

Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc.
CROSS COUNTRY/TRACK AND FIELD REGULATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 17, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Ray Antel, Kentwood
Lewis Clingman, Grand Rapids
Rudy Godefroidt, ATOM
Carey Hammel, Shepherd
Asa Kelly, Benzonia
Greg Lattig, Mason
Karen Leinaar, Bear Lake
Steve Linn, Deckerville

Philip Mahar, Dearborn
Ross Malatinsky, Holt
Kristi Matuszewski, Brighton
Mike Roberts, Hillsdale
Brian Salyers, Highland
Rick Smith, Eaton Rapids
Dan Wytko, Portage

MHSAA Staff Present:

Nate Hampton (Recorder)
Cody Inglis

Members Absent:

James Alspaugh, Ionia
Adam Burhans, Clare
Brian Macomber, Rockford
Fred Smith, Buchanan
Lowie van Staveren, Gobles
Matt Warren, Gaylord
Orlando Watkins, Detroit

The committee met for the purpose of reviewing specific National Federation sport rules, MHSAA tournament policies, and interpretations that are applicable to Track and Field and Cross Country during the regular season and MHSAA tournaments. The following is a review of items discussed by the committee as well as recommendations to staff for inclusion in tournament information and recommendations that will advance for Representative Council consideration.

Following the welcome, introductions, statement of committee purpose and the committee relationship to the Representative Council, the committee discussed the following:

1. 2016 Committee Minutes and Recommendations
2. Health and Safety Concerns
 - Heat & Humidity
 - Should the MHSAA consider defining a "too cold temp for competition?"
 - Health & Safety training for coaches
 - Head coaches required to complete CPR
 - Head coaches required to complete CAP course
 - Field events venues – supervised
 - Concussion management/MHSAA concussion insurance
3. The committee reviewed current MHSAA policies that allow for sixth grade students to participate with and or against 7th and 8th graders.
4. National Federation Rules and Editorial Changes
5. Cross Country:
 - 2017 Final Site- Michigan International Speedway – Saturday, November 4, 2017
 - MHSAA Cross Country post season tournament – Regionals Oct. 27-28, 2017
 - Review 2017 Cross Country Tournament
 - Live timing introduced in 2016 – Live scoring will be introduced in 2017
 - Finals time schedule and packet pick-up schedule will be adjusted for 2017
 - Cross Country Regional Assignment and Site Selection Committee Meeting - May 12, 2017
 - Update on Cross Country Regional Task Force – A review of the 2015-16 MHSAA Cross Country Regional task force was given. Existing issues of geographic hotbeds and division inequities were addressed with many proposals. There was no unanimous agreement among any of the proposals discussed by the task force. Subsequent discussion and review among MITCA membership, MHSAA Representative Council and MHSAA staff revealed no compelling reason to change without the unintentional consequences that accompany such a large change to an MHSAA tournament. Continued enhancements to the MHSAA Cross Country site selection committee will continue to be made.

6. Track and Field 2017 Final Sites:
 - Division 1: East Kentwood HS
 - Division 2: Zeeland HS
 - Division 3: Comstock Park HS
 - Division 4: Houseman Field, Grand Rapids
 - Upper Peninsula – All Divisions Kingsford HS

7. Track and Field
 - Committee reviewed the Regional sites and assignments
 - 2017 Additional Qualifying Standards for Regionals and Finals
 - Discussion also centered on early qualifying and qualifying during first round heats in running events. No change requested.
 - Regional sites required to use FAT
 - Reviewed Track Final Time Schedules – the committee unanimously agreed that the MHSAA Finals schedule will include morning field events starting at 9:30am, morning running events of the 3200 meter relay at 10:30am and the second session to start at 11:00 with field events and 1:00pm running finals
 - Review Participating Team Information
 - 2017 NFHS Rules and Editorial Changes

No Recommendations to the Representative Council