MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Video Conference Meeting, December 23, 2020

Members Present:

Eric Albright, Midland Jay Alexander, Detroit Nicole Carter, Novi Judy Cox, Auburn

Scott Grimes, Grand Haven Don Gustafson, St. Ignace

Kris Isom, Adrian

Sean Jacques, Calumet Karen Leinaar, Bear Lake Mark Mattson, Maple City Will McKoy, Romulus

Jason Mensing, Ottawa Lake Vic Michaels, Detroit

Chris Miller, Gobles
Steve Newkirk, Clare
Chris Riker, Portage
John Thompson, Brighton
Alex Tiseo, Marquette

Member Absent:

Kyle Guerrant, Lansing

Also Present:

Scott Eldridge, Lansing Bill Zaagman, Lansing

Staff Members Present:

Tony Bihn
Jordan Cobb
Sam Davis
Andy Frushour
Nate Hampton
Dan Hutcheson
Cody Inglis
Geoff Kimmerly
Cole Malatinsky
Andi Osters
Tom Rashid
Brent Rice
Jon Ross
Adam Ryder

Mark Uyl (Recorder) Kathy Westdorp Karen Yonkers

Accounts of Meetings – Motion by Jason Mensing, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the minutes of the Representative Council meeting of Dec. 18, 2020. Adopted.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Fall Sports Update – The Council discussed the latest information from the MDHHS rapid testing pilot program for the three remaining fall tournaments to finish in early to mid-January. Details on this program were first shared with the MHSAA and fall schools on Dec. 22 which had created a number of questions and logistical issues. Final dates for MHSAA fall tournaments should be set and made public by Jan. 1.

Winter and Spring Sports – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Kris Isom, to approve the following winter sports contingencies and calendars under current MDHHS emergency orders.

Practices and First Day of Competition: Winter practices may begin on Jan. 16 (or earlier) if allowed by current MDHHS emergency orders. The first day of competition is Friday, Jan. 22, for basketball, bowling, ice hockey and boys swimming & diving. In girls competitive cheer, girls gymnastics and wrestling, the first day of competition is Monday, Jan. 25. If current orders are amended that allow practice activity prior to Jan. 16, first days of practice and first days of competition would be moved up accordingly. If current orders further delay activity beyond Jan. 16, the MHSAA staff and Representative Council will devise updated plans that address both winter and spring sports. The Council was reminded that skiing is able to proceed now.

Season and Weekly Limits of Competition: The season limits of competition remain unchanged for all winter sports, and the weekly limits of competition also remain unchanged in all sports except for these two modifications for 2020-21 in ice hockey and wrestling. In ice hockey, teams may play two games on one non-school day a maximum of two times during the season. When the two games/one day option is used, ice hockey teams could play four games (on three dates) in those two weeks. For high school wrestling, teams and individuals are allowed two days of competition in a week. Remember that all regular season wrestling competition is limited to four teams at a site (three matches per student per day of competition). For middle school wrestling, one day of competition in a week is allowed. Again, all regular season wrestling competition is limited to four teams at a site (three matches per student per day of competition). Schools and/or leagues may elect to play fewer games or use fewer days of competition.

In all winter sports, including basketball and ice hockey, regular season contests may be played up until the date of the MHSAA Finals in each sport. This would allow schools to schedule regular season games during the MHSAA tournament series, even after a school has been eliminated from the District or Regional tournament, for example. Schools would need to follow all seasonal and weekly limits of competition when scheduling regular season contests in weeks where MHSAA tournament competition also takes place. This action suspends, for the winter of 2021 only, portions of Regulation II, Section 10 (allowing basketball non-tournament games in a MHSAA tournament week) and Reg. II, Section 11(G) (allowing regular season hockey games to be played after the last Saturday in February).

The following winter tournament dates are below for your scheduling purposes, which assumes a Jan. 16 (or earlier) start to winter seasons. Further delays beyond Jan. 16 would require changes to the dates below along with possible modifications to spring dates.

Boys and Girls Basketball

Girls Districts – March 8, 10 and 12; Boys Districts – March 9, 11 and 13 Girls Regionals – March 16 and 18; Boys Regionals – March 17 and 19

Girls QF, Semifinals and Finals – March 22 (QF), March 24 (Semifinals; 2 Sites) and March 26 (Finals)

Boys QF, Semifinals and Finals – March 23 (QF), March 25 (Semifinals; 2 Sites) and March 27 (Finals)

Bowling

Regionals – March 19-20 Finals – March 26-27

Girls Competitive Cheer

Districts – March 5-6 Regionals – March 13 Finals – March 19-20

Girls Gymnastics

Regionals – March 20 Finals – March 26-27

Ice Hockey

Finals – March 25-27 Regionals- March 15-20

Boys Swimming & Diving

UP Swim & Dive Finals – Feb. 27 Dive Regionals – March 18 Finals – March 26-27

Wrestling

District Week – March 1
Regional Week – March 8
Team Finals – March 19-20
Individual Finals – March 26-27

Adopted.

Future Meetings – Scheduled meetings of the Council are March 26, 2021, at the MHSAA office, and May 2-3, 2021, in Gaylord.

The meeting was adjourned.