

2024-25 MHSAA BASKETBALL COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday, December 11, 2024, 9:30 a.m. – East Lansing

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrea Cabana, Chelsea
Daniel Carmichael, Lansing
Eric Elliott, Hudsonville
Rob Fay, Houghton
Gabe Frisbie, Bay City
Jason Heerema, Grand Rapids
Garnett Kohler, Yale
Anika McEvans, Detroit
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Mike Mohn, Delton
Brian Samulski, Northville

Scott Stine, Ypsilanti
Matt Windle, Boyne City
Jeff Yorke, Hale

GUEST

Cody Zink, Northville (MATS)

MHSAA STAFF

Andy Frushour
Will McKoy (Recorder)
Tricia Wieferich

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. After the welcome and introductions, the committee reviewed its responsibility and relationship to the Representative Council. The committee also reviewed minutes from the 2023-24 Basketball Committee meeting.

The committee discussed the changes in the new *NFHS Basketball Rules Book* and how those rules have been embraced within the state and in other parts of the country.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

PARTICIPATION

MHSAA staff provided the committee with participation data and discussed the downward trend in basketball participation along with the role that both local schools and the MHSAA can play in reversing this negative trend. A number of factors such as the length of the JH/MS basketball season, structure of basketball programs, the effectiveness of the 5th-quarter allowance and cooperative agreements were discussed as possible strategies to increase basketball participation. The committee also discussed the challenges in official registrations for basketball and the role of stakeholders in helping change that downward trend.

MHSAA MEMBERSHIP

The committee reviewed data from the most recent three years of MHSAA membership and basketball tournament success (champions and finalists) by public schools, non-public schools and public charter school academies. Concerns were shared that possible NIL (name, image, likeness) regulations could further increase the influence of higher profile schools in encouraging students to attend those schools.

DIVISIONS

The committee discussed the concept of adding a fifth division in basketball which has been discussed within the membership. Staff presented the committee with Update Meeting survey data, a breakdown of the current four-division model, and a description of a possible five-division model. Staff also presented the committee with a breakdown of the data over the past 10 years by classification enrollment size and percentile. The committee discussed the possible increase of non-public school success in the smallest divisions if an additional division was added to the tournament.

SHOT CLOCK

MHSAA staff presented the results of the last three Update Meeting surveys which showed that member schools currently do not favor implementing a 35-second shot clock. Data was reviewed, which has been collected at the 2023 and 2024 Basketball Semifinals and Finals, on the time elapsed before the first shot was taken of each possession. The committee discussed the process of requesting the use of the 35-second shot clock for regular-season games. The committee discussed the lack of support from school administrators and the need for BCAM (Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan) to gather data to present to school administrators with the hopes of shifting support should the membership want to allow the use of the shot clock.

SPORTSMANSHIP AND FIGHTS

The committee discussed what appears to be a growing trend of bench-clearing fights and altercations at basketball games and the MHSAA's role in decreasing the number of these instances. It also addressed the behavior of basketball coaches during the summer Reaching Higher basketball recruiting events, especially during the boys segment. The committee does not believe that the MHSAA has direct oversight on summer basketball conduct, and the responsibility would fall on BCAM to impose sanctions on coaches who behave poorly during the event.

MICHIGAN POINTS OF EMPHASIS

The committee briefly discussed the points of emphasis (POE's) for the current 2024-25 basketball season. The committee believed the emphasis on individual player behavior was warranted and is effective in curbing bad sporting behavior.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MHSAA REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

None.