



***REPRESENTATIVE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 5-6, 2019***

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# MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

## REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Gaylord, May 5-6, 2019

### Members Present:

Nicole Carter, Novi  
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven  
Vicky Groat, Battle Creek  
Don Gustafson, St. Ignace (May 6 only)  
Courtney Hawkins, Mt. Morris  
Kris Isom, Adrian  
Sean Jacques, Calumet  
Justin Jennings, Muskegon  
Karen Leinaar, Bear Lake  
Vic Michaels, Detroit  
Chris Miller, Gobles  
Steve Newkirk, Clare  
Chris Riker, Portage  
Pete Ryan, Saginaw  
Adam Stefanski, Mackinaw City  
John Thompson, Brighton  
Al Unger, Kingsford  
Alvin Ward, Detroit

### Member Absent:

Kyle Guerrant, Lansing

### Staff Members Present:

Tony Bihn  
Andy Frushour  
Nate Hampton  
Dan Hutcheson  
Cody Inglis  
John Johnson  
Geoff Kimmerly  
Andi Osters  
Tom Rashid  
Brent Rice  
Mark Uyl (Recorder)  
Kathy Westdorp  
Karen Yonkers

**Accounts of Meetings** – Motion by Sean Jacques, supported by Al Unger, to approve the minutes of the Representative Council meeting of March 22, 2019; and the Executive Committee meeting minutes of March 21 and April 23, 2019; and the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee meeting minutes of April 25, 2019. Adopted.

## REPORTS

**Administration – MHSAA membership** during the 2018-19 school year was 750 high schools and 810 junior high/middle schools as of April 1, 2019. This compares with 751 and 752, respectively, as of April 1, 2018. In addition, there were 56 elementary schools with 6<sup>th</sup>-grader participation.

As of April 4, 2019, there were 313 **cooperative program agreements** for high schools for 552 teams (an increase of 14 programs and 28 teams over the previous year). There were 79 cooperative program agreements for 296 teams for junior high/middle schools (an increase of 3 programs and 7 teams). The most frequent sports involved in cooperative programs at the high school level are (in order) ice hockey, boys and girls swimming & diving, girls gymnastics and boys lacrosse. At the junior high/middle school level, the sports most frequently involved in cooperative programs are football, boys and girls track & field and boys and girls cross country.

**Eligibility advancement** applications were received and approved for 3 students during the 2018-19 school year, which was the lowest number since the eligibility advancement provision was begun during the 1987-88 school year. This compares with 6 during 2017-18, 5 during 2016-17, 5 during 2015-16, 4 during 2014-15, 14 during 2013-14, 15 during 2012-13, 9 during 2011-12, 15 during 2010-11, 2009-10 and 2008-09, and 7 during 2007-08. The highest number of applications was 94 during the 1991-92 school year.

It was reported that 215 **Educational Transfer Forms** were processed for the 2018-19 school year through April 8, 2019, compared to 219 for the 2017-18 school year, 237 for the 2016-17 school year and 266 for the 2015-16 school year. Public to public school transfers continue to be the most common (149), and the divorce exception (#8) continues to be the most frequent reason (79) for the Educational Transfer Form to be used.

It was reported that there were 72 "**Travel Forms for Out-of-State Practice**" filed during 2018-19, compared to 74 the year before. The highest number filed was 113 during the 2007-08 school year. The lowest was 40 during the 2003-04 school year. The requirement began in 1994-95. Staff will monitor these numbers in light of the recent change that will allow teams on spring break to hold up to four scrimmages against other MHSAA member school teams.

A listing of **violations** by schools and officials between April 9, 2018 and April 8, 2019 indicated that the total number of violations for the year was higher than the previous year but below the 13-year average for schools. Failure to rate officials, always the most frequent violation in previous years, was significantly higher than the previous year.

Associate Director Tom Rashid described the **Athletic Director In-Service** programs conducted by the MHSAA that attracted more than 890 registrants. The schedule for the fall of 2019 was presented. Topics for those meetings were identified throughout this meeting. For the ninth year, two in-service programs for athletic department administrative assistants are being planned for September due to high interest in recent years.

Assistant Director Kathy Westdorp reported on the MHSAA **Coaches Advancement Program (CAP)** during the 2018-19 school year. Level-by-level and site-by-site listings were provided. CAP programs offered by Michigan secondary schools, colleges and universities were identified. By the end of this year, individuals will have completed more than 28,000 CAP units since the start of the 2004-05 school year.

Kathy Westdorp also reported on concussion reports, concussion insurance claims and coaching compliance reports through the winter season. It was noted that insurance claims have remained consistent from recent years. The Council was provided a list of those schools not in compliance with CPR, CAP and subvarsity/assistant coach rules meeting completion. The low numbers of schools not in compliance is attributed to the great efforts of MHSAA staff and the good communication with schools as deadlines approach.

Assistant Director Brent Rice reported that the decade-long decline in **officials' registrations** continued through the 2018-19 school year. Registration numbers were down slightly from this same time last year.

Mr. Rice reported that officials recruitment campaigns are ongoing. Groups of current focus include military veterans, first responders, law enforcement and college students. Staff is working to connect with young people with a text campaign along with expanding the Legacy officials program. It was noted that communication will improve with approved associations as each group now has a dedicated recruiting coordinator.

**MHSAA rules/risk management meeting attendance** during 2018-19 was down slightly compared to the previous year, with nearly 90 percent of school representatives and more than 93 percent of officials completing the requirement online. Beginning in 2014-15, in order to increase efficiency and communication, rule/risk management meetings had some content in common for both officials and coaches and other content that was provided separately to coaches and officials. The health and safety focus for 2018-19 was multi-sport participation and overuse injuries. The 2019-20 health and safety focus is again on concussions.

**Officials Reports** for the spring 2018, fall 2018 and winter 2018-19 seasons were reviewed. The reports were broken down not only by sport but also by level: varsity, junior varsity, and sometimes also 9<sup>th</sup>-, 8<sup>th</sup>- and 7<sup>th</sup>-grade levels. The frequency of sportsmanship problems is statistically rare in sports conducted by MHSAA member schools. It was noted that officials are submitting sportsmanship reports when an ejection would have been more appropriate.

For spring 2018 compared to the previous spring, player ejections decreased significantly in baseball and slightly in boys lacrosse and girls soccer. For fall 2018, player ejections decreased slightly in football but increased in boys soccer. For winter 2018-19, there was a significant increase in player ejections in boys basketball but a slight decrease in ice hockey. This data will be reviewed to address sport-specific issues moving forward.

**National Collegiate Athletic Association & National Federation of State High School Associations** – The executive director provided an update on this summer's three NCAA/NFHS certified event schedule on the last two weekends in June and the last weekend in July. On these weekends, NCAA Division I men's basketball coaches can only be present at these scholastic-based events. It was noted that one of these events could require Executive Committee review in terms of expense reimbursement.

Assistant Director Nate Hampton provided an update on the 2019 Reaching Higher Basketball program for both boys and girls to be held at Milford High School on June 23, 2019. The boys event has been certified by the NCAA/NFHS under the new guidelines referenced above.

Assistant Director Andi Osters reported that the first Reaching Higher Girls Volleyball event will take place on July 18, 2019. This will be a partnership with the MHSAA and the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association, patterned much like the MHSAA/BCAM Reaching Higher Basketball events. Council members encouraged staff to look for opportunities in other sports to grow the Reaching Higher model. In addition, both the basketball and volleyball events will include an officiating camp for up-and-coming referees in each sport.

**Mental Health** – Staff reported the work being done with mental health initiatives, including an event on Oct. 8, 2019, in partnership with the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals at the Lansing Center.

**Legislation** – The executive director reported that state lawmakers are currently focused on education funding, infrastructure improvement and the state budget process. The only activity of note is a member school working with lawmakers on a solution to press box building requirements and renovations.

**Litigation** – The executive director reported that the MHSAA is not involved in public, legislative or judicial challenges that are visiting similar organizations in other states.

## ONGOING BUSINESS

**Event Security** –The Council reviewed the final draft of an Athletic Activities Emergency Preparedness Manual as a resource for schools. It was reported that public address scripts from the manual will be incorporated into tournament PA scripts in most sports. The manual will be made available to schools by June of 2019.

**Esports** – MHSAA staff provided a status report on this topic in light of recent conversations and meetings, along with an activity report of what is happening in other states.

## REGULATIONS

**Regulation I, Section 9 (Transfers)** – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Kris Isom, to approve the transfer rule consent package of editorial changes for purposes of organization, clarity or updating which reflect changes previously approved by the Representative Council. Adopted.

Motion by Steve Newkirk, supported by Karen Leinaar, to revise the athletic-related (links) rule: A residential change under Exception 1 does not grant immediate eligibility if a transfer student follows his/her newly hired high school coach. Adopted.

Motion by Al Unger, supported by Chris Miller, to change the athletic-motivated transfer rule (New Section 9[D]) to reflect a sport-specific penalty. The student would not be eligible in the sport played the previous school year. Previously, students confirmed to have made an athletic-motivated transfer were ineligible in all sports for 180 school days. Adopted.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Courtney Hawkins, to expand the late transfer restriction (formerly Section 9[G] and Interpretation 256) to include students who transfer under Section 9(B) (sport not previously played). Adopted. Otherwise eligible transfer students must be enrolled prior to Oct. 1 (fall sports), Feb. 1 (winter sports) or May 1 (spring sports) to be eligible for MHSAA tournaments.

Motion by Kris Isom, supported by Alvin Ward, to clarify eligibility (Interpretation 61) under the new sport-specific transfer regulation for multi-school districts which have schools that are both geographical boundary schools and schools that are district-wide. A student meeting an exception would have eligibility in any sport at the boundary school only. Adopted.

Motion by Chris Miller, supported by John Thompson, to clarify eligibility (Interpretation 62) under the new sport-specific transfer regulation for nonpublic schools and charter schools. A student who meets an exception would have eligibility in any sport at the closest charter school or nonpublic school to the new residence (or school of the same denomination as previously attended) only. A student who does not enroll in the closest school to the new residence would be eligible only in sports not played during the previous school year. Adopted.

Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Sean Jacques, to clarify the eligibility of transfer students in an Approved International Student Program as stated under revised Interpretations 84-86. A summary of these Interpretations follows.

- (1) AISP students who “play one, wait one” and then change schools have eligibility under the sport-specific transfer rule based on the sports that student played in the “play one” year (ineligible in those sports played in that year, eligible in sports not played in the play-one year. Interpretation 84c). An AISP student who transfers from any school following the “wait one” year is subject to Section 9(B) – sport-specific eligibility based on the previous season.
- (2) All AISP students “play one, wait one” then have full eligibility in subsequent years if there is no change of schools (Interpretation 84d).
- (3) When an international student who has been enrolled in any secondary school in the US, and whose program changes its status from non-AISP to AISP, that student will be ineligible at the varsity level for the duration of his or her tenure in any MHSAA member school. Subvarsity eligibility may be permitted after 90 scheduled school days in any sport. Section 9(B) does not apply to this student.

Adopted.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Al Unger, to adopt a new Interpretation (Interpretation 99) which clarifies eligibility under the new sport-specific transfer regulation for transfer students in sports played twice in a school year: “Insofar as the sport-specific transfer regulation (Section 9[B]) is concerned, when a sport is conducted in the same season for girls and boys (e.g., bowling, cross country, skiing, track) or in different seasons for girls and boys (e.g., golf, tennis soccer, swimming & diving), participation during one school year in either season makes that student ineligible for both seasons in that sport only the next school year.” Adopted.

**Regulations I through V** of the *MHSAA Handbook* and their interpretations were submitted for review by the Representative Council.

Motion by John Thompson, supported by Kris Isom, to approve the consent package of miscellaneous changes for the purpose of organization, clarity or updating and to incorporate changes or interpretations previously adopted by the Representative Council. Adopted.

**Regulation I, Section 3** – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Steve Newkirk, to add the following to Interpretations 16 and 17: “Note: Electronic signatures are acceptable from the MD, DO, PA or NP who administered the physical examination. Electronic signatures from the student, parent, guardian or 18-year-old student are also accepted under the Student Participation and Parent Consent. Electronic signatures are acceptable, provided they are affixed by the person who is required to sign the document and can be verified and stored (archived) for the recommended period.” Adopted.

**Regulation I, Section 11** – Motion by Chris Riker, supported by Vicky Groat, to increase the amateur status and awards amount from \$25 to \$40. Interpretation 116: “A student may accept for participation in athletics a symbolic or merchandise award such as trophies, medals or plaques which do not have a fair market value or cost in excess of \$40.” Adopted.

**Regulation II, Section 6(C)** – Motion by Chris Miller, supported by Chris Riker, to add the following clarifying language regarding out-of-state scrimmages: “No competition (scrimmage or contest against another team) is allowed except that in spring sports, two or more MHSAA member schools which have submitted the MHSAA Out-of-State Travel Form may scrimmage or hold joint practices with other MHSAA member schools up to the maximum of four allowed scrimmage dates in that sport. These days shall count in the total of four allowed for the season. Regulation II, Section 11(B) and applicable Interpretations regarding scrimmages shall apply. Dates of competition may not be converted to scrimmages as permitted under this allowance. No more than four dates will be allowed while operating under the out-of-state travel form allowance.” Adopted.

**Regulation II, Section 11(H)** – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Nicole Carter, to add the following to Section 11(H) 2 a: “NOTE: School coaches who are also involved with coaching active Unified Special Olympic programs and have limited contact between coaches and students who are regular season participants are exempt from the four-player rule.” Adopted.

Motion by Al Unger, supported by Chris Miller, to add the following to Section 11(H) 6: “Out of season, school sport coaches may only be involved in teaching sport content in these courses in a sport they coach for that school district if they are the staff member assigned to instruct this course on a regular basis throughout the semester or trimester. See Interpretation 208.” Adopted.

**Regulation IV, Section 7** – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Vicky Groat, to add Section 7(B): “Member junior high/middle schools and others which sponsor competition for member school teams and utilize and pay for services of a third-party, non-school assigner for junior high/middle school officiating contests shall use only those individuals who are assigners registered with the MHSAA for a current school year.” Adopted.

**Regulation V, Section 3(D)** – Motion by Sean Jacques, supported by Nicole Carter, to add the following after Section 3(D) 2: “3. When a student or coach commits an offense worthy of ejection and disqualification against an official following the conclusion of the contest, but before the officials have left the facility and/or grounds, an official may disqualify the student or coach as though it had occurred during the contest. A coach or student who receives a post-contest disqualification shall be withheld from competition according to the policies of Section 3(D) 1-2. This does not apply to a situation when an official from an earlier contest remains at the facility as a spectator and encounters an offense by a student or coach at that later time.” Adopted.

## CLASSIFICATION

The Summary of MHSAA Tournament Classification for 2019-20 was provided to Council members. It was reported that future committee agenda topics will include cooperative program limitations, ice hockey classification issues and the process used for counting **all** high school students in the enrollment declaration process.

## JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOLS

**Multi-Sport Task Force** – Assistant Director Cody Inglis reported that the Multi-Sport Task Force will be analyzing data from the current MHSAA multi-sport survey. This survey data will be used as it looks to develop an MHSAA “Multi-Sport Participation Champion” recognition award for member schools. This will be the second year that participation and specialization data has been collected. This future “school champion” award during the 2019-20 school year would become the third accomplishment of this task force in its three years of existence.

**Presenting Sponsor Program** – A report was provided on the junior high/middle school “Presenting Sponsorship” program that has served over 30 leagues, conferences and schools since 2017. The MHSAA has been a sponsor of existing meets, games, invitationals and contests, helping to provide limited financial assistance and messaging during those events. This well-received program has allowed the MHSAA to establish the importance of school-based sports at the junior high/middle school level to better ease the transition for parents and student-athletes between non-school youth sports and school-based sports. The “presenting sponsorship” program could transition into pilot programs of “area meets” where schools in a region would compete in cross country, track & field and wrestling to compete for MHSAA-provided awards. These potential pilot “area meets” will be used to determine the next steps for the Junior High/Middle School Committee.

An update on emerging high school sports and affiliate programs was given. This program allows the MHSAA to provide modest financial support and messaging to non-MHSAA tournament sports and activities. During 2018-19, the MHSAA supported the Michigan Wrestling Association’s girls wrestling invitational at Adrian College, the Michigan Power Lifting Coaches Association’s event at Ionia High School and the Kensington Lake Activities Association’s Unified basketball event at Novi High School. The MHSAA’s emerging sport and affiliate programs will continue to support similar events in 2019-20 within these current practices.

## **OFFICIALS**

Motion by Kris Isom, supported by Steve Newkirk, to approve the staff proposal to expand the Student Officials Legacy Program to include freshman and sophomore students at least 14 years of age to officiate with a mentor official at the junior high/middle school level only. Adopted.

## **COMMITTEES**

The Council was supplied with a description of MHSAA committees, a review of the committee appointment procedures adopted by the Representative Council, a list of those who had identified themselves as candidates for committees in 2019-20, a list of schools not represented on any committees for the past five years, and a list of those who had declined committee appointments in 2018-19. Council members were encouraged to submit nominations for committees, making special efforts to provide nominations from superintendents, principals, small schools, females and minorities, and any school that has not been represented in recent years. The staff will compile the suggestions and submit them to the Executive Committee for review and appointment.

Names of committee members selected to serve during the 2019-20 school year will be published in *benchmarks*. The only exceptions are those committees involving the selection of tournament officials and award recipients. Some committees were identified as having converted to online and email or conference call formats.

## **CONSTITUTION**

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Al Unger, to approve the Executive Committee recommendation to continue past practice to fill mid-term vacancies of elected members on the Representative Council in a special election through the regular nomination and election process. Adopted.



## SPORTS ACTIVITIES

**Basketball** – Motion by Steve Newkirk, supported by Kris Isom, to not approve the Basketball Committee recommendation that, at the District level only, **all** teams in each District be seeded. Seeding is approved, beginning with the 2019-20 season, based on MPR ratings through games two weeks prior to the start of District competition (including all results through that Saturday), where the top two teams, as determined by MPR, are split between the top and bottom of a District bracket. Adopted.

**Girls Competitive Cheer** – Motion by Kris Isom, supported by John Thompson, to approve the Girls Competitive Cheer Committee recommendation to allow non-braced static inversions at the high school level only with the following stipulations in place:

1. The original base or spotter maintains constant contact with the flyer. Constant contact may be in any form and is not limited to hand/hand or hand/arm and/or hand/foot.
2. Prior to the static inverted position, the flyer must originate from below shoulder level.
3. The inversion must dismount to the cheering surface, cradle, any waist level position, or a non-inverted stunt at shoulder level.
4. Twists from inversions are illegal, and inversions released to extended level are illegal.

Adopted.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Don Gustafson, to approve the Girls Competitive Cheer Committee recommendation to review and possibly restructure the girls competitive cheer format as early as the 2020-21 season by evaluating current requirements and using the Competitive Cheer Task Force which will follow MHSAA protocol while keeping the primary focus on the safety of athletes and continuing to increase participation numbers at all levels. Adopted.

**Cross Country/Track & Field** – Motion by Chris Miller, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the Cross Country/Track & Field Committee recommendation to allow UP and LP Regional competitions to also be held on Thursday in addition to Friday and Saturday as currently allowed. Adopted.

Motion by Don Gustafson, supported by Kris Isom, to approve the Cross Country/Track & Field Committee recommendation that, beginning in 2020, with the emergence of the one-turn stagger in events 800 meters and longer, would allow the use of a double waterfall mark and the step-up start. Adopted.

**Football** – Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Steve Newkirk, to approve the Football Committee recommendation to adopt the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association enhanced strength of schedule 11-player football playoff plan, effective for the 2020 football season. Schools may not opt up in football under this plan. Adopted. The Council was also given a copy of 8-player data from 2018 if enhanced strength of schedule would have been used. This topic for 8-player playoff qualification will be studied further and brought back to the Council.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Don Gustafson, to approve the Football Committee recommendation to allow video review at the MHSAA Finals only for both the 11-player and 8-player Finals with limited provisions. Adopted.

Motion by Al Unger, supported by Adam Stefanski, to approve the Football Committee recommendation that, to be eligible for the 8-player tournament, a member school may not have an enrollment greater than 215 students. This will be in effect for the 2020-21 school year and the one-year grace period for schools previously eligible but over the enrollment limit will continue. Adopted.

Motion by Steve Newkirk, supported by Pete Ryan, to approve the Football Committee recommendation to revise current practice contact definitions and limitations as follows:

New Definitions:

There are only two levels of contact:

- (1) Collision contact is game speed, executing full tackles at a competitive pace, taking players to the ground.
- (2) Thud: Full speed, contact above the waist only, with no player being taken to the ground. Each player is responsible to ensure that a teammate with whom he is engaged is not taken to the ground. There is no winner or loser, predetermined or otherwise. Coaches are not grading physical domination in thud. Teammates are merely trying to give each other a simulation of full-speed game action. Thud is not collision contact and is an alternative to live/full contact. Thud drills and segments are unlimited during the football season.

New Limitations:

First 2 Weeks of Practice Before First Contest:

- (1) Collision contact is limited to no more than 6 hours in a week (Monday-Sunday). Inter-squad scrimmages will calculate collision contact based on  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the total time (2-hour scrimmage = 1 hour of collision contact, 3-hour scrimmage = 1.5 hours of collision contact).

In-Season (Game Week):

- (2) A maximum of 30 minutes of collision contact is allowed during an in-season week (Monday-Sunday).

Note: Thud tempo drills and activity is not considered collision contact and is not limited.

Adopted.

Youth Football – The Council received a position statement on youth football which is supported by the MHSAA, Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, Michigan High School Football Coaches Association and Michigan Athletic Trainers Society. The focus of this statement is to provide sound and rational guidance to youth football programs in protecting health and safety and to increase participation in football at all levels.

**Golf** – Motion by Steve Newkirk, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the Golf Committee recommendation to allow the use of cell phones by players in MHSAA golf as a local rule in four specific circumstances, which include calling a coach or tournament administrator for a health and safety issue, inputting scores for live scoring or other scoring applications, contacting a rules official with questions, and use as a distance-measuring device. Adopted.

Motion by Al Unger, supported by Chris Miller, to approve the Golf Committee recommendation to set the maximum allowable score for a hole at 12 strokes to follow the new 2019 local rule of golf to be implemented beginning with the 2019-20 school year. Adopted.

Motion by Chris Miller, supported by Sean Jacques, to approve the Golf Committee recommendation to allow LP boys and girls Regional tournament hosts to set the date of the one-day Regional tournament on any of the days between the Monday-Saturday the week of the Regional tournament. Previously, Golf Regionals were scheduled on Wednesday through Saturday. Spring Golf Regionals may not be scheduled on Memorial Day observed. Adopted.

**Girls Gymnastics** – Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Vic Michaels, to approve the Girls Gymnastics Committee recommendation to solidify the language that when four judges are contracted for a meet in which two events are conducted simultaneously, a total of 28 gymnasts may compete per event in a Double Dual or Quad meet, with a total of 14 gymnasts per school per event (in the case of an A or B team) allowed. Adopted.

**Boys Lacrosse** – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Courtney Hawkins, to delay action until December 2019 on the Boys Lacrosse Committee recommendation to establish, beginning with the 2021 season, a third division of the Boys Lacrosse Tournament with teams in equal divisions based on enrollment. This would result in approximately 45 teams in each division: 8 Regions of 4-6 teams per division. Adopted (no change). This will be referred to the Boys and Girls Lacrosse Committees for additional review before a return to the Representative Council in December 2019 for discussion and action.

Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Karen Leinaar, to not approve the Boys Lacrosse Committee recommendation to permit boys lacrosse coaches (and perhaps all coaches, or all winter and spring sport coaches) four voluntary days of practice with any number of players out of season during the school year (November-March). All other out-of-season regulations would apply. This question and topic will be included in constituent and committee discussions in all sports during the 2019-20 school year. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Kris Isom, supported by Pete Ryan, to approve the Boys Lacrosse Committee recommendation to change Regulation I, Section 11 (Limitations of Competition-Boys Lacrosse) to permit the option under the multi-team tournament allowance for a team to play two full games (four 12-minute quarters regularly timed to a total of 96 stop-time minutes, as opposed to three running-time games of 25-minute halves; 150 minutes total). If the game is a varsity game, one four-minute sudden victory overtime period will be permitted. Adopted.

**Girls Lacrosse** – Kathy Westdorp made a brief report on headgear risk compensation.

**Soccer** – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Steve Newkirk, to approve the Soccer Committee recommendation to seed the top two teams at the District level only and place them on opposite sides of the bracket. Seeded teams are not guaranteed byes or home games. Seeds will be determined by the MHSAA's MPR computer formula. The random draw will be conducted and published by the MHSAA on the Sunday ten days prior to the start of the District tournament (and include all results through that Saturday). The draw system will guarantee that the top two teams, as determined by MPR, are split between the top and bottom of a District bracket. Adopted. This action eliminates geographic pairings in selected Districts.

Motion by John Thompson, supported by Karen Leinaar, to not approve the Soccer Committee recommendation to amend the Limited Team Membership rule for soccer to allow students to compete in scrimmages at a maximum of two college ID camps (including visits and play dates) during the season. Adopted (no change). This question and topic will be included in constituent and committee discussions during the 2019-20 school year. The Council will receive a report on this topic in December of 2019.

Motion by Don Gustafson, supported by Chris Miller, to approve the Soccer Committee recommendation to change the multi-team tournament rule language from “only be held on non-school days” to “only be held on non-school days or days not followed by school.” Adopted.

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Steve Newkirk, to approve the Soccer Committee recommendation to remove the rule requiring District and Regional Final games to start after 5 p.m. if held on an SAT or ACT national testing day. Adopted.

**Swimming & Diving** – Motion by Kris Isom, supported by Vic Michaels, to approve the Swimming & Diving Committee recommendation that divers who enter into MHSAA Qualifying Meets provide meet management with the name of a designated individual (MHSAA coach) who will serve on the diving panel of judges. After accepting volunteers from this list of coaches, meet management will conduct a pre-meet random draw of designated individuals to fill any remaining slots on the seven-judge panel. Adopted.

**Tennis** – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Chris Riker, to approve the Tennis Committee recommendation to allow coaches at the **Finals** who are on-court for coaching purposes during matches to text coaches or players not engaged in matches as long as it is not disruptive to play. Should it become a problem, the team will lose that privilege. Adopted.

Motion by Al Unger, supported by Don Gustafson, to approve the Tennis Committee recommendation that any substitution must be made before the end of the last scheduled coaches meeting prior to play at the Regional and Final level. If there is a possibility of a seeded player not being able to play, the coach should notify the tournament manager in advance. If a substitution is made for any seeded player, the flight must be reseeded and redrawn. Adopted.

Motion by Chris Miller, supported by Sean Jacques, to approve the Tennis Committee recommendation to allow three coaches on the first day of the Final tournament. If additional sites are used, one coach may be added for each additional site. On the second day of the tournament, only two coaches are allowed. All coaches must meet all MHSAA requirements. Adopted.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Kris Isom, to approve the Tennis Committee recommendation that in subvarsity and middle school matches, a coach may offer coaching at any time during the match as long as he/she remains off-court and does not disrupt the flow of the match. Adopted.

## **OPERATIONS**

**Calendar** – Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Steve Newkirk, to approve the seven-year calendar of MHSAA events reflecting changes required by other Representative Council action. Adopted.

**Allen W. Bush Award** – Council members were invited to vote for up to three candidates from the six presented. The award winners will be notified in May and honored at events important to them during the fall of 2019 or early in 2020. The recipients will be featured in the fall issue of *benchmarks*.

**Meeting Expenses** – Motion by Steve Newkirk, supported by Justin Jennings, to approve the expenses for this meeting as follows: the specified hotel rate, the IRS-stipulated amounts for meals, and a 40¢ per mile mileage allowance, round trip. Adopted.

**Future Meetings** – The next meeting of the Representative Council is Dec. 6, 2019, at the MHSAA office in East Lansing. The March meeting of the Representative Council will be the morning of Friday, March 27, 2020 in East Lansing.

Motion by Kris Isom, supported by Sean Jacques, to conduct the spring meeting of the Representative Council on May 3-4, 2020 at Treetops Resort in Gaylord. Adopted.

**Budget** – Financial reports through April were presented to the Council with comparisons to fiscal year 2017-18 and the 2018-19 budget. Net revenue from MHSAA tournaments and gross revenue from sponsorships were reported to be up for fiscal year 2018-19 compared to 2017-18 as of April 30. The budget improvement in 2018-19 can be attributed to the \$1 increase in District and Regional ticket prices, better financial plan for individual wrestling at Ford Field and improved performance and stability in corporate sales and sponsorships.

Motion by Steve Newkirk, supported by John Thompson, to approve the 2019-20 revenue, expense and capital improvements budget, all of which would result in additions in cash of \$258,895. The approved budget will include ticket price increases at the two most expensive venues, Ford Feld and the Breslin Student Events Center. Final football tickets will increase to \$15, individual session tickets at Individual Wrestling Finals will increase to \$18 and Boys Semifinal and Final Basketball Tournament tickets will increase to \$12. Adopted.