Kalamazoo Central 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 school in California while living with both parents. The student's father has taken a position with Western Michigan University and moved to Kalamazoo with the student. The mother remains at California State University and is required to stay in California as part of her work commitment.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Kent City 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 Muskegon-Orchard View High School while residing with his mother. The student's parents are divorced, have an unstable family situation, and the student recently moved in with his paternal grandparents who reside in the Kent City School District.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Lawton 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 Mattawan High School where he did not participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only during the first semester of the 2007-08 school year at Lawton High School.

**Livonia-Stevenson High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Livonia Schools through the 4th grade before

moving with his remarried mother to Howell where the student attended school through the 2006-07 school year, completing the 10th grade at Howell High School. The student's mother and stepfather are separating and the previous residence is vacant. The student is returning to live with his grandparents and mother (but not his stepfather) in Livonia. The student has never lived with his birth father, who resides in Grand Rapids.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Madison Heights-Bishop Foley High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation is made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Warren-Immaculate Conception High School for the 9th and 10th grades and will be enrolling at Bishop Foley High School to begin the 2007-08 school year. Immaculate Conception is closing at the end of the 2008-09 school year and will be allowing 11th- and 12th-grade students to continue and graduate for one school year (2007-08). No incoming 9th-graders will be accepted, and 10th grade will not be offered. Immaculate Conception is offering accelerated classes for 11th-graders to graduate with the 2008 class. This student prefers a traditional junior and senior year.

On June 13, 2007, the Executive Committee addressed the question of Immaculate Conception High School's gradual but announced and confirmed closing and clarified that students moving from the 10th to 11th grade and from the 11th to the 12th grade do not qualify under exception 6 (school closing) and are not eligible at any other high school unless they qualify for a different exception to the transfer regulation. Tenth-grade students who enroll elsewhere would be eligible immediately under exception 11, having achieved the highest grade available to any student at that school.

Based on the new information – that the 11th-grade students would be taking two years in one and be expected to graduate at the end of the 2007-08 school year, after just three years of high school and the closing of the school – the Executive Committee approved the immediate eligibility, insofar as the transfer regulation is concerned, for all those students who were 10th-graders at Immaculate Conception High School during

the second semester of the 2006-07 school year.

**Midland High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Midland High School since the 9th grade before moving to Belgium with his parents due to a job transfer for the second semester of his 11th grade in the 2006-07 school year. The student and his parents lived in the Midland-Dow attendance area. The student is returning to live with an aunt in the Dow attendance area while the parents remain in Belgium. The student will be reenrolling at Midland High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Mt. Pleasant High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended St. Louis High School last year while living in St. Louis at the Baptist Children's Home. That home has closed, and the student has changed his residence to the Baptist Children's Home in Mt. Pleasant and is enrolling at Mt. Pleasant High School for the start of the 2007-08 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Muskegon-Reeths-Puffer 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. The student began the 9th grade at Reeths-Puffer and played freshman football, then enrolled at Muskegon Catholic Central High School to begin the second semester of the 2006-07 school year; and he intends to reenroll at Reeths-Puffer to start the 2007-08 school year. The student did not participate in athletics at Muskegon Catholic Central.

Citing the specific condition of this section – that the student has not participated in any interscholastic athletic event since first enrollment in 9th grade – the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Niles High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Niles Schools for three and one-half years since the 9th grade before

moving with his family to Arizona in December 2006 because of his father's health. The student and his parents are making a full and complete residential change back to the same home in Berrien Springs and returning to the same school (Niles).

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended a boarding school for the 9th grade and has returned to live with his parents in Farmington Hills (exception 2). The student intends to enroll at Detroit Catholic Central to begin the 2007-08 school year. The student is Greek Orthodox, and Catholic Central is not the closest nonpublic school to their residence but is the closest Catholic-Christian school. The Frankel Jewish Academy of Metropolitan Detroit is the closest nonpublic school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 72 (9th-grader practicing with another high school prior to enrollment) to permit eligibility at the sub-varsity level only for the first semester of the 2007-08 school year. The student practiced for one day, Aug. 6, with Livonia-Franklin High School. The student had written the entrance exam in November and was accepted in January but did not register his intent to enroll until Aug. 9, 2007.

The Executive Committee tabled the request for waiver.

**Otsego High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who lived in Plainwell most of her life with her mother and attended Plainwell High School. The father is not part of the student's life. The mother was forced to move to Pennsylvania to find a job and the student prefers to remain in southwest Michigan. The student's only family include an aunt, uncle and a cousin who resides in Otsego and attends Otsego High School.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Parma-Western 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 Concord High School and participated in volleyball before enrolling at Parma-Western on March 3, 2007. The student resides within the Western School District and changed schools within a brief number of days of the fourth Friday, intending to seek a 90-school-day waiver. Had litigation not caused the change of seasons, the student could have been eligible for all of the volleyball season. With the change of seasons, even with the 90-day waiver, the student will be ineligible for a larger portion of the volleyball season than prior to the season change.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver for immediate eligibility; and the committee approved the request for waiver on the 91st school day of enrollment at Western High School commencing March 3, 2007.

**Romeo 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 Southfield High School while living with his mother. The student is now living with his father in the Romeo School District and will be enrolling at Romeo High School to begin the 2007-08 school year. The student's parents never married. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form, yet to be signed by Southfield High School's principal, was submitted with an application to add a father on a Michigan birth record and a notarized Affidavit of Parentage from the State of Michigan Department of Community Health.

Pending completion of the Educational Transfer Form, the Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Royal Oak-Shrine High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Immaculate Conception High School is closing at the end of the 2008-09 school year and will be allowing 11th and 12th-graders to continue and graduate for one school year (2007-08). No incoming 9th-graders will be accepted, and 10th grade will not be offered. Immaculate Conception is offering accelerated classes for 11th-graders to graduate with the 2008 class.

A request to waive the transfer regulation is made on behalf of one family enrolling all three of its students in Shrine High School: two 12th-grade twin brothers, ineligible under exception 6, and a 10th-grade sibling, eligible under exception 11.

On June 13, 2007, the Executive Committee addressed the question of Immaculate Conception High School's gradual but announced and confirmed closing and clarified that students moving from the 10th to 11th grade and from the 11th to the 12th grade do not qualify under exception 6 (school closing) and are not eligible at any other high school unless they qualify for a different exception to the transfer regulation. Tenth-grade students who enroll elsewhere would be eligible immediately under exception 11, having achieved the highest grade available to any student at that school.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver for 12th-grade students.

**Shepherd 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 Stockbridge High School while residing with his mother. The student has changed residences to that of his father who resides in the Shepherd School District. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Stanton-Central Montcalm 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 Vestaburg High School and participated in athletics. The student's family is having a home built in the Central Montcalm School District which would have been completed in May 2007 if not for a very severe car accident involving the mother which caused the completion of the home to be delayed until November 2007.

Citing the specific condition of the section – that the student has not participated in any

interscholastic athletic event since first enrollment in 9th grade – the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Stockbridge High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who resides in Perry and has attended Perry Schools her entire life. The student desires to participate in a program in Histotechnology that is offered by the Capital Area Career Center and Lansing Community College that is not available to Perry High School but is available to schools within Ingham County, including students at Stockbridge High School, as well as advanced courses of the Stockbridge curriculum that are not available at Perry High School. The student's father has been employed by the Stockbridge School District since 1983.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Tecumseh 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 Fife Lake-Forest Area High School while residing with his mother. The student has moved into the residence of his father in the Tecumseh School District and will be enrolling at Tecumseh High School to begin the 2007-08 school year. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with an order from the 39th Judicial Circuit Court identifying the father and awarding custody effective Aug. 1, 2007.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Vermontville-Maple Valley 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 school in Rockford while living with his father and is moving to the residence of his mother who lives in Charlotte but teaches in Vermontville. The student did not participate in athletics previously.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level

only during the first semester of the 2007-08 school year at Maple Valley High School.

**White Lake-Lakeland 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 Waterford Christian Academy and participated in the athletic program which uses junior high and high school students to field a team due to its small enrollment. The student did not participate in football previously and wishes to do so at Lakeland.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**White Lake-Lakeland 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 Birmingham-Eaton Academy and did not participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only during the first semester of the 2007-08 school year at Lakeland High School.

**Wyoming Park 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 Comstock Park High School while living with his father. The student is residing with his mother and intends to enroll at Wyoming Park to begin the 2007-08 school year. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted with an Amended Order of Paternity identifying the father.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Alpena High School (Regulation II, Section 11)** - Pursuant to Interpretation 219, a request was made to waive the three-player rule for the 2007-08 school year on behalf of the high school boys and girls bowling coach who is also the owner and operator of the only bowling center in the school district. The nearest other bowling center is 31 miles from this facility which is open to the general public and includes students from one neighboring school district and three nonpublic schools. As owner and operator, the coach would have incidental, non-instructional,

supervisory contact with numerous students in the Alpena Public Schools in grades 7-12. The Executive Committee granted the same request from Alpena High School on Nov. 9, 2005, and Jan. 17, 2007.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this boys and girls bowling coach during 2007-08.

**Alpena High School (Regulation II, Section 11)** - Pursuant to Interpretation 219, a request was made to waive the three-player rule for the 2007-08 school year on behalf of the high school boys and girls swimming & diving coach who is also employed as the Plaza Pool Director which is the only swimming pool in the school district. The nearest other swimming pool is in Oscoda, 50 miles from this facility. The Alpena County facility is open to the general public and includes students from one neighboring school district and three nonpublic elementary schools. Except when serving as a substitute life-guard, the coach would have non-instructional or supervisory contact with numerous students in the Alpena Public Schools in grades 7-12. The request was previously granted on Jan. 17, 2007.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this boys and girls swimming & diving coach during 2007-08.

**Ludington High School (Regulation II, Section 11)** - Pursuant to Interpretation 219, a request was made to waive the three-player rule for the 2007-08 school year on behalf of the high school boys and girls swimming & diving coach who is also employed as the community recreation pool director. The facility is open and available to all residents of the community during open pool hours. The pool director's activity is supervisory. The request was previously granted on Aug. 19, 2005.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this boys and girls swimming & diving coach during 2007-08.

**Canton High School (Regulation II, Section 13)** - An appeal was received regarding the decision of the executive director to place this school on probation and, as a condition for participation in the 2008 MHSAA Wrestling Tournaments, to require the school to not allow its head wrestling coach to coach in the school district in any capacity during the 2007-08 school year because of that

coach's involvement in a national high school wrestling event. The school was represented by the coach, athletic director and superintendent of schools.

The school confirmed again that its head wrestling coach was coaching for a portion of the NHSCA High School Senior Nationals Wrestling Championships in Virginia Beach, Virginia during March 29-April 1, 2007; it admitted this was a violation and apologized for it. It was explained that this coach had nothing to do with arranging for a Canton High School wrestler's participation in the event until that participant suffered a head injury that brought the coach out of the spectator seating to the mat where he remained for the duration of that wrestler's competition. The coach and administration acknowledged that these actions were in violation of the rules but sought a reduction of the penalty imposed in light of the circumstances and precedent.

The Executive Committee noted that the rule involved was first adopted 60 years ago; and the committee observed that current policies with respect to national tournaments and all-star contests remain consistent with the philosophy that school competition beyond Michigan's borders and the defined school season is usually unnecessary and, if uncontrolled, leads to excessive travel, excessive absences from school, specialization in a single sport, and overemphasis by individuals and entire institutions toward one athlete over others, or the overemphasis of sports in comparison to the other academic and non-academic activities of the school. The policies tend to keep students in class and in other sports and activities of the school, and tend to keep students from engaging in events that more often exploit athletes than enrich them academically, athletically or culturally.

The Executive Committee recalled that the MHSAA's strong opposition to involvement by its constituents in any aspect of national competition was reaffirmed by the Representative Council in May of 2006, and staff reported that the application of these policies to this particular event was a point of special emphasis at MHSAA Wrestling Rules Meetings for coaches and officials in the fall of 2006.

The Executive Committee compared the gravity of offenses under various regulations,

including Regulation II, Section 13 and Regulation I, Section 10 (undue influence) and Regulation V, Section 3 (sportsmanship), as well as the prescribed penalties for each. The committee compared the range of penalties prescribed for students, officials and others involved with national championship events and noted the lack of specificity in the regulation with respect to coaches. The Executive Committee observed from recent events that light penalties appear to have been ineffective as a deterrent for some coaches' violations.

During deliberations (staff investigator excused), the Executive Committee noted that this situation cannot be considered in a vacuum; and while significant differences between this case and those of other coaches and schools might be obvious to committee members, the differences may be too subtle to grasp for those who have less information. Therefore, any modification of the executive director's penalty in this case may need to be applied to other cases and also communicated to those schools which took actions in response to their coaches' violations without MHSAA involvement.

The Executive Committee determined that while lesser and greater penalties have been imposed in the past, a penalty between the extremes may be most appropriate to uniformly address all the violations in 2007. Therefore, the committee decided that in all cases where a violation has occurred, the school shall be placed on probation for the 2007-08 school year and, as a condition of these teams participating in MHSAA Team and Individual Wrestling Tournaments in 2008, no person who violated Regulation II, Section 13 by his involvement at the March 29-April 1, 2007 event may coach at or attend the MHSAA's 2008 Team and Individual Wrestling Meets.

**New Boston-Huron High School (Regulation II, Section 13)** - An appeal was received regarding the decision to place the wrestling program on probation and as a condition for participation in the 2008 MHSAA Wrestling Tournaments, to require the school to prohibit its head wrestling coach from coaching in the school district in any capacity during the 2007-08 school year. The school's athletic director had confirmed the violation in writing to the MHSAA office.

The Executive Committee determined that the action with respect to Canton High School (above) would be controlling in this matter. The Executive Committee will request that the Representative Council establish a more uniform and severe penalty for future application.

**Regulation III, Section 1(C)** - Pursuant to Interpretation 242, waiver of the enrollment regulation was approved 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.

**Atlanta** (7th & 8th-grade boys & girls basketball & track)

**Eben Junction-Superior Central** (7th & 8th-grade girls basketball)

**Escanaba-Holy Name** (7th-grade boys and girls)

**Jackson Christian** (7th-grade boys & girls basketball, cross country & track; girls volleyball, girls competitive cheer, boys soccer)

**Martin-East Martin Christian** (7th & 8th-grade boys soccer –co-op with Martin Middle School)

**Posen** (7th & 8th-grade boys & girls)

**Rock-Mid Peninsula** (7th & 8th-grade boys & girls basketball & track)

Staff was instructed to make specific requests for information from Martin Middle School and East Martin Christian School before the Executive Committee will consider similar requests for waiver in 2008-09 or beyond.

### **Zeeland-Cityside and Creekside Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1(D)) -**

The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these two member schools of the same district in boys and girls cross country, boys and girls track & field, boys and girls tennis, boys swimming & diving and wrestling beginning with the 2007-08 school year.

**Committees** - The Executive Committee approved dates and invitations for MHSAA committees which meet before Dec. 15, 2007. The committee assignments reflect recent reductions in size of 25-33 percent as previously recommended by the Audit and Finance Committee and approved by the Representative Council.

**Personnel** - The Executive Committee approved the executive director's 2007-08 Standards of Performance and contract extension through July 31, 2010.

**Next Meetings** - The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 6, 2007, at 8:30 a.m.; Monday, Oct. 1, 2007, at 9 a.m., in Traverse City (following Annual Business Meeting); Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2007, at 8:30 a.m.; and Thursday, Nov. 29, 2007, at 1 p.m. (Audit and Finance Committee meets at 8:30 a.m. Nov. 29 and Representative Council meets Friday, Nov. 30).■

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

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

### **Please follow this efficient path of communication**

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

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

## East Lansing, September 6, 2007

### Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan  
Keith Eldred, Williamston  
William Newkirk, Meridian  
Jim Derocher, Negaunee  
Fred Smith, Buchanan

### 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 their participation.

Adoption of these regulations, as well as policies, procedures and schedules of MHSAA tournaments, is a choice schools make locally when they consider their option of MHSAA membership. Consistent with rulings of the Attorney General and Michigan Supreme Court, schools are not bound by the decisions of the Executive Committee, but the association may limit participation in the postseason tournaments it sponsors to those schools which choose to apply rules and penalties as promulgated by the MHSAA and adopted by each member school's board of education. The MHSAA exercises no independent authority over schools or students.

**Cooperative Program Renewals (Regulation I, Section 1[F])** - Pursuant to instructions revised by the Representative Council in December 2006, the MHSAA

staff will identify cooperative agreement renewal forms that may require Executive Committee review, including those involving a Class A or B school or with three or more schools of any size which indicate large numbers of students trying out or being cut, or a significant win/loss record. All agreements include conference approvals.

The program renewal for St. Clair Shores-Lakeview, Lake Shore and South Lake High Schools in ice hockey was reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee.

**Grand Rapids-Kenowa Hills, Comstock Park and Lowell High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F])** - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls alpine skiing between these schools. The combined enrollment of 3,263 students will place the team in the Division 1 tournaments. None of the schools previously sponsored skiing. Kenowa Hills will be the primary school.

**Ironwood-L. L. Wright and Bessemer-A. D. Johnston High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** - Application was made after the fall sports deadline for a cooperative program in boys soccer between these two Upper Peninsula schools whose teams will not be competing in the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Boys Soccer Tournament due to the result of seasons change litigation. The schools currently have an agreement in boys and girls alpine skiing. The combined enrollment would be 524 students. L. L. Wright sponsored boys soccer previously and would be the primary school.

Because this program is not participating in any MHSAA-sponsored postseason tournament this school year, the Executive Committee approved this late application for a cooperative program.

**Ishpeming, Negaunee and Republic-Michigamme High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F])** - The Executive Committee approved the addition of Republic-Michigamme High School to a cooperative program that has existed in boys and girls swimming & diving between Ishpeming and Negaunee High Schools since 1992. The combined enrollment will be 841 students. Support from the three schools which also sponsor swimming in the Mid-Peninsula Conference was received.

**Manistee, Bear Lake, Manistee-Catholic Central and Onekama High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** - The Executive Committee approved the addition of Bear Lake and Onekama High Schools to a cooperative program in wrestling that has existed between Manistee and Manistee-Catholic Central High Schools since 2000. The combined enrollment of 890 students will move the team from the Division 3 to the Division 2 tournament. The Western Waterways Activities Conference has approved the agreement.

**Norton Shores-Mona Shores, Muskegon-Reeths-Puffer and Muskegon-Oakridge High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F])** - The Executive Committee approved the addition of Oakridge High School to a cooperative program in girls gymnastics that has existed between Mona Shores and Reeths-Puffer since 1999. The combined enrollment will be 3,245 students. Support from the OK Conference was received.

**Painesdale-Jeffers, Chassell, Calumet and Hancock High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** - A request was made to extend the deadline for a cooperative program in boys and girls swimming & diving between these schools. The combined enrollment would be 879 students. Jeffers was the primary school in a cooperative program that will be dissolved in order to form the new program. There is no league affiliation; support from future opponents will be included.

The Executive Committee approved the extension of the deadline for a completed application to not later than Sept. 26, 2007 so the matter may be prepared for Executive Committee action on Oct. 1, 2007.

**Chelsea High School (Regulation I, Section 7)** - A request to waive the previous semester record regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who has been battling chronic abdominal pain for two years for which he underwent surgery. The student was also treated for chronic neck pain and migraine headaches. The illness caused the student to miss school and he was unable to take online courses, resulting in only three classes being passed in the first semester of the 11th grade in 2006-07 and no classes passed in the second semester.

The Executive Committee approved the

request for waiver and stipulated that both semesters of the 2006-07 school year count toward the maximum of eight semesters of eligibility for this student.

**Whitehall High School (Regulation I, Section 7)** - On Aug. 13, 2007, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the previous semester record regulation on behalf of a 12th-grade student. The student was diagnosed with a medical condition which eventually led to academic failures during the second semester of the 11th grade in the 2006-07 school year. The school and grandparent submitted additional information that requested the Executive Committee reconsider its previous decision upon evidence that the student's deficient academic record was the direct manifestation of the student's illness and not within the control of the student.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Caseville High School (Regulation I, Sections 7 & 9)** - A request to waive the previous semester record and transfer sections of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who was expelled from Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port High School in the first semester of the 2006-07 school year. For the second semester of that school year, the student enrolled in the Horizon Program which is the alternative school for all schools in the Huron County Intermediate School District.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver of either section of the eligibility regulation.

**Albion 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 Concord High School and did not participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver to the extent that this student is eligible 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 Albion High School.

**Allegan 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 Allegan for the 9th grade and whose family made an offer on a home in the Zeeland East School District which fell through this fall after the student had registered his intention to attend Zeeland East and after the student had participated in one scrimmage and one game of JV soccer at Zeeland East. The student had made the team and practiced with Allegan before making the team and participating at Zeeland East.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**AuGres-Sims High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 72 (9th-grader practicing with another high school) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who practiced for seven days with Twining-Arenac Eastern High School's JV volleyball team before registering to attend AuGres-Sims High School on Aug. 22, 2007. The student did not participate in a scrimmage or game.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Battle Creek-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 school in Mississippi while residing with his mother who has been diagnosed with fibromyalgia. Because the mother was no longer able to care for the student, the student has moved into the residence of an older sister in the Central School District who has two sons attending Battle Creek Public Schools.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Bay City-All Saints Central 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 Auburn-Bay City Western High School where she tried out for the volleyball team and was cut. The student did not participate in a game or scrimmage in any MHSAA tournament sport while at Bay City Western High School.

The Executive Committee approved the

request for waiver to the extent that this student is eligible 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 All Saints Central High School.

**Birmingham-Seaholm 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 Grandville High School while living with his mother. The student has moved to the Seaholm attendance area and is residing with his father. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Bridgman High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 72 (9th-grader practicing with another high school) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who practiced volleyball for four days from Aug. 13-16 for Three Oaks-River Valley High School where the student was cut from the team and did not participate in a scrimmage or contest. The student registered to enroll at Bridgman High School on Aug. 17. The student resides in the River Valley School District.

Based on information provided by both schools, the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver. The student is ineligible for volleyball only during the first semester of the 2007-08 school year.

**Bridgman High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C])** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended River Valley High School which is a member of a six-school cooperative program in boys and girls swimming & diving. The student did not participate in swimming as a 9th-grader and support was not received from River Valley High School, as is called for in the regulation. The student participated in football and basketball as a 9th-grader.

Pursuant to the specific requirements of Section 9(C), the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Brighton High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation, and specifically Interpretation 72, was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who is a resident of Brighton. The student was enrolled for nine school days at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, participated in football practice and a preseason scrimmage before enrolling at Brighton High School.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Brighton High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who is a resident of Brighton and attended Brighton Schools from Kindergarten through 8th grade. The student attended class for 10 school days at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, participated in football practice but did not play in a game or scrimmage before enrolling at Brighton High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver to the extent that this student is eligible 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 Brighton High School.

**Bronson High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (eligible at the public school of residency) was made on behalf of a 12th-grade foreign exchange student from a CSIET-approved program. The student is living in the Reading School District with a host family who has an 11th-grade daughter in attendance at Bronson High School and whose son is a recent graduate.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Burr Oak High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - On Aug. 13, 2007, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Sturgis Schools since the 3rd grade while residing in Burr Oak. The student began the 9th grade at Sturgis High School in 2006-07 and did not participate in athletics due to several medical conditions. The school submitted additional information and requested reconsideration.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Burton-St. Thomas More Academy (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Davison High School and did not participate in athletics.

Seeing no evidence of a compelling need for the transfer, the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Byron Center High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who lives in the Byron Center High School District but attended Byron Center Charter School for the 9th grade in the 2006-07 school year. The student had health issues which could be monitored by the mother who is employed by Byron Center Charter School. The student enrolled at Byron Center High School on May 8, 2007. The student wishes to continue involvement in swimming which Byron Center Charter School does not offer.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Cadillac 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 an Episcopal priest who was assigned to be the minister of a local church in December 2006. The student and father remained in St. Joseph to finish the school year. The student has enrolled at Cadillac High School to begin the 2007-08 school year. The father has remained in St. Joseph and will move to Cadillac when he finds employment.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Corunna High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (eligible at the public school of residency) was made on behalf of a 12th-grade foreign exchange student from a CSIET-approved program. The student is living in New Lothrop with a host family who has an 11th-grade son in attendance at Corunna High School and whose daughter is a recent graduate.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Corunna High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (eligible at the public school of residency) was made on behalf of a 12th-grade foreign exchange student from a CSIET-approved program. The student is living in Owosso with a host family who has a 2nd-grade son in attendance at Corunna Elementary School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Dearborn-Divine Child High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 72 (9th-grader practicing with another high school) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who practiced volleyball beginning Aug. 13 and played in one JV volleyball tournament for Canton High School on Aug. 25. The student attended a Catholic grade school which is a feeder school to Divine Child.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Detroit-U of D Jesuit High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended a boarding school in Albion and enrolled at U of D Jesuit to begin the 2007-08 school year. The student attended U of D Jesuit from the 7th grade through the first semester of the 10th grade before attending boarding school. The school is requesting eligibility at the high school he had attended previously which is not the closest nonpublic school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**DeWitt 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 was previously enrolled at an academy in St. Joseph and Lansing-Everett High School. The student did not participate in athletics while in the 9th grade.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver to the extent that this student is eligible 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 DeWitt High School.

**Farmington Hills-Harrison 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 his mother in California from birth to February 2006 when the student moved to live with his father in the residence of the grandmother in Southfield. The father was recently incarcerated and the relationship between the grandmother and the student has deteriorated to the point that the student has moved into the Harrison School District with an aunt and uncle. The parents are divorced.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**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 a 10th-grade foreign exchange student from a CSIET-listed program. The student is living with a host family in West Bloomfield. Mercy is not the closest nonpublic school. The host family has a daughter who also attends Mercy High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**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 foreign exchange student from a CSIET-listed program. The student is living with a host family in Milford. Mercy is not the closest nonpublic school. The host family has a daughter who also attends Mercy High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Farmington Hills-North 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 lived with his mother and attended Wayne Memorial High School. The student has moved to Farmington Hills to reside with his biological father and enrolled at North Farmington High School to begin the 2007-08 school year. 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.

**Fenton High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 72 (9th-grader practicing with another high school) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who practiced football for five days with Owosso High School before registering to enroll at Fenton High School on Aug. 28, 2007. The student did not play in a scrimmage or game.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Ferndale High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously lived with his mother and attended Madison Heights-Lamphere High School. The student has moved to the Ferndale School District to reside with his biological father and enrolled at Ferndale High School to begin the 2007-08 school year. The student's parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with an order from the Oakland County Friend of the Court to withhold child support.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Flint-Powers Catholic 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 lived in China the past three years due to her father's job transfer. The family has returned to Fenton and enrolled the student in Powers Catholic High School which is the closest Catholic high school but not the closest nonpublic school to the Fenton residence; Flint-The Valley School is closer. The student is Catholic and attended Catholic grade school in Fenton until the 7th grade when the student enrolled in school in China.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Gaylord-St. Mary 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 Gaylord High School and did not participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver to the extent that this student is eligible 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 St. Mary High School.

**Grand Rapids-NorthPointe Christian 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 Rockford High School and did not participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver to the extent that this student is eligible 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 NorthPointe Christian High School.

**Grosse Pointe North 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 Grosse Pointe Woods-University Liggett High School where he participated in athletics. The student resides in the Grosse Pointe North attendance area and changed schools due to the family's current financial situation.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Hale High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made 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 school in Missouri for the 9th and 10th grades. The student has moved to Hale to the residence of his brother because of a conflict with his stepfather.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Holland-Calvary 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 Holland Christian High School and did not participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver to the extent that this student is eligible 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 Calvary High School.

**Holland-Calvary High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - A request was made on behalf of a second 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 Holland Christian High School and did not participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver to the extent that this student is eligible 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 Calvary High School.

**Holland-West Ottawa 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 school in Mexico and did not participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver to the extent that this student is eligible 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 West Ottawa High School.

**Howell 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 Canton High School while residing with her mother. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a custody order awarding custody to the plaintiff and father on April 15, 2007. The father resides in the Pinckney School District but wishes

the student to attend Howell High School.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Hudson High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 72 (9th-grader practicing with another high school) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who practiced football for five days in early August with Morenci High School before registering to enroll at Hudson High School. The student did not play in a scrimmage or game. The student lives in Morenci but attended Hudson Middle School through 8th grade.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Ionia High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 72 (9th-grader practicing with another high school) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who practiced football for ten days with Portland High School before registering to enroll at Ionia High School. The student did not play in a scrimmage or game.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Ishpeming-Westwood High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 72 (9th-grader practicing with another high school) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who practiced with the Charlevoix High School football team and participated in a preseason scrimmage. The family will be changing residences to the NICE School District early in 2008.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Kalamazoo-Loy Norrix High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who was expelled from Loy Norrix at the end of the 8th grade and moved to Grand Rapids to live with his grandmother and enrolled at Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills High School where he participated in athletics as an incoming 9th-grader. The student has returned to live with his mother in the Loy Norrix attendance area (exception 2). The mother and father are not divorced, as stated in exception 2; the father's whereabouts are unknown and the father has

not been a part of the student's life at all.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver, the one time only it will be approved for changes of residence to his mother, father or grandmother while the student is enrolled in grades 9 through 12.

**Kingsley High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 72 (9th-grader practicing with another high school) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who practiced football with Manton High School from Aug. 6-21 but was injured from Aug. 8-21 and only did stretching and conditioning. The student did not play in a scrimmage or game.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Kingsley 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 Traverse City West Junior High School and did not participate in athletics. The school also requested varsity eligibility so the student may be brought up from the JV team if the varsity makes the Playoffs.

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 Kingsley High School. Eligibility is not permitted at the varsity level at any time during the first semester.

**Lake Odessa-Lakewood 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 Ionia High School while residing with his mother. The student has been moved to Lake Odessa to live with his mother's aunt and uncle because the student fell in with the wrong crowd. The student's father is incarcerated.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Lansing Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation and Interpretation 72 (9th-grader practicing with another high school) was made on behalf of a

9th-grade student who practiced and participated in an August competition with the Williamston High School girls cross country team before enrolling at Lansing Christian. The student was recently adopted from Guatemala. The student arrived in Michigan in March 2007 and attended Memorial Lutheran School for the 8th grade. The family resides in the Williamston School District.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Lansing Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation and Interpretation 72 (9th-grader practicing with another high school) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who practiced and participated in competition from Aug. 13-25 with the Williamston High School JV boys soccer team before enrolling at Lansing Christian. The student was recently adopted from Guatemala. The family resides in the Williamston School District.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Lansing Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a student who is in his last year of high school by age and practiced and participated in competition from Aug. 13-25 with the Williamston High School varsity boys soccer team before enrolling at Lansing Christian. 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 in June 2008. The family resides in the Williamston School District.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Litchfield High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 72 (9th-grader practicing with another high school) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who practiced with the Quincy High School football team from Aug. 6-17. The student did not participate in an interscholastic scrimmage or game. The student resides in Litchfield.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Livonia-Franklin 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 Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High School and did not participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver to the extent that this student is eligible 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 Franklin High School.

**Livonia-Ladywood 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 an all-girls boarding school in Utah and has returned to live with her parents in Brighton (exception 2). The student is 1.8 miles closer to Ann Arbor-Gabriel Richard, a coed Catholic high school, than she is to Ladywood, which is the closest all-girls Catholic school. The boarding school in Utah was an all-girls institution but not a Catholic school. The student is Catholic and attended a Catholic grade school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Manchester High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who was enrolled in school in New Hampshire while residing with his mother and participated in athletics. The student encountered problems at home, school and among peers. The father was in North Carolina seeking employment. The student asked the mother if he could live with an uncle in Manchester to achieve a fresh start.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Marlette High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who began the 9th grade in the 2006-07 school year at Sandusky High School and played football there. In mid-September the student was placed in foster

care with a family in the Vassar School District. In June 2007, Child Protective Services removed the student from foster care and placed him and a 9th-grade brother in Sandusky. The student and his brother have enrolled at Marlette High School rather than return to Sandusky due to the past circumstances.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Mason 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 previously attended Kalkaska High School. The student's parents are going through a divorce. The mother is employed in Okemos. The family was unable to find a suitable residence and rented a home in the Eaton Rapids School District. The student registered to attend Mason High School at the end of June.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Niles High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously lived with his mother and attended Dowagiac Union High School. The student has moved to the Niles School District to reside with his biological father and enrolled at Niles High School to begin the 2007-08 school year. The student's parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a Stipulation and Order from the 43rd Judicial Circuit Court regarding custody, parenting time and child support.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - At its Aug. 13, 2007 meeting, the Executive Committee tabled a request on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation and Interpretation 72 (9th-grader practicing with another high school). The student practiced for one day, Aug. 6, but did not participate in an interscholastic scrimmage or game with Livonia-Stevenson High School. The student had written the entrance exam in November and was accepted in January but did not register his intent to enroll until Aug.

9, 2007.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Novi High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously lived with his biological father in Detroit and attended Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day High School. The student has moved to Novi to reside with his mother and enrolled at Novi High School to begin the 2007-08 school year. 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.

**Olivet High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 72 (9th-grader practicing with another high school) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who practiced for three or four days with Charlotte High School's football team but did not participate in an interscholastic scrimmage or game. The student enrolled at Olivet High School to begin the 2007-08 school year. The student's father lives in Olivet and an older sister has attended Olivet High School for the past three years.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Parchment High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Parchment schools until the first semester of the 2006-07 school year when her father was appointed Pastor of the Bronson United Methodist Church, the family moved to Bronson and the student enrolled at Bronson High School. The student experienced verbal attacks which affected her health and resulted in medical treatment. The family is staying in Bronson, and the student reenrolled at Parchment High School to begin the 2007-08 school year, and is living with grandparents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Petersburg-Summerfield High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previous-

ly lived with his mother in Ohio, attending Uniontown-Lake High School. The student has moved to Petersburg to reside with his biological father and enrolled at Summerfield High School to begin the 2007-08 school year. 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.

**Pinconning 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 Auburn-Bay City Western High School and did not participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver to the extent that this student is eligible 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 Pinconning High School.

**Pittsford High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Maurice Spears juvenile residential facility for the 9th grade and previously the 7th and 8th grades at the Lock Haven Youth Facility in Hillsdale. The student has been released from Maurice Spears due to good grades and behavior and now resides with his grandparents who live in the Pittsford School District. Both the student's parents are incarcerated.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Plainwell 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 Delton Kellogg High School. The student had been subject of incidents since middle school which became intolerable for the student to continue at Delton Kellogg.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Rock-Mid Peninsula 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 another school where he never participated in any sports.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver to the extent that this student is eligible 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 Mid Peninsula High School.

**Royal Oak-Shrine High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Warren-Immaculate Conception and enrolled at Shrine High School to begin the 2007-08 school year. Immaculate Conception is closing at the end of the 2008-09 school year and will be allowing 11th- and 12th- grade students to continue and graduate for one school year (2007-08). No incoming 9th-graders will be accepted and 10th grade will not be offered. Had the student not transferred, she would have been President of the senior class and National Honor Society and the Valedictorian at Immaculate Conception High School.

On June 13, 2007, the Executive Committee addressed the question of Immaculate Conception High School's gradual closing and confirmed that students moving from the 10th grade to the 11th grade or the 11th grade to the 12th grade do not qualify under exception 6 (school closing) and are not eligible at any other high school unless they qualify for a different exception to the transfer regulation. Tenth-grade students who enroll elsewhere would be eligible immediately under exception 11, having achieved the highest grade available to any student at that school.

At its Aug. 13 meeting, based on new information - that the 11th-grade students would be taking two years in one and be expected to graduate at the end of the 2007-08 school year, after just three years of high school and the closing of the school - the Executive Committee approved the immediate eligibility, insofar as the transfer regulation is concerned, for all those students who were 10th-graders at Immaculate Conception High School during the second semester of

the 2006-07 school year. The Executive Committee did not approve a request for waiver for 12th-grade students.

After thorough discussion, the Executive Committee reaffirmed its actions of June 13 and Aug. 13 with respect to 12th-grade students.

**Royal Oak-Shrine High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Warren-Immaculate Conception and will be enrolling at Shrine High School to begin the 2007-08 school year. This student's twin sister's request for eligibility was not approved by the Executive Committee on Aug. 13, 2007. All three students from the family have enrolled at Shrine High School. The 10th-grade sister is eligible based on previous decisions.

Pursuant to previous actions involving this and other schools, and further discussion, the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver for this 12th-grade student.

**St. Joseph High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who has a severe hearing impairment and previously attended St. Joseph-Michigan Lutheran High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Sault Ste. Marie-Sault Area High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously lived with his mother in Brimley and attended Brimley High School. The student has moved to Sault Ste. Marie to reside with his biological father and enrolled at Sault Area High School to begin the 2007-08 school year. 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.

**Standish-Sterling High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 72 (9th-grader practicing with another high school) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who practiced football for four days with Pinconning High School from

Aug. 6-9. The student did not play in a scrimmage or game. The student previously attended Standish-Sterling Schools and has enrolled there to begin the 2007-08 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Sterling Heights-Jeannette Junior High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who practiced football for five days beginning Aug. 6. Classes started at De La Salle Collegiate High School on Aug. 20, 2007. The student attended school for five days until registering to reenroll at Jeanette Junior High on Aug. 27. The student did not participate in a scrimmage or game for either school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver to the extent that this student is eligible 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 Jeannette Junior High School.

**Stockbridge High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who resides in Perry and has attended Perry Schools in Shiawassee County her entire life. The student applied last spring to participate in a program in Histotechnology that is offered through Lansing Community College by the Capital Area Career Center that is not available to Perry High School but is available to all schools within Ingham County including students at Stockbridge High School. At its Aug. 13, 2007 meeting, the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver. The school resubmitted the matter to the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee noted that the primary motivation for this student's transfer was not the result of a curriculum comparison between two member schools but the availability of a college program to students in one county that was not available to students in another county, and then only available to Ingham County schools on a highly selective, competitive basis to a limited number of students regardless of their school of enrollment within the county. The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver, and the

committee reaffirmed that it is not its place to consider waiver requests that require comparative analysis of member schools' academic or athletic programs or their social environment or demographic makeup.

**Swartz Creek High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously lived with his mother and attended Davison High School. The student has moved to the Swartz Creek School District to reside with his biological father and enrolled at Swartz Creek High School to begin the 2007-08 school year. The student's parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with documentation from the Friend of the Court indicating that the father paid child support for the student.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Temperance-Bedford High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who is considered homeless.

Because it was unsure of essential facts in this matter, the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Ubly 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 Bay City-Central High School through the 11th grade while living with his parents. The student moved to Ubly to reside with his grandmother. An Educational Transfer Form noting Exception 12 (18-year-old moving without parents) was received. The school requested eligibility for football because the student does not turn 18 until late October 2007.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver. The student becomes eligible when he turns 18.

**Walled Lake Western High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously lived in North Carolina with his mother and now resides in Walled Lake with a cousin. The State of North Carolina intervened and the grandmother assumed care of a sister, an aunt assumed care of a minor sibling, and a

cousin assumed care of this student.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Warren Woods-Tower High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 72 (9th-grader practicing with another high school) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who practiced and participated in a subvarsity football game at Warren-Lincoln High School (his school of residency) from Aug. 6-22 before registering to enroll at Warren Woods-Tower. The school district has a window for entry for school of choice students from Aug. 1-16 and a 14-day notification period.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Waterford Kettering 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 Pontiac-Notre Dame Preparatory High School for the 9th and 10th grades before enrolling at Waterford Kettering to begin the 2007-08 school year. The student struggled in many ways at the previous high school and is seeking a fresh start at a new school.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Wayland Union High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 72 (9th-grader practicing with another high school) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who practiced for four days with Byron Center High School's JV volleyball team before registering to attend Wayland Union High School. The student did not participate in a scrimmage or contest.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Wayne Memorial High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who was enrolled at Plymouth Christian Academy and participated in athletics. The student resides in the same residence in Wayne and changed schools for financial reasons. An older sibling continues to attend Plymouth Christian Academy.

The Executive Committee did not

approve the request for waiver.

**Wyoming-The Potter's House Christian 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 18 year old 12th-grade student who attended The Potter's House Christian for the 9th and 10th grades before moving to Texas with his parents who are missionaries. The student is returning to live in Michigan without his parents and is residing with a former youth group leader in Grand Rapids. The student has completed an Educational Transfer Form citing Exception 12 (18 years old). The Potter's House Christian High School is not the closest nonpublic school to the student's residence but is the student's former school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Wyoming 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 Grand Rapids-Union High School. The student and his single father reside in Grand Rapids but the father works in Muskegon. Because the student had medical issues, the father wanted the student enrolled at a school closer to their home.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Yale 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 Yale Schools for the 8th grade and moved to Imlay City to reside with an aunt and attend school there for the 9th grade. The student is returning to live with his mother in Yale and enrolled there to begin the 2007-08 school year. The student meets part of Exception 2 except that the student's stepfather and mother are divorcing (single parent if divorced, only living parent). The mother moved away from the stepfather in December 2006. The student's biological father and mother have been divorced since 1992.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this one time only for a change of residence by this student to his father, mother or stepfather while this student is enrolled in grades 9 through 12.

**Yale High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously was enrolled at Armada High School while living with his mother who has moved to Georgia with the student's stepfather. The student has moved to Yale with his biological father and has enrolled at Yale High School to begin the 2007-08 school year. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with an Order of Filiation and Support from the St. Clair Circuit Court indicating the father.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Grand Rapids Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 12)** - A request to waive the amateur status regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who has been a member of the U.S. Paralympic Swim Team since 2004. In September 2006, the Executive Committee granted a waiver of the amateur status regulation to allow the student to receive limited reimbursements. Previous to September 2006, the student was participating without reimbursement payments that are given to other students who are members of this U.S. Paralympic National Team by the United States Olympic Committee. The reimbursements were not presented in kind, and included three travel stipends for the student to attend three required competitions in the United States and three grants to assist with training and other expenses. The mother is a single parent of the student adopted from the Republic of Georgia in 1994. The student was born with a short right leg, had a foot amputated at age five, and wears a knee prosthesis for walking but not for swimming. While the student declined any reimbursement in 2005 in order to be in compliance with MHSAA regulations, the mother had difficulty in 2006 meeting the travel expenses on her own. The parent verified that all future reimbursements were used for travel and not for training. Competitions did not conflict with the MHSAA Girls Swimming & Diving Tournament. Noting the uniqueness of the student's situation and the level and scope of the competition in 2006, the Executive Committee determined that for the 2006-07 school year, this student's family could

accept up to \$2,250 in direct reimbursement for specific travel expenses (not general training) provided the family presented to Grand Rapids Christian High School administration receipts for expenses which met or exceeded the amount of financial support received.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver during 2007-08 on the same basis as in 2006-07.

**Grosse Pointe South High School (Regulation II, Section 11)** - Pursuant to Interpretation 219, a request was made to waive the three-player rule on behalf of the girls swimming & diving coach who works part-time outside of sports and is also a full-time coach with the Grosse Pointe Gators Swim Club. The program is not affiliated with the Grosse Pointe Schools and involves 188 students age 6-18, 34 who are from five nonpublic middle schools and three high schools and two additional public school districts. Nineteen male and female swimmers involved with the Gators Swim Club attend Grosse Pointe South High School. The Executive Committee previously approved a request for the same coach and school in January 2007.

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

**Regulation III, Section 1(C)** - Pursuant to Interpretation 244, the following junior high/middle schools were approved for waiver of the enrollment regulation 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:

**Big Rapids-Crossroads Charter Academy** (7th- & 8th-grade boys soccer)

**Burr Oak** (7th- & 8th-grade boys & girls basketball & girls volleyball)

**Burt Lake Northern Michigan Christian Academy** (all sports)

**Felch-North Dickinson** (7th-grade girls basketball)

**Powers-North Central** (7th & 8th-grade boys & girls basketball)

**Twining-Arenac Eastern** (7th- and 8th-grade girls basketball)

After further analysis of enrollments in both situations and discussion of unique factors in Tri County's one-year request, the fol-

lowing 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:

**Climax-Scotts** (7th- & 8th-grade girls basketball, girls volleyball, girls track & field)

**Howard City-Tri County** (boys soccer)

**Holland West and Holland East K-8 Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D])** - The Executive Committee approved the addition of football, volleyball, softball, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls tennis and boys and girls soccer to a cooperative program that has existed since the 1990s in boys and girls track & field, swimming & diving and wrestling between these schools. The district has restructured and East Middle School is now East K-8 with an enrollment that will not support its own teams. Holland West Middle School would be the primary school for all sports.

**Manistee Catholic Central and Free Soil Junior High Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D])** - The Executive Committee approved the addition of Free Soil Junior High School to a cooperative program in boys and girls basketball that has previously existed between Manistee Catholic Central and Trinity Lutheran. Manistee Catholic Central will continue as the primary school.

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

**Fraser-Arts Academy in the Woods**, a public school academy with a specialized arts curriculum which serves students from several suburban Detroit communities. The school currently has no interest in sponsoring any MHSAA tournament sports at this time. Housed in a former Fraser middle school with an enrollment of 350 students in grades 9-12, it is anticipated that students will participate in athletic programs at their former high schools after having been enrolled there for two semesters as provided under Interpretations 51 and 52 (specialized curriculum). The school's 2007-08 Membership Resolution was received June 29, 2007.

Provided a 2008-09 Membership Resolution is received by Sept. 26, 2008, and all other rules are complied with, the school would be eligible for MHSAA postseason tournaments in the 2008-09 school year. Students who are in compliance with Interpretations 51 and 52 (and eligible in all other respects) may participate in athletics during the 2007-08 school year at the school where they have continuing eligibility.

**Harper Woods-Chandler Park Academy**, a public school academy chartered in 1997 by Saginaw Valley State University that will have its first 9th-grade class to begin the 2007-08 school year. The enrollment is approximately 350 students in grades K-8, with 180 students in grade 9. The school is located on two adjacent properties of former member schools: Notre Dame and Lutheran East High Schools. The school plans to offer sports teams in boys and girls cross country, boys and girls track & field, boys and girls basketball, girls cheerleading and girls volleyball. The school has full indoor and outdoor athletic facilities. The school's Athletic Code of Good Conduct and Sportsmanship is in process. The school's 2007-08 Membership Resolution was received as signed Aug. 18, 2007. Provided a 2008-09 Membership Resolution is received by Sept. 26, 2008, and all other rules are complied with, the school would be eligible for MHSAA postseason tournaments in the 2008-09 school year.

**New Haven-Merritt Academy**, a public school academy established in 2002 chartered by Saginaw Valley State University with an enrollment of 70 students in the 7th and 8th grades and 70 students in grades 9 and 10. The school is located in a newly constructed facility with a gym and grounds that will allow for future development of ball diamonds and a soccer field. It serves students from the communities of New Haven, L'Anse Creuse, Anchor Bay and St. Clair. The school intends to offer boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, boys and girls track & field, baseball, girls softball, girls volleyball

and girls competitive cheer. The school's 2007-08 Membership Resolution was received June 10, 2007. Provided a 2008-09 Membership Resolution is received by Sept. 26, 2008, and all other rules are complied with, the school would be eligible for MHSAA postseason tournaments in the 2008-09 school year.

**Southfield-Bradford Academy**, a public school academy chartered by Bay Mills Junior College in Brimley. The school has been serving suburban Detroit communities for five years and will have its first 9th-grade class to begin the 2007-08 school year. The enrollment is approximately 1,000 students in grades K-9, including 125 in grade 9. The school plans to offer 7th-, 8th- and 9th-grade teams in boys and girls soccer, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball and girls volleyball. The school has full indoor athletic facilities and has plans to build an adjoining structure to house developing high school grades. The school's Athletic Code of Good Conduct and Sportsmanship is in process. The school's athletic director attended a 2007 orientation program for new athletic directors. The school's 2007-08 Membership Resolution was received June 26, 2007. Provided a 2008-09 Membership Resolution is received by Sept. 26, 2008, and all other rules are complied with, the school would be eligible for MHSAA postseason tournaments in the 2008-09 school year.

**Epidemic Emergency Plan** - The Executive Committee reviewed a draft of a contingency plan for interscholastic athletics should there be an outbreak of MRSA or other infectious disease. This is to be approved at the committee's Oct. 1 meeting.

**Next Meetings** - The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Monday, Oct. 1, 2007, at 9 a.m., in Traverse City (following Annual Business Meeting); Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2007, at 8:30 a.m.; and Thursday, Nov. 29, 2007, at 1 p.m. (Audit and Finance Committee meets at 8:30 a.m. and Representative Council meets Friday, Nov. 30).■

# OFFICIAL REPORT OF BOARD OF CANVASSERS

East Lansing, September 17, 2007

*We, whose signatures appear 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 Oct.3, 1941.*

## REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

### NORTHERN PENINSULA -

#### CLASS A AND B SCHOOLS (No. 1)

Total number of legal ballots received . . . . . 4  
Dan Flynn, Escanaba . . . . . 4  
Illegal or incomplete ballots received . . . . 0

**Elected by Majority of Votes - Dan Flynn**

### CITY OF DETROIT

#### PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS (No. 2)

Total number of legal ballots received . . . . . 1  
Lafayette Evans, Detroit Public Schools. . . 1  
Illegal or incomplete ballots received . . . . 1

**Elected by Majority of Votes - Lafayette Evans**

### SOUTHWESTERN SECTION -

#### CLASS C AND D SCHOOLS (No. 3)

Total number of legal ballots received . . . . . 25  
Ken Dietz, Watervliet. . . . . 12  
Bob Guse, Cassopolis-Ross Beatty . . . . . 3  
Chris Miller, Gobles. . . . . 10  
Illegal or incomplete ballots received . . . . 5

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

### SOUTHEASTERN SECTION -

#### CLASS C AND D SCHOOLS (No. 4)

Total number of legal ballots received . . . . . 37  
Martin Covert, Byron. . . . . 6  
Kristen M. Isom, Adrian-Madison. . . . . 31  
Illegal or incomplete ballots received . . . . 1

**Elected by Majority of Votes - Kristen M. Isom**

### STATEWIDE AT-LARGE (No. 5)

Total number of legal ballots received . . . . . 442  
Karen Leinaar, Benzonia. . . . . 354  
Dail Prucka, Monroe-Jefferson . . . . . 88  
Illegal or incomplete ballots received . . . . 23

**Elected by Majority of Votes - Karen Leinaar**

### JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOLS (No. 6)

Total number of legal ballots received . . . . . 122  
Rudy Godefroidt, Hemlock . . . . . 122  
Illegal or incomplete ballots received . . . . 9

**Elected by Majority of Votes - Rudy Godefroidt**

### UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

#### CLASS D SCHOOLS (No. 7)

Total number of legal ballots received . . . . . 8  
Catherine R. Shamion, Ewen-Trout Creek . 8  
Illegal or incomplete ballots received . . . . 0

**Elected by Majority of Votes -**

**Catherine R. Shamion**

#### CLASS A AND B SCHOOLS (No. 8)

Total number of legal ballots received . . . . . 4  
Thomas C. Smith, Escanaba . . . . . 4  
Illegal or incomplete ballots received . . . . 0

**Elected by Majority of Votes - Thomas C. Smith**

#### CLASS C SCHOOLS (No. 9)

Total number of legal ballots received . . . . . 8  
Don Gustafson, St. Ignace-LaSalle . . . . . 8  
Illegal or incomplete ballots received . . . . 1

**Elected by Majority of Votes - Don Gustafson**

### BOARD OF CANVASSERS (Signed)

Leon Olszamowski, Principal, Pontiac-Notre Dame Preparatory High School  
Jack Postma, Principal, Hudsonville-Unity Christian High School  
Ronald Stoneman, Superintendent, Walkerville Public Schools  
Mike Vondette, Principal, Hemlock High School  
Mark Woodson, Athletic Director, Romulus High School

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### GRAND SLAM LEADERSHIP (4 Bases, 4 Basics)

*The invention of the printing press revolutionized how people learn. In the 1900s, the industrial revolution changed how people work. We are now in some stage (how far, we don't know) in a revolution of information technology, changing how we learn, work and live.*

*The next revolution is likely to be nanotechnology, literally, reconfiguring atoms to specify molecular detail. Literally, reordering the building blocks of nature. Imagine! How audacious!*

*But perhaps this is not so far-fetched. For if we rearrange the atoms in the sand on our beaches, we can make computer chips. If we rearrange the atoms of the dirt, water and air in our gardens, we can make potatoes. If we rearrange the atoms of coal, we can make diamonds.*

*So if we merely rearrange a few minutes of our days to think of our leadership skills and strategies, don't you suppose we can make ourselves better leaders, or even great leaders?*

*I think so; and I will dedicate space in the remaining Bulletins of 2007-08 to this purpose, beginning now:*

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The No. 1, absolutely-can't-be-without-it, essential ingredient of great leadership is this: it's passion. It's a fire that burns inside you – a burning desire, ironically, not to lead; but a burning desire to serve, a **passion to serve**.

A good leader can't be without it: not the passion to please, for good service is as often saying “no” as saying “yes;” but the passion to serve.

However, passion – the first and foremost ingredient of great leadership – can only get you so far. It can only get you to first base. There has to be some purpose for this passion, some direction for this internal drive; some design.

We know the general direction is to serve. But whom do we serve? How do we serve them? Where and why do we serve them?

So to get from first base to second in this “grand slam leadership,” the leader must have a second key ingredient: **vision**. And not just any vision will do. It can't be too ethereal, it can't be so theoretical and “out there” that it's irrelevant or unnecessary or impractical or unrealistic.

But neither can the vision be so pedestrian, so tired, so unimaginative that it fails to inspire people, fails to energize and move them.

The vision must be large, almost lofty, but stress real people and real times and

address real problems. And it must use plain language: language that is concrete, convincing and compelling.

A proper vision has the organization's basic philosophy in mind, its core principles at heart, and its core competencies engaged. A proper vision is values-driven, viewing mission, not money, assessing what we should be doing because of our core beliefs and competencies, not what we could be doing because there's money in it.

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***“Good leadership requires a ‘V’ and three ‘Ps.’. That’s vision – a stretch goal – and then a Plan, Partners and Persistence.”***

***— David Hollister  
Former Mayor of Lansing and  
Michigan State Senator***

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With burning passion and a values-driven mission – a shared vision connected to a clear and compelling purpose – you've got a standup double on the way to “grand slam leadership.” What do you need to stretch the double to a triple, or what's third base on the way to touching all four?

It is this; it is absolutely this. It's **communication**.

Communication in all its forms: speak-

ing, writing, listening, convening, consensus building. It's bringing comfort in tough times and the right amount of discomfort in tranquil times.

You can have the best intentions and the best ideas, but if you can't get them across, if you can't get folks to at least consider their merits, then you get tagged out between second and third base, and not even a head-first slide will save you.

But the leader with passion, vision and the ability to communicate won't even slow down rounding third base. This leader is looking to clear the bases, and the fourth ingredient for this outcome is this: it's **execution**. It's doing what you say. It's consis-

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***"Good leaders create a vision, articulate the vision, passionately own the vision, and relentlessly drive it to completion."***

— **Jack Welch**  
**Former CEO of General Electric**

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tency between talk and walk. It's persistence to keep trying against tough odds.

Grand slam leadership has these basics – passion, vision, communication, execution – and great leaders will touch all four bases, day after day after day. ■

## **Girls Participation Continues to Thrive in Michigan**

Continuing its pattern of outperforming census figures, participation by girls in high school sports in Michigan during the 2006-07 school year again ranks fourth nationally, and participation rates in five sports moved up on the charts in figures released this week by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

For the fourth straight year, Michigan's girls participation rates held their own, staying ahead of more densely population states like Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New Jersey; and trailing only the largest populated states of California, Texas and New York. Michigan's girls and overall participation rates were their second highest ever in 2006-07 – the girls numbers has set records for the four previous years, and the overall figure is coming off a streak of three consecutive record-setting seasons. A total of 131,500 female participants took part in high school sports in Michigan last year, narrowly missing the record of 131,662 set the previous year; and overall participation was 313,093, barely topped by the all-time mark of 313,589 of 2005-06.

According to 2006 U.S. Census Bureau figures, Michigan continues to rank eighth in both females and males of ages 14 through 17.

Participation in five sports – girls golf, girls competitive cheer, girls skiing, boys bowling and boys swimming and diving – all moved up one spot nationally in 2006-07. Michigan now ranks second in boys bowling and girls skiing participation, and fourth in girls golf, girls competitive cheer and boys swimming and diving.

Other sports in which Michigan outperformed or matched its population figures in 2006-07 were girls bowling, boys ice hockey, boys skiing, girls tennis, and girls volleyball in third place nationally; girls and boys basketball, and boys tennis in fourth; girls and boys cross country, football, boys golf, girls swimming and diving, boys track and field, and wrestling in fifth; boys lacrosse, girls soccer and girls track and field in sixth; softball in seventh; and baseball and boys soccer finished eighth. Girls lacrosse was ninth nationally and girls gymnastics was 11th.

Michigan's overall participation mark was again good for fifth place in 2006-07. Boys participation in the NFHS survey for the past year again ranked sixth.

National participation in high school sports in 2006-07 was up to 7,342,910, setting a new record; and girls participation topped the three million mark for the first time at 3,021,807. Nationally, 54.2 percent of high school students participation in sports, in Michigan, that figure is 60.4 percent.

## REVIEWING THE REGULATIONS

### VIDEO RULES REQUIRE ATTENTION

Regulation II, Section 14 of the *MHSAA Handbook* addresses a variety of issues related to video during the regular season and MHSAA Postseason Tournament play.

During the regular season in all sports, live video of a contest or event involving an MHSAA member school is prohibited regardless of the medium – over-the-air television, cable television, Internet streaming or any other technology currently available or not yet developed. Even if a member school is playing a non-member school at the non-member school's venue, performing on live video is prohibited.

Video of an event involving an MHSAA member school may be shown on a delayed or on-demand basis beginning at 11:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) the day of the game.

*Handbook* Interpretation 230 provides a limited exception for a live, local video broadcast of a game or event. With the Executive Director's permission, an exception may be granted when the following conditions are met:

- a. The telecast(s) is over a school-owned and operated or non-commercial community service station
- b. The telecast(s) is at least partially student-produced
- c. There are no paid advertisements
- d. There are no rights fees paid to the school
- e. All other MHSAA member schools within the viewing area provide in advance their written statements of support for the telecast(s)

Scouting via videotape became allowable by Representative Council action in 1996-97. A school may shoot video of a game it is not involved in for scouting purposes. Interpretation 231, however, does allow member schools to prohibit third-party video being shot of their practice sessions and intrasquad scrimmages.

As the technology to produce season-ending highlights videos becomes more available, schools need to be aware that Section 14 (A) of Regulation II requires that "No school may sell or rent videos (DVD, tape or film) of contests which are part of an MHSAA tournament without the permission of the MHSAA."

An outside vendor producing a highlights video or selling videos of entire games of an MHSAA tournament is required to seek the same permission and pay a rights fee to the Association.

For MHSAA tournaments, events may be televised in accordance with MHSAA Broadcast Regulations, which can be found on the Media page of the MHSAA Web site. Parties wishing to televise tournament events, including participating schools, must make application with the MHSAA and follow the applicable rules in the Broadcast Regulations. Tournament managers should not allow a party wishing to televise a tournament game at their site access to the facility until they have been notified by the MHSAA that approval has been granted. Television stations covering tournament games for the purpose of showing highlights on regularly scheduled newscasts do not need advance approval of the MHSAA. ■

#### *And We Quote —*

***“A gold medal is a wonderful thing, but if you're not enough without it, you'll never be enough with it.”***

***– Irv Blitzer (John Candy) in “Cool Runnings”***

## GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

### A LIFE THAT MATTERS

*The following are closing comments from Pete Ryan's address to the Saginaw Valley HS League Banquet on Aug. 22 in Frankenmuth to begin the 2007-08 school year. Ryan is the Saginaw Township District Athletic Director and an MHSAA Representative Council member.*

Every year we come back to new challenges whether it is as a student, coach, administrator or fan. This year the challenge for many is different with the change of seasons in volleyball, basketball, tennis and golf. For some it means new opportunities to coach and to mentor new students. For others it means making tough choices about what we coach and what level, or if we can even coach at all. But as difficult as those choices are, think of how difficult they are for our student-athletes.

Now more than ever, you need to step up and be a mentor to them. For many of our student athletes, you may be one of the few positive adult role models in their life. Athletics is the one thing that keeps many of our students coming back to school and staying off the streets.

In this age when the pressures on student athletes come from all directions, it is important that we focus on not only improving their athletic skills, but also their skills to survive in today's world. Look at what they are blasted with on TV. Michael Vick, Barry Bonds, Tim Donaghy or more locally Neifi Perez. All athletes or officials who at some point allegedly crossed the line between making a positive decision and negative one. Our role, now more than ever is to guide these young people into making positive decisions that will help them in athletics and in life.

It is easy to complain about the problems

of the world or our own individual problems. Many of us are facing budget shortfalls, or lack of interest by students, but it is still our job, no our responsibility to actively lead these students in a morally positive direction and to guide them to be our future leaders.

Last spring Tom Rashid shared the poem on the next page by Michael Josephson called "What Will Matter" at the MHSAA Rep Council meeting I would like to share it with you because it has had a profound impact on me and my life as a parent, and on my career.

You as coaches no longer have the luxury of just coaching. You are now a fundraiser, a counselor, a parent, a friend, a planner, and a builder of the next generation of leaders. In your free time you have to do all of those things for your family at home as well as having a real "job." But you know what, they matter.

Remember that you are always being watched because it matters. Set a positive example for your student athletes both on and off the field because it matters. You represent your school, your community, the Saginaw Valley League and the MHSAA every day that you coach, teach or serve as an administrator because it matters. Take PRIDE in what you do and do it to the best of your ability and show class when you win and lose because it matters. Respect each other and the job that each of you do whether be as a coach or an official. Follow the rules and teach your students to do the same even when it means a personal or team sacrifice because it matters. Above all make it fun for you so that you come back to this great evening next year and for the kids so that they too will have life long memories of the great experiences of high school athletics because it matters. ■

## WHAT WILL MATTER

By Michael Josephson

Ready or not, some day it will all come to an end.  
There will be no more sunrises, no minutes, hours or days.  
All the things you collected, whether treasured or forgotten,  
will pass to someone else.  
Your wealth, fame and temporal power will shrivel to irrelevance.  
It will not matter what you owned or what you were owed.  
Your grudges, resentments, frustrations and jealousies will finally disappear.  
So too, your hopes, ambitions, plans and to-do lists will expire.  
The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away.  
It won't matter where you came from or what side of the tracks  
you lived on at the end.  
It won't matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant.  
Even your gender and skin color will be irrelevant.

So what will matter? How will the value of your days be measured?  
What will matter is not what you bought but what you built,  
not what you got but what you gave.

What will matter is not your success but your significance.  
What will matter is not what you learned, but what you taught.  
What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage or sacrifice that enriched,  
empowered or encouraged others to emulate your example.

What will matter is not your competence but your character.  
What will matter is not how many people you knew,  
but how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone.  
What will matter is not your memories but the  
memories of those who loved you.  
What will matter is how long you will be remembered, by whom and for what.

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident.  
It's not a matter of circumstance but of choice.  
Choose to live a life that matters.

## SCOPE AWARD ENTERS SECOND YEAR

For the second consecutive year, AT&T will award four Michigan high schools a total of \$10,000 as part of the 2008 Scope Award. This award honors one school in each enrollment class (A-B-C-D) for its work in promoting the proper role of school sports. In addition to statewide recognition, each school will receive \$2,500 to be applied toward continuing local promotion of a sensible scope for its athletic program.

Application materials are available on [mhsaa.com](http://mhsaa.com), and are due to the MHSAA on Feb. 1. The four winning schools will be recognized at the MHSAA Boys Basketball Finals on March 15. The 2007 winners were Alpena High School in Class A, Richland Gull Lake High School in Class B, Grandville Calvin Christian High School in Class C and Caseville High School in Class D.

Thank you to AT&T for funding the MHSAA's scope-related programming, including the Scope Award and the new Student Advisory Council. For more information about the Scope Award or the application process, please contact MHSAA Marketing Coordinator Andy Frushour at 517-332-5046 or [afrushour@mhsaa.com](mailto:afrushour@mhsaa.com), or visit the Scope Award page on the MHSAA Web site.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

### ICE VS. HEAT TO TREAT INJURIES

Ice or heat? Heat or ice? Most athletes and coaches know to apply ice to a new injury but are not sure when to use heat. Following are some guidelines to help determine which treatment to use in which situation.

There are two basic types of injuries: acute and chronic. Acute injuries are injuries that happen suddenly, most often resulting from some type of trauma, collision, twisting motion or a fall. Chronic injuries, on the other hand, are injuries that last for months or even years. They are usually slow to develop and often are caused by overuse or when an injury is not treated properly in the acute stage.

The use of Ice (Cryotherapy) in the form of ice packs, ice massage, etc., is the best way to treat an acute injury. Ice will decrease blood flow, pain, swelling, and inflammation. With any acute injury ice/cold should be applied for the first 72 hours, however, depending on the severity of the injury, ice, compression, elevation, and rest may be used immediately following the injury for up to several weeks. It is indicated in soft tissue injuries such as sprains, strains, contusions (bruises) and muscle spasms.

Cryotherapy is also used for some chronic inflammatory conditions such as tendonitis. If an acute inflammation reaction fails to be resolved in one month, it is termed a sub-acute inflammation. If it lasts for months or even years, the condition is termed chronic. Chronic inflammation can stem from repeated acute micro-traumas and overuse. Athletes that have chronic pain or injuries may use heat therapy before exercise to increase their flexibility and to stimulate blood flow. However, after a work out, ice is the better choice to decrease inflammation of a chronic injury.

The best way to ice an injury is by using a plastic bag filled with ice cubes or shaved ice; flexible gel cold pack or a bag of frozen vegetables to conform to the area. A damp towel may be placed between the ice pack and the skin to help prevent the skin from frostbite like symptoms. Apply for 15-20 minutes.

Ice massage is another way to apply cryotherapy. Typically the ice is frozen in a paper cup and can be rubbed or massaged directly onto the skin surface. The top of the cup is then torn off and the lower part of the cup can be used to

hold the large ice cube. The large piece of ice is then rubbed on the area until the skin becomes bright pink in color or for about 7 - 10 minutes.

When cryotherapy is applied the athlete will feel cold, then burning, followed by aching and, finally, numbness after the cold has been applied for a period of time. Cold applications can be repeated several times daily, but not more than once every 1-2 hours to allow the skin temperature to return to normal.

R.I.C.E. therapy: RICE is an acronym for Rest, Ice, Compression, and Elevation.

Cryotherapy combined with compression and elevation of the involved body part is the most effective way to reduce pain, bleeding and swelling of an extremity.

Ice should not be applied to an area that has circulatory problems or hypersensitivity to cold. Prolonged application can result in skin damage, blisters or frostbite.

Thermotherapy, or heat application, has the opposite effect of cryotherapy in that it produces an immediate increase in local circulation and temperature. As a result swelling is increased. That is why using heat is contraindicated in acute injuries. Heat is



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generally used for chronic injuries or injuries that have no inflammation or swelling.

The primary use of superficial heat treatments is to decrease muscle/joint soreness and stiffness. It is also used to relax tight muscles or muscles that are in a spasm.

Superficial heat can be applied by using commercial hot packs, heating pads or warm whirlpools. A layer of toweling may be placed between the heat source and the skin.

Heat should not be applied for greater than 15 - 20 minutes at a time nor used while sleeping.

When in doubt, ice is always the better choice.

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

## PAIN OR PROBLEM

You just finished a great game and on the way home you start to get a little sore. Most of us would choose to ignore it and go about the rest of our day. How do you really know if you should ignore it or not? How do you know if it is just soreness, or is it an actual injury?

Most of the time you get a little sore during your activity and it goes away within minutes, other times you notice that it occurs much later. Muscle soreness can occur anywhere from immediately up to 48 hours later. This gradual soreness is known as delayed onset muscle soreness. Delayed onset muscle soreness is caused by lactic acid build up. You tend to feel very tight, tender to the touch, and sore with movements. This is normally muscular and you will not feel pain in the joints. Light activity will usually make you feel better as it helps move the lactic acid build up out of the muscle tissue. As long as you can maintain normal mechanics (e.g. a limp) it is safe to participate with delayed onset muscle soreness.

Injuries are often from traumatic events, but not always. Many times you don't notice your soreness or symptoms until a few days later. So, how do you know what to ignore and what to treat? General soreness that goes away within a week can be treated at home with ice and rest. Returning to activities with some mild soreness is all right as long as there is no increase in pain symptoms and you can perform your sport without altering

your mechanics (e.g. a limp). Most symptoms should disappear within 2 weeks and not cause any changes to your daily routine.

True injury can occur to muscles, bones, and joints. Pain in any of these areas should be monitored for certain signs and symptoms. An injury will often show swelling and discoloration of the skin in the area of pain, as well as tenderness to touch. Range of motion will start to decrease and become painful. Basic activities like walking or lifting an arm may become more difficult and could eventually become unbearable. You may also get painful catching or giving way sensations, along with feeling weak.

If you are showing any of these symptoms, treat with what is known as R.I.C.E. immediately. The "R" stands for resting the body part. "I" is for using ice on the area of pain for twenty minutes several times per day. Use "C" as in compression wraps, if able, to control swelling. Finally, "E" for elevation of the body part to decrease swelling. See the Certified Athletic Trainer at your school or make an appointment with a sports medicine physician as soon as possible before these symptoms become unbearable or the injury worsens. If you are still really unsure, be cautious and make the appointment anyways.

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## SPORTSMANSHIP

### BE A CHAMPIONSHIP PERSON

T-shirt printers around the state and around the country get a nice piece of business when a new sports season begins, as high school teams design shirts and sweats to wear during practices and to events with themes, artwork and slogans geared to the upcoming campaign.

There's no doubt that this helps build team unity for the most part; but sometimes these shirts, and the slogans on the back, open the door of gamesmanship with edgy sayings.

But, while at a preseason football scrimmage this year, the t-shirts displayed by Fowlerville High School were a breath of fresh air, pointing to one of the most important things school sports should be about – building character.

"Be A Championship Person," graces the backs of these t-shirts. It is indeed a graceful message, and one that everyone in sports and society needs to heed. It encourages all of the right things – dedication to the school and to coaches and teammates, a commitment to work hard and play hard – but to play fair. It sends a message of being well rounded – a good person and a good athlete.

These kinds of messages are beginning to take root in a lot of different ways. In Northern Michigan, there is a group of

school sports coaches, parents and volunteers which have come together from across the region to foster character building and sportsmanship called Beyond The Scoreboard. In West Michigan, an initiative by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics – Champions of Character – is not only getting traction in some small colleges, but in local high schools as well, touting the elements of Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Servant Leadership, and Sportsmanship.

There seems to be a growing attitude in society where people put aside how a person behaves outside the lines as long as they perform well inside the lines – and it's not just related to sports. It seems we don't care as much any more about the character of a person as long as they can get the job done. It's the old "Just Win Baby" attitude. Sooner or later though, that's bound to catch up with us and set us back instead of moving us forward.

So hats off to Fowlerville High School, Beyond The Scoreboard and Champions of Character for their work to promote what is truly right about athletics – and life.

— John Johnson

*MHSAA Communications Director*

### Sportsmanship Grants Available for 2007-08

The Michigan High School Athletic Association has established the routine of conducting a Statewide Sportsmanship Summit in even years and providing mini-grants for more local sportsmanship efforts in odd years.

Mini-grants of \$50 to \$500, up to a total limit of \$10,000 statewide, will again be available during the 2007-08 school year. An application is available on sportsmanship page of the MHSAA Web site, and also appears on the next page. There is no deadline.

Special consideration will be given to the following efforts:

1. Programs and materials for junior high/middle school students and faculty.
2. Programs and materials for high school team captains.
3. Programs and materials for high school student cheering sections.
4. Programs and materials for adult spectators.
5. Programs for leagues & conferences.

These expenditures are consistent with our belief that the most effective efforts are the most local. Please think about new and better ways to convey the message in 2007-08, especially geared toward the targets listed above.

# MINI-GRANT APPLICATION FOR SPORTSMANSHIP INITIATIVES

A. SPONSORING ORGANIZATION (School District, League, Etc.)

Organization name: \_\_\_\_\_

B. ORGANIZATION CONTACT PERSON

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

C. INITIATIVE INFORMATION

Target Audience of initiative: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of initiative: \_\_\_\_\_

Site(s) of initiative: \_\_\_\_\_

D. PURPOSE/GOALS OF GRANT

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Total cost of initiative: \_\_\_\_\_

Itemize major expenses: \_\_\_\_\_

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E. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Attach or provide an outline which provides the schedule, topics and resources.

Please Return to:  
Michigan High School Athletic Association  
1661 Ramblewood Drive  
East Lansing, MI 48823-7392  
FAX: 517/332-4071

## THREE EARN 2007-08 BUSH AWARD

One of the up-and-coming leaders in school sports, and two long-time stellar administrators are the recipients of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Allen W. Bush Award for 2007.

This year's recipients are: Chris Ervin, athletic director at St. Johns High School; Joe Haines, athletic Director at Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills High School; and William Newkirk, recently retired superintendent of Sanford Meridian Public Schools. The recipients of this year's awards will be recognized at local ceremonies this fall.

Al Bush served as executive director of the MHSAA for 10 years. The award honors individuals for past and continuing service to prep athletics as a coach, administrator, official, trainer, doctor or member of the media. The award was developed to bring recognition to men and women who are giving and serving without a lot of attention. This is the 16th year of the award, with the selections being made by the MHSAA's Representative Council.

Here are brief biographical sketches of the 2007 Bush Award recipients:

**Chris Ervin** – Most of Ervin's educational career has been devoted to serving as an athletic administrator. For the last two years, he has been the athletic director at St. Johns High School, following seven years as athletic director and assistant principal at Carson City-Crystal High School that followed four years as athletic director at Webberville High School.



A 1990 graduate of Central Michigan University, from which he received his Master's degree in athletic administration in 1997, Ervin's first stop as Webberville also included duties as a physical education teacher and boys varsity basketball coach. Two of his teams captured Mid-State Athletic Conference championships. In 1998, he moved to Carson City-Crystal, where he also coordinated the district's career pathways program.

Ervin has also been active as a member

of the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, where he was honored as a regional Athletic Director of the Year in 2003, and has received Five and Ten-Year Awards from that organization. He is also participated on numerous MHSAA and MIAAA committees and hosted a variety of MHSAA tournaments.

"The Bush Award is an acknowledgment of extraordinary service and to be an encouragement to those who will be our future leaders," said John E. "Jack" Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA. "Chris is an articulate and personable leader who leads by example as well as exhortation. He has vision and character. He makes everything and everyone around him better: his school, community, league and state associations. We are pleased to honor him with the Bush Award."

**Joe Haines** – Nearly half of Haines career has been in service to the Kenowa Hills school director, where he has been the athletic director for the past 13 years, after serving for two years as a middle school principal and one year as a teacher.



Haines earned Bachelor's degrees from Albion College in math and physical education, and later received a Master's degree in administration from Eastern Michigan University. Prior to arriving at Kenowa Hills, his teaching career took him to stops at Mason, Napoleon, Jackson Lumen Christi, Holly and Galien. He also coached boys basketball along the way, receiving Class C Co-Coach of the Year in 1984-85 honors from the Associated Press while at Napoleon High School.

While at Kenowa Hills, he has initiated athletic opportunities for high school and middle school students in skiing, equestrian, dance, swimming and diving, water polo, gymnastics, girls competitive cheer, bowling, softball and girls soccer. He has been a tournament manager for a number of MHSAA events, a member of the MIAAA, and has been honored as a regional Athletic Director

of the year. In the community, he is a member of the Walker Recreation Committee, the Kenowa Hills Education Foundation, and a volunteer coach in several youth sports.

“Joe Haines has worked hard to improve participation opportunities for young people, optimizing the mission of educational athletics,” Roberts said. “His service as a teacher-coach and an administrative leader has left a positive mark on his journey through the educational community. He is indeed a worthy recipient of the Bush Award.”

#### **William Newkirk –**

Newkirk retired this past summer after 35 years serving the educational community, the last 11 at Sanford Meridian. He had previously been superintendent from 1991 to 1996 at Maple City-Glen Lake; spent 15 years as an assistant principal, athletic director and principal at Clare High School; and started his career with teaching positions at Leroy Pine River and White Cloud. Central Michigan University is where he earned his Bachelor’s, Master’s and Specialist’s Degrees.

He coached and was a registered official in baseball, basketball and football during his



educational career. As an athletic administrator, he managed 37 MHSAA tournaments from the District through the Finals levels; and as a top-level district administrator, was involved in a variety of projects to improve the quality of education in every community in which he served.

While principal at Clare, Newkirk was first elected to the MHSAA’s governing board, the Representative Council, where his 19 years of service is third among current members. As a Council member, he has been elected on multiple occasions to serve as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Association, and sat on numerous committees, including the Finance Committee.

“Bill’s leadership on the local and statewide levels has benefitted the entire educational community,” Roberts said. “Locally, he has been an engaged administrator, responsive to his constituent’s needs in all areas – whether it be athletics or technology or other learning opportunities. He has been able to take his hands-on, can-do attitude into his position of leadership on the Representative Council to help this association of schools do great things. He has been a great friend to schools, and he will be missed. The Bush Award is a small way to say thanks to Bill Newkirk for his contributions.” ■

## **Roberts Inducted into BCAM Hall of Honor**

MHSAA Executive Director John E. “Jack” Roberts was inducted into the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Hall of Honor on Oct. 5 as a “Friend of Basketball.”

Roberts, executive director since 1986, was nominated by BCAM Executive Director Tom Hursey for the honor, bestowed upon those who have contributed to the game of basketball at the highest level for a minimum of 20 years.

“The greatest part of this honor comes from the respect that I have for Tom Hursey and BCAM, and our great coaches who, it seems more than other places in the country, really understands the philosophy of educational athletics and strive to protect its purity here in Michigan,” said Roberts.

In an ironic twist of fate, Roberts’ father, John, former executive director of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association for nearly 30 years, was inducted into that state’s Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame one night later, on Oct. 6, also as a “Friend of Basketball.”

The MHSAA’s Roberts recalls one of the highlights of his prep years was playing in the 1965 WIAA Basketball quarterfinals after attending such events for much of his life with his father, now 87.



# 2007-08 MHSAA ADOPTIONS OF PLAYING RULES OPTIONS

Regulation II, Section 8 (A) states that schools shall adhere to the playing rules adopted by the Michigan High School Athletic Association. The source for playing rules for competition involving one or more member schools include the National Federation of State High School Associations for most sports, the MHSAA for alpine skiing and competitive cheer, the U.S. Bowling Congress, the U.S. Golf Association and the U.S. Tennis Association. Currently there are no adoptions or modifications of playing rules listed for alpine skiing, golf, or bowling. Schools and officials should consult Regulations II, Sections 8-10, Representative Council Policies in the back of the *Handbook*, the sport specific rule book, Participating School Tournament Information and Tournament Managers Material for complete sports playing rule information.

## BASEBALL and GIRLS SOFTBALL

### I. Regulation Game

- A. A regulation called game where a winner cannot be determined, shall be counted as 1/2 game won and 1/2 lost for each team. (MHSAA allowed – requires league adoption)

### II. Game Shortening Procedures

- A. The four options listed are the only permitted game-shortening procedures allowed for baseball and softball games at the varsity and subvarsity levels. (Schools, leagues or invitational tournament management shall determine which are to be utilized with prior mutual written consent): Item '1' shall be observed for every game of the MHSAA Baseball and Girls Softball tournament series.
  1. Requires games to be terminated when there is a 15-run difference after three innings or a 10-run difference after five innings;
  2. Allow a team to discontinue play any time it trails by more than 15 runs;
  3. Establish shortened games of five or six innings in doubleheaders.
  4. Establish a time limit at the subvarsity level (1 hour, 45 minutes recommended if a time limit is used).

### III. Courtesy Runner

- A. All provisions for the Courtesy Runner rule as published in the National Federation Baseball and Girls Softball Rules Book under "Suggested Speed-Up Rules", Rule 10, are adopted for regular season and MHSAA tournaments.

### IV. Double First Base

- A. During MHSAA Tournament contests, the double first base will not be used and must be manually removed.
- B. For regular-season games, use of the double first base is optional by mutual consent of competing teams or by league adoption. If not used, the double first base is not required to be removed.

### V. Protests

- A. The MHSAA does NOT recognize protests of any playing rule, disqualification or ejection.

*See Baseball Pitching Limitations (page 101 of MHSAA Handbook).*

## BASKETBALL

### I. Point Differential Rule

- A. At all levels of play and in MHSAA tournaments, after the first half when one team has a lead of 40 points or more, a running clock shall be established. The clock shall revert to regular time schemes should the score be reduced to a 30-point lead or less. During any running clock mode, the clock shall be stopped as normal for all timeouts and between quarters; and for free throws during the last two (2) minutes of the game. By league or conference adoption the point differentials (both to establish a running clock and then resume normal timing) may be modified at the junior high middle school level only.

## **II. Coaching Box**

- A. A 14 foot coaching box for regular season and tournament games shall be used.

## **FOOTBALL**

### **I. Pregame Coin Toss**

- A. For regular season games, the pregame coin toss may be held on the field 20 minutes prior to kickoff games rather than 3 minutes prior. For tournament games, it is required that the coin toss be held 20 minutes prior to kickoff.

### **II. Point Differential Rule**

- A. The running clock, 35-point margin rule shall be used for all football games, regular season and playoffs, varsity and subvarsity, high school and junior high/middle school. After the first half, any time the score differential reaches 35 points or more, the following changes, and only these changes, shall be made regarding rules determining when the clock will and will not be stopped. The clock shall run continuously except for the following situations when it will be stopped (**T I P S**):

1. Timeouts (charged to a team)
2. Intermission (between 3rd and 4th quarters, and after a score)
3. Penalty enforcement (whistle to ready-to-play)
4. Safety reasons (injuries, etc.)

Normal timing procedures shall resume if the point differential is reduced to less than 35 points.

**NOTE:** The use of this option does not preclude the use of Rule 3-1-3 which reads: "A period or periods may be shortened in any emergency by agreement of the opposing coaches and the referee. By mutual agreement of the opposing coaches and the referee any remaining periods may be shortened at any time or the game may be terminated."

### **III. Overtime**

- A. The 10-yard-line overtime rule outlined in the National Federation Football Rules Book will be in effect for all varsity regular-season games and MHSAA Playoff games which end with scores tied at the end of regulation.

### **IV. 7th & 8th Grade (Length of Quarters)**

- A. Games for 7th-and/or 8th-graders shall be played in eight-minute quarters. Games involving 9th-graders with 8th- and/or 7th-grade students may be played in 10-minute quarters.

### **V. Competition Against Non-school Teams**

- A. Only subvarsity football teams may schedule games with non-school teams as is currently allowed in all other sports. Regulation II, Section 9 (D) requires senior high school varsity teams compete only against teams composed exclusively of high school students and representing high schools.

## **GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER**

The MHSAA published its own Competitive Cheer Rules and Regulations Manual beginning in 2005-06. Current variations from other codes are primarily intended to increase participant safety.

### **I. No props or music are allowed during competition**

#### **II. Spotters**

- A. In addition to National Federation Rules a spotter is required for stunts in which the supporting arm(s) of the base(s) is fully extended above the head. The spotter must touch, watch, and assume a correct position.
  1. Spotter must TOUCH either base and/or top when performing a stunt in which the supporting arm(s) of base(s) is fully extended above the head.
  2. During stunt and dismount, spotter must be watching for possible errors and acting to prevent injuries with special emphasis on the head, neck and shoulders.
  3. While TOUCHING, spotter must be sufficiently AWAY from stunt so as to not be primary support.
  4. Spotters have the responsibility of protecting the flyer when a stunt is falling apart. If a stunt is falling, the spotter(s) must attempt to touch, hold or break the fall.

5. Seven points will be deducted from the total points earned in the round each time incorrect spotting techniques occur. Safety judges are also responsible to recognize and take the appropriate 7 point deduction when team members make inappropriate unsafe contact with each other when executing gymnastics skills, tumbling, jumps and stunts.

## **GIRLS GYMNASTICS**

### **I. Equipment and Specifications**

- A. A vaulting table must be provided for all competitions. The height of the vaulting table shall be 100cm - 135 cm measured from the floor to the center top of the vaulting table.

### **II. Mechanics of Scoring**

- A. Regular season and MHSAA tournament gymnastics shall use open scoring.
- B. An inquiry of an official's score is permitted within 10 minutes after all scores for that team have been recorded for that individual event (rather than 5 minutes). The MHSAA allows unlimited inquiry; an inquiry that does not result in a score correction is a deduction.

*See Requirements for Regular Season Gymnastic Meets (page 102).*

## **ICE HOCKEY**

### **I. Goal Differential Rule**

- A. The 8-goal differential rule is in effect for both the regular season and MHSAA Tournament: A running clock shall be used when a team leads by 8 or more goals during the first and second periods. After two periods of play or anytime during the third period, the game will be terminated when a team leads by 8 goals. During the first or second period when the score differential drops beneath 8 goals, regular time shall be reinstated until an 8 goal margin is reached. The rule is not optional nor shall it be modified.

### **II. Regular-Season Overtime Procedures**

- A. For regular-season tournaments involving four or more teams played on days not followed by a school day (weekend tournament/holiday tournament), any number of overtimes periods up to eight minutes in length each may be played to determine a winner. Local tournament management may elect to limit the number of overtimes played and break ties by statistical methods. This additional overtime provision will not apply to total-goals tournament formats.
- B. Regular-season single games are limited to one eight-minute overtime period, after which a game shall end as a tie if no goals are scored in the overtime period.
- C. Other on ice tiebreakers such as penalty shot shoot-outs or additional periods of 4-on-4 are not allowed in either regular-season single games or regular-season tournaments. Schools are not required to play overtime periods. In summary, regular-season tournaments when 4 or more teams are involved may use multiple overtime periods. Regular season games that are not part of tournaments are limited to one overtime period.

### **III. MHSAA Tournament Overtime Procedures**

- A. During MHSAA Tournament contests, unlimited overtime periods not to exceed eight minutes in length will be used to determine a winner. Procedures for resurfacing are stated in the MHSAA hockey Participating School Tournament Information and Tournament Managers Manual.

### **IV. Tournament Netting Requirements**

- A. All MHSAA ice hockey tournament facilities shall have protective netting behind the goal area, or restrict seating behind the goals.

### **V. Neck Guards**

- A. The MHSAA has approved mandatory use of neck guards for all players, including goalies in both MHSAA regular-season games and MHSAA tournament games. Neck guards are to be worn properly during the game and also during pregame and between period warm-up time.

### **VI. Game Disqualification**

- A. The MHSAA penalty for a player or coach game disqualification is as follows: Any player

or coach that receives a game disqualification penalty will be suspended from participating or coaching for the next two contests. A second game disqualification penalty on the player or coach in the same season will result in a four-game suspension and a third DQ will suspend the player or coach for the remainder of the season and the MHSAA tournament.

### **LACROSSE (Boys and Girls)**

#### **I. Suspended Games**

- A. All MHSAA tournament games shall be resumed from the point of suspension whether continued on the original date or on a future date.

### **SOCCER (Boys and Girls)**

#### **I. Goal Differential Rule**

- A. The 8-goal differential rule is in effect for the MHSAA Tournament and regular season varsity play. It is optional for leagues and schools to adopt for sub-varsity regular season competition. A game shall be terminated when a team is ahead by 8 goals or more anytime after the first half is completed. (Note: officials must be aware of this adoption by schools or leagues before the contest begins).

#### **II. Overtime Procedures**

- A. During the regular season, by league or conference adoption, teams MAY use two 15-minute sudden-victory overtime periods (no penalty kick shootouts). During all MHSAA tournament games, including the Finals, teams must use two 15 minute sudden-victory overtime periods and penalty kick shootouts to determine a winner to advance to the next tournament game.

#### **III. Yellow Card**

- A. A player who receives a yellow card (cautioned) is required to sit out 10 minutes.

#### **IV. Yellow with Red Card-Next Game Disqualifications**

- A. When the disciplinary action against a player or coach involves the display of a yellow and a red card simultaneously, the penalty for the infraction shall include suspension from the next day of competition.

#### **V. Uniforms (Caps)**

- A. Players may wear soft and yielding ski caps during inclement weather. Caps must be alike in color.

#### **VI. Three Whistle Officiating**

- A. Leagues and individual schools are allowed to use the three whistle officiating system.

### **SOFTBALL *See Baseball and Girls Softball***

### **SWIMMING & DIVING**

#### **I. Water Depth**

- A. DEQ Regulation states a pool must have 79 inches of water in order to use starting platforms. (Pools with at least 60 inches of water have been grandfathered by the DEQ).

#### **II. Step-Up starts will be used**

#### **III. Final Meet Qualifying**

- A. At the MHSAA Final, the qualifying criteria has been modified so as not to exceed approximately 32 individuals or relay teams per event.

### **TENNIS - U.S. Tennis Association USTA**

#### **I. Scoring**

- A. Schools may use no-ad scoring or play pro-sets or shorten the rest period between the second and third set.

#### **II. Misconduct, Sportsmanship**

- A. Cumulative Point Penalty System applies for all levels of the MHSAA Tournament.
- B. For unsportsmanlike conduct after a match is completed (Regional or Final), player is defaulted for the rest of the tournament and one point is subtracted from the team total.
- C. MHSAA Point Penalty System is: warning, point, default.

### **III. Rest Periods**

- A. The continuous play rule has been modified; breaks occur at each odd game and a set break of a maximum of two minutes.
- B. The rest period between second and third set is a maximum of five minutes. Coaching is allowed during every change over.

### **IV. Seeding**

- A. At the Finals, up to six players (per flight) may be seeded.
- B. Seeds at the Regional and Final will be placed, therefore no coin flip is needed.

### **V. Uniforms**

- A. The minimum uniform requirement is an unaltered shirt with sleeves, preferably in school colors or with school identification. (Exception: females may wear a sleeveless dress/shirt). Team shorts/skirts are required and shall be the same color. Penalty: Match will not start unless the individual/team has uniform on. Point penalty system for lateness will be used.

## **TRACK & FIELD and CROSS COUNTRY**

### **I. Uniforms, Attire, Adornments**

- A. The only head attire that may be worn during competition will be a knit stocking cap, sweat band, ski band; or hood of a one piece uniform; all must be unadorned, single-colored cloth.
- B. Should the uniform jersey hang below the waistband of the shorts, jerseys must be tucked in.
- C. Except for traditional wedding bands, medical alert necklaces or bracelets and religious medals, jewelry is prohibited in all competition. This will include, but is not limited to watches, pierced earrings, barrettes made of hard plastic, leather, cloth, metal and plastic bracelets. Elasticized ponytail holders having metal parts are legal. Ponytail holders do not have to be a single color. Multiple ponytail holders do not have to be the same color. Watches will not be worn in any competition.
- D. Ribbons worn to secure the hair do not have to be a solid color. If multiple ribbons are worn they do not have to be the same color.
- E. Sunglasses may be worn in competition only if they are prescription glasses, or prescribed by a physician.
- F. Competitors may not wear temporary body adornment (painted or fastened) during competition.

## **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

### **I. Match Format**

- A. The fourth or fifth game of a match may be played even after one team has won its third game.
- B. Modification of match format is permitted for competition other than varsity dual matches.

### **II. Libero position**

- A. The libero position may be used. In 2006-07 schools will be experimenting to allow the libero to serve in one position in the serving order.

### **III. Warm-Up Time in MHSAA Tournament**

- A. During the MHSAA Tournament pre match warm-up is 20 minutes. The first four minutes is shared time; the second four minutes is home team; the next four minutes is visitor; next four is home team; last four minutes is visitor.

## **WRESTLING**

### **I. Home weigh-ins**

- A. Home weigh-ins are permitted by mutual consent for all regular season contests.

## FALL RATINGS DUE DECEMBER 1, 2007

Officials ratings for varsity or subvarsity football, girls basketball, and boys soccer are due by Dec. 1, 2007. Ratings received after this date will not be processed.

Athletic directors are reminded that only one rating may be submitted for each official regardless of the number of times the official

works contests for one school. Each official may receive a varsity and a subvarsity rating from one school for working more than one level of competition.

All ratings must be done online at [mhsaa.com](http://mhsaa.com). Following are instructions:

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ONLINE RATINGS

Member high schools and junior high/middle schools are required to submit all officials ratings online. Athletic directors must log on to [mhsaa.com](http://mhsaa.com) to submit officials ratings. Additionally, athletic directors have the option to assign passwords to their coaches to rate officials. Deadlines are as follows: fall sports Dec. 1, winter sports April 1, and spring sports June 1.

#### TO ACCESS THE ONLINE RATINGS SYSTEM:

1. Click on the **School Login** link in the lower or upper left-hand side of the [mhsaa.com](http://mhsaa.com) home page
2. Enter your school ID and password to access the "MHSAA School Services" Web page.
3. Click the red **Enter Officials Ratings** link in the middle of the page. To learn how to enter ratings, click the Help link in the upper right-hand section of the "MHSAA Officials Ratings Center" Web page to access up to date instructions.

Athletic directors have the option to provide their coaches the ability to add officials ratings. Once logged on to the "MHSAA School Services" Web Page:

1. Click the **Update Your Coaches' Information** link.
2. Click the corresponding **Edit** link found in the right-hand column of the table row containing the sport you wish to select.
3. Check the box to allow the coach in the rated sport to enter ratings online.
4. Enter a password for the coach.
5. Re-enter the same password (to verify).
6. Notify your coach of her/his access. Coaches should use the two or three character sports code + the school ID for a login ID. For example, Brighton High School's Girls Basketball Coach would use GBB1016 for a login ID (GBB for girls basketball and 1016 for Brighton's school ID). For Baseball, BA1016 would be the login ID. The password assigned by the athletic director should then be used. Below is a list of prefixes for your school's sport codes.

|                            |                      |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Baseball-BA                | Boys Basketball-BBB  |
| Boys Lacrosse-BL           | Boys Soccer-BSO      |
| Football-FB                | Girls Basketball-GBB |
| Girls Competitive Cheer-CC | Girls Lacrosse-GL    |
| Girls Soccer-GSO           | Ice Hockey-IH        |
| Softball-SB                | Volleyball-VB        |
| Wrestling-WR               |                      |

Login instructions for coaches can be downloaded from the "MHSAA Officials Ratings Center" Web page. Coaches cannot approve online ratings. That responsibility remains with the athletic director. Once the ratings are entered by the coach, she/he can click on a link to notify the A.D. that they have submitted ratings for approval. If you have not provided a valid email address, please update your profile on our Web site to enable an efficient transfer of information.

## FAILURE TO RATE OFFICIALS

Member schools of the Michigan High School Athletic Association have agreed through Regulation II, Section 7(B) to rate officials in several of the sports for which the MHSAA conducts a postseason tournament and to be subject to penalties when a school fails to rate any officials in a sport that requires it.

Recent surveys indicate schools value the opportunity to rate officials and do not want that opportunity eliminated.

Most officials would prefer an evaluation process over ratings by participating schools; but under our current system, officials need schools to rate them so they can amass the number of ratings necessary to be considered for advancement and tournament assignments.

On March 23, 2001, the MHSAA Representative Council adopted the policy of publishing in the MHSAA Bulletin the names of schools which fail to rate any officials in a sport and to do so as soon as possible following the season.

For the spring season of 2007, the following schools have failed to rate any officials:

### Baseball

Alanson-Littlefield  
Alma  
Big Rapids  
Camden-Frontier  
Canton-Plymouth Christian Academy  
Caseville  
Cass City  
Detroit-Cass Technical  
Detroit-Communication Media Arts  
Detroit-Cooley  
Detroit-Finney  
Detroit-Mackenzie  
Detroit-Marilyn F. Lundy Academy  
Detroit-Northern  
Detroit-Northwestern  
Detroit-Pershing  
Detroit-Southwestern  
Detroit-University Prep  
Detroit-Weston Technical Academy  
Farwell  
Flat Rock  
Flint-Northern  
Fowler  
Grand Rapids-Central  
Harbor Springs-Harbor Light Christian  
Houghton Lake  
Indian River-Inland Lakes  
Kent City-Algoma Christian  
Melvindale  
Millington  
Muskegon-Western Michigan Christian  
Novi-Franklin Road Christian  
Ortonville-Brandon  
Ottawa Lake-Whiteford  
Pinconning  
Pontiac Academy for Excellence  
Pontiac Central  
Romeo  
Sterling Heights-Parkway Christian  
Taylor-Light and Life Christian  
Walkerville  
Warren-Immaculate Conception  
Warren-Macomb Christian  
Watervliet-Grace Christian  
Westphalia-Pewamo-Westphalia  
Ypsilanti-Willow Run

### Boys Lacrosse

Brighton  
Davison  
Grosse Ile  
Howell  
Romulus  
Saline  
Sterling Heights  
Waterford Kettering  
Zeeland West

### Girls Lacrosse

Ann Arbor-Pioneer  
Flint-Carman-Ainsworth  
Grand Blanc  
Waterford Kettering  
White Lake-Lakeland

### Girls Soccer

Ann Arbor-Gabriel Richard  
Ann Arbor-Greenhills  
Bad Axe  
Big Rapids  
Birch Run  
Byron Center-Zion Christian  
Canton-Plymouth Christian Academy  
Capac  
Clinton Township-Chippewa Valley  
Detroit-Cass Technical  
Detroit-Renaissance  
Detroit-University Prep  
Detroit-Western International  
Essexville-Garber  
Flat Rock  
Flint-Northern  
Freeland  
Grand Rapids-Central  
Grand Rapids-NorthPointe Christian  
Grandville  
Hamtramck  
Hemlock  
Hillsdale  
Holton  
Howell  
Lansing Christian  
Lansing-Waverly  
Livonia-Ladywood

Milan  
 Millington  
 Oscoda  
 Pontiac Academy for Excellence  
 Portland  
 Remus-Chippewa Hills  
 Riverview  
 Rochester-Adams  
 Rochester Hills-Rochester  
 Saginaw-Arthur Hill  
 St. Clair Shores-Lakeview  
 Walled Lake Western  
 West Bloomfield-Frankel Jewish Academy  
 Wyoming-The Potter's House Christian

**Softball**

Camden-Frontier  
 Caseville  
 Clinton Township-Chippewa Valley  
 Custer-Mason County Eastern  
 Dearborn Heights-Robichaud  
 Detroit-Cass Technical  
 Detroit-Communication Media Arts  
 Detroit-Cooley  
 Detroit Urban Lutheran  
 Detroit-Finney  
 Detroit-Mackenzie  
 Detroit-Marilyn F. Lundy Academy  
 Detroit-Murray-Wright  
 Detroit-Northern  
 Detroit-Northwestern  
 Detroit-Pershing  
 Detroit-Southwestern  
 Detroit-University Prep  
 Detroit-Western International

Detroit-Weston Technical Academy  
 Ecorse  
 Essexville-Garber  
 Farwell  
 Flint-Northern  
 Fowler  
 Goodrich  
 Grand Rapids-Central  
 Grayling  
 Hamtramck  
 Highland Park  
 Hillsdale  
 Inkster  
 Kalamazoo Central  
 Lansing Christian  
 Madison Heights-Madison  
 Marcellus-Howardsville Christian  
 Melvindale  
 Monroe-Jefferson  
 Novi-Franklin Road Christian  
 Okemos  
 Oscoda  
 Ottawa Lake-Whiteford  
 Pontiac Academy for Excellence  
 Remus-Chippewa Hills  
 Sebewaing-Unionville Sebewaing  
 Sparta  
 Springport  
 Taylor-Light and Life Christian  
 Walkerville  
 Warren-Immaculate Conception  
 Waterford Kettering  
 Westphalia-Pewamo-Westphalia  
 Wyoming-Tri-unity Christian

## OFFICIALS RATINGS

Schools are responsible for rating officials who officiate contests involving their teams in the sports (listed below) for which official ratings are maintained. Schools which fail to rate any official during the season shall be subject to the penalties outlined under Regulation V, Section 4. The following information shows a four year tracking of the ratings. The number of officials ratings submitted by schools and processed by the MHSAA since 1998-99 follow:

| <b>Sport</b>  | <b>1998-99</b> | <b>1999-00</b> | <b>2000-01</b> | <b>2001-02</b> | <b>2002-03</b> | <b>2003-04</b> | <b>2004-05</b> | <b>2005-06</b> | <b>2006-07</b> |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| G. Basketball | 32,447         | 31,238         | 31,229         | 30,231         | 30,084         | 29,827         | 31,954         | 32,399         | 33,082         |
| Comp. Cheer   |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                | 4,514          |
| Football      | 28,841         | 28,344         | 28,270         | 26,468         | 26,872         | 27,648         | 28,101         | 29,476         | 29,383         |
| B. Soccer     | 7,498          | 7,648          | 7,529          | 8,350          | 8,405          | 8,435          | 9,241          | 10,182         | 10,137         |
| B. Basketball | 33,075         | 33,230         | 32,708         | 33,053         | 32,069         | 33,414         | 34,647         | 35,098         | 35,029         |
| G. Volleyball | 13,514         | 13,876         | 13,630         | 14,114         | 14,847         | 15,496         | 14,851         | 14,766         | 14,085         |
| Wrestling     | 7,840          | 8,064          | 7,844          | 8,071          | 8,736          | 8,884          | 8,836          | 9,075          | 9,090          |
| B. Ice Hockey | 2,417          | 2,594          | 2,636          | 3,017          | 3,166          | 3,466          | 3,530          | 4,281          | 4,346          |
| G. Soccer     | 5,889          | 5,746          | 6,149          | 6,559          | 6,660          | 6,620          | 7,546          | 8,517          | 8,405          |
| Baseball      | 12,257         | 11,319         | 11,488         | 12,026         | 11,472         | 12,335         | 13,015         | 13,744         | 13,449         |
| B. Lacrosse   |                |                |                |                |                |                | 491            | 809            | 864            |
| G. Lacrosse   |                |                |                |                |                |                | 224            | 326            | 356            |
| G. Softball   | 12,680         | 11,999         | 12,095         | 12,359         | 12,298         | 12,675         | 13,305         | 14,198         | 13,688         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>156,458</b> | <b>154,058</b> | <b>153,578</b> | <b>154,248</b> | <b>154,609</b> | <b>158,800</b> | <b>165,741</b> | <b>172,871</b> | <b>176,428</b> |

# REGULATIONS VIOLATED — BY SCHOOL

August 1, 2006 through July 31, 2007

| Reg./<br>Sect. | Explanation  | Sport                             | Penalty                           | Duration               |
|----------------|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| I 1            | 7th grader participated.   | Baseball                          | Forfeit                           | 1 Game                 |
|                | Unenrolled students participated;<br>all games forfeited.                          | Boys Basketball                   | Probation/School                  | Thru 8/1/07            |
|                | Unenrolled students participated.<br>2 coaches participated;<br>forfeited 2 games. | Girls Basketball<br>Boys Lacrosse | Probation/School<br>Censure/Sport | Thru 8/1/07            |
| I 3            | No physical on file (2 athletes).  | Boys Soccer                       | Forfeit                           | Mult. Games            |
| I 4            | 9th semester (3 athletes).   | Boys Basketball                   | Forfeit                           | 2 V Games              |
|                | 9th semester of enrollment.  | Boys Basketball                   | Forfeit                           | 1 Game                 |
|                | Exceeded maximum semesters.  | Boys Soccer                       | Forfeit                           | 3 V Games              |
| I 6            | Graduated foreign exchange student   | Softball                          | Forfeit                           | 1 JV Game              |
|                | Graduated foreign exchange student   | Girls Basketball                  | Forfeit                           | All JV Gms             |
|                | Graduated foreign exchange student   | Volleyball                        | Forfeit                           | 18 Games &<br>District |
| I 7            | Previous semester record.  | Football                          | Forfeit                           | 1 V Game               |
|                | Previous semester record.  | Football                          | Forfeit                           | 2 Fr. Games            |
|                | Previous semester record.  | Football                          | Forfeit                           | 5 JV Games             |
|                | Previous semester record (2 athletes).   | Boys Basketball                   | Forfeit                           | 1 Game                 |
|                | Previous semester record.  | Boys Basketball                   | Forfeit                           | 2 Games                |
|                | Previous semester record.  | Wrestling                         | Forfeit                           | 2 Meets                |
|                | Previous semester record.  | Football                          | Forfeit                           | 2 JV Games             |
|                | Previous semester record.  | Boys Soccer                       | Forfeit                           | 3 V Games              |
|                | Previous semester record.  | Football                          | Forfeit                           | 1 V Game               |
|                | Previous semester record.  | Wrestling                         | Forfeit                           | 1 Meet                 |
|                | Previous semester record.  | Wrestling                         | Forfeit                           | 1 Meet                 |
|                | Previous semester record.  | Boys Basketball                   | Forfeit                           | 8 Games                |
|                | Previous semester record.  | Boys Soccer                       | Forfeit                           | 6 V Games              |
| I 8            | Ineligible under Interpretation 47.  | Football                          | Forfeit                           | All JV Gms             |
|                | Current semester record.   | Ice Hockey                        | Forfeit                           | 1 Game                 |
|                | Alternative ed student participated<br>on high school team.                        | Wrestling                         | Forfeit                           | 4 Meets                |
|                | Alternative ed student participated<br>on high school team.                        | Football                          | Forfeit                           | 6 V Games              |
|                | Alternative ed student participated<br>on high school team.                        | Football                          | Forfeit                           | All V Games            |
|                | Current semester record.   | Boys Bowling                      | Forfeit                           | 1 Game                 |
| I 9            | Transfer.  | Girls Tennis                      | Forfeit                           | 3 Matches              |
|                | Transfer   | Volleyball                        | Forfeit                           | 15 Games               |
|                | Transfer student participated<br>in scrimmage; withheld from next scrimmage.       | Boys Basketball                   | Censure/Sport                     |                        |
|                | Transfer.  | Boys Track                        | Forfeit                           | 3 Meets                |
|                | Transfer.  | Baseball                          | Forfeit                           | 5 V Games              |
|                | Transfer.  | Boys Basketball                   | Forfeit                           | 3 JV Games             |
|                | Transfer (2 students).   | Boys Basketball                   | Forfeit                           | 9 V Games              |
|                | Transfer.  | Girls Cross Country               | Forfeit                           | 2 Meets                |
|                | Transfer.  | Boys Basketball                   | Forfeit                           | 9 Games                |
|                | Transfer.  | Football                          | Forfeit                           | 9 Games                |
|                | Transfer; athlete withheld<br>from 1 game.   | Boys Basketball                   | Forfeit                           | 1 Game                 |
|                | Transfer.  | Football                          | Forfeit                           | 4 V Games              |
|                | Transfer.  | Boys Basketball                   | Forfeit                           | 1 Game                 |
| Transfer.      | Boys Basketball  | Forfeit                           | 2 Games                           |                        |

| <b>Reg./<br/>Sect.</b> | <b>Explanation</b>   | <b>Sport</b>        | <b>Penalty</b>                         | <b>Duration</b>              |
|------------------------|--|---------------------|--|------------------------------|
| I 9                    | Transfer. May not participate in BBB Tourn.<br>No committee membership, no revenue sharing, no host or reimbursement in any sports | Boys Basketball     | Probation/<br>No Host or Reimbursement | Thru 07-08                   |
|                        | Transfer.  | Girls Tennis        | Forfeit                                | 9 V Matches                  |
|                        | Transfer.  | Girls Swimming      | Forfeit                                | 5 Meets                      |
|                        | Transfer.  | Wrestling           | Forfeit                                | Mult. Mtchs                  |
|                        | Transfer.  | Football            | Forfeit                                | All JV Gms                   |
|                        | Transfer.  | Football            | Forfeit                                | All JV Gms                   |
|                        | Transfer.  | Boys Basketball     | Forfeit                                | All 1st Smstr Games of 05-06 |
|                        | Transfer.  | Football            | Forfeit                                | All V Gms in 05-06           |
|                        | Transfer.  | Ice Hockey          | Forfeit                                | All 1st Smstr Games of 06-07 |
|                        | Transfer.  | Football            | Forfeit                                | 1 V Game                     |
|                        | Transfer.  | Girls Bowling       | Forfeit                                | All 1st Smstr Contests       |
|                        | Transfer.  | Girls Basketball    | Forfeit                                | Mult. Games                  |
|                        | Transfer.  | Girls Basketball    | Forfeit                                | All V Gms                    |
|                        | Dual residency.  | Football            | Forfeit                                | 4 V Games                    |
|                        | Transfer.  | Boys Soccer         | Forfeit                                | 6 Games                      |
|                        | Transfer.  | Football            | Forfeit                                | 1 JV Game                    |
|                        | Transfer.  | Girls Tennis        | Forfeit                                | Multiple JV Matches          |
|                        | Transfer.  | Girls Tennis        | Forfeit                                | 2 JV Matches                 |
|                        | Transfer.  | Football            | Forfeit                                | 5 JV Games                   |
|                        | Transfer.  | Boys Basketball     | Forfeit                                | 1 JV Game                    |
|                        | Transfer.  | Baseball            | Forfeit                                | 15 Games                     |
|                        | Transfer.  | Boys Golf           | Forfeit                                | 4 Days of Competition        |
|                        | Transfer.  | Boys Soccer         | Forfeit                                | 8 V Games                    |
|                        | Transfer.  | Boys Basketball     | Forfeit                                | 05-06 V Games (9)            |
|                        | Transfer.  | Boys Basketball     | Forfeit                                | 9 V Games                    |
| I 9E                   | Athletic-motivated transfer.   | Boys Lacrosse       | Suspension/Ath.                        | 2 Semesters                  |
| I 10                   | Undue influence by coach.  | Football            | Censure/School                         |                              |
|                        | Undue influence by coach; internal action  | Girls Cross Country | Censure/School                         |                              |
|                        | Undue influence.   | Baseball            | Probation/School                       | Thru 07-08                   |
|                        | Undue influence; also II-11.   | Boys Basketball     | Probation/Sport                        | Thru 7/31/08                 |
|                        | Arranged high school players' contact with youth team.   | Ice Hockey          | Censure/School                         |                              |
| I 11                   | Athletes accepted money from coach; coach will attend CAP.   | Girls Basketball    | Censure/Sport                          |                              |
|                        | Athletes accepted money from coach; coach will attend CAP.   | Boys Basketball     | Censure/Sport                          |                              |
| I 12                   | 3 athletes accepted payments for summer camp expenses.   | Boys Basketball     | Suspension/Ath.                        | Mult. Games                  |

| <b>Reg./<br/>Sect.</b> | <b>Explanation</b>  | <b>Sport</b>      | <b>Penalty</b>          | <b>Duration</b>       |
|------------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| I 13                   | Athlete participated in more than 2 non-school contests.<br>2 athletes participated in non-school contests.<br>Athlete participated in non-school game.<br>Athlete participated in non-school game.<br>Athlete participated in all-star competition.<br>Athlete participated in outside competition.<br>Athlete participated in recreational league.<br>Athlete participated in outside competition.  | Boys Bowling      | Suspension/Ath.         | 4 Days of Competition |
|                        |   | Boys Bowling      | Suspension/Ath.         | 3 Days of Competition |
|                        |   | Girls Soccer      | Suspension/Ath.         | 3 Days of Competition |
|                        |   | Ice Hockey        | Suspension/Ath.         | 3 Days of Competition |
|                        |   | Competitive Cheer | Suspension/Ath.         | 3 Days of Competition |
|                        |   | Boys Swimming     | Suspension/Ath.         | 3 Days of Competition |
|                        |   | Girls Soccer      | Suspension/Ath.         | 3 Games               |
|                        |   | Boys Basketball   | Suspension/Ath.         | 3 Games               |
| II 3                   | Nonfaculty coaches not registered.  | Girls Tennis      | Censure/School          |                       |
| II 6                   | Played a Minnesota school over 600 miles round-trip; 4 games since 1997.<br>Played a Minnesota school over 600 miles round-trip; 6 games since 2001.  | Football          | Probation/Sport         | Thru 12/31/08         |
|                        |   | Football          | Probation/Sport         | Thru 12/31/08         |
| II 7B                  | 174 schools had a total of 272 violations for failure to rate officials (includes schools with multiple violations)   |                   |                         |                       |
| II 8B                  | No rules meeting or exam.   | Girls Lacrosse    | Suspension/Coach        | From 2007 Tournament  |
| II 8C                  | No rules meeting 2 years; no tourn. In 2007.<br>No rules meeting 2 years; no tourn. In 2007.  | Softball          | Probation/<br>No Tourn. | Thru 07-08            |
|                        |   | Baseball          | Probation/<br>No Tourn. | Thru 07-08            |
| II 9                   | Athlete participated in full-contact summer drills  | Football          | Suspension/Ath.         | Next 5 Quarters       |
| II 10                  | Violation of weight monitoring program.<br>2 athletes participated in 2 games on same day.<br>Athlete participated in wrong weight class.   | Wrestling         | Forfeit                 | Individual Matches    |
|                        |   | Baseball          | Forfeit                 | 1 JV Game             |
|                        |   | Wrestling         | Forfeit                 | 2 Meets               |
| II 11                  | School bus used during 3-day camp.<br>Dead period violation; internal action taken.<br>Used school transportation during summer.<br>Used school transportation during summer.<br>Used school transportation during summer.<br>Equipment used during conditioning.<br>3 boys practiced with girls team; boys withheld from equal number of days.<br>Athletes practiced with equipment; withheld from 2 practices.<br>Athletes practiced with equipment; withheld from 3 practices.<br>Out-of-season coaching.<br>Out-of-season coaching. | Football          | Censure/Sport           |                       |
|                        |   | Ice Hockey        | Censure/Sport           |                       |
|                        |   | Football          | Probation/Sport         | Thru 8/15/07          |
|                        |   | Girls Basketball  | Probation/Sport         | Thru 8/15/07          |
|                        |   | Boys Basketball   | Probation/Sport         | Thru 8/15/07          |
|                        |   | Football          | Censure/Sport           |                       |
|                        |   | Girls Basketball  | Censure/School          |                       |
|                        |   | Ice Hockey        | Probation/Sport         | Thru 07-08            |
|                        |   | Ice Hockey        | Probation/Sport         | Thru 07-08            |
|                        |   | Softball          | Censure/Sport           |                       |
|                        |   | Boys Lacrosse     | Censure/Sport           |                       |

| <b>Reg./<br/>Sect.</b>                               | <b>Explanation</b>   | <b>Sport</b>           | <b>Penalty</b>                                    | <b>Duration</b>             |
|--|--|------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| II 11  | Out-of-season coaching.<br>Maintained extensive off-season program.                    | Volleyball<br>Softball | Probation/Sport<br>Probation/Sport                | Thru 07-08<br>Thru 07-08    |
|  | Coach organized outside competition.   | Football               | Censure/Sport                                     |                             |
|  | Out-of-season coaching.  | Boys Soccer            | Censure/Sport                                     |                             |
|  | Out-of-season coaching.  | Volleyball             | Probation/Sport                                   | Thru 07-08                  |
|  | Coach scheduled 5 out-of-season sessions; other penalties imposed regarding practices. | Girls Soccer           | Probation/Sport                                   | Thru 07-08                  |
|  | Out-of-season coaching.  | Volleyball             | Censure/Sport                                     |                             |
|  | Out-of-season coaching.  | Baseball               | Censure/Sport                                     |                             |
|  | Coach transported athletes to summer camp.   | Football               | Probation/Sport                                   | Thru 8/31/07                |
|  | Out-of-season coaching (internal action taken).  | Softball               | Censure/Sport                                     |                             |
|  | Out-of-season coaching; coach dismissed.   | Softball               | Censure/Sport                                     |                             |
|  | Coach began all-star team & involved athletes; coach fired.                            | Competitive Cheer      | Censure/Sport                                     |                             |
|  | Coach conducted mandatory practice and conditioning.                                   | Football               | Censure/Sport                                     |                             |
|  | Coach transported athletes to camp; may only work with athletes for 5 days in 2007.    | Football               | Probation/Sport                                   | Thru 8/31/07                |
|  | Summer practice out of state without prior approval; 3 scrimmages in 06-07.            | Girls Basketball       | Probation/Sport                                   | Thru 7-31-07                |
|  | approval; 3 scrimmages in 06-07.   |                        |   |                             |
|  | Out-of-season coaching.  | Softball               | Censure/Sport                                     |                             |
|  | Out-of-season coaching.  | Baseball               | Censure/Sport                                     |                             |
|  | Out-of-season coaching.  | Boys Lacrosse          | Censure/Sport                                     |                             |
| Out-of-season coaching; internal penalties assessed. | Football   | Censure/Sport          |   |                             |
| Conducted summer camp with equipment.                | Football   | Probation/Sport        | Thru 8/15/07                                      |                             |
| Out-of-season coaching (JV).                         | Boys Basketball  | Censure/Sport          |   |                             |
| II 13  | Coach participated in national tournament; coach may not attend 2008 tournaments.      | Wrestling              | Probation/School                                  | Thru 07-08                  |
|  | Coach participated in national tournament; coach may not attend 2008 tournaments.      | Wrestling              | Probation/School                                  | Thru 07-08                  |
|  | Coach participated in national tournament; coach may not attend 2008 tournaments.      | Wrestling              | Probation/School                                  | Thru 07-08                  |
|  | Coach participated in national tournament; coach may not attend 2008 tournaments.      | Wrestling              | Probation/School                                  | Thru 07-08                  |
|  | Coach participated in national tournament; coach may not attend 2008 tournaments.      | Wrestling              | Probation/School                                  | Thru 07-08                  |
| II 15  | Withdrew from tournament.<br>AD did not attend New AD Orientation.                     | Softball               | Probation/Sport<br>Probation/No Host or Reimburs. | Thru 08-09<br>Thru 12/15/07 |
|  | AD did not attend New AD Orientation.  |                        | Probation/No Host or Reimburs.                    | Thru 12/15/07               |
|  | Withdrew from tournament.  | Softball               | Probation/Sport                                   | Thru 08-09                  |
| V 3  | Coach removed team from field; suspended for 1 week.                                   | Softball               | Appearance Required                               |                             |
|  | Coach removed team from field; Internal action taken.                                  | Boys Soccer            | Appearance Required                               |                             |
|  | Coach removed team from field; internal action taken.                                  | Football               | Appearance Required                               |                             |
| V 3D   | Athlete pushed officials.  | Ice Hockey             | Suspension/Ath.                                   | 2007<br>Tournament          |

## 2006-07 OFFICIALS REPORTS LISTING

### (Schools that received 3 or more negative Reports)

In accordance with the May 1996 Representative Council adoption of the "Comprehensive Sportsmanship Package" the names of schools that received three or more "concern" or "ejection" Officials Reports in the school year are listed in this report.

| SCHOOL                        | CITY             | NO. OF REPORTS |
|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Troy HS                       | Troy             | 13             |
| Huron HS                      | Ann Arbor        | 8              |
| Woodhaven HS                  | Brownstown       | 7              |
| OA Carlson HS                 | Gibraltar        | 7              |
| Grand Ledge HS                | Grand Ledge      | 7              |
| Ypsilanti HS                  | Ypsilanti        | 7              |
| Albion HS                     | Albion           | 6              |
| Avondale HS                   | Auburn Hills     | 6              |
| Union HS                      | Grand Rapids     | 6              |
| Loy Norrix HS                 | Kalamazoo        | 6              |
| Eastern HS                    | Lansing          | 6              |
| Lincoln Park HS               | Lincoln Park     | 6              |
| L'Anse Creuse North HS        | Macomb           | 6              |
| Milan HS                      | Milan            | 6              |
| Allegan HS                    | Allegan          | 5              |
| Berkley HS                    | Berkley          | 5              |
| Canton HS                     | Canton           | 5              |
| East Lansing HS               | East Lansing     | 5              |
| Creston HS                    | Grand Rapids     | 5              |
| Holt HS                       | Holt             | 5              |
| Lapeer East HS                | Lapeer           | 5              |
| Muskegon HS                   | Muskegon         | 5              |
| Huron HS                      | New Boston       | 5              |
| South Lyon HS                 | South Lyon       | 5              |
| Athens HS                     | Troy             | 5              |
| Detroit Country Day HS        | Beverly Hills    | 4              |
| Plymouth HS                   | Canton           | 4              |
| Chippewa Valley HS            | Clinton Township | 4              |
| Clio HS                       | Clio             | 4              |
| Central HS                    | Grand Rapids     | 4              |
| Northview HS                  | Grand Rapids     | 4              |
| Hartland HS                   | Hartland         | 4              |
| Highland Park Community HS    | Highland Park    | 4              |
| Howell HS                     | Howell           | 4              |
| Jackson HS                    | Jackson          | 4              |
| Lake Orion HS                 | Lake Orion       | 4              |
| Everett HS                    | Lansing          | 4              |
| JW Sexton HS                  | Lansing          | 4              |
| Dakota HS                     | Macomb           | 4              |
| Marysville HS                 | Marysville       | 4              |
| St Mary Preparatory HS        | Orchard Lake     | 4              |
| Notre Dame Preparatory School | Pontiac          | 4              |
| Reed City HS                  | Reed City        | 4              |
| Gabriel Richard HS            | Riverview        | 4              |
| Rochester HS                  | Rochester Hills  | 4              |
| Romeo HS                      | Romeo            | 4              |
| Royal Oak HS                  | Royal Oak        | 4              |
| Arthur Hill HS                | Saginaw          | 4              |
| Swan Valley HS                | Saginaw          | 4              |
| St Johns HS                   | St Johns         | 4              |
| Bedford HS                    | Temperance       | 4              |
| Traverse City Central HS      | Traverse City    | 4              |
| Walled Lake Central HS        | Walled Lake      | 4              |

|                             |                  |   |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---|
| Walled Lake Western HS      | Walled Lake      | 4 |
| Cousino HS                  | Warren           | 4 |
| John Glenn HS               | Westland         | 4 |
| Godwin Heights HS           | Wyoming          | 4 |
| Wyoming Park HS             | Wyoming          | 4 |
| Lincoln HS                  | Ypsilanti        | 4 |
| Central HS                  | Battle Creek     | 3 |
| Central HS                  | Bay City         | 3 |
| Bellaire HS                 | Bellaire         | 3 |
| Benzie Central HS           | Benzonia         | 3 |
| Seaholm HS                  | Birmingham       | 3 |
| Boyne City HS               | Boyne City       | 3 |
| Brighton HS                 | Brighton         | 3 |
| Cadillac HS                 | Cadillac         | 3 |
| Airport HS                  | Carleton         | 3 |
| Crestwood HS                | Dearborn Heights | 3 |
| Edwardsburg HS              | Edwardsburg      | 3 |
| Escanaba HS                 | Escanaba         | 3 |
| Farmington HS               | Farmington       | 3 |
| Harrison HS                 | Farmington Hills | 3 |
| Hamady HS                   | Flint            | 3 |
| Freeland HS                 | Freeland         | 3 |
| Fremont HS                  | Fremont          | 3 |
| Grand Blanc HS              | Grand Blanc      | 3 |
| Forest Hills Northern HS    | Grand Rapids     | 3 |
| Kenowa Hills HS             | Grand Rapids     | 3 |
| West Catholic HS            | Grand Rapids     | 3 |
| Greenville HS               | Greenville       | 3 |
| Grosse Ile HS               | Grosse Ile       | 3 |
| Grosse Pointe South HS      | Grosse Pointe    | 3 |
| Hartford HS                 | Hartford         | 3 |
| Haslett HS                  | Haslett          | 3 |
| Ionia HS                    | Ionia            | 3 |
| Kingsley Area HS            | Kingsley         | 3 |
| Lakewood HS                 | Lake Odessa      | 3 |
| Lapeer West HS              | Lapeer           | 3 |
| Litchfield HS               | Litchfield       | 3 |
| Mason HS                    | Mason            | 3 |
| Mattawan HS                 | Mattawan         | 3 |
| Melvindale HS               | Melvindale       | 3 |
| HH Dow HS                   | Midland          | 3 |
| St Mary Catholic Central HS | Monroe           | 3 |
| Mona Shores HS              | Norton Shores    | 3 |
| Okemos HS                   | Okemos           | 3 |
| Oxford HS                   | Oxford           | 3 |
| Parchment HS                | Parchment        | 3 |
| Western HS                  | Parma            | 3 |
| Paw Paw HS                  | Paw Paw          | 3 |
| Petoskey HS                 | Petoskey         | 3 |
| Port Huron HS               | Port Huron       | 3 |
| Portage Northern HS         | Portage          | 3 |
| Rockford HS                 | Rockford         | 3 |
| Sault Area HS               | Sault Ste Marie  | 3 |
| Shelby HS                   | Shelby           | 3 |
| Utica Eisenhower HS         | Shelby Township  | 3 |
| Southgate Anderson HS       | Southgate        | 3 |
| Lakeview HS                 | St Clair Shores  | 3 |
| John F Kennedy HS           | Taylor           | 3 |
| Trenton HS                  | Trenton          | 3 |
| Waterford Kettering HS      | Waterford        | 3 |
| West Bloomfield HS          | West Bloomfield  | 3 |

## 2006-07 OFFICIALS VIOLATIONS

(From August 1, 2005 through July 31, 2006)

The following registered officials have violated officiating regulations as defined in the *Officials Guidebook*. Censure is a written reprimand. Probation results in MHSAA tournament opportunities being withheld or suspended by the MHSAA.

The MHSAA no longer publishes the names of officials who have been suspended for any reason. With schools and officials using the online directory, which is updated in "real time," individuals can easily identify those officials who are currently registered. This current technology eliminates the need for a separate list of officials not currently registered or those who have been suspended. When confirming an official's registration status, simply use the online directory. At the site of a contest, athletic administrators should also verify that the official is registered by checking the ID card of the official and by observing that the officiating uniform properly displays the current registration emblem.

| NAME                | CITY               | VIOLATION        | DURATION                |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Joseph Brandeberry  | Jackson            | Worked Unreg.    | Probation Thru 7/13/08  |
| Gary Carter         | Fenton             | Worked Unreg.    | Probation Thru 10/13/07 |
| Rick Coleman        | Cass City          | Worked Unreg.    | Probation Thru 7/13/08  |
| Joseph Emery        | Garden City        | Worked Unreg.    | Probation Thru 7/19/08  |
| Brian Hemelgarn     | La Salle           | Worked Unreg.    | Probation Thru 1/5/08   |
| Kevin Holmberg      | Fremont            | Worked Unreg.    | Probation Thru 11/30/07 |
| Anthony Hurt        | Detroit            | Worked Unreg.    | Probation Thru 11/17/07 |
| Christopher Johnson | Oak Park           | Worked Unreg.    | Probation Thru 9/11/07  |
| Ron Kambestad       | Wyoming            | Worked Unreg.    | Probation Thru 6/28/08  |
| Bradley Keller      | New Baltimore      | Worked Unreg.    | Probation Thru 11/13/07 |
| Jane Ladley         | Grandville         | Worked Unreg.    | Probation Thru 6/4/08   |
| Naresh Mahabir      | Detroit            | Worked Unreg.    | Probation Thru 2/8/08   |
| Jeremy Ogg          | Sparta             | Worked Unreg.    | Probation Thru 1/4/08   |
| Daniel O'Grady      | Grosse Pointe Park | Worked Unreg.    | Probation Thru 11/17/07 |
| William Pugh        | Detroit            | Worked Unreg.    | Probation Thru 11/13/07 |
| Lawrence Roberts    | Detroit            | Worked Unreg.    | Probation Thru 1/4/08   |
| Eric Sharps         | Redford            | Unprof. Behavior | Probation Thru 3/30/08  |
| Larry Strauss       | Centerville        | Worked Unreg.    | Probation Thru 4/17/08  |
| Jennifer Sulewski   | Temperance         | Worked Unreg.    | Probation Thru 7/9/08   |
| Sean Tietze         | Westland           | Worked Unreg.    | Probation Thru 9/15/07  |
| John Topie          | Dryden             | Worked Unreg.    | Probation Thru 5/29/08  |
| Matt Vanderhulst    | Wyoming            | Worked Unreg.    | Probation Thru 11/17/07 |
| Clinton Wagner      | Kalamazoo          | Worked Unreg.    | Probation Thru 9/21/07  |

## PROTECTIVE GYM FLOOR COVERS

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## OFFICIALS REPORTS SUMMARY FOR 2006-07 SCHOOL YEAR

CODE: P = Player C = Coach O = Other

| Sport            | Concern | Praise | P-Eject | C-Eject | O-Eject | Taunting |
|------------------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| Baseball         | 115     | 7      | 74      | 37      | 0       | 0        |
| Boys Basketball  | 103     | 11     | 51      | 40      | 1       | 0        |
| Boys Lacrosse    | 34      | 7      | 27      | 6       | 0       | 0        |
| Boys Soccer      | 214     | 19     | 166     | 21      | 3       | 1        |
| Boys Swimming    | 1       | 0      | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0        |
| Boys Tennis      | 1       | 0      | 1       | 0       | 0       | 0        |
| Boys Track       | 3       | 0      | 2       | 0       | 0       | 0        |
| Football         | 124     | 43     | 104     | 9       | 0       | 0        |
| Girls Basketball | 43      | 26     | 12      | 26      | 1       | 1        |
| Girls Lacrosse   | 5       | 0      | 1       | 2       | 1       | 0        |
| Girls Soccer     | 65      | 3      | 44      | 3       | 0       | 0        |
| Ice Hockey       | 130     | 3      | 145     | 10      | 0       | 0        |
| Softball         | 15      | 3      | 4       | 6       | 1       | 0        |
| Volleyball       | 7       | 6      | 1       | 4       | 0       | 0        |
| Wrestling        | 83      | 9      | 55      | 16      | 5       | 1        |

### Distribution of Reports

| Rpts./Concern | # of Schools | Rpts./Praise | # of Schools |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1             | 496          | 1            | 106          |
| 2             | 126          | 2            | 11           |
| 3             | 33           | 3            | 1            |
| 4             | 16           | 6            | 1            |
| 5             | 5            |              |              |
| 7             | 1            |              |              |

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## Tournament Attendance Records Set in Lacrosse, Girls Soccer and Competitive Cheer

Attendance at Michigan High School Athletic Association postseason tournaments dropped during the 2006-07 school year, but several sports were bright spots, setting new records for spectatorship.

Total attendance for 2006-07 was 1,429,2071 with 1,065,465 fans at boys tournaments and 363,742 spectators at girls tournaments. Attendance is kept for all sports except golf, skiing and tennis, where admission is typically not charged.

Even with an overall drop, attendance records were set in three girls and one boys sport. Girls lacrosse set records for Regional play and for the Finals of that tournament, en route to a new overall mark of 3,085 fans. Boys Lacrosse claimed a record for the Semifinal round of its tournament, and set an overall standard of 8,042 spectators.

Girls Competitive Cheer continues its impressive growth as a participant and spectator sport, setting records at all tournament levels and an overall attendance mark of 15,829. The Finals attendance for Cheer of 6,821 was the second highest of any girls only event behind Basketball. Girls Soccer set records for its Semifinals and Finals, finishing with a new overall benchmark figure of 29,212 for all levels.

The overall attendance figures were their lowest since the 1997-98 school year, when 347,638 fans attended girls tournaments and 1,028,925 saw boys tournaments. MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts speculated that poor weather in the fall, coupled with Michigan's economy and the oversaturation of sports on television, may have hurt spectatorship at MHSAA tournaments. ■

### Michigan Schools AED Drill Week Nov. 12-16, 2007; Feb. 25-29, 2008

The MHSAA is joining the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation, the Michigan Chapter of the American Heart Association (AHA) and various Michigan school associations to help promote Michigan Schools 2007-2008 AED Drill Weeks. Schools who participated in last year's event overwhelmingly found the drills to be educational and worthwhile exercises.

We encourage AED Coordinators to conduct practice drills at your buildings during these weeks to improve school safety, heighten AED Awareness, and help to save lives. An AED drill can be conducted before, during, or after school hours. In addition, it does not have to disrupt the whole school and should take no more than several minutes to complete. Drills also give administrators an opportunity to improve its program before an actual emergency arises. Participating CPR/AED instructors, Fire and EMS responders, and Local Hospital personnel may contact you to offer their assistance.

For help on conducting an AED practice drill visit [www.aeddrill.com](http://www.aeddrill.com) or contact the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation at 248-528-0440 ([ecgillary@gillarylaw.com](mailto:ecgillary@gillarylaw.com)) or Aventric Technologies/HeartAED at 800-228-3343 ([tperna@aventric.com](mailto:tperna@aventric.com)), the originator of the event

Over the past several years approximately 26 Michigan school age children alone have died from sudden cardiac arrest. Studies have shown that early 911, early CPR, and early defibrillation and early advance life support can help save lives.

The Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation was founded by Randy and Sue Gillary after the death of their 15 year old daughter, Kimberly, who suffered a cardiac arrest while participating in a water polo game on April 1, 2000. A 501(c)(3) charitable foundation, its mission is to place an automated external defibrillator (AED) in every Michigan high school and to advocate cardiac screening and testing of all high school student athletes. To date, the Foundation has donated over 360 AEDs. For more information on the Foundation visit their web site at [www.kimberlysgift.org](http://www.kimberlysgift.org). ■

# REVISED 2008-09 QUICK REFERENCE CALENDAR

Below please find a revised version of the 2008-09 MHSAA Quick Reference Calendar. The version in this year's *Handbook* contains inaccurate dates in several sports. Please refer to this calendar when planning events for next year, or download the version from [mhsaa.com](http://mhsaa.com).



## 2008-09 CALENDAR

| SPORT                     | FIRST PRACTICE DATE    | FIRST CONTEST DATE    | DAYS OR CONTESTS | OPT OUT DUE DATE | DUE DATE OF RATINGS | MHSAA TOURNAMENT DATES |                    |                    |             |           |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------|
|                           |                        |                       |                  |                  |                     | DISTRICTS              | REGIONALS          | QTR FINALS         | SEMI FINALS | FINALS    |
| <b>FALL</b>               |                        |                       |                  |                  |                     |                        |                    |                    |             |           |
| Cross Country: LP         | Aug 11                 | Aug 11                | 15D              | Oct 8            |                     |                        | Oct 24 or 25       |                    |             | Nov 1     |
| Cross Country: UP         | Aug 11                 | Aug 11                | 15D              | Oct 3            |                     |                        |                    |                    |             | Oct 18    |
| Football                  | Aug 11                 | Aug 28                | 9C               | N/A              | Dec 1               | Oct 31-Nov 1 & Nov 7-8 | Nov 14 or 15       |                    | Nov 22      | Nov 28-29 |
| Golf: LP Girls            | Aug 7                  | Aug 11                | 16D              | Sep 19           |                     |                        | Oct 9 or 10 or 11  |                    |             | Oct 17-18 |
| Soccer: LP Boys           | Aug 11                 | Aug 18                | 18C              | Sep 24           | Dec 1               | Oct 13-18              | Oct 21-25          |                    | Oct 29      | Nov 1     |
| Soccer: UP Girls          | Aug 11                 | Aug 18                | 18C              | Sep 24           | Dec 1               |                        |                    |                    | Oct 22      | Oct 25    |
| Swimming: LP Girls        | Aug 11                 | Aug 23                | 17D              | Nov 17           |                     |                        | Dive: Nov 18       |                    |             | Nov 21-22 |
| Tennis: LP Boys           | Aug 11                 | Aug 11                | 16D              | Oct 3            |                     |                        | Oct 9 or 10        |                    |             | Oct 17-18 |
| Tennis: UP Girls          | Aug 11                 | Aug 11                | 16D              | Sep 26           |                     |                        |                    |                    |             | Oct 3     |
| Volleyball                | Aug 11                 | Aug 22                | 18D              | Oct 8            | Dec 1               | Nov 4-6 & 7 or 8       | Nov 14 or 15       | Nov 18             | Nov 20-21   | Nov 22    |
| <b>WINTER</b>             |                        |                       |                  |                  |                     |                        |                    |                    |             |           |
| Basketball: Boys          | Nov 17                 | Dec 8                 | 20C              | Feb 11           | Apr 1               | Mar 9 & 11 & 13        | Mar 16 & 18        | Mar 24             | Mar 26-27   | Mar 28    |
| Basketball: Girls         | Nov 10                 | Dec 1                 | 20C              | Feb 4            | Apr 1               | Mar 2 & 4 & 6          | Mar 10 & 12        | Mar 17             | Mar 19-20   | Mar 21    |
| Bowling: Boys & Girls     | Nov 13-UP<br>Nov 20-LP | Nov 29-UP<br>Dec 6-LP | 24D              | Feb. 6           |                     |                        | Feb 27-28          |                    |             | Mar 6-7   |
| Competitive Cheer         | Nov 10                 | Nov 24                | 12D              | Feb 13           | Apr 1               |                        | Mar 7              |                    |             | Mar 13-14 |
| Gymnastics                | Oct 27                 | Nov 15                | 15D              | Feb 20           |                     |                        | Mar 7              |                    |             | Mar 13-14 |
| Ice Hockey                | Oct 27                 | Nov 17                | 24C              | Feb 4            | Apr 1               |                        | Mar 2-7            | Mar 10-11          | Mar 12-13   | Mar 14    |
| Skiing: Boys & Girls      | Nov 17                 | Dec 13                | 15C              | Feb 6            |                     |                        | Feb 12 or 13       |                    |             | Feb 23    |
| Swimming: LP Boys         | Nov 24                 | Dec 6                 | 17D              | Mar 9            |                     |                        | Dive: Mar 10       |                    |             | Mar 13-14 |
| Swimming: UP Boys & Girls | Nov 10                 | Nov 22                | 17D              | Feb 16           |                     |                        |                    |                    |             | Feb 21    |
| Wrestling: Individual     | Nov 17                 | Dec 3                 | 16D              | Feb 4            | Apr 1               | Feb 21                 | Feb 28             | ALPHA WEIGH-IN     |             | Mar 12-14 |
| Wrestling: Team           | Nov 17                 | Dec 3                 | 16D              | Feb 4            | Apr 1               | Feb 18 or 19           | Feb 25             | 10/20/08 - 1/31/09 |             | Mar 6-7   |
| <b>SPRING</b>             |                        |                       |                  |                  |                     |                        |                    |                    |             |           |
| Baseball                  | Mar 9                  | Mar 9                 | 56 G+D           | May 6            | Jun 1               | May 26, 29 or 30       | Jun 6              | Jun 9              | Jun 12      | Jun 13    |
| Golf: LP Boys             | Mar 9                  | Mar 13                | 16D              | May 7            |                     | May 21 or 22 or 23     | May 28 or 29 or 30 |                    |             | Jun 5-6   |
| Golf: UP Boys & Girls     | Mar 9                  | Mar 9                 | 16D              | May 15           |                     |                        |                    |                    |             | May 29    |
| Lacrosse: Boys & Girls    | Mar 9                  | Mar 20                | 18C              | Apr 29           | Jun 1               |                        | May 14-30          |                    | Jun 3       | Jun 6     |
| Soccer: LP Girls          | Mar 9                  | Mar 16                | 18C              | May 6            | Jun 1               | May 26-30              | Jun 2-6            |                    | Jun 10      | Jun 13    |
| Soccer: UP Boys           | Mar 9                  | Mar 17                | 18C              | May 7            | Jun 1               |                        |                    | May 28             | Jun 3       | Jun 6     |
| Softball                  | Mar 9                  | Mar 9                 | 56 G+D           | May 6            | Jun 1               | May 26, 29 or 30       | Jun 6              | Jun 9              | Jun 12      | Jun 13    |
| Tennis: LP Girls          | Mar 9                  | Mar 10                | 16D              | May 8            |                     |                        | May 14 or 15       |                    |             | May 29-30 |
| Tennis: UP Boys           | Mar 9                  | Mar 9                 | 16D              | May 22           |                     |                        |                    |                    |             | May 28    |
| Track & Field             | Mar 9                  | Mar 9                 | 18D              | May 11-12        |                     |                        | May 15 or 16       |                    |             | May 30    |

Use this quick ref calendar as of 09/18/07

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