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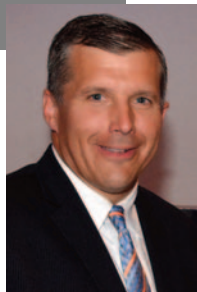
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2026 MHSAA BOYS VOLLEYBALL FINALS

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Welcome



Welcome to the MHSAA Championships! This is a classroom like no other, and now is the time for the final exam. Like the academic classroom, some have had good fortune and smooth sailing along the way in getting here while others have overcome adversity during the season. Even today, a good bounce or a bad bounce will occur.

Your athletic skills are put to the test, but more importantly, your discipline will be challenged, as well. The knack for making the right move at the right moment is often the difference between winning and coming up just short.

Discipline also means testing your self-control and people skills. To embrace our diverse opponents as equals, and to employ common decency – every – single – moment. Win or lose.

That’s the beauty of educational athletics. The takeaways today are not the trophies and medals, but the life lessons learned and applied over years of sports.

Last year, the MHSAA celebrated its 100th year. As we begin the second century of school sports in Michigan, let’s remember and be thankful for the efforts of all those who have made this Final tournament experience so special.

Congratulations for reaching the end of the tournament road. Good luck to all!

— *Mark Uyl*
MHSAA Executive Director

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Two schools will make history this weekend at the first-ever MHSAA Boys Volleyball Finals.

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History Will Be Made

In May of 2024, the MHSAA announced the addition of Boys Volleyball to its sponsored tournament menu, beginning with the 2025-26 school year.

Now, 25 months in the making, eight teams converge on Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena this weekend to serve up the first-ever MHSAA Boys Volleyball Finals.

Four schools in each of two Divisions have emerged from the field of 123 total participating schools in this inaugural year, and that number is sure to grow in years to come.

Following is a capsule look at each school advancing to the Semifinals.

DIVISION 1

GRAND HAVEN (39-1)

Coach: Jim VanTol

Leaders: Maddox Krugler 336 kills, Caleb Cryst 672 assists, Alfredo Ellis 61 blocks

Road to Kellogg: Defeated Muskegon Mona Shores, Jenison and Rockford in Regionals; Hudsonville in Quarterfinals

MACOMB DAKOTA (20-9-3)

Coach: Alec Arena

Leaders: Matthew Lefever 213 kills, Nathan Allport 212 kills, Samuel Yang 383 assists, Andrew Thamarus 55 blocks

Road to Kellogg: Defeated Utica, Sterling Heights Stevenson and Utica Ford in Regionals; Dearborn Fordson in Quarterfinals

LAKE ORION (22-0)

Coach: Tony Scavarda

Leaders: Jan Ludvik 406 kills, Owen Dyer 306 assists, Blake Silaghi 24 blocks

Road to Kellogg: Defeated Rochester, Rochester Adams and Troy in Regionals; Farmington in Quarterfinals

NORTHVILLE (33-7-1)

Coach: Nyia Setla

Leaders: Julian Janisse 325 kills, Jude Butler-Shriner 713 assists, Max Corrent 124 blocks

Road to Kellogg: Defeated Adrian, Canton and Saline in Regionals; Hartland in Quarterfinals

DIVISION 2

GRAND RAPIDS SOUTH CHRISTIAN (27-13-2)

Coach: Mya Udell

Leaders: Noah Jager 234, Ezra Miller 633 assists, Noah Jager 61 blocks

Road to Kellogg: Defeated Wyoming Kelloggsville, Holland and Holland Christian in Regionals; St. Joseph in Quarterfinals



WALLED LAKE CENTRAL (24-19)

Coach: Miguel Strauss

Leaders: Stats not provided

Road to Kellogg: Defeated Farmington Hills Huda Upper, Walled Lake Western and Ann Arbor Fr Gabriel Richard in Regionals; Dearborn Divine Child in Quarterfinals

LOWELL (25-6)

Coach: Drew Davidson

Leaders: Max Davidson 328 kills, Max Davidson 473 assists, Josh Wolters 44 blocks

Road to Kellogg: Defeated Mount Pleasant, Greenville and Midland in Regionals; Grand Rapids Christian in Quarterfinals

AUBURN HILLS OAKLAND CHRISTIAN (11-2)

Coach: Alex Redford

Leaders: Andrew Redford 104 kills, Efraim Lopes 151 assists, Andrew Redford 28 blocks

Road to Kellogg: Defeated Mt. Morris, North Branch and Waterford Kettering in Regionals; Auburn Hills Avondale in Quarterfinals

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Division 1

QUARTERFINALS	SEMIFINALS	FINALS	SEMIFINALS	QUARTERFINALS
Grand Haven 3	Grand Haven (39-1) June 5 4:30 pm Macomb Dakota (20-9-3)	June 6 - 2:30	Lake Orion (22-0)	1 Farmington
Hudsonville 0			Northville (33-7-1)	3 Lake Orion
Macomb Dakota 3				0 Hartland
Dearborn Fordson 0				3 Northville

Division 2

QUARTERFINALS	SEMIFINALS	FINALS	SEMIFINALS	QUARTERFINALS
St Joseph 1	GR South Christian (27-13-2) June 5 Noon Walled Lake Central (24-19)	June 6 - Noon	Lowell (25-6)	0 Grand Rapids Christian
Grand Rapids S Christian 3			Auburn Hills Oakland Christian (11-2)	3 Lowell
Dearborn Divine Child 0				3 Auburn Hills Oakland Chr
Walled Lake Central 3				1 Auburn Hills Avondale





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GRAND HAVEN (39-1)



BUCS

School Colors: Blue & Gold
 Superintendent: Kristin Perkowski
 Principal: Tracy Wilson
 Athletic Director: Taylor Schriber

Conference: O-K Conference -
 Rainbow III (13-1, 1st)
MHSAA Quarterfinal Result
 Def. Hudsonville 3-0



No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.
1	Karter Schradin	MB	6-0	Sr.
2	Carson Moroney	L	5-10	Sr.
3	Cooper Start	OH	5-10	Jr.
4	Alfredo Ellis	OP	6-3	Jr.
6	Levi Londot	DS	5-4	So.
7	Caleb Cryst	S	6-1	Sr.
8	Maddox Krugler	OH	6-3	Jr.
9	John Cryst	OH	6-2	So.
10	Brandon Stapelman	MB	5-11	Fr.
11	Pablo Hanania	DS	5-11	Sr.
12	Carter Meyer	OH	5-10	So.
13	Braeden Jansen	MB	6-4	Jr.
14	Ryker Hoekstra	OP	6-0	Jr.
15	Owen Jiang	MB	6-3	Sr.

Head Coach: Jim VanTol (39-1, 1 year)
Assistant Coaches: Brian Cryst, Katy Walters
Captains: Caleb Cryst, Maddox Krugler, Alfredo Ellis, Carson Moroney
Athletic Trainers: Katie Lamphere, Heather Harrison

2026 LEADERS (Through Regionals)

Kills: Krugler 336 **Assists:** Cryst 672 **Blocks:** Ellis 61

MACOMB DAKOTA (20-9-3)



COUGARS

School Colors: Navy, Green & Gray
 Superintendent: Ronald Roberts
 Principal: Kevin Koskos
 Athletic Director: Shane Finney

Conference: Macomb Area
 Conference – Red (7-0, 1st)
MHSAA Quarterfinal Result
 Def. Dearborn Fordson 3-0



No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.
1/3	Aiden Collins	L	5-7	Jr.
7	John Nguyen	DS	5-4	Jr.
9	Samuel Yang	S	5-5	Sr.
10	Omar Alshakaa	RS	6-1	Sr.
11	Matthew Lefever	OH	6-0	Sr.
2/12	Kobe Nguyen	DS	5-8	Sr.
13	Nathan Allport	OH	6-1	So.
14	Josh Thoel	RS	6-0	Fr.
15	Brandon Choi	DS	5-8	Fr.
16	Trenton Yang	S	5-6	Fr.
17	Anthony Meraja	DS	5-7	Fr.
18	Joseph Trachsel	RS	6-5	Sr.
19	Benjamin Thoel	MH	6-6	Sr.
20	Andrew Thamarus	MH	6-6	Sr.

Head Coach: Alec Arena (20-9-3, 1 year)
Assistant Coaches: Andrew Aude, John Vestal
Captains: Matthew Lefever, Andrew Thamarus, Aiden Collins
Athletic Trainer: Tone Oglesby

2026 LEADERS (Through Regionals)

Kills: Lefever 213; Allport 212 **Assists:** Yang 383; Kooiker 482 **Blocks:** Thamarus 55

LAKE ORION (22-0)



DRAGONS

School Colors: Green & White
 Superintendent: Heidi Mercer
 Principal: Dr. Dan Haas
 Athletic Director: Chris Bell

Conference: Oakland Activities Association – Red (8-0, 1st)

MHSAA Quarterfinal Result
 Def. Farmington 3-1



No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.
1	Kuba Wolski	OH	5-11	Sr.
2	Van Thang	DS	5-6	Fr.
3	Ethan Mckay	OPP	5-7	Jr.
4	Ely Chang	L	5-5	Fr.
5	Jan Ludvik	OH	6-2	Sr.
6	Cole Essmann	MB	5-10	Sr.
8	Chance Chang	S	5-6	Sr.
9	David Aldrete-Bonilla	OPP	5-10	So.
10	Blake Silaghi	MB	5-10	Jr.
11	Fares Ghodbane	OPP	5-8	Jr.
16	Owen Dyer	S	5-10	Jr.
21	Gerardo Mendez Gonzalez	S	5-7	Sr.

Head Coach: Tony Scavarda (22-0, 1 year)

Captains: Kuba Wolski, Jan Ludvik

Athletic Trainers: Chelsea Hanning, Margaret Oliveto

2026 LEADERS (Through Regionals)

Kills: Ludvik 406 **Assists:** Dyer 306 **Blocks:** Silaghi 24

NORTHVILLE (33-7-1)



MUSTANGS

School Colors: Black & Orange
 Superintendent: Dr. RJ Weber
 Principal: Tony Koski
 Athletic Director: Brian Samulski

Conference: Kensington Lakes Activities Assoc (15-1, 1st)

MHSAA Quarterfinal Result
 Def. Hartland 3-0



No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.
0	Zachary Osbourne	DS	5-8	Sr.
1	Yuta Kikumori	OH	5-7	Sr.
9	Archer Hayek	OH	5-11	Jr.
11	Shane Totten	OH	5-9	Sr.
12	Jude Butler-Shriner	S	5-11	Sr.
13	Adam Piao	MB	6-3	Sr.
14	Julian Janisse	RS	6-1	Sr.
15	Max Corrent	DS	5-9	So.
16	Naga Pridhvesh Bachu	S	5-8	Fr.
19	Ellis Swearingen	MB	6-0	Fr.
22	Liam Rommeck	DS	5-8	Jr.
23	Joshua Vertrees	MB	6-8	So.
24	Connor Manhart	L	5-11	Sr.
26	Subhash Tej Bachu	OH	5-10	Jr.

Head Coach: Nyia Setla (33-7-1, 1 year)

Assistant Coaches: Erin Morrissey, Ally Siegert, Harrison Asher

Captains: Jude Butler-Shriner, Julian Janisse, Connor Manhart

Athletic Trainer: Cody Zink

Managers: Venkata Sunkara, Aubrie Kiel, Livvy Setla, TQ Setla

2026 LEADERS (Through Regionals)

Kills: Janisse 325 **Assists:** Butler-Shriner 713 **Blocks:** Corrent 124

GRAND RAPIDS SOUTH CHR (27-13-2)



SAILORS

School Colors: Navy & Blue
 Superintendent: Aaron Meckes
 Principal: Krista Wright
 Athletic Director: David Kool

Conference: O-K Conference -
 Rainbow II (5-5, 3rd)

MHSAA Quarterfinal Result
 Def. St. Joseph 3-1



No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.
1	Ezra Miller	S	--	Sr.
2	Jack Borisch	OH	--	Sr.
3	Mark Kuipers	OPP	--	Sr.
4	Noah Klump	OH	--	Sr.
5	Brock Hoekwater	L	--	Sr.
6	Noah Jager	MB	--	Sr.
7	Derek Smit	DS	--	So.
8	Drew VanLaan	MB	--	Fr.
9	Ryan Smit	DS/S	--	Fr.
10	Krew Helmholdt	DS	--	Fr.
11	Carson Joldersma	MB	--	Sr.
12	Evan VanDrunen	DS	--	Fr.
13	Tyson Steendam	MB	--	Fr.
14	Nathan Marcusse	DS/S	--	Fr.
15	Tyler DeWeerd	OPP	--	So.

Head Coach: Mya Udell (27-13-2, 1 year)

Assistant Coach: Stephanie McIntyre

Captains: Jack Borisch, Brock Hoekwater, Noah Jager

Athletic Trainers: Dianna Kisner, Heather Smith

2026 LEADERS (Through Regionals)

Kills: Jager 234 **Assists:** Miller 633 **Blocks:** Jager 61

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL (24-19)



VIKINGS

School Colors: Gold & Navy
 Superintendent: Brian Swinehart
 Principal: Kyle Meteyer
 Athletic Director: Jessica Fisher

Conference: Lakes Valley
 Conference (6-8, 3rd)

MHSAA Quarterfinal Result
 Def. Dearborn Divine Child 3-0



No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.
1	Kai Waynick	S/OH	6-1	So.
3	Liam George	RS	5-8	Jr.
6	Ian Shaw	M	6-1	Jr.
7	Logan Savage	RS	5-10	Fr.
8	Madhav Nair	L	5-7	Jr.
10	Liam Masters	DS/S	5-6	So.
11	Eli Fogarasi	DS	5-6	Jr.
12	Brayden Grace	RS	5-8	Fr.
13	Cass Murray	RS	5-9	So.
16	Simon Roth	OH	5-10	Sr.
18	Jerry Hempfield	OH/S	6-0	Sr.
20	Benjamin Baldwin	MH	6-1	Jr.

Head Coach: Miguel Strauss (24-19, 1 year)

Assistant Coaches: Jackson Van Curler

Captains: Jerry Hempfield, Kai Waynick

Athletic Trainer: Mairead Brown

Manager: Emalyn Buser

2026 LEADERS (Through Regionals)

Stats not provided by school

LOWELL (25-6)



RED ARROWS

School Colors: Red & White
 Superintendent: Nate Fowler
 Principal: Dominic Lowe
 Athletic Director: Patrick Russell

Conference: River Cities
 Alliance (8-0, 1st)

MHSAA Quarterfinal Result
 Def. Grand Rapids Christian 3-1



No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.
1	Max Davidson	S/OH	6-2	Sr.
2	Lincoln Pollema	RS	6-1	Jr.
3	Jaeger Smith	OH	5-10	Fr.
4	Issac Kissinger	S/RS	5-10	Fr.
5	Will Selent	DS	5-9	Fr.
6	Teyton Compton	L	5-9	Fr.
8	Josh Wolters	M	6-4	Jr.
9	Damon Thomas	OH	6-1	Fr.
10	Ethan Cobb	M	6-3	Jr.
11	Eli Vangroningen	M	6-3	Jr.
12	Liam Bolen	RS	6-0	Fr.

Head Coach: Drew Davidson (25-6, 1 year)

Assistant Coach: Jacob Davidson

Captain: Max Davidson

Athletic Trainer: Sean Mandle

2026 LEADERS (Through Regionals)

Kills: Davidson 328 **Assists:** Davidson 473 **Blocks:** Wolters 44

AUBURN HILLS OAKLAND CHR (11-2)



LANCERS

School Colors: Forest Green & Vegas Gold
 Superintendent: Susan Brock
 Principal: Brian Eddy
 Athletic Director: Anthony Newell

Conference: Independent

MHSAA Quarterfinal Result
 Def. Auburn Hills Avondale 3-1



No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.
1	Andrew Redford	MB	--	Sr.
2	Matthew Rowe	DS/ UTIL	--	Sr.
3	Micah Redford	OH	--	So.
5	Sam Pfeiffer	RS/ DS	--	So.
7	Luke Reyes	S/RS	--	Jr.
10	Carter Combs	OH	--	Jr.
11	Jackson Hoffman	RS/ DS	--	Fr.
12	Efraim Lopez	S/RS	--	So.
14	Ben Diemer	MB	--	Sr.

Head Coach: Alex Redford (11-2, 1 year)

Captains: Andrew Redford, Matthew Rowe, Micah Redford

Athletic Trainer: Dr. Christopher Lewis

2026 LEADERS (Through Regionals)

Kills: A Redford 104 **Assists:** Lopes 151 **Blocks:** A Redford 28

Growing is the Purpose: Education First

High school sports is experiencing record participation. It is also experiencing unprecedented pressure.

Across the country, young athletes are training earlier, competing year-round and navigating expectations shaped by a rapidly expanding youth sports economy. For many families, athletics now feel like increasingly high stakes.

High school sports operate differently—by design. They exist within schools, alongside classrooms, guided by the same educational mission. Participation is structured to support academic success and to teach intangibles like discipline, teamwork, resilience and responsibility. Rules around eligibility, seasons and competition are not barriers to ambition; they are safeguards for students.

As expectations around winning and advancement continue to rise, the NFHS believes it is worth reaffirming the role that high school athletics play in education—and why that purpose matters.

Every high school athlete is a student first, and we see high school sports as a vital extension of the classroom. In “the last class of the day,” student-athletes develop character and integrity and learn life lessons they will carry with them long after their playing days are over.

Today’s high school student-athletes will be tomorrow’s leaders. So, while the goal of playing high school sports is to win, the true purpose is much greater—for students to learn and grow as people.

How? By keeping high school sports educational, competitively balanced and accessible for all students. Why? To ensure high school sports develop the whole person, not just the athlete.

Last summer, the New York Times published an article stating youth sports is now a \$40 billion industry. Private lessons, club sports, travel teams and elite competitions are costly and wildly popular.

For many student-athletes, their sports experience is focused on becoming an elite athlete and landing a college scholarship.

But according to the NCAA, of the 8.2 million high school student-athletes in the United States (an all-time record), only 7% go on to play in college, and only 2% earn any type of scholarship.

Further, data from College Board’s “Trends in College Pricing and Student Aid 2025” report shows that **the total published cost of attendance (tuition, fees, room and**

board) at four-year colleges now averages roughly \$31,000 per year in-state and more than \$50,000 per year out-of-state—underscoring why families feel intense pressure to secure athletic scholarships.

That’s why the purpose of high school sports must be so much more than winning, earning trophies or advancing to the next level.

Only a select few go on to play in college and even fewer get scholarships. But nearly all student-athletes benefit from participating in high school sports. They experience personal growth. They learn leadership skills. They build community and more. When athletics are education-based, students’ long-term development and well-being remain the top priority above all else.

With the guiding principle of students first, the NFHS and state high school associations across the country are committed to preserving the integrity, opportunity and educational alignment of high school sports for all student-athletes.

The purpose of high school sports—helping students learn and grow as people—is what we are here to protect and preserve for generations to come. And it is our honor to do so.



KARISSA NIEHOFF



**— Karissa Niehoff
NFHS Executive Director**

Dr. Karissa L. Niehoff is in her eighth year as chief executive officer of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) in Indianapolis, IN. She is the first female to head the national leadership organization for high school athletics and performing arts activities and the sixth full-time executive director of the NFHS. She previously was executive director of the Connecticut Association of Schools-Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference for seven years.

Scholar-Athlete Class of 2026

The Michigan High School Athletic Association/Farm Bureau Insurance Scholar-Athlete Award has been recognizing the top student-athletes for 37 years. Applicants for the Scholar-Athlete Award must meet the following criteria: A minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale; and must have previously won a varsity letter. Applicants also show involvement in other school and community activities; submit two letters of recommendation and a 500-word essay on the importance of sportsmanship in educational athletics.

Recipients of the 2025-26 Scholar-Athlete Award receive a \$2,000 college scholarship to be used at the college, university, or trade school of their choice during the 2026-27 school year. This year, a total of 1,438 applications from 426 schools were received for 32 scholarships. Class A students were guaranteed 12 winners, Class B eight winners, Class C six winners and Class D four winners. Two at-large winners were also selected.

All scholarship recipients were honored during the MHSAA Boys Basketball Finals at the Breslin Center in East Lansing in March.



Lydia Binelli
Berkley
Class A



Ari Blank
Birmingham Groves
Class A



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Manistique
Class C



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Class C



Brynn Corrion
Bay City Central
Class A



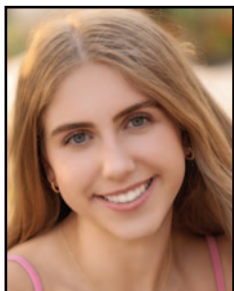
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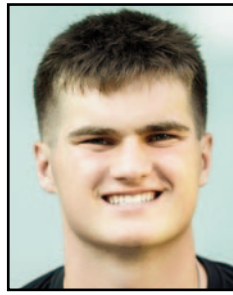
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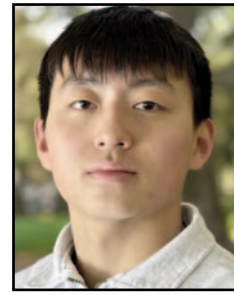
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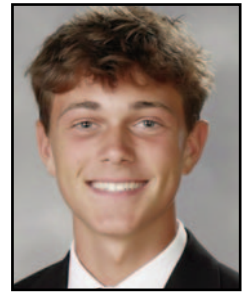
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David Wahl
Gaylord St Mary
Class D



Brayley West
Lake Fenton
Class B



Micah Zacks
Detroit Country Day
Class B

Student Advisory Council Aids MHSAA

Sixteen junior and senior student-athletes during the 2025-26 academic year are serving on the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Student Advisory Council.

The Student Advisory Council is a group which provides feedback on issues impacting educational athletics from a student's perspective, and also is involved in the operation of MHSAA championship events and other programming. Members of the Student Advisory Council serve for two years, beginning as juniors. Eight new members are selected annually to serve on the SAC, with nominations made by MHSAA member schools. This year's juniors joined the group of eight seniors appointed a year ago.

Completing their first years on the Student Advisory Council in 2025-26 are: **Nichole James**, Detroit Edison; **Mia McGregor**, Mio; **Camryn Siegers**, Holland Christian; **Lucy Weber**, Fenton; **Brody Hammer**, Middleville Thornapple-Kellogg; **Sam Bentley**, Ypsilanti Lincoln; **Mason Mireles**, Hartford; and **Joey Smokevitch**, Johannesburg-Lewiston.

Those eight members were selected from 125 applicants, the second largest group of applicants in the 20 years of the council. The first Student Advisory Council was formed for the 2006-07 school year. With the addition of this class beginning this summer, members will have represented 148 schools from 53 leagues plus independent schools that do not play in a league. Combined, the new appointees have participated in 11 MHSAA sports, and six will be the first SAC members from their respective schools.

The Student Advisory Council generally meets eight times each school year, and once more for a 24-hour leadership camp. In addition to assisting in the promotion of the educational value of interscholastic athletics, the Council discusses issues dealing with the 4 S's of educational athletics: scholarship, sportsmanship, safety (including health and nutrition) and the sensible scope of athletic programs. There also is a fifth S discussed by the group – student leadership.

This school year, the Council handed out championship trophies at Finals events, led sessions during four Sportsmanship



2025-26 Student Advisory Council

First Row: Mia McGregor, Mio; Joey Smokevitch, Johannesburg-Lewiston; Lucy Weber, Fenton; Mason Mireles, Hartford; Camryn Siegers, Holland Christian; Sam Bentley, Ypsilanti Lincoln; and Brody Hammer, Middleville. **Second Row:** Harper Barnhart, Brownstown Woodhaven; Diamond Cook, Southfield Christian; Ethan Stine, Bridgman; Trey LaValley, Romeo; Henry Ewles, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep; Cole Haist, Big Rapids; Frannie Keeley, Jenison; and Itzel Albarran, Bronson. **Not Pictured:** Nichole James, Detroit Edison.

Student Advisory Council Belief Statement

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

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

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

Summits, provided feedback to the MHSAA Representative Council on proposed rule changes, worked on a mental health initiative, and wrote the script for a public service announcement on adult spectator sportsmanship that was included in broadcasts throughout the last school year.

Class of 2026 members who were selected a year ago are **Itzel Albarran**, Bronson; **Harper Barnhart**, Brownstown Woodhaven; **Diamond Cook**, Southfield Christian; **Henry Ewles**, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep; **Cole Haist**, Big Rapids; **Frannie Keeley**, Jenison; **Trey LaValley**, Romeo; and **Ethan Stine**, Bridgman.



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MHSAA Representative Council

The Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association is the body assembled to carry out the wishes of member schools. The Council meets several times annually to discuss and pass legislation concerning interscholastic athletics in Michigan.

The Representative Council is made up of 19 members, with all but five elected by a vote of MHSAA-member schools to represent different geographic regions, different sizes of schools, non-public schools, and junior and middle schools. Two members are elected to statewide at-large positions. Four members are appointed by the Council to facilitate representation of females and minorities, and the 19th position is occupied by the Superintendent of Public Instruction or his/her designee.

The officers and two other representatives form the MHSAA's Executive Committee, which meets on a monthly basis during the school year to review eligibility appeals and other current business.



First Row: Mark Uyl, Jay Alexander, John Thompson, Sean Jacques, Chris Adams.
Second Row: Aaron Gaffney, Arnetta Thompson, Jennifer Thunberg, Karyn Furlong.
Third Row: Fred Bryant, Monica Merritt, Chris Hartman, Chris Miller. **Fourth Row:** Jerry DeGroot, Adam Stefanski, Jason Malloy, Mike Bakker, Jeff Kline.

Photo taken May 2026

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 Class C-D — Southeastern Michigan

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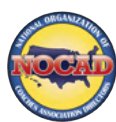
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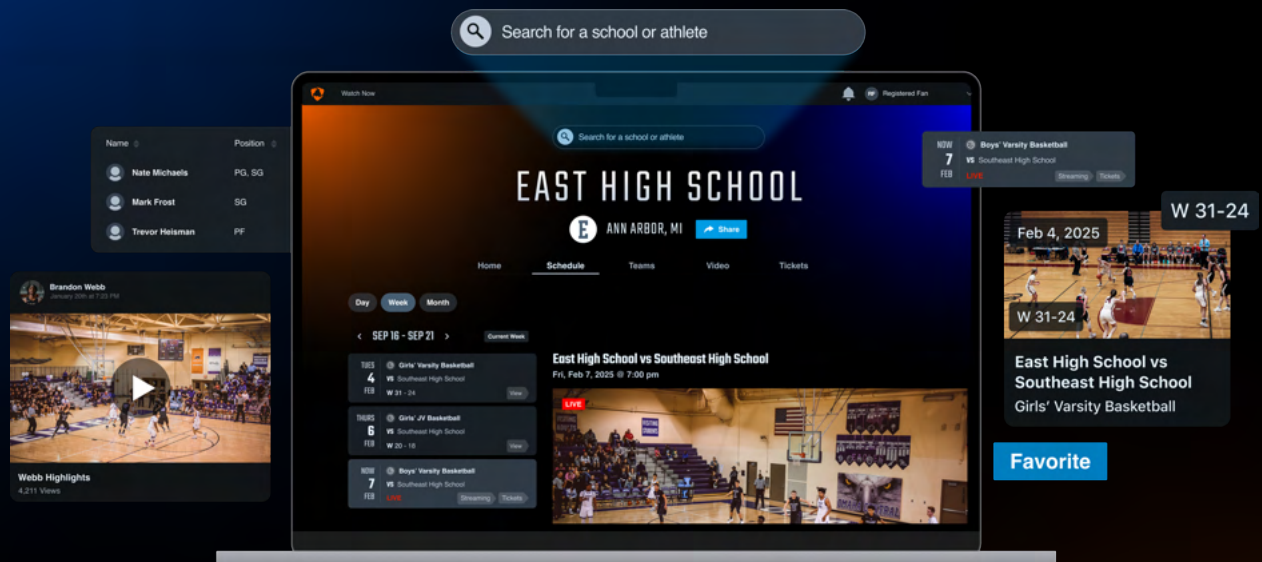
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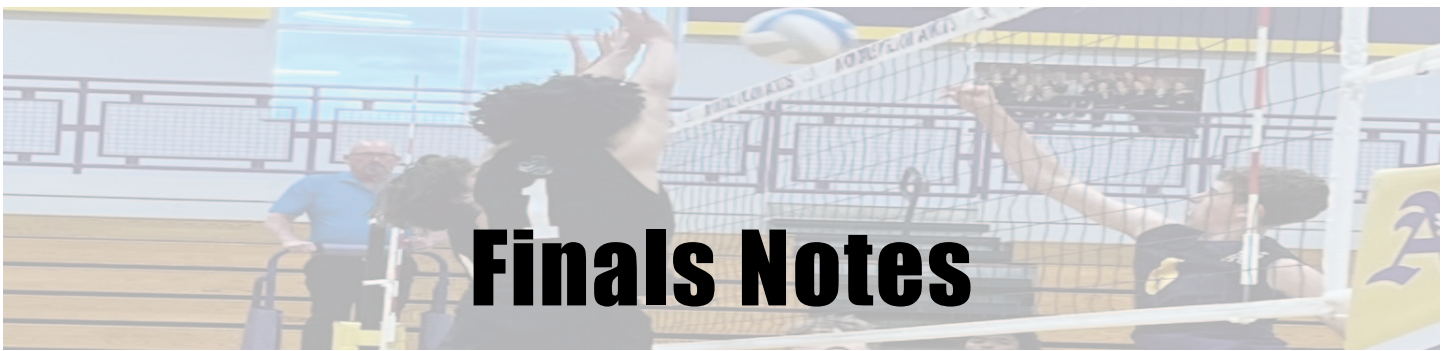
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Finals Notes

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Just as the participants on the teams at this year's Finals are realizing a dream of vying for top honors, another group of individuals are also reaching a goal for the hard work they have put in by being assigned to officiate the action.

Officials for MHSAA Finals are selected based on the recommendations and ratings by schools, as well as from input from local officials associations.

These officials believe that interscholastic athletics are truly educational in nature, and work to uphold that standard. Like the athletes in the Finals, officials come from all corners of Michigan.

Selected to work this year's Semifinals / Finals are:

Referees **DeLee Dankenbring**, Grand Ledge; **Kenneth Paszkiewicz**, Bloomfield Hills; **Randall Pell**, Fremont; **Ann Pell**, Fremont; **Kirk Snyder**, Jonesville; **William Theibert**, Fowlerville; **Phillip Whitcomb**, Lake Odessa; **Robert Wilson**, Rockford.

Line Judges **Dennis Betts**, Livonia; **Cary Grant**, Battle Creek; **Andrew Hall**, Kentwood; **Scott Heckman**, Coldwater; **Mike Lauraine**, Portage; **Chad Miller**, Vicksburg;

Congratulations to this year's Final officials. If you are interested in becoming a registered game official in any sport, contact the MHSAA at 1661 Ramblewood Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823, or register online at mhsaa.com.

Behind The Scenes

The hallmark of a strong association is its ability to work together for the common good. Every year, approximately 8,000 game officials and 50,000-plus administrators and coaches at over 1,500 middle, junior and senior high schools voluntarily pool their efforts daily for the operations of the MHSAA's competitive extracurricular interscholastic athletic program.

An important responsibility of membership in the Association is the operation of the hundreds of District, Regional and Final level tournaments by school administrators who serve as the site managers for these games.

The behind the scenes work of these individuals and their staffs make sure that tournament competition is a memorable experience for the participants.

The MHSAA thanks the tournament managers for the 2026 Boys Volleyball Finals, **Jay Gladstone** of the Calhoun County CVB and **Kelly Walden** of Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek. Assisting are area volleyball coaches **Bre Johnson**, Marshall; **Terra King**, Battle Creek Harper Creek; **Vicky Groat**, Battle Creek St. Philip; **Jean LaClair**, Bronson.

Tournament staff: head scorekeeper **Lurinda Shrauger**; scoreboard operator **Kim Ford**; libero tracker **Laurie Klok**; spotter **Karyn Furlong**; announcers **Mark Feather** and **Steve Miller**; music **Chad Dishaw**.

Coordinating the Finals from the MHSAA office is Assistant Director **Andi Osters**. Assisting with tournament operations are **Nikki Norris**, East Lansing HS; and **Paige Winne**, **Jon Ross** and **Rob Kaminski**, MHSAA. Officials Crew Chiefs are **Debby Karabees-Betts** and **Katherine Dolfman**. The **Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association** provides ball handlers and hosts the players lounge.

Statistical Coordinator for this weekend is **Geoff Henson**, assisted by **Jenessa Hicks Neal** and **Aaron Sagraves**.

On the Air

Video streaming of today's Finals is available on MHSAA.tv. A \$13.99 subscription will also allow you to watch all of the Spring tournament coverage. Annual subscriptions can be purchased for \$79.99, which includes events for the entire MHSAA school year.

Results on the Web

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