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Those Received In Writing

ON THE COVER

The MHSAA wraps up the 2008-09 school year with its Spring Finals in May and June, including those in boys golf, girls soccer, boys and girls lacrosse, baseball, softball and track & field.

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Any individual who is a representative of a member school (faculty member or Board of Education member) may become a candidate for the MHSAA Representative Council. Please contact the MHSAA Executive Director for an outline of procedures.

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REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AND UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Ballots to be Sent to Schools August 27, 2009

MAP OF REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL SECTIONS



Ballots for Representative Council elections will be mailed to principals of member schools from the MHSAA office Aug. 27, 2009. The ballots will be due back in the MHSAA office Sept. 10, 2009.

Six positions for membership on the Representative Council will be up for election this fall. Vacancies for two-year terms beginning December 2009 will occur as follows: Class C-D Southwestern Section, Lower Peninsula; Class C-D Southeastern Section, Lower Peninsula; Class A-B Upper Peninsula; Statewide At-Large; Junior High/Middle School, and

City of Detroit. In addition to the above named Representative Council positions, there are three Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee positions to be voted in September. A representative of the Class A-B, Class C and Class D schools will be elected by the principals of the Upper Peninsula schools.

Look for the ballots and return them in time to be counted by the Board of Canvassers. Be sure you mark your ballot correctly and signatures are affixed in the proper places. Ballots must have two signatures to be considered valid.

Details of the Representative Council composition may be found near the beginning of the *MHSAA Handbook*.

Following the due date of Sept. 10, 2009, the Board of Canvassers as provided in Article IV of the Constitution of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, will meet and declare the winners for the various vacancies.

In accordance with the approved nomination and election procedures, listed candidates have submitted their desire to run for a position by March 15, 2009. They have included an approval to serve from their respective Superintendent or Principal and have certified their qualifications to run for the office which they seek. No write-ins will be possible because each candidate must be approved by March 15 in order to run for a position on the Representative Council.

Following are the declared candidates and the vacancies which will occur in December 2009:

**REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL
CANDIDATES FOR
SEPTEMBER 2009 ELECTION**

Southwestern Section, Lower Peninsula - Class C and D Schools – Ken Dietz, Athletic Director, Watervliet High School; Chris Miller, Athletic Director, Gobles High School

Southeastern Section, Lower Peninsula - Class C and D Schools – Kristen M. Isom, Athletic Director, Adrian-Madison High School

Upper Peninsula - Class A and B Schools – Dan Flynn, Teacher/Coach, Escanaba Area High School

Statewide At-Large – Karen S. Leinaar, CAA, Athletic Director, Benzonia-Benzie Central High School; Jim Weidman, Board Member, Lake Orion Community Schools

Junior High/Middle Schools – Rudy Godefroidt, Superintendent, Hemlock Public Schools

City of Detroit – Lafayette Evans, Director of Athletics, Detroit Public Schools

**UPPER PENINSULA
ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

Class D Schools – Dave Duncan, Athletic Director, Cedarville High School

Class C Schools – Don Gustafson, Principal, St. Ignace-LaSalle High School

Class A and B Schools – Matt Houle, Athletic Director, Gladstone High School; Al Unger, Athletic Director, Kingsford High School ■

**Schedule MHSAA Membership Resolution
for Board of Education Meetings**

When the Representative Council meets each May, the rules are finalized for the coming school year, and meeting minutes are mailed to each member school. Every member school Board of Education or governing body of a nonpublic school wishing to join the MHSAA for the coming school year must vote to do so and adopt the rules as its own. The MHSAA Membership Resolution must be signed by the Board of Education and returned to the MHSAA. When membership lapses insurance coverage, among other matters, is jeopardized.

ADMINISTRATORS: Please be sure to schedule the MHSAA Membership Resolution for your upcoming Board of Education Meeting – Membership Resolution Forms will be mailed to the Superintendent and Athletic Director the week of May 11, 2009.

Not all the facts presented to the Executive Committee and Representative Council as part of requests to waive eligibility regulations are included in the reports of those meetings, either because of the volume of material reviewed or the confidentiality requested by schools for their students, parents or faculty.

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

East Lansing, March 27, 2009

Members Present:

Jim Derocher, Negaunee
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Ken Dietz, Watervliet
Lafayette Evans, Detroit
Eric Federico, Gibraltar
Dan Flynn, Escanaba
Rudy Godefroidt, Hemlock
Kyle Guerrant, Lansing
Chip Hansen, East Jordan
Kris Isom, Adrian
Karen Leinaar, Benzonia
Steve Newkirk, Clare
Pete Ryan, Saginaw
Fred Smith, Buchanan
Arnetta Thompson, Grand Rapids
Mark Woodson, Romulus
Wendy Zdeb, Rochester Hills

Also Present:

Don Gustafson, St. Ignace
Joe Redding, Felch

Staff Members Present:

Tony Bihn
Jordan Cobb
Andy Frushour
Nate Hampton
John Johnson
Gina Mazzolini
Tom Minter
Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts (Recorder)
Mark Uyl
Kathy Westdorp

Member Absent:

Renee Bird, Tawas City

President Jim Derocher opened the meeting by welcoming Mark Woodson, Athletic Director at Romulus High School, to his first meeting; and he welcomed two representatives of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee whose members are invited to attend this meeting on an annual basis.

Accounts of Meetings – Motion by Karen Leinaar, support by Pete Ryan, to approve the minutes of the Representative Council meeting of Dec. 5, 2008; and the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings of Dec. 4, 2008, Jan. 14, 2009, and Feb. 12, 2009. Adopted. Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Chip Hansen, to approve the minutes of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee meeting of Jan. 11-12, 2009. Adopted.

REPORTS

Legislation – The written report of Governmental Consultant Services, Inc. was distributed and reviewed by the executive director who highlighted two bills that have been reintroduced in the 95th session of the Michigan Legislature.

Litigation – The executive director reviewed issues in other states that may be of concern to high school athletic administration in Michigan, the potential of a new case in Michigan, and the status of three pending cases.

Administration – The executive director provided a brief review of winter tournaments and the status of 2009-10 classifications of schools for MHSAA tournament participation. Andy Frushour described a project of the Student Advisory Council that is intended to ben-

efit team captains across the state. Funding assistance has been provided by the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and the Michigan High School Coaches Association.

OLD BUSINESS

Calendar Changes – The MHSAA Junior High/Middle School Committee had reviewed input from the Wolverine Conference and others to allow the earliest practice date for junior high/middle schools to be earlier than the Monday prior to Labor Day. The committee's unanimous recommendation was to advance the start from the Monday before Labor Day to the fourth Monday in August. Council members reviewed survey results and input from meetings they had attended and personal contacts they had made.

Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Kris Isom, to allow the start of junior high/middle school seasons on the fourth Monday in August, effective in 2009. Adopted.

Scheduling Alternatives – Results of school surveys showed about two-thirds favoring the current one-week offset of girls and boys basketball seasons in comparison to a three-week offset; that there was little support for conducting boys basketball season before girls basketball season; and that there was more support than opposition to delaying spring sports start by one week. The Council requested that the topics of the basketball seasons overlap and the start of spring sports continue to be a part of constituent meetings and the 2009 Update Meeting survey.

Academic Eligibility – The Council reviewed survey results regarding the frequency of academic eligibility checks. It is the consensus of the Council that academic checks should be more frequent than every 10 weeks and that MHSAA staff should continue to make this a topic of meetings and surveys to determine what frequency would work the best and be supported the most throughout the MHSAA's diverse membership.

Implementation of any change would be no sooner than the 2010-11 school year.

Out-of-Season Limitations – The Council reviewed the intended purposes of current rules and the guiding principles that the Representative Council established in 2005 for developing modifications of current rules so that there might be an opportunity for more contact between school coaches and students in athletic settings out of season without opening the gates to uncontrolled contact year-round. The Council reviewed results of the online membership survey, and staff identified three issues for which draft *Handbook* language would be prepared for the May meeting. The Council requested a fourth topic be prepared for the May meeting as well. The four topics are: (1) to discontinue the requirement that there be a diversity of activity during open gyms; (2) to increase the three-player rule out of season during the school year to a four-player rule; (3) to commence the start of summer rules on a common date for all schools regardless of when classes end at any particular school; and (4) to allow the use of non-competition practice jerseys of schools at out-of-season camps and competitions.

Sixth-Graders – The Council discussed the pros and cons of 6th-graders' participation more freely with 7th and 8th-grade teams in interscholastic athletics, including the problems solved and the problems created by incorporating 6th-graders within the *MHSAA Handbook*. There was no consensus for the next course of action by the MHSAA related to this topic.

Football – In January, the MHSAA conducted three informational meetings regarding football for fewer than 11-player teams. On Feb. 5, the MHSAA Football Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Representative Council that (a) a committee be established to formulate regular season and tournament plans for a new division of 11-player football teams, and (b) that such division should be the eight-player version using established National Federation rules published for

the eight-player game. Staff provided and described a proposed process to coordinate more planning for the additional division of the MHSAA Football Playoffs for teams competing under eight-player rules, with the results to be reported to the Representative Council for its action in May.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Pete Ryan, to approve the planning process, the results of which are to be considered by the Representative Council at its May meeting. Adopted.

2009 Mission Action Plan – Various staff reported progress on five topics of the 2009 Mission Action Plan: (1) the third Student Interest Survey; (2) the first March Magic Hoopfest March 26-28, 2009; (3) the MHSAA Network and MHSAA.tv; (4) three components of expansion of MHSAA.com; and (5) the Reaching Higher experiences scheduled for April 19 and 26, 2009.

NEW BUSINESS

2009-10 Membership Resolution – Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Lafayette Evans, to approve the 2009-10 MHSAA Membership Resolution to provide for a designee of the Board Secretary as the signer and to include the enrollments of junior high/middle schools listed for membership. Adopted.

Golf – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Lafayette Evans, to not approve the Golf Committee recommendation to allow the use of artificial devices that measure or gauge distance only during MHSAA tournament play. Adopted (no change).

Vern L. Norris Award – The Representative Council was presented with the four finalists for the Vern L. Norris Award who had been screened by the MHSAA Awards Committee from eight nominees. The Council selected the recipient of the award, which will be presented at the Officials' Awards & Alumni Banquet on April 18, 2009.

Meetings – The Representative Council approved expenses for the March Council meeting and the schedule for the May 2009 Council meeting.

The Council reviewed expense reimbursement policies for the few Council members who had expressed interest in attending the National Federation Summer Meeting June 28-July 1 in Chicago.

Audit and Finance Committee Report – Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Rudy Godefroidt, to approve three policies which have been revised or developed to assure continuing compliance with IRS requirements: (1) Policy for Form 990 review and approval; (2) Conflict of Interest Policy; (3) Compensation Policies and Procedures. Adopted.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Kris Isom, to approve the Audit and Finance Committee recommendation to adjust shares of gross receipts at the District level of the Football Playoffs for hosts and at the District and Regional levels for visiting teams. Adopted.

Motion by Chip Hansen, supported by Eric Federico, to approve the Audit and Finance Committee recommendation to suspend the \$300 minimum host payment at MHSAA tournament venues where admission is not charged (no change in expense reimbursement policy or tournament manager honorarium). Adopted.

Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Ken Dietz, to approve the Audit and Finance Committee recommendation to:

- (1) Incorporate the minimum mileage reimbursement into the basic fee for MHSAA tournament officials and continue reimbursement with the 51st mile; raise fees modestly for most MHSAA tournament officials; and strategically increase tournament officials' fees additionally in selected sports;
- (2) Increase the officials registration fees from \$20 (online) or \$25 (paper) to \$25 or \$30; increase the sport fees from \$10 to \$12; increase late fees from \$20 to \$30; and
- (3) Restructure the MHSAA tournament officials selection process to make more use of electronic efficiencies and economies, eliminate onsite officials selection commit-

tees and reduce the number of conflicts, cancellations and reassignments.

Adopted. It was requested that the minutes reflect that the increase in registration fees is the first in five years, that the previous increase was for paper applications only, and that MHSAA fees remain in the lowest 25 percent of state associations in

the country; and that it is the intention of the Council to maintain the major aspects of this three-part plan for a minimum of three years.

Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Arnetta Thompson, to approve the Audit and Finance Committee recommendations regarding staff compensation for 2009-10. Adopted. ■

CHANGE IN EARLIEST FALL SPORT STARTING DATE FOR JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL

The earliest date for fall sports practices to begin for MHSAA member junior high/middle schools in 2009 and thereafter is the fourth Monday of August.

This change was first proposed by the Wolverine Conference and supported most by schools which provide four sports seasons for students at the junior high/middle school level and prefer to complete two seasons prior to December holidays. The MHSAA Junior High/Middle School Committee recommended unanimously that the change be made.

The change from the Monday before Labor Day to the fourth Monday of August represents no change in most years (e.g., 2006, 2007, 2008, 2012, 2013, 2014). It means the start of practice may be one week earlier in 2009, 2010 and 2011 when August has five Mondays and Labor Day is later than usual.

The Representative Council was not unanimous in making this change, some members noting that some constituents are concerned that starting dates that are perceived to be earlier may diminish participation rates.

The change is optional. Schools and leagues are not required to begin junior high/middle school seasons on the earliest allowed date, and no MHSAA tournaments exist at that level which might tend to influence school district decisions. ■



COACHING RECORDS NEEDED

The Record Book section of the MHSAA Website includes a section for coaching victories. For a coach to be included on this list once meeting the listed minimum, a school administrator must submit the coaches' season-by-season win-loss record on school letterhead. Once a coach is on the list, it is the responsibility of the school administrator to provide annual updates. ■

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, March 26, 2009

Members Present:

Jim Derocher, Negaunee
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Dan Flynn, Escanaba
Fred Smith, Buchanan

Staff Members Present:

Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

Executive Committee Authority and Responsibility - The Executive Committee reviewed its authority under Article VII of the MHSAA Constitution and specifically its responsibility to consider each application for waiver of an eligibility requirement on its individual merits, determining if the regulation serves the purpose for which it was intended in each case or if the regulation works an undue hardship on any student who is the subject of a request for waiver. (These underlying criteria may not be restated for every subject of these minutes.)

The Executive Committee was reminded that it was the responsibility of each member school involved to provide sufficient factual information about the specific request for the Executive Committee to reach a decision without further investigation. If information is incomplete, contradictory or otherwise unclear or has been received too late to be studied completely, the Executive Committee may deny the request for waiver or delay action. Such requests may be resubmitted to the Executive Committee with additional information at a subsequent meeting or appealed to the full Representative Council.

It is possible that some of the information presented as facts to the Executive Committee by school personnel and others may be inaccurate. However, to avoid constant repetition in this report of phrases such as "it was alleged" or "it was reported," no attempt is made in the introduction of each waiver request to distinguish between truth, allegation, hearsay, opinion, summary or conclusion. If any information provided to the Executive Committee is inaccurate, any decision of the Executive Committee to grant waiver

of a regulation shall be null and void.

The Executive Committee is not authorized to approve waiver based on alleged or actual differences between schools based on "environment," demographics, curriculum or extracurricular offerings. A determination of undue hardship is a matter addressed to the discretion of the Executive Committee within the educational philosophy and secondary role of voluntary extracurricular competitive athletics in the academic environment. The Executive Committee will avoid making exceptions that would create precedent that effectively changes a rule without Representative Council action or local board of education adoption, which would exceed Executive Committee authority. The contract the MHSAA has with member schools obligates the MHSAA to not change rules during the school year.

Students for whom waiver of a particular regulation is approved must be eligible in all other respects under all sections and interpretations of the regulations prior to their participation.

Adoption of these regulations, as well as policies, procedures and schedules of MHSAA tournaments, is a choice schools make locally when they consider their option of MHSAA membership. Consistent with rulings of the Attorney General and Michigan Supreme Court, schools are not bound by the decisions of the Executive Committee, but the association may limit participation in the postseason tournaments it sponsors to those schools which choose to apply rules and penalties as promulgated by the MHSAA and adopted by each member school's board of education. The MHSAA exercises no independent authority over schools or students.

Adrian-Lenawee Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 1[C]) – A request was made to waive the enrollment regulation to allow 7th- and 8th-grade students to participate with 9th graders of Lenawee Christian High School in football for the 2009-10 school year. The school began a football program in 2008-09, playing eight subvarsity games, and anticipates 25 students in grades 10-12 playing next year. The request was to allow a 9th grade team of possibly 24 7th-9th grade students to play football.

Pursuant to the specific enrollment and sport restrictions of Section 1(C), the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Bellaire and Alba High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of football to a cooperative agreement which has existed between these schools in baseball and boys and girls track & field since 1998. Bellaire sponsored football previously and will be the primary school. The combined 2009-10 enrollment is 242 students (Class C). Support from the Ski Valley Conference was submitted.

Bessemer-AD Johnston and Wakefield-Marenisco High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football between these two schools which sponsored the sport previously and whose combined 2009-10 enrollment is 235 students (Class C). AD Johnston will be the primary school. Wakefield-Marenisco was in a cooperative agreement with Watersmeet which is in the process of dissolving. Support from future opponents was received.

Detroit-Consortium College Preparatory and Detroit-Old Redford Preparatory High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – A request was made to waive the maximum enrollment cap of Class B (1,016 students in 2008-09; 987 in 2009-10) for a football cooperative agreement to continue between these two schools which have operated a cooperative program for two school years and whose 2009-10 enrollment of 1,024 students will

exceed the maximum for Class B. The combined previous enrollment was 958 students. The reported 2009-10 enrollment for Consortium College Preparatory has increased from 410 to 414 students and from 548 to 610 students for Old Redford Preparatory.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request to waive enrollment limits but extended the cooperative program application deadline by one month (to May 15, 2009) for these schools should either school seek to form a new cooperative program with a school which would not cause it to exceed the Class B maximum.

Kentwood-West Michigan Lutheran and Byron Center-Zion Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of boys and girls cross country to a cooperative agreement which has existed between these schools in boys and girls track & field since the 2007-08 school year. The 2009-10 enrollment of 119 students will continue placement of one team (but not two) in Division 4. West Michigan Lutheran will continue as the primary school. Support from the Alliance League was submitted.

Painesdale-Jeffers and Chassell High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of boys and girls cross country to a cooperative agreement which has existed between these two schools in girls volleyball since 1998. Both schools sponsored boys and girls cross country previously. Jeffers will be the primary school. The combined enrollment of 235 will place both teams in Division 2 of the 2009 Upper Peninsula Cross Country Tournaments. Support from future opponents was received.

Ann Arbor-Huron High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request to waive the previous academic credit record regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who received less than 20 credit hours in the first semester of the 2008-09 school year due to medical disorders. The student's father committed suicide in the spring of 2006 which led to the

depression which was further complicated by the death of the grandfather in 2007 and a serious auto accident involving the student. The student is receiving special services and has begun to improve but was unable to make enough progress by the end of the first semester.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Garden City High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the previous academic credit record regulation relative to auditing of classes. The student attended Garden City High School for the first trimester of 2008-09 and achieved a satisfactory previous trimester record. The student had passing grades and participated in JV football and then withdrew from school on Dec. 18, 2008, which was one day before the fourth Friday of the trimester (Interpretation 22). The student moved to North Carolina with his parents and did not enroll in school until he returned to Garden City High School on Feb. 4, 2009, where the student audited classes but received no grades or credit through the end of the second trimester. The school requested that the auditing of classes from Feb. 4 – March 6, 2009 not be considered as a trimester of enrollment for the purposes of achieving a satisfactory previous academic term record.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver and, pursuant to Interpretation 27, confirmed that the winter trimester of the 2008-09 school year counts toward the maximum of 12 trimesters of eligibility.

Rochester Hills-Stoney Creek High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request to waive the previous academic credit record regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who received less than 20 credit hours in the first semester of the 2008-09 school year due to medical issues.

Noting that the attendance problems and credit deficiencies were not confined to the period of illness, the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Sparta High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request to waive the previous academic credit record regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who is the subject of an IEP and eligible in part under Interpretation 5. The student received no credit for courses in the first semester of the 2008-09 school year due to trauma in his life resulting from the death of his mother in October 2008. The student previously attended Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills High School when his mother was alive and now resides with his father in Comstock Park which contracts with the Sparta School District to service students with special needs.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Yale High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request to waive the previous academic credit record regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who is a ward of the court placed in foster care and who received less than 20 credit hours in the first semester of the 2008-09 school year through the St. Clair Learning Academy in Port Huron which he attended from Sept. 15, 2008 through Jan. 23, 2009. The student, eligible as a ward of the court under the transfer regulation, enrolled at Yale High School on Jan. 26, 2009.

Noting that the student had the opportunity to complete sufficient courses and receive minimum credit necessary, the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Adrian-Madison High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Sand Creek High School and enrolled at Madison on March 9, 2009.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Madison High School beginning March 9, 2009.

Bloomfield Hills-Lahser High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-

grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Berkley High School, participated in athletics and changed residences to the Bloomfield Hills-Andover attendance area. The student enrolled at Lahser on March 3, 2009.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Lahser High School beginning March 3, 2009.

Bloomfield Hills-Lahser High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended Bloomfield Hills-Andover High School (school of the same district) and enrolled at Lahser on March 11, 2009, due to situations that occurred at and were confirmed by Andover High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Buchanan High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose parents are divorced and who previously lived with his mother in Arizona. The student has moved to the residence of his father in Sawyer, Michigan which is not in the Buchanan School District. The student enrolled at Buchanan High School on Jan. 29, 2009, due to past family history and current family residency and school enrollment in Buchanan. A partially completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Fair Haven-Anchor Bay High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – On Feb. 11, 2009, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the transfer regulation made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Anchor Bay High School for the 9th and 10th grades and enrolled at Grosse Pointe Woods-University Liggett High School to begin the 2008-09 school year. Due to the

economy, the family financial situation and a 30-mile one-way commute, the student reenrolled at Anchor Bay on Oct. 31, 2008. The school subsequently submitted additional information that the family had filed for bankruptcy on Sept. 26, 2008, and had agreed with the bankruptcy court trustee to reenroll the student at Anchor Bay High School.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for immediate eligibility. The request for waiver on the 91st school day of the more recent enrollment period at Anchor Bay High school was approved.

Farmington Hills - North Farmington High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Bloomfield Hills-Marian High School until Dec. 1, 2008, when the student enrolled at North Farmington High School. The family could not afford to pay tuition due to employment and financial situations.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Flint-Kearsley High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended Morley-Stanwood High School and participated in athletics while living with her mother and stepfather, who are separated but not divorced. The student has moved with her mother to the Kearsley School District, enrolling on Dec. 3, 2008. The parents have not filed for divorce due to financial difficulties. The student wishes to participate in track & field.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Frankenmuth High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who has attended Frankenmuth Schools his entire career except for one day when the student moved between divorced parents and enrolled at Lapeer West High School on March 9, 2009. The student reenrolled at

Frankenmuth on March 11, 2009 and has not utilized an Educational Transfer Form for either transfer and did not participate in athletics at Lapeer West.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Fremont High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment due to compelling circumstances. The student began the 9th grade at Fremont High School in the 2007-08 school year and played softball. The student enrolled at Fremont-Providence Christian High School to begin the 10th grade because of health issues. By November 2008, the student faced additional health issues. The student reenrolled at Fremont High School to begin the second trimester.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of the more recent enrollment at Fremont High School.

Grand Rapids-Creston High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Wyoming-Godwin Heights High School and participated in athletics while living with his father and stepmother. Due to domestic issues, the student moved in November to the residence of his grandmother and continued to attend Godwin Heights until March 2, 2009, when the student enrolled at Creston High School. Due to a court order, the student was not permitted to return to the home of his mother in the Godwin Heights School District.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Harper Woods High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose parents have lived apart for several years and who attended Harper Woods High School while living with his mother until his residence changed in October 2008 to that of his father in the Grosse Pointe

North High School attendance area. The student was unaware that he could live in Grosse Pointe and continue attending Harper Woods High School. The student was unhappy, his grades declined and he did not participate in athletics in the fall of 2008, and reenrolled at Harper Woods High School on Jan. 28, 2009. The student's parents have reconciled and the student continues to live with his father and mother in Grosse Pointe.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Holland High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Holland High School for the 9th grade in 2007-08 and enrolled at Hamilton High School to begin the 2008-09 school year. The student reenrolled at Holland on March 3, 2009, as she waited to finish second trimester exams at Hamilton.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Holland High School beginning March 3, 2009.

Holland-West Ottawa High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Saugatuck High School and participated in athletics while living with her mother and stepfather in the Holland High School District. The mother and student moved without the stepfather to the West Ottawa School District due to pending criminal charges and orders of the court which forbid the father to have any contact with the student. The student enrolled at West Ottawa on March 3, 2009.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Holly High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Holly Schools before moving with her parents to Virginia on Nov. 21, 2008. Both parents

lost their jobs in Michigan and the father found employment in Virginia. Because some credits would not transfer and the student's graduation would be delayed past June 2009, the student returned to Holly High School without her parents and reenrolled on March 9, 2009. The student is living with a friend and the friend's family in the Holly School District.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Homer High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended Battle Creek-Central High School and moved from the residence of his mother in Battle Creek to the residence of his father in the Homer School District, enrolling Jan. 21, 2009. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Howard City-Tri County High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who attended Tri County Schools for most of his career while living with his grandmother. The student moved with his mother into the Grandville School District, enrolling there on Nov. 13, 2008, becoming eligible under Exception 2, and participating in athletics. In January 2009, the mother was on life support and is now recovering. The student has moved back to the residence of his grandmother and reenrolled at Tri-County High School on Jan. 16, 2009.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Jackson-Vandercook Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Napoleon High School while living with her mother in Hanover. The student enrolled Dec. 1, 2008 at Vandercook Lake High School when her

mother was injured and could not transport her daughter to school. The student now lives with her father in the Vandercook Lake district. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted with the student's birth certificate identifying both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Jackson-Vandercook Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Hanover-Horton High School where she was the victim of harassment involving another student and a medical condition. The student enrolled at Vandercook Lake High School on Oct. 24, 2008.

Based on the limited information available, the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Kalamazoo-Comstock High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who attended Comstock Schools previously before enrolling at Richland-Gull Lake High School to begin the 9th grade in 2008-09. The student reenrolled at Comstock High School on Dec. 17, 2008. The student changed schools due to emotional issues with other students. The student has not participated in athletics and wishes to play softball. Comstock High School has had to drop subvarsity softball this season due to low participation.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Lansing-Waverly High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Lansing Catholic High School and enrolled at Waverly High School on Jan. 20, 2009, due to specified attacks and threats from another student, confirmed by Lansing Catholic administration.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Lapeer West High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended school in Wisconsin and participated in athletics while living with both parents. The father has been violent with the student, was incarcerated and sent the student on a bus to Minnesota to live with his mother. The mother is incapable of caring for the student due to an injury. The student moved to the residence of his grandmother in the Lapeer West attendance area, enrolling March 9, 2009.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Manchester High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade foreign exchange student who came to Manchester High School through the Department of Homeland Security's Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), enrolling at Manchester High School on Jan. 26, 2009. In October 2008, the student was part of a three-week two-way exchange program between the student's school in Germany and Manchester High School, after which the student expressed an interest in returning to Manchester. In December 2008, the student was granted SEVIS certification and an I-20 form was approved for the student to come to America.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Manchester High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade foreign exchange student who came to Manchester High School through the Department of Homeland Security's Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), enrolling at Manchester High School on Feb. 23, 2009. In October 2008, the student was part of a three-week two-way exchange program between the student's school in Germany and Manchester High School. The student decided after Jan 1, 2009 that he wished to

enroll at Manchester. On Feb. 14, 2009, the student was granted SEVIS certification and an I-20 form was approved for the student to come to America.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Manistee High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Bear Lake High School and participated in athletics. The student enrolled at Manistee High School on Nov. 28, 2009.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Monroe High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Lincoln Park High School where his mother is a teacher. The student resides in the Monroe-Jefferson School District and enrolled at Monroe High School on March 9, 2009.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Monroe High School beginning March 9, 2009.

Quincy High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Coldwater High School before enrolling at Quincy High School on March 13, 2009, due to concern for the actions of coaches and teachers at Coldwater High School.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver for immediate eligibility, but because of the date of transfer, approved waiver effective with the student's 91st school day at Quincy High School under Section 9(D).

Richland-Gull Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended school in Indiana while liv-

ing with his parents and participated in athletics. The mother has been incarcerated. The father lost his job and moved without the student to Florida. The student currently resides with an aunt in the Gull Lake School District, enrolling Jan. 26, 2009.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Saginaw-Arthur Hill High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – On Dec. 4, 2008, based on the material presented, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the transfer regulation made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Bridgeport High School and participated in athletics. The student enrolled at Arthur Hill High School on Nov. 6, 2008, due to harassment and taunting at Bridgeport High School. The school subsequently submitted additional information regarding the specifics and scope of what was experienced by the student prior to her changing schools.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Saline High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended school in Ohio while living with her parents and older 12th-grade sister. The father has accepted a position with Eastern Michigan University and has moved to Saline with the student but not with the mother or older sister, who has remained in Ohio to finish the 12th grade. The student enrolled at Saline on March 9, 2009. The entire family anticipates completing the residential change to Saline on May 1 and commuting as necessary to Ohio.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Sandusky High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who lived with his mother in Caro and has moved into the residence of his father in Sandusky, enrolling at Sandusky High School on Dec. 2, 2008. The parents never married,

but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted with an Affidavit of Parentage indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Southfield Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Southfield Christian her entire career except for the first semester of the 2008-09 school year when the student moved to North Carolina with her parents due to the father's job change. The student has returned to Southfield Christian, enrolling on Jan. 3, 2009 to graduate with her classmates.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

St. Clair Shores-Lakeview High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Lakeview High School through the end of the 11th grade in the 2007-08 school year at which time the student moved with her parents to Florida due to the father's job reassignment. In January 2009, the student returned to Michigan to live with an aunt in the family's original home and reenrolled at Lakeview High School to begin the second semester of the 2008-09 school year. The mother is splitting residences between Michigan and Florida while the father maintains a residence and employment in Florida.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Taylor - Trillium Academy (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year. The student previously attended Taylor-Kennedy High School and did not participate in athletics. Trillium Academy only sponsors one baseball team and plays both subvarsity and varsity opponents. The school requested that the student be eligible for all regular season games and ineli-

gible for MHSAA Baseball Tournament games.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Walled Lake Western High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who lived with his father in the Walled Lake Central attendance area and has moved to the residence of his mother in the Walled Lake Western attendance area, enrolling Nov. 24, 2008. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Wayland Union High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose father is deceased and who previously lived with his mother and her boyfriend in Missouri. The mother has recently been hospitalized. Due to abuse by the boyfriend, the student has moved to live with a friend of his father’s in Wayland, enrolling at Wayland Union on March 20, 2009. The student participated in athletics previously in Missouri.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Wyoming—Tri-unity Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])

– A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Grandville-Calvin Christian, participated in athletics and enrolled at Tri-unity on Nov. 3, 2008 because her 12th-grade brother also attends Tri-unity.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Subvarsity Waiver Requests Meeting All Conditions of Section 9(B)

– The Executive Committee approved immediate eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the following transferring 9th- or 10th-grade students (after entering 9th grade, before completing 10th grade) who have not previously participated in an interscholastic scrimmage or contest in any MHSAA sport at the high school level (whether MHSAA member schools or not) and who do not qualify for one of the 15 stated exceptions to the transfer regulation and have transferred for reasons having nothing to do with athletics, discipline or family finances and would not require Executive Committee evaluation or comparison of school demographics or curriculum:

Requesting High School	Grade	Former High School	Date of Enrollment	Length of Subvarsity Eligibility Status
Fennville	10	Zeeland East	Oct. 6, 2008	90 Sched. School Days
Jackson-East Jackson	9	Michigan Center	Oct. 28, 2008	2008-09 School Year
Lansing Catholic	9	Home School	January 2009	2008-09 School Year
Manchester	9	Clinton	March 10, 2009	90 Sched. School Days
Reese	9	Gwinn	March 23, 2009	90 Sched. School Days
Mason County Central	9	Florida	March 9, 2009	90 Sched. School Days
Twining-Arenac Eastern	9	North Carolina	Jan. 6, 2009	2008-09 School Year
Warren-Regina	9	Macomb-Dakota	January 2009	2008-09 School Year
Warren-Regina	9	Fair Haven-Anchor Bay	Nov. 10, 2008	2008-09 School Year

Regulation III, Section 1(C) – Pursuant to Interpretation 246, the Executive Committee approved waiver of the enrollment regulation for the following junior high/middle schools to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th and/or 8th graders for the sports listed in the 2008-09 school year (or as otherwise indicated).

Atlanta - all sports (2009-10)

Litchfield -boys & girls track & field

Northern Lakes Conference + - boys & girls cross country, boys & girls basketball, boys & girls track & field, girls volleyball (2009-10)

Wakefield-Marenisco - boys & girls track & field

+Northern Lakes Conference Schools: Alanson-Littlefield, Alba, Boyne Falls, Ellsworth, Harbor Springs-Harbor Light Christian, Mackinaw City, Vanderbilt, Wolverine

Big Rapids and Big Rapids-St. Peter's Lutheran Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative agreement in boys and girls track & field between these two member schools. Big Rapids Middle School sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school.

Grand Haven-Lakeshore and Grand Haven-St. Johns Lutheran Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these schools in football and girls volleyball. Lakeshore sponsored both sports previously and would be the primary school.

Grand Haven-White Pines, Grand Haven-Lakeshore and Grand Haven-St. Johns Lutheran Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Lakeshore Middle School to cooperative agreements that have existed between White Pines and St. Johns Lutheran since 1991 in the following sports: boys and girls soccer, boys and girls tennis, boys and girls track & field, boys and girls swimming & diving and wrestling. Boys and girls cross country will also be added to this cooperative pro-

gram. White Pines will be the primary school for all sports.

New Boston-Renton and New Boston-St. Stephen Junior High Schools (Regulation III, Section 1 [D]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of softball to a cooperative agreement which has existed between these member schools in boys and girls swimming & diving, boys and girls track & field, girls basketball, football and wrestling since 1992. Renton will be the primary school and sponsored softball previously.

Benton Harbor-Fair Plain Middle School (Regulation V, Section 3[A]) – On Feb. 18, 2009, the coach from Fair Plain Middle School removed her players from competition when she was ejected in the second quarter of a girls basketball game against Niles-Ring Lardner Middle School. The Executive Committee reviewed the Officials Report, actions the school has taken and an apology from the coach.

The Executive Committee accepted these actions and did not require the school's future appearance.

New Member School – Pursuant to the MHSAA Constitution adopted by member schools and according to procedures for MHSAA membership adopted by the Representative Council on March 27, 1997, the Executive Committee approved membership for the following school:

Hamtramck-Frontier International Academy High School, which is operated by Global Educational Excellence and is chartered through Bay Mills Community College – Brimley, Michigan. This school first opened in 2005 with grades 6-11. This same company manages Dearborn-Riverside Academy West and Ann Arbor-Central Academy. Currently there are 293 students attending grades 9-12 and 92 in the middle school in grades 6-8. Frontier International Academy Middle School would also become a member school. The school is located in the building once occupied by the now closed Hamtramck-St. Florian Schools. Within a few blocks of the school is Bridge Academy (K-8) which has a new gym with limited seating.

The same company runs both schools so they practice and play basketball in the gym next to Bridge Academy. In 2008-09, it will again sponsor a boys basketball team and anticipates a boys soccer team for the first time in the spring of 2008-09. The signed 2008-09 Membership Resolution was received Aug. 11, 2008. The Athletic Department Code of Conduct and Preliminary Enrollment Declaration were also received. If a 2009-10 Membership Resolution is received prior to Oct. 2, 2009, the school will be eligible for MHSAA tournaments for the 2009-10 school year. The projection is that Frontier International Academy High

School will enter the MHSAA Boys Basketball Tournament only in 2009-10.

Representative Council – The Executive Committee reviewed a draft of the May 2009 meeting schedule and agenda.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing (with the Audit and Finance Committee meeting to follow); Sunday, May 3, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. in Gaylord (with the Representative Council meetings May 3-5); and Wednesday, June 10, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing. ■

ONLINE OFFICIALS REGISTRATION UNDERWAY FOR 2009-10 SCHOOL YEAR

Individuals interested in becoming a high school athletic contest officials for the 2009-10 school year may now register online through the Michigan High School Athletic Association Website, MHSAA.com.

Registration began May 4, and online completion is strongly recommended. Applications will also be accepted by mail and on a walk-up basis for the upcoming school year. A kiosk is available at the MHSAA for online registration, while paper forms may also be downloaded and printed from the registration page of the MHSAA Website.

Online registrants receive a \$5 discount off their processing fees, regardless of when they submit their application. MHSAA registration fees are among the lowest in the nation. A \$12 fee is charged for each sport an official wishes to work, and the online processing fee is \$25. Officials registering by paper form will incur a \$30 processing fee. Officials registered in 2008-09 will be assessed a late fee of \$30 for 2009-10 registration after July 13. The processing fee includes liability insurance coverage of up to \$1 million for officials while working contests involving MHSAA schools.

There is an officials' registration test for first-time officials and officials not registered in the previous year. The test consists of 50 questions derived from the MHSAA *Officials Guidebook*, which is available on the Officials page of the MHSAA Website, and may be used during the open-book test.

Online registration can be accessed by clicking "Officials / Registration" on the Home Page of MHSAA.com. More information about officials registration may be obtained by contacting the MHSAA at 517-332-5046 or via email: register@mhsaa.com.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, April 22, 2009

Members Present:

Jim Derocher, Negaunee
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Eric Federico, Gibraltar
Chip Hansen, East Jordan

Staff Members Present:

Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

Executive Committee Authority and Responsibility

- The Executive Committee reviewed its authority under Article VII of the MHSAA Constitution and specifically its responsibility to consider each application for waiver of an eligibility requirement on its individual merits, determining if the regulation serves the purpose for which it was intended in each case or if the regulation works an undue hardship on any student who is the subject of a request for waiver. (These underlying criteria may not be restated for every subject of these minutes.)

The Executive Committee was reminded that it was the responsibility of each member school involved to provide sufficient factual information about the specific request for the Executive Committee to reach a decision without further investigation. If information is incomplete, contradictory or otherwise unclear or has been received too late to be studied completely, the Executive Committee may deny the request for waiver or delay action. Such requests may be resubmitted to the Executive Committee with additional information at a subsequent meeting or appealed to the full Representative Council.

It is possible that some of the information presented as facts to the Executive Committee by school personnel and others may be inaccurate. However, to avoid constant repetition in this report of phrases such as "it was alleged" or "it was reported," no attempt is made in the introduction of each waiver request to distinguish between truth, allegation, hearsay, opinion, summary or conclusion. If any information provided to the Executive Committee is inaccurate, any decision of the Executive Committee to grant waiver

of a regulation shall be null and void.

The Executive Committee is not authorized to approve waiver based on alleged or actual differences between schools based on "environment," demographics, curriculum or extracurricular offerings. A determination of undue hardship is a matter addressed to the discretion of the Executive Committee within the educational philosophy and secondary role of voluntary extracurricular competitive athletics in the academic environment. The Executive Committee will avoid making exceptions that would create precedent that effectively changes a rule without Representative Council action or local board of education adoption, which would exceed Executive Committee authority. The contract the MHSAA has with member schools obligates the MHSAA to not change rules during the school year.

Students for whom waiver of a particular regulation is approved must be eligible in all other respects under all sections and interpretations of the regulations prior to their participation.

Adoption of these regulations, as well as policies, procedures and schedules of MHSAA tournaments, is a choice schools make locally when they consider their option of MHSAA membership. Consistent with rulings of the Attorney General and Michigan Supreme Court, schools are not bound by the decisions of the Executive Committee, but the association may limit participation in the post-season tournaments it sponsors to those schools which choose to apply rules and penalties as promulgated by the MHSAA and adopted by each member school's board of education. The MHSAA exercises no independent authority over schools or students.

Battle Creek-St. Philip Catholic Central and Battle Creek-Calhoun Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of boys and girls tennis to cooperative agreements which already exist between these schools in football, baseball, softball, boys and girls track & field, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls soccer and boys golf. Neither school sponsored tennis previously; St. Philip will be the primary school. The combined 2009-10 enrollment of 171 students will place the new team in the Division 4 tournaments. Support from the Southern Central Athletic Association was received.

Glen Arbor-The Leelanau School, Leland and Maple City-Glen Lake High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee tabled until not later than its June 10 meeting an application for a cooperative program in boys and girls tennis between these three schools because support had not been received from future opponents. The combined 2009-10 enrollment of 502 students would place the teams in the Division 4 tournaments. Glen Lake and The Leelanau School sponsored tennis previously. The Leelanau School would be the primary school.

Grandville-Calvin Christian and Wyoming-Kelloggsville High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee tabled until not later than its June 10 meeting an application for a cooperative program between these two schools in girls swimming & diving because league support had not been received. The combined 2009-10 enrollment of 998 students would place the team in the Division 3 tournament. Both schools sponsored the sport previously; Calvin Christian would be the primary school. Kelloggsville was previously in an agreement with Wyoming-Godwin Heights, Rogers and Wyoming Park High Schools which has been dissolved.

Harbor Springs and Harbor Springs-Harbor Light Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a

cooperative program in football between these two schools whose combined 2009-10 enrollment will be 411 students. Harbor Springs sponsored football previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Lake Michigan Conference was received.

Lansing-Sexton and Lansing-Eastern High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee tabled until not later than its June 10 meeting an application for a cooperative program in boys and girls swimming & diving between these two schools because the application was only partially completed and support from the league had not been received. The combined 2009-10 enrollment of 2,145 students would place the teams in the Division 1 tournaments. Sexton would be the primary school.

Leslie and Lansing Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys tennis between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 640 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 4 tournament. Leslie sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Southern Michigan Athletic Association was received.

Mackinaw City and Pellston High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of boys and girls cross country to a cooperative agreement which already exists between these two schools in football. Mackinaw City sponsored cross country previously and will be the primary school. The combined 2009-10 enrollment of 281 students will continue placement of the teams in the Division 4 tournaments. Support from the Northern Lakes Conference was received.

Muskegon Catholic Central and North Muskegon High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls golf between these two schools whose combined 2009-10 enrollment of 483 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 4 tournament. These schools are also

involved in cooperative programs with other schools in ice hockey and swimming & diving. Catholic Central sponsored girls golf previously and will be the primary school. Support from future opponents was received.

North Muskegon and Muskegon-Western Michigan Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football between these two schools whose combined 2009-10 enrollment is 475 students. North Muskegon sponsored football previously and will be the primary school. Support from the West Michigan Conference was received.

Pellston, Mackinaw City and Alanson-Littlefield High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee tabled until not later than its June 10 meeting an application for a cooperative program between these three schools in football because the application was only partially completed. Pellston and Mackinaw City were previously in a cooperative agreement with Harbor Springs which has been dissolved. The combined 2009-10 enrollment would be 366 students. Pellston would be the primary school. Support from the Ski Valley Conference was submitted. The Mackinaw City Board of Education meets April 22. It was also intended that a junior high/middle school agreement be established.

Warren-Cousino, Warren Mott and Sterling Heights High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – A request was made to reformulate a cooperative agreement in boys lacrosse among these three high schools of the same district which would fall within the 3,500-student enrollment cap. The schools are in their third and final year of a cooperative agreement which, pursuant to regulations, was allowed to operate for the first time on an interscholastic basis in excess of 3,500 students. In 2008-09, the program had 33 students participating, 21 of whom will be returning to participate in lacrosse in 2009-10 (one student from Sterling Heights, seven from Mott and 13 Cousino

students). The school is presenting two approaches for the Executive Committee to consider in order of preference: (1) allow Mott (1,788 students) and Cousino (1,844 students) to form an agreement in excess of 3,500 students (3,632 combined) and allow the one Sterling Heights (1,408) student to continue in the program through graduation; or (2) allow Sterling Heights and Cousino to form an agreement with a combined enrollment of 3,252 students and Warren Mott would attempt to offer a stand-alone team; if Mott is unable to sponsor its own team by a specified pre-season date, allow the seven Mott students to be grandfathered in to continue participation in the cooperative agreement. In all cases, the actual combined enrollment would be used; and in all cases, all teams would play in the Division 1 tournament.

The Executive Committee approved the second approach for 2009-10 with a decision date of not later than Dec. 15, 2009. The names and grades of the grandfathered students must be provided to the MHSAA.

Williamston and Lansing Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee tabled until not later than its June 10 meeting an application for a cooperative program in boys and girls swimming & diving between these two schools because the application was only partially completed and league support had not been received. The combined enrollment of 861 students would continue placement of teams in the Division 3 tournaments. Williamston sponsored the sports previously and would be the primary school. Williamston's board of education is expected to act in May 2009.

Wilson-Nah Tah Wahsh PSA and Harris—Bark River-Harris High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of boys and girls soccer to a cooperative agreement which already exists between these schools in boys and girls golf and boys and girls track & field. Nah Tah Wahsh sponsored soccer previously and will be the primary school. At present, there is no Upper Peninsula

Soccer Tournament. Support from the Northern Lights League was received.

Wyoming—Tri-unity Christian, Byron Center-Zion Christian, Kentwood-West Michigan Lutheran and Wyoming-The Potter's House Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Zion Christian High School to a cooperative agreement in football which was first begun in 2006. The combined 2009-10 enrollment will be 403 students. Tri-unity Christian will be the primary school. Support from several future opponents was received.

Ann Arbor-Pioneer High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request to waive the previous academic credit record regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who had received less than 20 credit hours for two of six courses in the first semester of the 2008-09 school year. The student received a medical evaluation on Feb. 17, 2009.

The Executive Committee noted that the student's chronically poor attendance record may have contributed to the student's academic performance being inadequate to qualify under either MHSAA minimum standards or higher local school district standards, and that no connection was apparent between school absences and any medical condition. It was noted that the student's academic record was deficient during the two consecutive previous semesters, during one of which the student had participated in high school baseball; and it was also noted that the student was playing baseball year-round; therefore, it was not convincing that high school baseball participation during the current semester would provide a necessary assist to the student's academic performance. The request for waiver was not approved.

Buchanan High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended school in Georgia while living with his mother. The student has moved into the residence of his father in the Buchanan School District, enrolling on Dec. 22,

2008. The Executive Committee approved a subvarsity waiver on behalf of this student on Jan. 14, 2009. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted with a notarized Affidavit of Parentage so that the student may have full eligibility.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Flint-Kearsley High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year. The student previously attended Morley-Stanwood High School and participated in athletics while living with her mother and stepfather who are separated but not divorced. The student has moved with her mother to the Kearsley School District, enrolling on Dec. 3, 2008. Full eligibility was not approved by the Executive Committee on March 27, 2009.

Citing the specific condition of Section 9(B) that the student may not have participated previously in high school athletics, the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids Public Schools (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made to allow immediate eligibility for students in grades 10, 11 or 12 who transfer to Creston, Ottawa Hills or Union High Schools from Central High School to begin the 2010-11 school year when Central will no longer offer athletics but will operate grades 11 and 12. In 2009-10, Central will operate an athletic program but will not accept 9th-grade students. Central will close completely at the conclusion of the 2012-13 school year. A non-traditional school, Health/Science Technology School, will be housed at Central High School in 2009-10 and include 9th- and 10th-grade students only who will have eligibility under Interpretation 47 at their base/original school (school of residence or former school) within Grand Rapids (Creston, Ottawa Hills or Union). The district boundaries have been redrawn to include

Central High School 9th-grade students within the Union High School boundaries.

The request for waiver was not approved. The Executive Committee noted that the elimination of one or more sports does not provide a basis for waiving the transfer regulation for students who desire to participate in any particular sport. When Central High School actually closes, its students may transfer to and be immediately eligible within the limitations of exceptions 6 and 7 of the transfer regulation.

Grand Rapids-Kenowa Hills High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who is the subject of an open Child Protective Services case. Her father was unable to adequately care for her, and she had to leave the home of her mother and stepfather on Feb. 26, 2009. The student previously attended Macomb-Dakota High School and is now residing with an aunt and uncle who live in the Kenowa Hills School District and who were granted Power of Attorney over the student on March 2, 2009.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Livonia-Stevenson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose family is unable to afford a tuition increase at Ann Arbor-Gabriel Richard High School. The student and a 9th grade sibling intend to enroll at Stevenson High School (their school of residence) to begin the 2009-10 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Manchester High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request was made on behalf of two 10th-grade foreign exchange students to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year, after which time the students will return to Germany. In October 2008, the students were part of a three-week two-way exchange program between the students' school in Germany and Manchester High School, after which

the students expressed interest in returning to Manchester. The students came to the United States through the Department of Homeland Security's Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) and not from a CSIET-listed program. The Executive Committee did not approve a request for full eligibility at its March 27, 2009 meeting. The students have not participated in athletics previously.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the current school year's interscholastic seasons.

Manton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and Interpretation 60 (school of residence) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Manton schools from grades 5-10 and then moved with his mother and attended school in Pennsylvania for three months to begin the 2007-08 school year. The student has moved to the residence of his father in Cadillac and reenrolled in Manton High School on Dec. 4, 2008. The student's parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents. The student is returning to his former high school, but not his school of residence.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Marlette High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who was not living with his parents while in the Marlette Juvenile Detention Center and has returned to live with his parents in Marlette. The student would be eligible under Exception 2, except that the move from the detention center to the parents was not from one public school district to another public school district. The student previously attended Marlette High School and Alternative School before attending four months at the residential detention center. The student reenrolled at Marlette High School on March 18, 2009.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Rochester Hills-Lutheran High School Northwest (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Pontiac-Notre Dame Preparatory before enrolling at Lutheran Northwest on March 6, 2009.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Lutheran High School Northwest starting March 6, 2009.

St. Clair Shores-Lakeview High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student lived with his mother and stepfather in Grosse Pointe and attended Warren-De La Salle Collegiate High School until the parents separated and the student moved with his mother to the Lakeview School District, enrolling on March 16, 2009.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Lakeview High School starting March 16, 2009.

Three Oaks-River Valley High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously lived with his father and attended Traverse City Central High School. The student has moved to the residence of his mother in the River Valley School District, enrolling Dec. 1, 2008. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Subvarsity Waiver Requests Meeting All Conditions of Section 9(B) – The Executive Committee approved immediate eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the following transferring 9th- or 10th-grade students (after entering 9th grade, before completing 10th grade) who have not previously participated in an interscholastic scrimmage or contest in any MHSAA sport at the high school level (whether MHSAA member schools or not) and who do not qualify for one of the 15 stated exceptions to the transfer regulation and have transferred for reasons having nothing to do with athletics, discipline or family finances and would not require Executive Committee evaluation or comparison of school demographics or curriculum:

Requesting High School	Grade	Former High School	Date of Enrollment	Length of Subvarsity Eligibility Status
Muskegon	9	Detroit-ML King	Feb. 10, 2009	2008-09 School Year
Muskegon	9	Gaylord	Jan. 27, 2009	2008-09 School Year
Redford Union	10	Sault Ste. Marie	Feb. 4, 2009	2008-09 School Year

Zeeland East and Zeeland West High Schools (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 221, a request to waive the three-player rule for the 2009-10 school year was made on behalf of the boys and girls swimming & diving coach who is a retired teacher now employed full time as a coach of the West Michigan Swimmers Club which has approximately 80 participants ages 8-23. In years past, participants have come from

Holland Christian, Holland-West Ottawa, Fremont, Jenison, Grandville, Hudsonville and Zeeland School Districts. It is estimated that 35 students in grades 7-12 from Zeeland will participate. The request was granted previously for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years.

The Executive Committee approved the request for this coach for girls and boys swimming & diving for the 2009-10 school year.

Pellston, Mackinaw City and Alanson-Littlefield High Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee tabled until not later than its June 10 meeting an application for a cooperative program in football between these three member junior high/middle schools which are also forming a senior high school football cooperative agreement.

Eight-Player Football Plan – The Executive Committee was presented with the 11 recommendations of a committee preparing a plan for an eight-player division in the MHSAA Football Playoffs as early as 2010. The plan will be considered by the Representative Council on May 3, 2009.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Sunday, May 3, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. in

Gaylord (with the Representative Council meetings May 3-5); Wednesday, June 10, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Monday, Oct. 5, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. in East Lansing (with the Representative Council meeting the following morning); Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing (with the Classification Committee meeting at 1 p.m.); Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing (with the Audit and Finance Committee meeting to follow); and Thursday, March 25, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing (with the Representative Council meeting the following morning).■

AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, April 22, 2009

Members Present:

Jim Derocher, Negaunee
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Eric Federico, Gibraltar
Chip Hansen, East Jordan

Staff Members Present:

Tom Minter
Peggy Montpas
Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts (Recorder)
Kathy Westdorp

Professional Audits – The Audit and Finance Committee received, reviewed and discussed the professionally prepared audits for the fiscal years ending July 31, 2007 and July 31, 2008, both of which had been delayed pending litigation, the results of which is recorded as a program expense of the 2006-07 fiscal year.

2008-09 Year-To-Date – The Audit and Finance Committee reviewed and discussed financial reports for fiscal year 2008-09 through March 31, 2009, which showed improvement in comparison to the previous year as well as the year-to-date budget.

The committee was provided updates of revenue received and expenses incurred during April; and based on this information, the executive director projected that for 2008-09 there would be additions in cash of approximately \$40,000.

2009-10 Proposed Budget – The Audit and Finance Committee approved a 2009-10 budget proposal for presentation to the Representative Council on May 3. The 2009-10 budget is the first to be prepared under a full accrual system that will better reflect the total revenues and expenses of the association's operations.■

UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Gladstone, April 24, 2009

Members Present:

James Derocher, Negaunee
David Duncan, Cedarville
Dan Flynn, Escanaba
Don Gustafson, St. Ignace
Paul Polfus, Carney Nadeau
Joe Reddinger, Felch
Tom Smith, Escanaba

Staff Members Present:

Nate Hampton (Recorder)

The committee reviewed the 2009-10 sport seasons calendar that was approved by the Representative Council at its December 2008 meeting.

ENROLLMENT LISTING FOR UPPER PENINSULA SCHOOLS

The committee reviewed the 2009-10 enrollment listing and Division list for all current member schools and specifically for Upper Peninsula schools. The committee made note of Upper Peninsula schools that changed classification and those with cooperative programs.

UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE HISTORY AND MAKE-UP

The committee was presented with a description of the history and current representative make-up of committee members and member school classifications.

Class A schools currently have 0 representatives for 1 school.

Class B schools currently have 2 representatives for 5 schools.

Class C schools currently have 2 representatives for 18 schools.

Class D schools currently have 3 representatives for 30 schools.

This was a discussion item only with no action or recommendation for change.

**SELECTION OF MHSAA
TOURNAMENT HOSTS FOR 2009-10**
(All Volleyball Districts will use the Non-Traditional Draw Format)

2009 VOLLEYBALL

Class B	
District 64	Escanaba
Class C	
District 93	Rudyard
District 94	Manistique
District 95	Iron Mountain
District 96	Calumet
Class D	
District 124	DeTour
District 125	Engadine
District 126	Carney Nadeau
District 127	Hancock
District 128	Bessemer

Regionals

Class C 24	Iron Mountain
Class D 32	North Dickinson

Quarterfinals

Quarterfinal 12	Newberry
Quarterfinal 16	St. Ignace

Note: The committee asked that Quarterfinal 12 and 16 be assigned to an Upper Peninsula site at least every four years.

2009-10 BASKETBALL

Districts	Girls	Boys
District 12	Gaylord (Predetermined by Draw)	Traverse City West
District 64B	Gladstone	Sault Ste. Marie
District 93C	Newberry	Manistique
District 94C	Ishpeming	Munising
District 95C	L'Anse	Calumet
District 96C	Stephenson	
District 123D	Brimley	Cedarville
District 124D	Rapid River	Engadine
District 125D	Powers-North Central	Bark River Harris
District 126D	Felch North Dickinson	Republic-Michigamme
District 127D	Ontonagon	Watersmeet
District 128D	Hancock	Lake Linden Hubbell
Regionals		
Class C	Escanaba	Marquette
Class D	St. Ignace	Sault Ste. Marie
Class D	Kingsford	Michigan Tech. Univ.
Quarterfinals		
Class C	Petoskey	Petoskey or Cheboygan
Class D	Negaunee or Sault Ste. Marie	Escanaba or Manistique

Note: Districts 12A, 63B, 64B and 91C are required to use the Non-Traditional Draw Format. All other Upper Peninsula Districts may use the Non-Traditional Draw.

Note: The committee asked that Quarterfinal 12 and 16 be assigned to an Upper Peninsula site at least every four years.

CORRESPONDENCE

The committee reviewed three letters/email, referred by the MHSAA, relating to Upper Peninsula Tournaments.

1. Location of boys basketball Regional games and potential seating.
2. Dates for Upper Peninsula golf Finals.
3. Dates for Upper Peninsula tennis Regionals.

The committee confirmed that Upper Peninsula Tennis and Golf Finals may be hosted during the Finals week, Wednesday through Saturday.

2009 CROSS COUNTRY

Escanaba High School will host in 2009 and 2010.

2010 SWIMMING & DIVING

Marquette High School will host.

TENNIS

Girls	Boys
D1 Marquette	D1 Marquette
D2 Iron Mountain	D2 Iron Mountain

DISCUSSIONS

The committee discussed the possibility of allowing District host managers to choose and assign all District level officials for respective sites. After a solid discussion, there was no recommendation for change.

8-Player Football – The committee discussed the recommendation that will be presented to the Representative Council for consideration at its May, 2009, meeting. Discussion included the basic format, team identification process and the potential for a 2010 tournament start.

Tournament Ball - The committee discussed the established tournament balls for football and basketball that will start with the 2009-10 school year.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Upper Peninsula Committee will be held Wed., September 12, 2009, 8 a.m., at the Escanaba Pioneer Motor Lodge.■

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PUBLIC/NONPUBLIC SCHOOL COOPERATION

This is the fifth of six articles “taking stock” of six of the major issues of school sports in Michigan over the past two decades.

Participation by nonpublic schools in Michigan High School Athletic Association tournaments with public schools continues to annoy some of our diverse constituents, but most of the arguments they make have more emotion than rational basis.

Do some nonpublic schools win an inordinate number of MHSAA championships? Yes, a few do; but only in some classifications of some sports; and so do some public schools.

Do some nonpublic schools have an unlimited service area from which to draw students? Yes, and so do most public schools with open enrollment and school of choice.

Do some nonpublic schools provide sizable financial aid to pay tuition for some students? Yes, yet all students at all public schools pay no tuition but are on financial aid from the taxpayers of Michigan.

Have some nonpublic schools illegally recruited student-athletes? Yes, but even more public schools have been charged and penalized for such violations.

There are those who would require all nonpublic schools to play at one higher classification in MHSAA tournaments, overlooking the great majority of nonpublic schools that struggle to have any success at all in the classifications in which their enrollment places them by existing policy.

There are those who would apply a multiplier to the enrollment of nonpublic schools to push some of them into a higher

MHSAA tournament classification, overlooking that it is not public or nonpublic status that is the major determining factor for success in MHSAA tournaments, but money: as a solid general rule, wealthy schools win more than less affluent schools.

There are those who would kick all nonpublic schools out of the MHSAA altogether, overlooking that it is in those schools' voluntary MHSAA membership that the playing field is leveled for public and nonpublic schools alike as they submit to the same rules. We find that when nonpublic schools sit isolated, they are suspected of wrongdoing. When nonpublic schools are part of a league with public schools, and their administrators and coaches sit at the same tables regularly with administrators and coaches of public schools, and they adopt league rules together and work on transportation issues together, it is in these places that there is more trust and many fewer allegations of wrongdoing – allegations usually put forth other places out of frustration and without factual basis.

Two decades ago I wrote an editorial on this topic called “An Issue Without a Solution.” I was wrong. There is a solution. We've been discovering it year by year, community by community, school by school. It's called cooperation. It involves communication and coordination. In the same community, in the same league, in the same MHSAA tournaments, with the same rules. ■



**Spring Officials Ratings Due June 1
See Page 248 for Details**

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A COHERENT MISSION AND ENDURING PARTNERSHIP

Editor's Note: The following is an excerpt from the opening of the presentation of MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts at the Mid-Winter Conference of the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association March 22, 2009, the 50th anniversary of the MIAAA.

There comes a time in most of our lives when we begin to learn from the next generation, and even the next.

If we're attuned to it, this can begin for parents as we observe our children at play, for example, as we watch them fight and forgive so quickly and unconditionally, time and time again.

Professionally, if we create opportunities for it, this learning from the younger generation can occur in our organizations, for example, as we interact with students on student advisory councils, and at sportsmanship summits, and at team captain's clinics, and at other student leadership opportunities that we provide at the MHSAA, league or local level.

Before the MHSAA had these meetings, I would sit with our scholar-athletes in private, no-other-people-present, give-and-take sessions, trying to hear unfiltered what these students believed about and wanted for their high school athletic experiences.

In recent years, I've become increasingly impressed with how engaged our students are with each other and our world, and by how instant and interactive they expect communications to be. This is shaping, for example, much of our planning and decision-making for MHSAA.com.

Some of you veterans will remember my son John who was in the fourth grade when I began this job. He's now 33. He got a great education at East Lansing High School and the University of Michigan and then was a teacher and coach in the Fowlerville system for three years. Then he went to Harvard for a Masters in Education, and then he became an administrator of a charter school in Lowell,

Mass., where he continues to work one day a week. His main task now is to complete his Doctorate in Education Policy at Harvard where he also teaches some arcane subjects, and he also has six or eight consulting engagements across the United States each year.

And as hard as it is for this Dartmouth man to admit, I've been learning from this Harvard guy more about how high school associations might better serve their member schools and the constituents of those member schools. John has helped to research and write a book entitled *Inside Urban Charter Schools*, which identifies a few core principles to which five high-performing schools and their nonprofit organizations demonstrate uncommon commitment.

John and his colleagues identify an obvious, highly emphasized "purposeful alignment" of the organizations' culture, structures, systems and staff. These organizations are "special," write the authors; special in their "singular focus and purpose," special in their "coherent employment of practices," and special in their "enduring and infectious culture." Oh, to have our organizations described in those terms!

According to the authors, "The essential thread that runs through these organizations is the notion of coherence." The organizations "operate in a purposeful and deliberate manner – a coherent manner . . . Mission statements are clear and powerful, systems and structures are designed judiciously to serve these missions," and staff are hired to "fit" the culture and for their willingness to accept and implement the systems.

The authors state categorically:

Without this degree of coherence, these organizations would not qualify as high-performing nonprofit organizations. "They would be merely ordinary, not extraordinary."

One of the school administrators states: ". . . what's most important is the consistency of expectations and the attitude with which we approach the work. Everybody's on the same page, we're all working toward this goal, and we're going to work really hard to get there."

What I want more than anything is for both of our organizations, the Michigan

High School Athletic Association and the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, to be described in precisely these terms and to be such high-performing organizations and to achieve such extraordinary status. And in the years to come – details to follow in the months ahead – you are going to see more and more of what we're going to do together – coherently – to assure extraordinary performance as we begin the next 50 years of working together as organizations.■

ONLINE RATINGS INSTRUCTIONS

Due dates: Dec. 1-fall sports; April 1-winter sports; June 1-spring sports

To access the online ratings system:

1. Use the LOGIN dropdown menu on the upper-left hand corner of MHSAA.com – select "Coaches"
2. Coach ID consists of a generic sport code + a 4-digit school code. Sport codes are listed online, and school code can be obtained from athletic directors.
3. Once logged in (using the password assigned by the Athletic Director), click the red link that says "Officials Ratings"

To Enter a New Rating Record:

1. Click on the "Enter New Rating" button in the upper left-hand corner of the page.
2. Enter some, or all of the officials ID number to be rated OR enter the first letters of the official's last name (and/or first name).
3. You can sort your search results by ID # or by Last Name – select an option.
4. Click "Search Officials" and results will appear. If your search returns the desired results, proceed to STEP 6. Otherwise, continue to STEP 5.
5. If your search results returned no entries, try one of the following:
 - a) Clear the Search form and try a different ID# OR Last Name; b) Click in the Search Results window to enter known information about the official
6. Click on the name of the official you wish to rate to begin the rating process.
7. Select Varsity or Sub-varsity.
8. Select the rating you wish to assign the official. If you assign a varsity rating of 1 or 2, or a Sub-varsity rating, go to STEP 11. Otherwise, continue to STEP 9.
9. If you assign a rating of 3, 4 or 5 for a varsity official, select up to three areas of growth for the official you are rating.
10. If you assign a rating of 5, enter in the explanation for the poor rating. The field is limited to 1,000 characters. If you require more space, please send additional documentation to the MHSAA accompanied by the official's information for which you are assigning a 5. Note*--A 5 rating is not submitted to the MHSAA until all steps are completed.
11. Enter your opponent's name.
12. Select one of the following: a) "We won;" b) "Opponent won;" c) "Not Applicable" (For a multiple-school event/tournament or if the rating assigned is based on multiple contests)
13. Select the number of games you are considering when assigning this rating.
14. Click on of the following to finish the record:
 - a) Clear Form – start over; b) Save & Exit – save current record and return to Ratings Center; c) Save & New Rating – save current record and add another rating; d) Save & New Rating (Same Sport) – save current record and add another rating in same sport; e) View Rating – return to Ratings Center without saving
15. After you've entered all of your ratings, click Save & Exit.
16. At the Ratings Center, click on the blue link that says "Click here to notify your Athletic Director you have submitted ratings for approval". This step ensures that the school AD approves coach-submitted ratings.

Inaugural Reaching Higher Program a Success



The first-ever MHSAA/BCAM Reaching Higher Basketball Experiences took place on consecutive weekends in April and were met with successful reviews.

The one day events – girls at South Lyon HS on April 19 and boys at Brighton HS on April 26 – offered a chance for student-athletes and officials alike to demonstrate their talents in front of expert instructors, clinicians and collegiate coaches.

Players and parents attended sessions at each event featuring panels and speakers from the collegiate playing and coaching ranks offering first-hand experiences and advice. Officials, meanwhile, received in-game training from experienced clinicians.

In all, 155 student-athletes and 32 officials participated in the two events striving to “Reach Higher.” There were 70 girls participants and 85 boys players, while 15 officials worked the girls event and 17 attended the boys session. More than 80 BCAM coaches from throughout the state facilitated the events.

Letters from the MHSAA and BCAM will be sent to basketball coaches in December 2009 inviting nominations for the 2010 Reaching Higher Experience. ■



2009-10 UPDATE MEETING AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR IN-SERVICE DATES

Please coordinate calendars now for the fall of 2009 with other administrative or league meetings to **avoid conflicts** with events in your area. If possible do not schedule league or regional meetings on the dates of Update and AD In-service in your area. The required AD Orientation Program for new athletic directors is a different program than the Update and AD In-Service meeting series.

Every Athletic Director should attend an AD In-Service and an Update Meeting each year. AD In-Service programs begin at 8:30 a.m. Update Meetings start with lunch at noon and conclude before 2 p.m. School Board members, Superintendents, and Principals are encouraged to join us for the Update Meetings. If you have specific items you feel should be covered, please forward these suggestions to the MHSAA office prior to June 1, 2009. The schedule of meetings is as follows:

A registration form will be published in the August *Bulletin*, and is currently available at MHSAA.com.

FALL AD IN-SERVICE AND UPDATE MEETING SCHEDULE

Wed. Oct 7	Kalamazoo (Pine West)	In-Service and Update
Mon. Oct 12	Comstock Park (English Hills Country Club)	In-Service and Update
Wed. Oct 14	Frankenmuth (Zehnder's)	In-Service and Update
Mon. Oct 19	Gaylord (Hidden Valley Otsego Club)	In-Service and Update
Wed. Oct 21	Lansing (Causeway Bay Hotel & Convention Center - <i>formerly Holiday Inn South</i>)	In-Service and Update
Wed. Oct 28	Warren (DeCarlos Conference Center)	Update (Noon)
	Metro Area Charter & Small School AD In-Service (8:30 a.m.)	
Fri. Oct 30	Marquette 10:00 a.m. (Non-luncheon meeting)	Update Only
	Site set by UP Athletic Directors	

UPDATE MEETING ATTENDANCE HISTORY

1978 - 657	1988 - 1,030	1998 - 1,221
1979 - 677	1989 - 1,152	1999 - 1,159
1980 - 812	1990 - 1,163	2000 - 1,109
1981 - 839	1991 - 1,106	2001 - 1,093
1982 - 875	1992 - 1,044	2002 - 1,155
1983 - 949	1993 - 1,042	2003 - 1,060
1984 - 921	1994 - 1,110	2004 - 1,268
1985 - 1,071	1995 - 1,150	2005 - 1,148
1986 - 1,132	1996 - 1,184	2006 - 1,135
1987 - 1,173	1997 - 1,118	2007 - 993
		2008 - 1,006

2009-10 NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ORIENTATION PROGRAM ADVANCE REGISTRATION

By Representative Council Action, attendance is required for first-year athletic directors and athletic directors at new MHSAA member schools. Consult the 2008-09 MHSAA Handbook (page 76) Regulation II, Section 15 (H). The requirement may be waived for a new athletic director who has served in a member high school as an athletic director for at least one school year of the previous five.

Please check one of the boxes below and return this form to reserve your spot at this important in-service.

New AD Orientation Session I

(two possible dates - preferred for new ADs)

Thursday, Aug. 6, 2009 – MHSAA Office (8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.)

- or -

Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2009 – MHSAA Office (8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

New AD Orientation Session II

(content differs from August programs)

Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009 – MHSAA Office (8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.)

The cost of the New Athletic Director Orientation is \$20 per program. August and November programs are separate programs with new material covered in November. Lunch and refreshments included with registration. Registration material for these events is also available on MHSAA.com.

Name: _____

School: _____ School ID: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: (W) _____ Phone: (Cell/Home) _____

Please mail at least 10 days in advance with \$20 per program registration fee to:

*Camala Kinder, MHSAA
1661 Ramblewood Dr
East Lansing, MI 48823
Phone: 517-332-5046*

Amount Enclosed: _____ Check Number: _____

2010 MICHIGAN MERIT EXAM DATES

DATES	CONFLICTS
March 9 .....	.Girls Basketball Regionals, Ice Hockey Quarterfinals, LP Boys Diving Regionals
March 10 .....	.Boys Basketball Districts, Ice Hockey Quarterfinals
March 11 .....	.Girls Basketball Regionals, Ice Hockey Semifinals
 MAKEUP DATES	
March 23 .....	.Boys Basketball Quarterfinals
March 24	None
March 25 .....	.Boys Basketball Semifinals

2009-10 NATIONAL TESTING DATES

Please advise students of the 2009-10 test date schedule. Your students should be aware of athletic tournament dates and should attempt to schedule their respective test date away from tournament dates of the sport or sports in which they are interested and participate. Following are test dates for 2009-10 and dates where tournaments would create conflict.

ACT ASSESSMENT DATES	CONFLICTS
September 12, 2009	None
October 24, 2009 .....	.UP Cross Country Finals; Boys Soccer Districts
December 12, 2009	None
February 6, 2010	None
April 10, 2010	None
June 12, 2010 .....	.Baseball Regionals; LP Boys Golf Finals, Boys and Girls Lacrosse Finals, Girls Soccer Regionals; Softball Regionals

SAT TESTING DATES	CONFLICTS
October 10, 2009 .....	.LP Girls Golf Regionals; LP Boys Tennis Regionals
November 7, 2009 .....	.LP Cross Country Finals; Boys Soccer Finals Football Districts, Volleyball Districts
December 5, 2009	None
January 23, 2010	None
March 6, 2010 .....	.Boys & Girls Bowling Finals; Competitive Cheer Finals Girls Gymnastics Regionals; Ice Hockey Regionals; Individual Wrestling Finals
May 1, 2010	None
June 5, 2010 .....	.LP Boys Golf Regionals; Boys & Girls Lacrosse Regionals Baseball Districts; Softball Districts; Girls Soccer Districts UP Boys Tennis Finals, UP Golf Finals

AP EXAM DATES	CONFLICTS
May 3-7, 10-14, 2010	None

(Advanced Placement Exams are administered over a five-day period for each subject)

2008-09 SCHOLAR-ATHLETE RECIPIENTS NAMED

In ceremonies at halftime of the 2009 MHSAA Boys Basketball Tournament Class C Final on March 28 at the Breslin Center in East Lansing, 32 students were honored as the 2008-09 recipients of the Association's Scholar-Athlete Award, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. In its 20th year of sponsoring the award, Farm Bureau Insurance gives a \$1,000 college scholarship to these 32 individuals, to be used at the college, university or trade school of their choice during the 2009-10 school year.

This year, 2,008 applications were received from 504 schools. Scholarships were awarded proportionately by school classification, with 12 scholarships to Class A student-athletes, six female and six male; eight scholarships to Class B student-athletes, four female and four male; six scholarships to Class C student-athletes, three female and three male; and four scholarships to Class D student-athletes, two female and two male. In addition, there were two at-large honorees which may come from any classification.

Multiple-sport participation was again the norm for this year's applicants, and even more so for the finalists. The average sport participation rate of the finalists was 2.55, while the average of the application pool was 2.07. There were 69 three-sport participants in the finalist field.



2008-09 Scholar-Athletes – Front Row (L to R): Katlin Abbs, Sturgis; Andrew Bauer, Bay City All Saints; Erin Benjamin, Chelsea; Courtney Clancy, Richland Gull Lake; Abigail Cohen, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood; John Davies, Grosse Pointe South; Michelle Gaedke, Dearborn Edsel Ford. **Second Row:** Christopher Ryan Hessell, New Haven; Timothy Hochradel, Milan; Kelsey Hutchinson, Ottawa Lake Whiteford; Rebekah Kline, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian; Brian LaFleur, Carleton Airport; Michelle Lapin, Berkley; Kyle Lark, Alma; Philip Mathew, Ann Arbor Huron. **Third Row:** Macy Merchant, Wayland Union; Rebecca Moore, Allen Park; Katherine Elizabeth O'Leary, White Lake Lakeland; Jeffrey Phillip Petsch, Montague; Amanda A. Quartz, Garden City; Christian Roehmer, Mt Pleasant; Jennica Richards, Cass City. **Fourth Row:** Christopher Max Rush, Leroy Pine River; Halley Brianna Rycenga, South Haven; Julie Schultz, Holland Calvary; Kieran Scott, Warren DeLaSalle; Ethan Smith, Hillsdale Academy; Rachel Stattler, Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart; Michael Steltenkamp, Birmingham Seaholm; Patrick Vaughn, Warren DeLaSalle. **Not Pictured:** Adam Dingens, Corunna; Daniel DuComb, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood.

FORSYTHE AWARD GOES TO ELLINGER

Presented at the Boys Basketball Finals, the MHSAA Forsythe Award went to **Paul Ellinger** (left), whose career started as a teacher and coach in Birch Run in 1971 and concluded in June 2008 as Superintendent of Cheboygan Area Schools and President of the MHSAA Representative Council. The award, named after former MHSAA Executive Director Charles E. Forsythe for an individual's outstanding contribution to the interscholastic athletics, was presented by MHSAA Representative Council President **James Derocher** (right).

Ellinger's 22 years to an elected statewide Junior High/Middle School position on the MHSAA Representative Council is one of the longest terms in Council history.

"He was a skilled and caring Council President with a good sense of the value of school sports, sound rules and procedures and was respected by Council members and staff alike," stated MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts.



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GANAKAS, VANKUIKEN ARE WISL RECIPIENTS

Two Flint area athletic administrators – Gail Ganakas of Flint Community Schools, and Deb VanKuiken of Holly High School – are the recipients of the 2008-09 Women In Sports Leadership Award.

Each year the MHSAA Representative Council considers the achievements of women coaches, officials and athletic administrators affiliated with the MHSAA who show exemplary leadership capabilities and positive contributions to athletics. This is the first time since the award was initiated in 1990 that two individuals were honored. The award was presented to Ganakas at halftime of the MHSAA Class C Girls Basketball Final, while VanKuiken received her award at the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Conference.

"Gail Ganakas has been a tireless proponent of preparing young women in particular for the most important game of all – the game of life – through athletics," said John E. "Jack" Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA.

"Deb VanKuiken's work touches many people in so many ways. From promoting good sporting behavior at her school and league, to helping set the tone for educational athletics statewide, her leadership skills and vision have put her at the forefront," continued Roberts.



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Gail Ganakas (far right) received her WISL Award as part of a group ceremony honoring past recipients during the MHSAA Girls Basketball Finals, while VanKuiken received the distinction at the annual MIAAA meetings.

DANHOFF HONORED WITH NORRIS AWARD

A leader in the recruitment and education of high school game officials, **James Danhoff** of Richland received the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Vern L. Norris Award for 2009. He is pictured with former MHSAA Executive Director Vern Norris (left) and current MHSAA Executive Director Jack Roberts (right).

The Norris Award is presented annually to a veteran official who has been active in a local officials association, has mentored other officials, and has been involved in officials' education. It is named for Vern L. Norris, who was executive director of the MHSAA from 1978-86, and well-respected by officials on the state and national levels. Danhoff was presented the award at the MHSAA's 30th annual Officials' Awards and Alumni Banquet on April 18 at the Radisson Hotel Lansing.

"The leadership Jim Danhoff has provided to the Big 16, Wolverine and Kalamazoo Valley conferences has been exemplary," said John E. "Jack" Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA. "He has successfully recruited, trained and directed officials, and the level of officiating in that part of the state has improved greatly because of Jim's outstanding leadership, organization and commitment. He is the epitome of what a Norris Award winner should be."



John Johnson, Okemos

UPDATES NEEDED: IMPORTANT WEB LOGIN PERIOD APPROACHING IN JULY

To assure the MHSAA has the **most updated personnel and membership information for your school** as we implement operations for the 2009-10 school year, **member athletic directors need to input all changes using the school login section of MHSAA.com**. The verification period from July 10 through Aug. 1, 2009 is especially critical for the MHSAA to communicate with member schools. This process also allows for a check of 2009-10 sport sponsorship information for your school. **Adding or dropping a sport must be submitted on signed school letterhead via fax or US Mail**. Athletic directors must continually update contact information and personnel changes as they occur to guarantee effective lines of communication between your office and ours throughout the year.

Please tend to this important detail. New administrators experiencing difficulty accessing their school's information via the login page should contact their predecessor or the MHSAA by phone.

SCHOOL CLASSIFICATIONS ANNOUNCED FOR 2009-10

Classifications for Michigan High School Athletic Association elections and post-season tournaments in traditionally classified sports (A, B, C, D) for the 2009-10 school year have been announced, as well as the enrollment breaks for post-season tournaments set up by divisions.

Classifications for the upcoming school year are based on a second semester count date, which for MHSAA purposes was February 11. The enrollment figure submitted for athletic classification purposes may be different from the count submitted for school aid purposes, as it does not include students ineligible for athletic competition because they reached their 19th birthday prior to Sept. 1 of the current school year and will not include alternative education students if none are allowed athletic eligibility by the local school district.

After all the counts are submitted, the 768 tournament-qualified member schools were ranked according to enrollment, and then split as closely into quarters as possible. For 2008-09, there are 192 schools in each of the four classes, A through D.

Effective with the 2008-09 school year, schools with 987 or more students are in Class A in MHSAA competition. The enrollment limits for Class B are 488 to 986; Class C is 224 to 487; and schools with enrollments of 223 and under are Class D. The breaks decreased 30 students between Classes A and B; and 10 students between Classes B and C, and between Classes C and D.

The new classification breaks will see 28 schools move up in class for 2008-09, while 17 schools will move down.

Schools were recently notified of their classification. MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts said that schools may not subsequently lower their enrollment figure. However, if revised

enrollment figures should be higher and indicate that a school should be playing in a higher class, that school would be moved up.

Schools have the option to play at any higher classification for a minimum of two years, but must exercise the option by April 15 for fall sports, August 15 for winter sports, and October 15 for spring sports.

MHSAA tournament sports conducted in traditional classifications for 2009-10 are Basketball and Girls Volleyball. Football will use traditional classifications to determine playoff points.

Sports which will compete in nearly equal divisions are: Baseball, Bowling, Girls Competitive Cheer, Lower Peninsula Cross Country, Lower Peninsula Golf, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Skiing, Softball, Lower Peninsula Swimming and Diving, Lower Peninsula Tennis, Lower Peninsula Track and Field, and Wrestling. Lower Peninsula Soccer will have 20 percent of sponsoring schools in Division 4 and the remaining schools divided equally into Divisions 1, 2 and 3. Visit the respective sports pages on the MHSAA Website to review the divisional alignments.

The eight divisions of the MHSAA Football Playoffs will be announced on Selection Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009. A complete list of school enrollments used to determine classifications for the 2009-10 school year can be found on the Administrators page of the MHSAA Website.

Following is a complete list of the schools changing classification for 2009-10 (Note: This list does not include schools opting up in class/division for tournaments, which can be found on the Administrators page of the MHSAA Website, and on page 258 of this *Bulletin*):

Enrollment Breaks By Class – 2009-10

(Number of schools in parenthesis)

Class A -- 987 and above (192)

Class B -- 488 to 986 (192)

Class C -- 224 to 487 (192)

Class D -- 223 and below (192)

Moving Up From Class B To Class A

Center Line

Flint Central

Grand Rapids Christian

Inkster

Ionia

Warren Fitzgerald

Warren Regina

Zeeland East

Moving Down From Class A To Class B

Orchard Lake St. Mary's

Jackson Northwest

Highland Park

Flint Southwestern Academy

Moving Up From Class C To Class B

Ann Arbor Skyline

Carrollton

Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy

Erie-Mason

Inkster Cherryhill Schools- Perf. Arts

Kingsley

Romulus Summit Academy North

Wyoming Lee

Moving Down From Class B To Class C

Beaverton

Elk Rapids

Grand Rapids Central

Parchment

Scottville Mason Country Central

Moving Up From Class D To Class C

Detroit Allen Academy

Detroit Midtown Academy

Detroit Riverside Academy West

Grosse Pointe Woods U. Liggett

International Academy of Flint

Lawrence

New Lothrop

Pontiac Academy for Excellence

Saginaw Arts & Sciences Academy

Warren Michigan Collegiate

West Bloomfield Jewish Academy

Moving Down From Class C To Class D

Brethren

Detroit Winans Academy-Perf. Arts

Eastpointe Eaton Academy

Fulton

Hale

Hancock

Southfield Christian

New Postseason Tournament Eligible Schools in 2009-10

Ann Arbor Clonlara (Class D)

Clarkston-Everest Catholic (Class D)

Detroit-Cristo Rey Catholic (Class D)

Detroit-Plymouth Education Center

(Class D)

Hamtramck Frontier International

Academy (Class C)

Lansing Ingham Academy (Class D)

Marshall Academy (Class D)



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2009-10 CLASSIFICATION OPT-UPS

*Schools which have exercised the option to play in a higher level for 2009-10
(as of 4/15/09)*

TRADITIONALLY CLASSIFIED SPORTS

City/School	Sport(s)	From Class:	To Class:	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Detroit-Finney	BBB, GBB, FB, VB	B	A	Fall 2008	4/15/09
Livonia-Ladywood	GBB	B	A	Fall 2006	4/15/09
Orchard Lake St. Mary's	BBB	B	A	Fall 2009	4/15/11
Saginaw	BBB, GBB, VB	B	A	Fall 2008	4/15/09

IN BASEBALL (Spring)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Detroit-Finney	2	1	Spring 2009	10/15/10

IN BOYS CROSS COUNTRY (Fall)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Detroit-Finney	2	1	Fall 2008	4/15/10

IN GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY (Fall)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Detroit-Finney	2	1	Fall 2008	4/15/10

IN GIRLS LP GOLF (Fall)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Detroit-Finney	2	1	Fall 2008	4/15/10

IN BOYS LP GOLF (Spring)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Detroit-Finney	2	1	Spring 2009	10/15/10

IN ICE HOCKEY (Winter)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Detroit-U of D Jesuit	2	1	Winter 04-05	8/15/09
Grosse Pointe North	2	1	Winter 05-06	8/15/09
*Kingsford	2	1	Winter 01-02	8/15/09
Marquette	3	1	Winter 00-01	8/15/09
Orchard Lake-St. Mary's	3	1	Winter 05-06	8/15/09
Port Huron Northern	2	1	Winter 02-03	8/15/09
*Traverse City-St. Francis	2	1	Winter 03-04	8/15/09
Traverse City West	2	1	Winter 08-09	8/15/10
Trenton	3	2	Winter 02-03	8/15/09
Utica	2	1	Winter 07-08	8/15/09

*Cooperative Program

IN BOYS LACROSSE (Spring)

From	To		Deadline for	
City/School	Division	Division	First Season	Cancellation
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	2	1	Spring 2005	10/15/09
Detroit-U of D Jesuit	2	1	Spring 2006	10/15/09

IN GIRLS LACROSSE (Spring)

From	To		Deadline for	
City/School	Division	Division	First Season	Cancellation
Bloomfield Hills-Marian	2	1	Spring 2007	10/15/09
Grosse Pointe North	2	1	Spring 2007	10/15/09
Grosse Pointe South	2	1	Spring 2005	10/15/09

IN BOYS SKIING (Winter)

From	To		Deadline for	
City/School	Division	Division	First Season	Cancellation
Fenton	2	1	Winter 08-09	8/15/10
Marquette	2	1	Winter 08-09	8/15/10

IN GIRLS SKIING (Winter)

From	To		Deadline for	
City/School	Division	Division	First Season	Cancellation
Bloomfield Hills-Marian	2	1	Winter 06-07	8/15/09
Fenton	2	1	Winter 08-09	8/15/10
Marquette	2	1	Winter 08-09	8/15/10

IN SOFTBALL (Spring)

From	To		Deadline for	
City/School	Division	Division	First Season	Cancellation
Detroit-Finney	2	1	Spring 2009	10/15/10
Warren-Regina	2	1	Spring 2005	10/15/09

IN BOYS SWIMMING (Winter)

	From	To		Deadline for
City/School	Division	Division	First Season	Cancellation
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	2	1	Winter 02-03	8/15/09

IN GIRLS SWIMMING (Fall)

	From	To		Deadline for
City/School	Division	Division	First Season	Cancellation
Bloomfield Hills-Marian	2	1	Winter 09-10	4/15/11

IN BOYS LP TENNIS (Fall)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day	4	3	Spring 1999	4/15/09
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	2	1	Spring 2000	4/15/09
Bloomfield Hills-Lahser	3	2	Fall 2008	4/15/10
Grand Rapids Christian	3	2	Fall 2008	4/15/10
Mt. Clemens	4	3	Spring 2006	4/15/09
Pinckney	2	1	Spring 2007	4/15/09
Port Huron Northern	2	1	Spring 2007	4/15/09
Traverse City Central	2	1	Fall 2008	4/15/10

IN GIRLS LP TENNIS (Spring)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Auburn-Bay City Western	2	1	Spring 2009	10/15/10
Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day	4	3	Spring 2008	10/15/09
Bloomfield Hills-Lahser	3	2	Spring 2009	10/15/10
Detroit-Finney	3	2	Spring 2009	10/15/10
Grand Rapids-Forest Hills N.	3	2	Fall 2006	10/15/09
Grosse Ile	4	3	Fall 2002	10/15/09
Holland	2	1	Fall 2006	10/15/09
Mason	2	1	Spring 2008	10/15/09
Midland-H. H. Dow	2	1	Fall 1999	10/15/09
Mt. Clemens	4	3	Fall 2004	10/15/09
Pinckney	2	1	Spring 2008	10/15/09
Port Huron Northern	2	1	Spring 2008	10/15/09
St. Johns	2	1	Spring 2009	10/15/10

IN BOYS TRACK & FIELD (Spring)

From City/School	To Division	Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Chassell	3	2	Spring 2009	10/15/10
Detroit-Finney	2	1	Spring 2009	10/15/10

IN GIRLS TRACK & FIELD (Spring)

From City/School	To Division	Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Chassell	3	2	Spring 2009	10/15/10
Detroit-Finney	2	1	Spring 2009	10/15/10

IN WRESTLING (Winter)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
East Lansing	2	1	Winter 98-99	8/15/09
Saginaw	2	1	Winter 97-98	8/15/09

LEGACY PROGRAM NETS 116 OFFICIALS

During the 2008-09 school year, 116 high school seniors participated as MHSAA Legacy officials.

This year's class brings the total to 878 students who have become registered and active officials during their senior year of high school through the Legacy program.

The program was conceived by officials, teachers of officiating classes and staff members of the MHSAA and first implemented in 1992.

Basic to the program is the belief that properly and adequately coached from the outset, young people with an interest in officiating can develop as capable officials so that in the future they will be prepared to follow in the footsteps of their adult guide. It is a goal of the program that student officials learn the correct way to perform as an official.

Each student official (high school junior or senior) must be prepared to dedicate time to study, practice and learn officiating skills, as well as officiate 7th and 8th-grade contests. Student officials must understand the need for time commitment before they embark on this experience.

The student's guide is a veteran official who will chart the course, help arrange contests and introduce the student to the practices and procedures of officiating. Assistance with tests and clinic experiences is a part of this responsibility. The teaching guide accompanies the student official to MHSAA rules meetings.

Former athletes remain one of the basic populations from which MHSAA contests officials are developed. They enjoy athletics, have an understanding of the games and a love of the competition. In addition, athletes have an understanding and appreciation of the sportsmanship that is important to competition.

Becoming a member of the officiating "team" through the Legacy program allows students to remain connected to the sport which was enjoyed so much as a player. ■

MHSAA.COM SET TO RE-LAUNCH AUG. 1

A project nearly two years in the making will culminate Aug. 1 with the re-launch of MHSAA.com, providing visitors with a sleek, streamlined and contemporary site designed to satisfy the varied needs of the Association's diverse audiences.

Aside from the dynamic new appearance of the site, the most attractive new feature will attract all people involved in high school athletics, from administrators to students to the casual sports fan: scores and schedules for regular-season contests, in addition to enhanced features for tournament coverage.

Increased online broadcast schedules – both regular and postseason – will offer people the opportunity to "attend" events they would otherwise not be able to see or hear, while a new online store will encourage users to show their school spirit no matter how far removed – either in distance or years – from their high school days.

NOTE TO ATHLETIC DIRECTORS: The new MHSAA.com will provide improved methods to complete tasks already performed on the current site, such as Games Wanted, Host Availability and Officials Ratings. The newest feature – scores and schedules – will drive millions more people to MHSAA.com, but its success will depend 100 percent on cooperation from our schools. It is imperative that, beginning in August, schools enter schedules and scores through MHSAA.com. This can be done by one person, or by a team of people. Look for emails and instructional videos in the coming months which will outline the procedure for entering such information.

MHSAA CLASSIFICATION BY SPORT — 2009-10

Reflects cooperative programs and options to play in larger classifications or divisions as of April 1, 2009

Sports Utilizing Traditional Classifications

Traditional Classifications for 2009-10		
Class	Enrollment Range	Maximum No. of Schools
A	987 and Above	192
B	488 - 986	192
C	224 - 487	192
D	223 and Below	192

(Where numbers are circled, classes are combined for tournaments.)

SPORT		A	B	C	D
BASKETBALL	Girls	191	187	187	168
	Boys	192	189	190	178
FOOTBALL *		191	183	178	70
GYMNASTICS		43	12	1	1
VOLLEYBALL		189	183	181	161

* Football Playoff qualifiers are divided into 8 equal divisions at the end of the regular season

Sports Utilizing "Equal Divisions"

SPORT		1	2	3	4
BASEBALL		160	161	160	161
BOWLING	-Girls	78	84	81	79
	-Boys	81	81	81	81
GIRLS COMP CHEER		82	82	83	83
CROSS COUNTRY	- Girls	140	148	144	142
	- Boys	145	146	146	145
GOLF	- Girls	73	72	73	74
	- Boys	145	146	146	145
ICE HOCKEY		60	60	60	--
LACROSSE	- Girls	26	26	--	--
	- Boys	43	44	--	--
SOCCER	- Girls **	115	116	115	86
	- Boys **	123	124	124	93
SOFTBALL		160	160	164	148

SWIMMING - Girls	78	78	79	--
- Boys	73	74	74	--
TENNIS - Girls	86	86	86	86
- Boys	83	83	83	83
TRACK - Girls	150	156	151	154
- Boys	153	153	152	154
WRESTLING (Team)	116	116	115	118

*** 20% of all schools in Division 4; Remaining 80% divided equally among Divisions 1, 2 and 3.*

Upper Peninsula Tournaments

SPORT	Division	No. of Schools	Enrollment Range
*Swimming (Boys & Girls)	1	10G 10B	1,371-341G 1,371-341B
**Cross Country (Boys & Girls)	1 2 3	11B 11G 12B 11G 11B 13G	1,127-343 316-226 223-69
**Track & Field (Boys & Girls)	1 2 3	12B 12G 13B 13G 25B 25G	1,127-34 341-225 223-18
**Golf (Boys & Girls)	1 2 3	12B 12G 12B 11G 22B 20G	1,127-343 341-225 223-27/69
***Soccer (Girls - Fall)		4	1,127-486
***Soccer (Boys - Spring)		8	1,127-17
****Tennis (Girls - Fall)	1 2	7 7	1,127-436 410-65
(Boys - Spring)	1 2	6 7	1,127-466 436-230

Divisions are set as follows:

**Swimming: All schools one Division.*

***Cross Country, Track and Golf: Class A, B & C schools are combined and divided into two nearly equal Divisions. Class D is its own Division.*

****Soccer: No MHSAA Tournaments planned for 2009-10.*

****Tennis: The sponsoring schools are divided equally into two Divisions.*

UP Schools participate statewide in all other Tournaments

FAILURE TO RATE OFFICIALS

Member schools of the Michigan High School Athletic Association have agreed through Regulation II, Section 7(B) to rate officials in several of the sports for which the MHSAA conducts a postseason tournament and to be subject to penalties when a school fails to rate any officials in a sport that requires it.

Recent surveys indicate schools value the opportunity to rate officials and do not want that opportunity eliminated.

Most officials would prefer an evaluation process over ratings by participating schools; but under our current system, officials need schools to rate them so they can amass the number of ratings necessary to be considered for advancement and tournament assignments.

On March 23, 2001, the MHSAA Representative Council adopted the policy of publishing in the *MHSAA Bulletin* the names of schools which fail to rate any officials in a sport and to do so as soon as possible following the season.

For the fall seasons of 2008, the following schools have failed to rate any officials:

Football

Alma	Kingsley
Belding	Lake Orion
Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day	Manistee-Catholic Central
Big Rapids-Crossroads Charter Academy	Marine City-Cardinal Mooney Catholic
Birch Run	Marion
Bloomfield Hills-Andover	Mayville
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	Mendon
Bloomfield Hills-Lahser	Monroe
Burton-Bentley	Montague
Center Line	Mt. Clemens
Charlotte	Muskegon—Reeths-Puffer
Clare	Oak Park
Clio	Ontonagon
Dearborn	Pottersville
Dearborn Heights-Robichaud	Rapid River
Detroit-Allen Academy	Richmond
Detroit-Finney	Riverview-Gabriel Richard
Detroit-Frederick Douglass	Rogers City
Detroit-Henry Ford	Romulus
Detroit-Kettering	Romulus-Summit Academy North
Detroit-Martin Luther King	Roscommon
Detroit-Mumford	Royal Oak
Detroit-Osborn	Rudyard
Detroit-Southwestern	Saginaw-Buena Vista
Detroit-U of D Jesuit	St. Johns
Ecorse	Sanford-Meridian
Elsie—Ovid-Elsie	Sault Ste. Marie-Sault Area
Fife Lake-Forest Area	South Lyon East
Flint-Beecher	Southfield Christian
Flint-Hamady	Standish-Sterling
Frankfort	Sterling Heights-Utica Ford II
Gaylord-St. Mary Cathedral	Stockbridge
Grand Rapids-NorthPointe Christian	Tawas City-Tawas Area
Grand Rapids-Union	Traverse City-St. Francis
Hastings	Ubley
Holland Christian	Warren-Connor Creek Academy West
Holt	Warren-Michigan Collegiate
Inkster	Webberville
Ishpeming	Whitmore Lake
Kalamazoo Central	Wyandotte-Roosevelt
Kalkaska	Wyoming—Tri-unity Christian
	Ypsilanti-Willow Run

Boys Soccer

Alpena
Ann Arbor-Pioneer
Armada
Bad Axe
Battle Creek-Lakeview
Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day
Bloomfield Hills-Andover
Bloomfield Hills-Lahser
Byron Center
Cadillac
Cadillac Heritage Christian
Charlevoix
Charlotte
Coopersville
Davison
Detroit-Chadsey
Detroit-Renaissance
Detroit-U of D Jesuit
Essexville-Garber
Fairview
Ferndale
Flint-Luke M. Powers Catholic
Flint-Michigan School for the Deaf
Glen Arbor-The Leelanau School
Goodrich
Grand Marais-Burt Township
Grand Rapids-NorthPointe Christian
Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills
Hamtramck
Hart
Haslett
Highland-Milford
Hillsdale
Holland
Howard City-Tri County Area
Howell
Ironwood-Luther L. Wright
Jackson
Jackson-Lumen Christi
Jonesville
Kalamazoo-Comstock
Kalamazoo-Heritage Christian Academy
Kalamazoo Central
Kalkaska
Lake Orion
Lansing-Eastern
Lansing-Waverly
Lincoln-Alcona Community
Marcellus-Howardsville Christian
Marcellus
Millington
Mt. Morris-E. A. Johnson
Muskegon Catholic Central
New Haven-Merritt Academy
Okemos
Ortonville-Brandon
Pontiac-Northern
Pontiac Academy for Excellence
Pontiac Central
Portland
Remus-Chippewa Hills

Richmond
Rochester-Adams
Rochester Hills-Rochester
Rockford
Romeo
Saginaw-Arthur Hill
Saginaw-Nouvel Catholic Central
St. Clair Shores-Lake Shore
Saugatuck
Southfield Christian
Southgate Anderson
Sparta
Sterling Heights-Parkway Christian
Stockbridge
Suttons Bay
Traverse City West
Utica
West Bloomfield-Frankel Jewish Acad.
Westland-John Glenn
Wyoming-Lee
Wyoming-Tri-unity Christian

Girls Volleyball

Alba
Alma
Ann Arbor-Rudolf Steiner
Athens
Auburn Hills Christian
Bellaire
Belleville
Benton Harbor
Benzonia-Benzie Central
Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day
Birch Run
Bloomfield Hills-Andover
Bloomfield Hills-Lahser
Bloomfield Hills-Marian
Bloomingdale
Brethren
Brownstown-Woodhaven
Burton-Bentley
Byron Center
Cadillac Heritage Christian
Canton-Agape Christian Academy
Caro
Cass City
Charlevoix-Northwest Academy
Charlotte
Clio
Comstock Park
Corunna
Davison
Dearborn
Dearborn-Fordson
Dearborn Heights-Robichaud
Decatur
Detroit-Central
Detroit-Chadsey
Detroit-Cleveland Intermediate
Detroit Midtown Academy
Detroit Urban Lutheran
Detroit-Finney

Detroit-Henry Ford	Muskegon Catholic Central
Detroit-Kettering	Muskegon-Oakridge
Detroit-Martin Luther King	Muskegon—Reeths-Puffer
Detroit-Osborn	Napoleon
DeWitt	New Haven-Merritt Academy
Dryden	Newport-Lutheran High School South
East Lansing	Niles-Brandywine
Eaton Rapids	North Muskegon
Eben Junction-Superior Central	Okemos
Erie-Mason	Ontonagon
Farmington	Paw Paw
Farmington Hills-North Farmington	Peck
Ferndale	Perry
Flint-Beecher	Pickford
Flint Northern	Pontiac Academy for Excellence
Flushing	Pontiac Central
Frankfort	Portland
Fraser	Rapid River
Fremont-Providence Christian	Ravenna
Genesee	Reese
Glen Arbor-The Leelanau School	Richmond
Grand Ledge	Riverview-Gabriel Richard
Grand Marais-Burt Township	Rockford
Grand Rapids-Union	Rogers City
Grand Rapids-West Catholic	Romeo
Grass Lake	Romulus-Summit Academy North
Hale	Roscommon
Hamtramck	Roseville
Harbor Beach	Royal Oak
Hastings	Saginaw-Arthur Hill
Hemlock	Saginaw-Nouvel Catholic Central
Holland	Saginaw
Holland Christian	St. Louis
Howard City-Tri County Area	Sanford-Meridian
Howell	Saugatuck
Hudson	Sault Ste. Marie-Sault Area
Inkster	Sebewaing-Unionville Sebewaing
Ironwood-Luther L. Wright	Shelby Township-Utica Eisenhower
Ishpeming	South Haven
Jackson-Lumen Christi	South Lyon East
Jonesville	Southfield Christian
Kalkaska	Stockbridge
Lake Orion	Sturgis
Lansing-Eastern	Taylor-John F. Kennedy
Lansing-Waverly	Taylor-Truman
Lathrup Village—Southfield-Lathrup	Traverse City-St. Francis
Livonia-Clarenceville	Traverse City West
Livonia-Ladywood	Ubly
Mackinaw City	Utica
Macomb-Dakota	Walled Lake Central
Marcellus-Howardsville Christian	Waterford-Our Lady of the Lakes
Marcellus	Waterford Mott
Marion	Webberville
Mendon	West Bloomfield
Middleville-Thornapple Kellogg	White Lake-Lakeland
Midland-H. H. Dow	Wyandotte-Roosevelt
Millington	Wyoming-Godwin Heights
Monroe-Jefferson	Wyoming-Rogers
Monroe	Yale
Mt. Morris-E. A. Johnson	Ypsilanti-Willow Run

2008-09 WINTER COACH EJECTION LISTING

City	School	Coach	Sport
Auburn Hills	Avondale HS	Dave Hill	Ice Hockey
Bellevue	Bellevue HS	Travis May	Boys Basketball
Canton	Canton HS	Cory Mancusso	Wrestling
Canton	Plymouth HS	Greg Musser	Wrestling
Cedar Springs	Cedar Springs HS	Andy Sacor	Boys Basketball
Center Line	Center Line HS	Michael Jenkins	Girls Basketball
Clawson	Clawson HS	Jeff Feeman	Boys Basketball
Clinton Township	Chippewa Valley HS	David Prestininzi	Girls Basketball
Coldwater	Coldwater HS	Brien Kelly	Boys Basketball
Commerce	Walled Lake Northern HS	Ken Strom	Ice Hockey
Dearborn	Dearborn HS	Coach Bazzi	Boys Basketball
Dearborn	Dearborn HS	Ghasan Hamka	Wrestling
Dearborn	Fordson HS	Jeff Ball	Wrestling
Dearborn	Fordson HS	Mohamed Sabra	Wrestling
Decatur	Decatur Middle School	Jon Pobuda	Girls Basketball
DeTour	DeTour HS	Rob Anderson	Boys Basketball
Essexville	Garber HS	Brian Johnson	Ice Hockey
Farmington Hills	Harrison HS	Jim Stuef	Wrestling
Ferndale	Ferndale HS	Bob Jones	Wrestling
Flint	Flint Southwestern Academy	Framar Harris	Boys Basketball
Grand Rapids	Central HS	Erskine Stanley	Boys Basketball
Grass Lake	Grass Lake HS	Barb Blair	Girls Basketball
Harrison Township	L'Anse Creuse HS	John DeQuick	Ice Hockey
Highland Park	Highland Park HS	Glenn Washington	Wrestling
Howell	Howell HS	Ty Clark	Boys Basketball
Howell	Howell HS	Bob Lees	Boys Basketball
Lansing	Eastern HS	Rod Watts	Boys Basketball
Lansing	Everett HS	Kerry Keyton	Wrestling
Lincoln	Alcona Community HS	Seth Coffing	Boys Basketball
Madison Heights	Madison HS	Craig Rhoads	Boys Basketball
Middleville	Thornapple Kellogg HS	Tom Fletke	Wrestling
Montrose	Hill McCloy HS	Stephanie Miller	Girls Basketball
Mt Pleasant	Sacred Heart Academy HS	Jake Thering	Boys Basketball
New Boston	Huron HS	Stan Grzybek	Boys Basketball
Newberry	Newberry HS	Jason Depew	Boys Basketball
Ortonville	Brandon HS	Jason Sheldon	Boys Basketball
Otisville	LakeVille Middle School	Dan Pardee	Girls Basketball
Pentwater	Pentwater HS	Steven Ernst	Boys Basketball
Pinckney	Pinckney HS	Don Welch	Wrestling
Pontiac	Lincoln Middle School	Antoine Pilgrim	Wrestling
Pontiac	Pontiac Central HS	Anthony Jones	Girls Basketball
Portage	Portage North Middle School	Steve Dunning	Boys Basketball
Portage	Portage Northern HS	Ben Neal	Boys Basketball
Portland	Portland HS	Denny Neito	Boys Basketball
Reese	Reese HS	Mike Tanner	Boys Basketball
Rochester	Adams HS	John Hall	Boys Basketball
Sanford	Meridian HS	Andy LaFave	Girls Basketball
Southgate	Southgate Anderson HS	Lee Armstrong	Ice Hockey
St. Charles	St Charles HS	Sean Williams	Boys Basketball
St. Clair	St Clair HS	Thomas Stevenson	Boys Basketball

Sturgis	Sturgis HS	Keith Kurowski	Boys Basketball
Vestaburg	Vestaburg HS	Howard Stanton	Girls Basketball
Warren	De La Salle Collegiate HS	Bob Faria	Ice Hockey
Warren	De La Salle Collegiate HS	Rob Priskey	Ice Hockey
Warren	Lincoln HS	Dan Cathy	Boys Basketball
Warren	Michigan Collegiate HS	Josh Preston	Girls Basketball
Westland	John Glenn HS	Mark Anderson	Boys Basketball
Whitmore Lake	Whitmore Lake HS	Dave Arnold	Boys Basketball
Ypsilanti	Willow Run HS	Mark Cook Sr.	Boys Basketball
Ypsilanti	Willow Run HS	Geroge Corley	Girls Basketball
Ypsilanti	Willow Run HS	Jason Davis	Boys Basketball
Ypsilanti	Ypsilanti HS	Mike Soloman	Girls Basketball

SCHOOLS WITH THREE OR MORE OFFICIALS REPORTS Winter 2008-09

School	City	No. of Reports
Romeo HS	Romeo	6
Southgate Anderson HS	Southgate	5
Dearborn HS	Dearborn	4
Highland Park Community HS	Highland Park	4
Howell HS	Howell	4
Waverly HS	Lansing	4
Cadillac HS	Cadillac	3
Fordson HS	Dearborn	3
Escanaba HS	Escanaba	3
Manistee HS	Manistee	3
Marquette HS	Marquette	3
Newberry HS	Newberry	3
Mona Shores HS	Norton Shores	3
Parchment HS	Parchment	3
Traverse City West HS	Traverse City	3
Walled Lake Central HS	Walled Lake	3
Cousino HS	Warren	3
Warren Mott HS	Warren	3
Willow Run HS	Ypsilanti	3

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Sport	Concern	Player			Coach Ejection	Other Ejection	Taunting	S'manship
		Praise	Ejection	Ejection				
Boys Basketball	106	16	64	31	0	0	20	
Boys Swimming	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	
Girls Basketball	37	8	13	12	0	0	11	
Ice Hockey	121	4	129	7	0	0	3	
Wrestling	63	5	39	12	0	0	10	

Distribution of Reports

Reports of Concern	No. of Schools	Reports of Praise	No. of Schools
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2	47	2	1
3	13		
4	4		
5	1		
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Third Annual Detroit-Area Officials for Kids Golf Outing Set for June

The Metro Detroit Area Officials Association is hosting its Third Annual Officials for Kids Golf Outing on June 19 at the Taylor Meadows Golf Course in Taylor.

The event benefits the Children's Miracle Network in support of the Referee's For Reading program at Beaumont Hospital. This special program is made possible by Officials For Kids and the generosity of local MHSAA Officials in Southeastern Michigan.

Contact Bob Williams at (313) 937-3578 for details, or visit the Officials page of MHSAA.com.





2009-10 CALENDAR

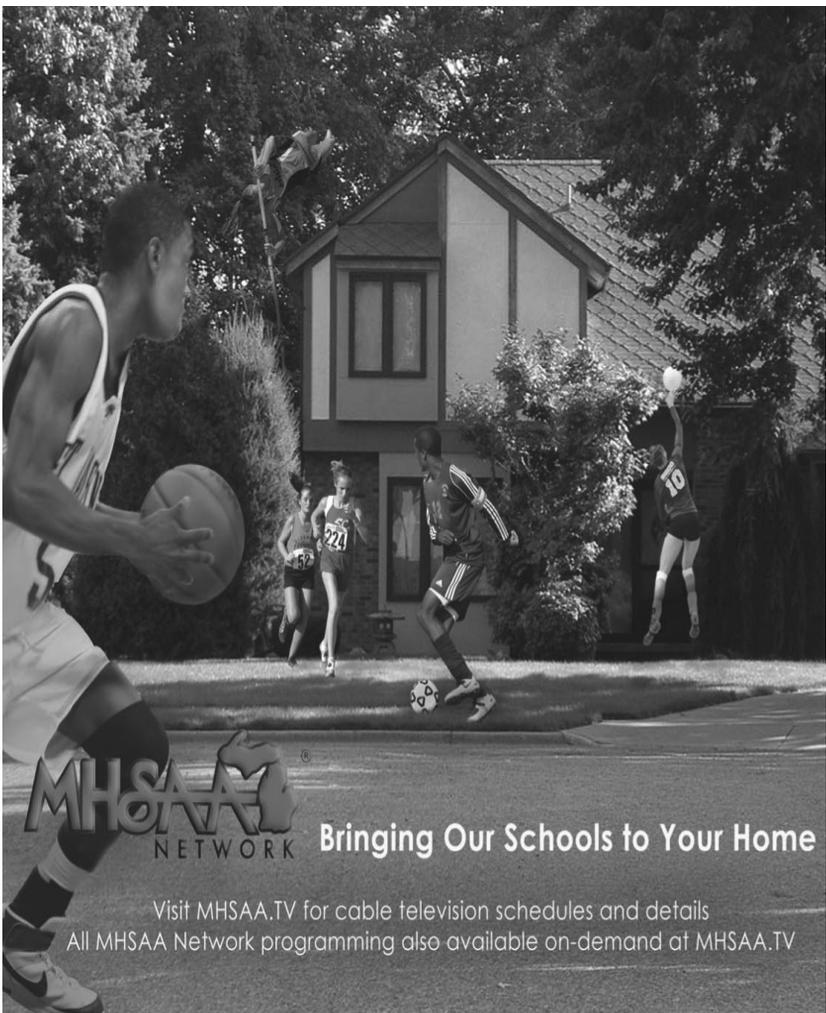
SPORT	FIRST PRACTICE DATE	FIRST CONTEST DATE	DAYS OR CONTESTS	OPT OUT DUE DATE	DUE DATE OF RATINGS	MHSAA TOURNAMENT DATES				
						DISTRICTS	REGIONALS	QTR FINALS	SEMI FINALS	FINALS
FALL										
Cross Country: LP	Aug 12	Aug 21	15D	Oct 24			Oct 30 or 31			Nov 7
Cross Country: UP	Aug 12	Aug 21	15D	Oct 16						Oct 24
Football	Aug 10	Aug 27	9C	N/A	Dec 1	Oct 30 or 31 & Nov 6 or 7	Nov 13 or 14		Nov 21	Nov 27-28
Golf: LP Girls	Aug 12	Aug 19	16D	Sep 25			Oct 8 or 9 or 10			Oct 16-17
Soccer: LP Boys	Aug 12	Aug 21	18C	Sep 30	Dec 1	Oct 19-24	Oct 27-31		Nov 4	Nov 7
Swimming: LP Girls	Aug 12	Aug 21	17D	Nov 16			Dive: Nov 17			Nov 20-21
Tennis: LP Boys	Aug 12	Aug 19	16D	Oct 2			Oct 8 or 9 or 10			Oct 16-17
Tennis: UP Girls	Aug 12	Aug 19	16D	Sep 25						Sep 30-Oct 2
Volleyball	Aug 12	Aug 21	18D	Oct 7	Dec 1	Nov 2-4 & 5 or 6 or 7	Nov 10 or 12	Nov 17	Nov 19-20	Nov 21
SPRING										
Basketball: Boys	Nov 16	Dec 7	20C	Feb 10	Apr 1	Mar 8 & 10 & 12	Mar 15 & 17	Mar 23	Mar 25-26	Mar 27
Basketball: Girls	Nov 9	Nov 30	20C	Feb 3	Apr 1	Mar 1 & 3 & 5	Mar 9 & 11	Mar 16	Mar 18-19	Mar 20
Bowling: Boys & Girls	Nov 12-UP Nov 16-LP	Nov 28-UP Dec 5-LP	24D	Feb. 5			Feb 26-27			Mar 5-6
Competitive Cheer	Nov 9	Nov 23	12D	Feb 5	Apr 1	Feb 19 or 20	Feb 27			Mar 6
Gymnastics	Oct 26	Nov 14	15D	Feb 26			Mar 6			Mar 12-13
Ice Hockey	Nov 2	Nov 16	24C	Feb 3	Apr 1		Mar 1-6	Mar 9-10	Mar 11-12	Mar 13
Skiing: Boys & Girls	Nov 16	Dec 12	15C	Feb 5			Feb 11 or 12			Feb 22
Swimming: LP Boys	Nov 23	Dec 5	17D	Mar 8			Dive: Mar 9			Mar 12-13
Swimming: UP Boys & Girls	Nov 9	Nov 21	17D	Feb 15						Feb 20
Wrestling: Individual	Nov 16	Dec 2	16D	Jan 27	Apr 1	Feb 13	Feb 20	ALPHA WEIGH-IN		Mar 4-6
Wrestling: Team	Nov 16	Dec 2	16D	Jan 27	Apr 1	Feb 10 & 11	Feb 17	10/19/09 - 1/31/10		Feb 26-27
WINTER										
Baseball	Mar 15	Mar 24	56 G+D	May 12	Jun 1	Jun 1, 4 or 5	Jun 12	Jun 15	Jun 18	Jun 19
Golf: LP Boys	Mar 15	Mar 22	16D	May 12		May 27 or 28 or 29	Jun 3 or 4 or 5			Jun 11-12
Golf: UP Boys & Girls	Mar 15	Mar 22	16D	May 21						Jun 2-5
Lacrosse: Boys & Girls	Mar 15	Mar 24	18C	May 5	Jun 1		May 20-Jun 5		Jun 9	Jun 12
Soccer: LP Girls	Mar 15	Mar 24	18C	May 12	Jun 1	Jun 1-5	Jun 8-12		Jun 16	Jun 19
Softball	Mar 15	Mar 24	56 G+D	May 12	Jun 1	Jun 1, 4 or 5	Jun 12	Jun 15	Jun 18	Jun 19
Tennis: LP Girls	Mar 15	Mar 22	16D	May 14			May 20 or 21 or 22			Jun 4-5
Tennis: UP Boys	Mar 15	Mar 22	16D	May 28						Jun 2-5
Track & Field	Mar 15	Mar 24	18D	May 17-18			May 21-22			Jun 5

The Most Efficient Method of Communication With the MHSAA on Eligibility Questions

Athletic Directors should gather all information necessary on a question and then call or write the MHSAA. Coaches or parents calling the MHSAA on eligibility matters can create confusion and delay. (Parents or coaches subsequently inform the AD, who then calls the MHSAA to verify and then "gets back" to the parent or coach.) AD's or Principals are encouraged to contact the MHSAA Office directly.

Please follow this efficient path of communication

Remember, only written eligibility interpretations are official. Have new students complete the New Student Transfer Information Form to gather detailed eligibility information for internal school review. **Do not mail the New Student Transfer form to the MHSAA.**



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