

Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc.
2021-22 BASKETBALL COMMITTEE MINUTES
December 1, 2021 via Zoom

Members Present:

Conner Thomas, Caro
Kris Ernst, Fowler
Mike Evoy, MIAAA
Don Gauthier, Imlay City
Mike Mohn, Delton
Keith Guy, Muskegon
Monique Brown, Detroit
Greg Immink, Grand Haven
Paige Mielke, Novi

Gabe Murley, Lansing
Mitch Bohn, Sanford
Chris Hartman, Kingsford
Shad Spilski, Lapeer
Michael VanHoven, Benton Harbor
Dennis Hopkins, Auburn Hills
Chris Westfall, Ypsilanti
Dan Young, BCAM

Member Absent:

George Ward, Detroit

MHSAA Staff:

Will McKoy (Recorder)

Guest:

Kevin Fleming, MATS

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am. After the welcome and introductions, the committee reviewed its responsibility and relationship to the Representative Council. The committee also reviewed minutes from the 2020-21 Basketball Rules committee meeting.

Discussion Topics:

The committee discussed at length the rules prohibiting out-of-state travel for basketball teams that would like to play in tournaments or showcase events out of state within the allowed boarder but that have states outside our travel limits attending. The committee believes the current restrictions hurt some upper echelon programs that struggle to find opponents willing to play in state. The discussion centered around lifting some of the restrictions which would allow Michigan high schools to participate in events within our travel limits and participate regardless of which other states are involved. The committee did not discuss removing the restrictions on competition against schools from outside of our travel limitations or approved bordering states.

The committee discussed at length the use of :35 shot clock in the future. BCAM briefed the committee on the upcoming experimental :35 shot clock events throughout the state. Those events were set up to gather feedback for all stakeholders (coaches, AD's, officials, players) with the hope of gaining support for the use of a :35 shot clock. The committee agreed to table the discussion regarding :35 shot clock, as the committee agreed there isn't enough data and support from all stakeholders to decide at that point. The committee is looking forward to the forthcoming data from several :35 shot clock BCAM facilitated tournaments, in which BCAM will survey event participants with the hopes of gathering a better understanding of the viability and need for the use of the :35 shot clock in the future.

The committee discussed the need to increase the number of basketball contests from 20 to 22, while starting the basketball season one week later than normal. The committee discussed also shortening the basketball season by one week but keeping the tournament start dates the same. The committee referenced the experience from the shortened 2020-21 season as proof that schools could get 22 games completed in 18 weeks. It was discussed that Michigan is low amongst other Big Ten states with currently only allowing 20 games and noted that any schools not in favor of the increase, need not schedule the additional games.

Recommendation to Staff

Remove Interpretation #193(b) which prohibits Michigan schools from participating in a multi-state event within the travel limitation/bordering states, if there are any team(s) involved that must travel from outside of that travel limitation or bordering states. (17-0-1)

Recommendation to the Representative Council

Increase the basketball season from 20 games to 22 games while keeping 4 scrimmages for the season and decreasing the basketball season by one week. This would push the start of the basketball season one week later and keep the postseason tournament start date as is. (17-0-1).