



2022-23 SKI COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – In-person
East Lansing, October 19, 2022 – 9:30 am

Committee Members present

Cory Anderson, Grand Rapids
Patty Costigan, Beverly Hills
John Kasben, Maple City
Casey Lombard, Holly
KC McGovern, East Grand Rapids

James Netzley, Cadillac
Duane Petrosky, Caledonia
Justin Thorington, Traverse City (MIAAA)
Josh Vandruska, Milford (MHSSCA)

Staff: Cody Inglis

Guest: Mitch Smelis, Fenton (MATS)

AGENDA

The Ski committee met in person on October 19, 2022. The committee was reminded of its responsibility and the process from which rules changes occur. The following discussion and action took place.

2021-22 Ski Meeting Minutes Review

The committee reviewed last year's Ski meeting minutes including staff recommendations that were additions to the MHSAA Ski tournament in 2022.

Ski Manual Edits

The committee was led through a discussion of the ski manual edits and proposals for change as recommended by the ski coaches association who came together to evaluate the ski manual. The ski manual was given a complete rewrite in 2018-19. The committee approved the changes, clarifications and edits to the manual for use in the 2022-23 ski season including in the tiebreaker and rerun sections of the manual.

MHSSCA updates and general discussion

Josh Vandruska, the Michigan High School Ski Coaches Association President, updated the committee on topics that the ski association board has discussed. Josh updated the committee on plans to have a fourth JH/MS ski invitational for Michigan racers on the Saturday before the ski Finals. The desire is to hold this race at Schuss Mt.

Don Tyrell, who serves as a timing/scoring advisor to the ski committee provided electronic updates what the Pine Knob ski league does with results as a update for the committee.

Discussion centered on potential solutions to the challenge of hand timing and this required rule that is difficult to implement. While timers/scorers and coaches understand that there are challenges with this

back up timing system there is not much for an alternative. The committee will continue to investigate alternatives but the strong suggestion was to work to make the hand timing process better with training, more consistency and develop experts in this area that can teach to others.

The ski committee reviewed a new and approved travel update to the MHSAA Handbook regulations that now allows Minnesota to be used as a border state where Michigan schools can travel without limitation. The ski committee has supported this direction and again noted the positive impact it would have on Michigan HS ski racing.

A specific discussion on a potential wind chill/cold weather temperature guideline or rule for Alpine Ski racing in the MHSAA was presented. This followed last year's discussion in general to see if the committee desired to follow other ski models for a wind chill/ cold weather policy. The MHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee will review the ski committee recommendation that the wind chill/ cold weather policy be placed in the ski manual as an official policy in MHSAA ski.

MHSAA ski bibs collection and consolidation was done by MHSAA staff in the off season and all ski bibs are accounted and inventoried. The life expectancy of the ski bibs has exceeded expectations and remain in good shape. Continued discussion on a plan will be discussed by the MHSAA and MHSSCA.

Regional and Final Sites and Hosts confirmation

2023 Finals – February 27, 2023

Division 1 at Schuss Mt. – Host: Forest Hills Northern

Division 2 at Boyne Mt. – Host: Bloomfield Hills Marian

2023 Regional sites and assignments

R1 – Crystal Mt. hosted by Traverse City West

R2 – Mt. Holly hosted by Holly

R3 – Mt. Brighton hosted by Detroit Catholic Central/FH Mercy

R4 – Nubs Nob hosted by Harbor Springs

R5 – Cannonsburg hosted by East Grand Rapids

R6 – Alpine Valley hosted by Orchard Lake St. Mary

2022-23 Approved MHSAA/USSA Meets

The USSS meet schedule was provided and approved. The committee was reminded that a racer profile form for each USSS skier needed to be on file with the school athletic director and MHSAA. MHSAA staff will update MHSAA materials to reflect the schedule and allowed non-school ski races.

Recommendations to the Representative Council

No proposals from the committee.