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Baseball, Girls Lacrosse and LP Girls Golf are among the many highlights of the MHSAA spring tournament season. Also featured in the coming weeks are Softball, Boys Lacrosse, UP Boys and Girls Golf, UP and LP Track & Field, and UP and LP Boys Tennis.

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## U.S. SUPREME COURT GRANTS CERTIORARI, VACATES LOWER COURT DECISIONS IN THE SPORTS SEASONS CASE

*The MHSAA issued the following statement from Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts after the U.S. Supreme Court granted the Association's request to review the sports seasons litigation on May 2:*

"Thousands of student-athletes, parents, coaches, administrators, officials, board of education members, sports media and fans of high school sports are breathing a sigh of relief that they will have another day in court."

The previous judgment of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals has been vacated by the Supreme Court, which has remanded the case to the Sixth Circuit for further proceedings. Therefore, it is believed that the stay issued by the Sixth Circuit on May 9, 2002, continues to be in effect, and there will be no change of MHSAA tournaments for the 2005-06 school year.

Additional information can be obtained via the MHSAA Web site.

*Following are Roberts' opening remarks at the May 2 press conference following the Supreme Court's action:*

"Thousands of student-athletes, parents, coaches, administrators, officials, board of education members, sports media, and fans of high school sports are breathing a sigh of relief that they will have another day in court.

"Last year's judgment of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals has been vacated and the case has been remanded to the Sixth Circuit for further proceedings consistent with the Supreme Court's previous holdings.

"Instead of fully examining the case itself, the Supreme Court vacated the lower court's ruling and instructed the Sixth Circuit to reconsider the case consistent with a unanimous decision of the U.S. Supreme Court on March 22, 2005.

"At this time, we do not know if the same panel that ruled a year ago will consider the case on remand. We don't know the timetable, and we don't know if the Sixth Circuit will require additional briefing or schedule oral argument. It is possible that the Sixth Circuit will need nothing more, and that previous briefing and argument will suffice.

"One of the attorneys who has served the MHSAA called this a very significant development, a very positive development.

"However, we know the case is not over and that schools have not yet won. At the very least, however, it appears that schools and their constituents, and especially boys and girls, face no change in schedule for the 2005-06 school year.

"We wish to express our thanks to those who submitted amicus briefs to the Supreme Court, which were accepted by the court. This includes the Michigan Association of School Boards, the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan and the National Federation of State High School Associations.

"Student-athletes of Michigan have had their schools and the MHSAA in their corner not just during the years of this litigation, but for many decades, advocating for maximum opportunity and providing participation rates unmatched in high school sports in America. No sports have benefited more than girls volleyball and girls basketball, in which Michigan ranks third nationally in girls high school participation while the state ranks eighth in high school age female population. No state has those stats.

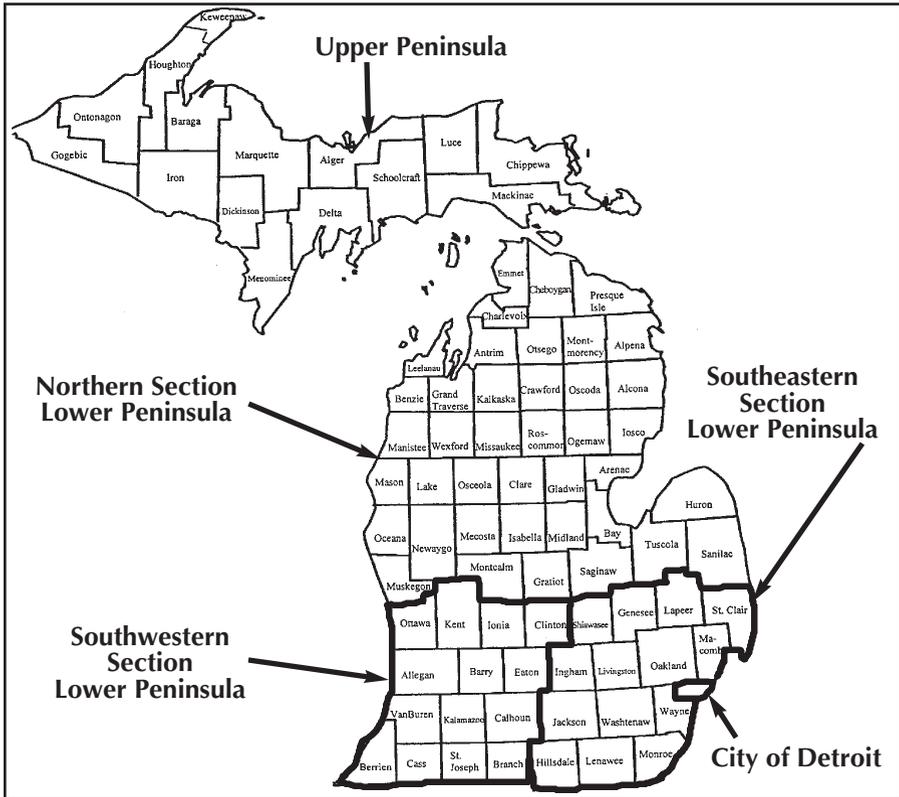
"We have those statistics because it has been the mission of Michigan schools to maximize participation and optimize the quality of that experience. The sports seasons decisions made by schools and served with MHSAA tournaments were intended to maximize participation, and they most definitely have.

"Our vigorous defense of schools' sports seasons decisions has had two purposes. First, to protect the decisions of schools; and second, to promote the desires of students. Win or lose, we will rest peacefully in knowing that those have been our purposes." ■

# REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AND UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Ballots to be Sent to Schools August 24, 2005

MAP OF REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL SECTIONS



Ballots for Representative Council elections will be mailed to principals of member schools from the MHSAA office Aug. 24, 2005. The ballots will be due back in the MHSAA office Sept. 7, 2005.

Six positions for membership on the Representative Council will be up for election this fall. Vacancies for two-year terms beginning December 2005 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 (2) 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. 7, 2005, 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, 2005.** 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 2005:

**REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL  
CANDIDATES FOR  
SEPTEMBER 2005 ELECTION**

**Southwestern Section, Lower Peninsula**  
– **Class C and D Schools** – Ken Dietz, Athletic Director, Hartford High School

**Southeastern Section, Lower Peninsula**  
-- **Class C and D Schools** – Randy Salisbury, Principal, Britton-Macon Area School

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

**Statewide At-Large** – Jeffrey Grodi, Board Vice President, Monroe-Jefferson Schools; Karen S. Leinaar, CAA, Athletic Director, Benzonia-Benzie Central High School

**Junior High/Middle Schools** – David Baldus, Faculty Member, Fremont Middle School; Paul L. Ellinger, Superintendent, Cheboygan Area Schools; Cheri L. Meier, Principal, Ionia Middle School

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

**UPPER PENINSULA  
ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

**Class D Schools** – Catherine R. Shamion, Superintendent, Ewen-Trout Creek Consolidated Schools

**Class C Schools** – Don Gustafson, Middle School Principal/Administrative Assistant, St. Ignace Area Schools; Bruce Horsch, Athletic Director, Houghton High School

**Class A and B Schools** – Thomas C. Smith, Superintendent, Escanaba Area Public Schools ■

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to make all personnel, telephone and  
address revisions necessary for the  
2005-06 school year**

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.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, April 20, 2005

### Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan  
Keith Eldred, Williamston  
William Newkirk, Meridian  
Jim Derocher, Negaunee  
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven

### 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 these minutes 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.

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.

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

Adoption of these regulations 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.

### Battle Creek-St. Philip Catholic Central and Battle Creek-Calhoun Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])

- The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these schools in the following sports: For boys - baseball, cross country, football, golf,

soccer and track & field; For girls - cross country, soccer, softball and track & field. St. Philip has sponsored all the named sports previously except soccer, which was sponsored by Calhoun Christian. St. Philip will be the primary program in all sports. The combined enrollment of 186 students will place all teams in Division 4 tournaments. St. Philip currently is in a cooperative program with Battle Creek-Central in boys swimming and with Central and Pennfield in girls swimming. Support from the two leagues involved, the Mid-South Conference and the St. Joseph Valley Conference, was submitted.

**Cedarville and DeTour High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football between these two schools whose combined enrollment is 225 students. Both schools sponsored football previously. Cedarville will be the primary school. A resolution authorizing the agreement was received from the Eastern U.P. Athletic Conference.

**Detroit City and Detroit-Frederick Douglass Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football between these two alternative schools of the same district whose combined enrollment is 632 students. Frederick Douglass sponsored football previously and is an all boys school with an enrollment of 200 students, doubled to 400 for classification purposes. Frederick Douglass will be the primary school. Support from the Detroit Public School League was submitted.

**Eaton Rapids and Charlotte High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1 [E])** - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls swimming & diving between these two schools whose combined enrollment for MHSAA tournament purposes is 1,993 (Division 1). Only Eaton Rapids has sponsored the sports previously and will be the primary school. The Capital Area Activities Conference provided letters of support for both sports.

**Grand Rapids-West Catholic, Grand Rapids-Catholic Central, Caledonia and East Grand Rapids High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F])** - On Sept. 29, 2003, the Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these four

schools combining two former programs into one program whose combined enrollment, at the time, was 3, 494. When forming in September 2003, the schools were informed that if their enrollment reaches 3,500, they must dissolve and reconfigure. Two schools have seniors in the current program, with a total of seven or eight students expected to be involved among all schools. The request was to allow the program to continue for one more year at 3,523 students, as other gymnastics programs continue to exist until the 2006-07 school year because they were grandfathered when the 3,500 cap was instituted. After the 2005-06 school year, it is possible the program will dissolve for lack of participants.

The Executive Committee granted the request to waive the 3,500 student limit, stipulating that no exception will be made for these schools after the 2005-06 school year.

**Harbor Springs and Alanson-Littlefield High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football between these two schools whose combined enrollment is 508 students. Harbor Springs has sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. A resolution authorizing the agreement was received from the Lake Michigan Conference.

**Lansing-New Covenant Christian and Holt-Central Lutheran High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these two schools in boys soccer. The combined enrollment is 64 students and will place the team in Division 4. Both schools sponsored soccer previously. New Covenant Christian will be the primary school. Approval from the Mid-South Conference was received.

**Maple City-Glen Lake and Leland High Schools and Middle Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E] and Regulation III, Section 1[D])** - The Executive Committee approved cooperative programs in football between these two schools at both the junior high/middle and high school level. The combined enrollment is 421 students. Glen Lake has sponsored football previously and will be the primary school. Letters of support were received from five of seven Northwest Conference member schools.

**Munising and Eben Junction-Superior Central High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football between these two schools whose combined enrollment is 430 students. Munising has sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. A resolution authorizing the agreement was received from the Mid-Peninsula Conference.

**Pentwater and Walkerville High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E] and Regulation III, Section 1[D])** - The Executive Committee approved cooperative programs in boys and girls cross country at the high school and junior high school levels, and boys golf at the high school level only between these two schools. Walkerville has sponsored golf previously, both schools have sponsored cross country in the past, and Pentwater will be the primary school at both the middle school and high school level. The combined enrollment of 202 will place all three teams in Division 4. A supporting resolution from the Western Michigan "D" League was provided.

**Royal Oak-Kimball and Royal Oak-Dondero High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** - The Executive Committee approved subvarsity cooperative programs in football, boys soccer and girls basketball between these schools of the same district which will be merging into one high school to begin the 2006-07 school year. The combined enrollment is 2,061. As subvarsity teams, they will not be entering MHSAA tournaments. The Oakland Activities Association approved the request to form the five subvarsity teams: football and boys soccer at the freshmen and junior varsity levels, and girls freshman basketball.

**St. Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic and Benton Harbor-Countryside Charter Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E] and Regulation III, Section 1[D])** - Application was received for cooperative programs in football between these two schools at the junior high/middle school and high school levels. A junior high application was prepared in March 2004 but was not received and thus not approved. Unaware of this, these member junior high/middle schools participated in 2004-05 in a cooperative program. The combined high school enrollment is 247. Lake Michigan Catholic sponsored the sport

previously and will be the primary school for both levels. A resolution authorizing the agreement was received from the Red Arrow Conference.

The Executive Committee approved these applications with the condition that it be communicated in writing to all opponents of the junior high cooperative program in 2004-05 that those contests are forfeited.

**Sterling Heights-Bethesda Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D])** - A request to waive the enrollment regulation was made to permit five 8th-grade students to participate in the high school girls soccer program. The 9-12 grade enrollment in February 2004 was 118 students and in February 2005 was 73 students. Only nine girls are interested in high school girls soccer and eight students tried out for middle school girls soccer, which has been cancelled.

The Executive Committee noted that the Representative Council has recently reaffirmed the 100 student limit stipulated in this Section, as well as how and when the figure is to be determined; and the committee determined that waiver of the standards would exceed Executive Committee authority. The request for waiver was denied.

**Sterling Heights-Bethesda Christian and Warren-Zoe Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys soccer and football between these two schools. Bethesda Christian will be the primary school in soccer, Zoe Christian the primary school in football. Both schools sponsored soccer last year; only Zoe Christian has sponsored football previously. The combined enrollment is 186 students, placing the team in Division 4 of the Boys Soccer Tournament. Approval for the cooperative agreement in soccer was received from the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. The Southern Michigan Football Conference supported the football agreement.

**White Cloud and Fremont-Providence Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** - Because approval for the cooperative program had not been received from the league, the Executive Committee tabled the application that was made for a cooperative program in boys and girls cross country, boys soccer and football between these schools. Providence Christian High

School would be the primary school in soccer, White Cloud High School the primary school in boys and girls cross country and football. Only White Cloud has sponsored cross country and football previously; neither school has sponsored boys soccer. The combined enrollment is 531 students and would place the team in Division 3 of the Boys Soccer Tournament.

**Farmington High School (Regulation I, Section 7)** - A request to waive the previous semester record regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who has been diagnosed with a mental disorder and ADHD.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Plainwell High School (Regulation I, Section 7)** - A late request was made to waive the previous semester record regulation on behalf of a 9th-grade student whose academics were negatively affected because his parents were going through a divorce.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Adrian-Madison High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who had attended Madison High School for the 9th and 10th grades. The student had attended Maurice Spears Detention Center and then lived in Tecumseh with a counselor to begin the first semester of the 2004-05 school year. In February, the student returned to her adopted parents who do not reside in the Madison district but who have three siblings who are currently students at Madison. The student was in foster care with these parents before she was adopted between the 8th and 9th grades.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Algonac High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who had enrolled at Fair Haven-Anchorage Bay High School for one-half day of school on Friday, March 18, 2005, before reenrolling at Algonac High School on Monday, March 21, 2005. The student had attended Algonac High School her entire life.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Cheboygan High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who will be enrolling as a 12th-grader at Cheboygan High School to begin the 2005-06 school year. The student has been attending school and residing in Wisconsin with his parents and will be moving over the summer with his mother while the father remains in the Coast Guard until retirement in 2006. The family lived in Cheboygan from 1998-2003 and an older brother graduated from Cheboygan. The student and mother will return to the same residence as in 2003; the father will work in Cheboygan upon retirement.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Clarkston High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment on behalf of an 11th-grade student who moved from his parents' home in Indian River to reside with a sister in the Clarkston High School district, enrolling on March 3, 2005.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Clarkston High School.

**Dansville High School (Regulation I, Section 9[E])** - On behalf of twin sisters who are 10th-grade students, an appeal was made of the determination by the executive director that the transfers were primarily for athletic reasons and the students' ineligibility is extended from one to two full semesters. Prior to enrolling at Dansville High School on Jan. 24, 2005, the students had attended Leslie High School which, pursuant to the outlined procedures, documented its allegation that these were athletic-motivated transfers. Dansville High School requested that if the decision of the executive director was not altered and the students remained ineligible, then the students be allowed to be immediately eligible should they make a complete family move into the Dansville School District.

The athletic director, the students and their parents met with the Executive Committee. The administrator presented information to the Executive Committee that was not provided to the executive director prior to his decision. The father described in

detail the process the parents followed to make the decision to transfer their 10th-grade daughters.

The Executive Committee found that, based on the information he had been provided at the time, the executive director's decision was justified and correct. Based on the additional documentation provided, the presentation and answers to Executive Committee questions, the Executive Committee found more rather than less reason to determine the transfers were primarily for athletic reasons.

One of the new documents was a letter from a person who was offended to discover an earlier letter he wrote was being used by Leslie High School to prove an athletic-motivated transfer. The committee noted the author's concern was for the use of the earlier letter more than its substance.

The committee questioned the parents' statement that they believed the middle of 10th grade was the best time to move students into a new high school and their rationale that being in the top 10 of a class of 60 would be more beneficial than having academic ranks of 13 or 16 in a class of 120; and the committee questioned how it could be considered a positive academic change when a math class needed for the students' educational continuity was full and unavailable this semester to the two students when they enrolled at Dansville.

The committee determined that the academic concerns which surfaced as a result of the allegation of an athletic-motivated transfer were not significant enough at the time to be presented to Leslie administrators, nor significant enough now to diminish the finding that the transfer was primarily for athletic reasons. The Executive Committee noted that an older brother remained at Leslie High School to graduate in the top ten of his class.

The committee was concerned with the replacement of a first school of choice application with a second that altered the stated reason for the transfer (athletics).

The Executive Committee upheld the findings and conclusion that the transfers were primarily for athletic reasons and subject to two semesters of ineligibility.

Recalling discussion of the Representative Council in May of 2003, the Executive Committee confirmed that the meaning of the language of Regulation I,

Section 9(E) is to prohibit circumvention of two semesters of ineligibility by a student's change of residence or enrollment to any other school district subsequent to a finding that a transfer was primarily for athletic reasons.

**Davison High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Otisville-Lakeville High School and enrolled at Davison High School in January. The student lived with both parents in the Lakeville School District. When her parents separated, she moved with her father to Davison. The parents have reconciled but the student wants to remain in attendance at Davison.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Genesee High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B & D])** - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2004-05 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who had attended Davison High School until enrolling at Genesee High School on March 7, 2005. The student did not participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Genesee High School, at which time the student is eligible at any level.

**Grand Blanc High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who had been living with his mother and attending Lansing-Sexton High School until changing residences to live with his father and enrolling at Grand Blanc High School on Jan. 3, 2005. The parents never married. The school also provided a birth certificate identifying the father, as well as an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Grand Haven High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade foreign exchange student through a CSIET-listed program (ASSE International Student Exchange Program) who enrolled at Grand Haven High School on Nov. 1, 2004. The student was placed with a family who

currently resides outside of the Grand Haven boundaries. The family had resided in the Grand Haven School District before moving in 2002. A 9th-grade son of the host family is also enrolled at Grand Haven High School.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2004-05 school year on behalf of a 9th-grade student who began the 2004-05 school year at Forest Hills Eastern High School before enrolling at Forest Hills Northern on Jan. 10, 2005. The student has not participated in athletics and resides in the Forest Hills Northern attendance area.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2004-05 school year.

**Grandville High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended Grandville-Calvin Christian High School. The student was suspended in the 8th grade from the Wyoming Schools in February 2004 for 180 days, which included the start of his 9th-grade year. On Feb. 13, 2004, the student moved in with his divorced father and enrolled at Calvin Christian High School where he played soccer. When the suspension period was up, the student enrolled at Grandville High School.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Grandville High School.

**Kent City 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 in the military and travels extensively from base to base. The student has been in 12 schools in 10 years; the fourth school this school year. The student enrolled on Jan. 25, 2005, moving from Kentucky where he lived with his divorced father to his aunt who lives in the Kent City School District. The mother lives in Hawaii and has not been in the student's life since the divorce was final in July 2000.

The student wishes to run track at Kent City, where there is no subvarsity track team.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver, but stipulated this will be the only waiver of the transfer regulation it will provide this student.

**Plainwell High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only on behalf of a 9th-grade student who moved from Allegan where he was residing with an aunt, to Plainwell where he resides with an uncle. The student enrolled at Plainwell March 30, 2005, and has not participated in athletics this school year.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only through the first semester of the 2005-06 school year.

**Inkster High School (Regulation I, Section 10)** - The coach/athletic director of Inkster High School, who had previously been found to have violated the undue influence regulation, faxed a letter to the MHSAA on April 19, 2005, to make a personal request to appeal the March 17, 2005 decision of the Executive Committee to the Representative Council. MHSAA staff had been told by the employee's supervisors that the school would not appeal, and the Executive Committee determined that this request appears to be personal and not officially designated by Inkster High School. Nothing in the letter confers on this individual the authority to act in this matter. The Executive Committee determined that any appeal in this matter must have been received in writing from an Inkster High School administrator who was not the subject of this inquiry but who is this person's supervisor, and that such request must have been received by April 20, 2005 to comply with association rules.

**Michigan High School Gymnastics Coaches and Judges Association (Regulation I, Section 13 and Regulation II, Section 13)** - A request was made to interpret the limited team membership regulation was made to allow students to participate in the National High School All-Star Gymnastics Championships sponsored by the National High School Gymnastics Coaches Association. Qualification to the event purports to be open to all students who pay the entry fee, regardless of ability. The event has

been permitted in years past before the event's name was changed in 2004-05, and it is now known that invitations were sent to selected top high school gymnasts.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver, confirming that MHSAA member schools' students are not permitted to participate in events that are not called all-star or national high school championships but are run like such, as well as events that are called all-star or national high school championships regardless of how they are run; and that faculty and MHSAA registered judges may not in any way be involved with such events if they are conducted during the school year and involve MHSAA member school students.

**Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, Birmingham-Seaholm and Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice High Schools (Regulation II, Section 6)** - A request to waive the travel limitation was made by these three high schools to permit their boys lacrosse teams to continue to compete in the Midwest Lacrosse Association regular season league games against Franklin Regional Senior High School of Murraysville, Pennsylvania which is over 300 miles from these three schools. The request was for competition against only this one school and stipulated that any new school which may join the Midwest league would be within the 300-mile limit. No team in the postseason league tournament at Western Reserve Academy in Hudson, Ohio travels more than 300 miles round-trip. The Midwest league has been in place for several years due in great part to the limited number of lacrosse teams in Michigan and elsewhere. Franklin Regional High School is scheduled to play Seaholm and Detroit Country Day High Schools on April 22 and 23 in Birmingham.

The Executive Committee denied the request, noting from the very earliest meetings with those who were advocating MHSAA sponsorship of Lacrosse Tournaments, and throughout the time since, school administrators, coaches and officials have been alerted to travel limitations and advised that the sport of lacrosse would not undermine MHSAA member schools' long-standing belief that distant interstate travel is unnecessary and unhealthy for interscholastic athletics in Michigan.

**Eastpointe-East Detroit, Madison Heights-Lamphere and Roseville High Schools (Regulation II, Section 9)** -

Requests were made to set aside rules, confirmed by the Representative Council's action of May 2004, to permit these schools to play their opening football games on Thursday, August 25, 2005. In May of 2004, at the request of the MHSAA Football Committee, the Representative Council confirmed that it is only when one game is permitted before Labor Day Monday that the varsity game may be Thursday and the subvarsity game the day before. In years such as 2005-06 when there are two games before Labor Day Monday, only the game of the Labor Day weekend may be moved to Thursday.

Noting that the action of the Representative Council was recent and specific and for the purpose of assuring minimum practice requirements are maintained without continuing "calendar creep" into students' and coaches' summer, the Executive Committee denied the requests. Waiver of the regulation would exceed the Executive Committee's authority.

**Adrian-Madison High School (Regulation III, Sections 1 & 2)** -

A late request to waive the enrollment regulation was made on behalf of a 6th-grade student who turned 14 in August of 2004. Because of his age, the student would only be eligible for 7th-grade competition as a 6th grader by Executive Committee action. Next year, when in the 7th grade, the student could play with 8th-graders. Through the use of an Eligibility Advancement Application, the student could participate as an 8th-grader in the 9-12 grade program. The student would not be eligible during his 12th-grade year.

The Executive Committee tabled the request until a time when it might be provided more information on which to base a decision.

**DeTour Junior High School (Regulation III, Section 1[C])** -

A request was made to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th- and 8th-grade students in the junior high school program during the 2005-06 school year. There are currently 74 students enrolled at De Tour High School.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for 2005-06.

**Oak Park-Norup and Berkley-Anderson Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D])** - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these two member schools of the same district (Berkley) in football. Norup will be the primary school.

**Vassar Junior High School and Richville-St. Michael's Lutheran School (Regulation III, Section 1[D])** - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football between these two junior high schools. Vassar will be the primary school.

**Ann Arbor-Central Academy (Regulation V, Section 3)** - On Feb. 24, 2005, it was mutually decided to remove both boys basketball teams from competition after the Central Academy athletic director felt the officials lost control of the game. Two written responses, received March 7, 2005 and April 13, 2005 from the athletic director, were provided for Executive Committee consideration.

The Executive Committee determined that the school be placed on probation until evidence is provided that the building administrator is aware of this situation and will monitor future actions.

**Warren-Lincoln High School (Regulation V, Section 3[A])** - On Dec. 11, 2004, one of two varsity wrestling teams sponsored by Lincoln High School was removed from competition by the coach after voiding two matches and disputing officials' calls. This team was withdrawn by the assistant head coach from an eight-team tournament at Linden High School (the other team was at a different meet). Correspondence from Linden High School, the official, both head coaches and Warren Lincoln High School were provided to the Executive Committee at its March 17, 2005 meeting. The Executive Committee did not accept the school's actions, finding them lacking in specificity and severity, and directed the MHSAA staff to request the school take additional action or appear before the committee, pursuant to the regulation. The athletic director's written response was provided for Executive Committee consideration.

The Executive Committee determined

that the school's wrestling program be placed on probation until the wrestling coach completes an MHSAA coaches education program.

**Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern High School (Classification)** - The school requested that 933 (or possibly 942) be used as its enrollment for 2005-06 MHSAA tournament classification purposes, rather than 1,101, inasmuch as the school expects to lose 168 more seniors than it will have incoming 9th-graders in 2005-06 because of the continuing transition of a third high school in the district (Forest Hills Eastern High School) which opened for the first time in 2004-05.

The Executive Committee took exception to the district's response to questions posed by staff to prepare this matter for committee review, and noted that the district did not adequately answer the questions posed. The Executive Committee did not find the circumstances of Forest Hills Northern High School to be so unique as to justify unprecedented privilege to continue using projected rather than actual enrollments, noting that many schools face both known and expected fluctuations in enrollment. It is not unusual that outgoing 12th-grade enrollments exceed incoming 9th-grade enrollments.

The Executive Committee noted that its policies and procedures for collecting enrollment dates and classifying schools must be even-handed and that the request of this school would establish undesirable precedent. The request to modify the enrollment and classifications/divisions for Forest Hills Northern High School was denied.

**Next Meetings** - The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 6 p.m. in Rothbury (Representative Council May 1-3); Wednesday, May 25, 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, June 15, 12 Noon in East Lansing; Tuesday, Aug. 2, 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Aug. 24, 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Monday, Sept. 19, 9 a.m. in Traverse City (Annual Business/Update Meeting at 7:15 a.m.); Thursday, Oct. 13, 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Nov. 9, 9 a.m. in East Lansing; and Thursday, Dec. 1, 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing (Representative Council Dec. 2). ■

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### STANDARD BEARERS

One of the highlights of 2004-05 for me occurred as my wife and I and 10 or 12 Michigan athletic directors were standing in the aisles, waiting to exit an airplane in New Orleans last December.

I was visiting with a fellow whom I had just met, a fellow from Los Angeles, when he suggested that our teams come out to Los Angeles to play his teams in basketball.

Before I could say, "Thanks, but no thanks," several of the Michigan athletic directors beat me to the punch. They explained to my misguided new friend how we do things in Michigan and what we believe in Michigan high school sports.

What a great feeling to observe Michigan athletic directors espousing to a foreigner the solid philosophy of educational athletics we have in Michigan.

What a privilege it is to serve, and how much easier it is to serve, when we read from the same page and hum the same tune in the fundamental matters of school sports.

While it was enjoyable listening to these athletic directors explain our ways in Michigan, people sometimes use my words to help make a case to me or the Executive Committee that a rule should be waived. They remind me that I've talked about the benefits of participation and the objective of maximizing participation and making the program accessible to as many boys and girls as possible.

No question about it. I do promote the benefits of participation. I do believe in the goal of maximizing participation and do pro-

mote the goal of providing our programs to as many boys and girls as possible.

But what is being missed by those who are using my words is something more important: that the value of participation is related to the requirements for participation. That if we raise the standards, we tend to raise the value of participation. If we lower the standards, make exceptions, we tend to lower the value of participation.

It's not just the playing that matters. It's the conditions for playing. That's what makes better citizens out of student-athletes.

We need to focus on high standards for our programs - we need to emphasize high standards of eligibility and conduct - not because we want to exclude people, but because by being exclusive in this sense, we better the experience of all involved and improve the possibilities of doing good things for kids, schools and communities.

It's important to remember that no matter how much customer service means to us - we emphasize it in our daily dealings at the MHSAA - "customer service" in our world does not mean the customer is always right, does not mean giving the customer everything he or she wants, does not mean always saying "yes." In our work, **real** customer service means saying "no" at least as much as we say "yes."

For there's a **program** to protect, not just one school's interests or one student's interests, but a program. And there are **standards** to protect, standards that enhance the value of participation in interscholastic athletics. ■

#### *And We Quote —*

*“The Olympics could be beautiful if they just let the athletes get together and run it together, instead of having us all stand up on some podium so the world can count how many medals each country wins.”*

*— John Carlos, 1968 Olympic sprinter*

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### DISAGREEMENTS

The Michigan High School Athletic Association is currently involved in litigation brought by a school that's in its third year of membership. It joined the MHSAA as all schools do, promising it would play by all the rules. Subsequently, there was a change in school leadership and a change in mindset. The school has taken the MHSAA to court for three consecutive tournament seasons to force the tournament schedules to be altered to fit their religious observances.

The school's attorney likes to cite in court and in the press what he calls the association's "unwillingness to acknowledge we live in a diverse society."

Well, if there's one thing this association does know, it's the diversity of its constituency. We are two peninsulas and two time zones. We are both high schools and junior high/middle schools. We are both public schools and nonpublic schools. Of public schools, we are both traditional and charter schools. Of nonpublic, we are both religious and non-religious schools; we are many expressions of faith. Of secular schools, we are all kinds of religious expressions.

MHSAA member schools are urban, suburban, rural and extremely remote. Some schools are 100 times larger than others in the MHSAA's membership. Some schools are

more than eight hours by yellow bus ride from other schools they will meet in MHSAA tournaments.

We know diversity. We know diversity far more than plaintiff's attorneys. We deal with diversity far more than plaintiff's attorneys.

Diversity tends to cause disagreements, but one of the aspects of this association that has pleased me - one of the many aspects of this association that has blessed me - is that, in this association, we usually disagree quite agreeably.

Most of us seem to realize that our disagreements are not with respect to principle, but usually the result of perspective. For example, one school seeing an issue from one vantage point - perhaps that of a large or urban school - and another school seeing an issue from another vantage point - perhaps that of a small or Upper Peninsula school - and the MHSAA having to see an issue from every vantage point, which is a much less uniform constituency to serve and please.

I hope that we will always respect that our differences are not related to intellect or integrity, but usually vantage point: where we serve, where we're situated in the state, where we sit at the table when decisions are made.■

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## Former Council Member Norm Johnson Dies

Former MHSAA Representative Council Member Norm Johnson, most recently mayor of Bangor, died on April 12 at the age of 65.

Johnson, who served on the Council from 1985-2002, was a fixture in Bangor Public Schools 40 years as a teacher, coach and administrator before retiring in 2001. Upon retiring from the school system, Johnson was elected to the city council and became mayor 18 months ago.

He coached the boys basketball team at Bangor for 26 years, winning 327 games. He also coached cross country, football, girls basketball and track at the school.

As an athletic administrator, Johnson was a leader in developing Bangor athletic facilities that hosted numerous MHSAA events, including the Class C Lower Peninsula Track and Field Finals on four occasions, and the initiation of the girls sports program at the school. He also established Bangor's Athletic Hall of Fame, in which he is now enshrined.

Other awards Johnson has received include MIAAA's statewide Athletic Director of the Year Award in 1994, the Allen W. Bush Award from the MHSAA in 1992, and induction into the Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1993. He is a 1957 graduate of Delton High School, and a 1961 graduate of Western Michigan University.



# FALL 2005 AD IN-SERVICES & UPDATE MEETINGS

*Five Combined AD In-service/Update Meetings scheduled*

- *Please coordinate now with other administrative or league meetings to avoid conflicts with events in your area*

The FALL 2005 AD IN-SERVICE & UPDATE MEETING SCHEDULE is below and resembles the 2004 schedule. Five Combined AD In-service/Update Meetings are scheduled. **Every Athletic Director should attend an AD In-Service and an Update Meeting each year.** Board of Education Members, Superintendents and Principals are encouraged to join us for the annual Update Meeting.

AD In-Service programs begin at 8:30 a.m. Update Meetings start with lunch at noon and conclude before 2 p.m. Registration material will be available in the fall.

## 2005 SCHEDULE

Mon. Sept. 19	Acme (Grand Traverse Resort) MASSP Principals Conference	Update Only MASSP Breakfast
Wed. Oct. 5	Kalamazoo (Pine West)	In-service & Update
Mon. Oct 10	Comstock Park (English Hills Country Club)	In-service & Update
Wed. Oct 12	Frankenmuth (Zehnder's)	In-service & Update
Mon. Oct 17	Gaylord (Hidden Valley Otsego Club)	In-service & Update
Wed. Oct 19	Lansing (Holiday Inn <i>West -New Location</i> )	In-service & Update
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Wed. Oct 26	De Carlos Conference Center (Formerly the Warren Chateau)	Update Only (Noon)
Fri. Oct. 28	Marquette 10:00 am (Site set by UP Athletic Committee)	Update only

### *New Athletic Director Orientation Programs at MHSAA Building in East Lansing*

**Tue. Aug. 16, 2005** (First-year Athletic Directors should attend; second-year ADs welcome)

**Tue. Nov. 29, 2005** (First and second-year Athletic Directors encouraged to attend)

Both sessions 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Two separate programs with new material at both sessions

*Registration material available in the August Bulletin and at mhsaa.com*

### UPDATE MEETING ATTENDANCE HISTORY

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

## ONLINE OFFICIALS RATINGS, REGISTRATION TO TAKE THE LEAD OUT

Tired of searching for a No. 2 pencil to bubble in those circles on your new officials registration or ratings forms? Well, officials and coaches should be glad to hear about the upgrades which continue to be made to the MHSAA Web site.

Beginning with the current spring season, all schools will be able to submit officials ratings online at [mhsaa.com](http://mhsaa.com), while online registration for officials could be in place prior to the annual July 1 deadline, but definitely will become a reality at some point during the 2005-06 school year.

"We will continue to provide our membership with streamlined methods for interaction and communication, and our staff is at the forefront of keeping in step with today's available technology," said MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts. "Coaches and officials still will have the option to submit ratings and registration materials the 'old-fashioned' way, but we certainly are thrilled to provide the online option."

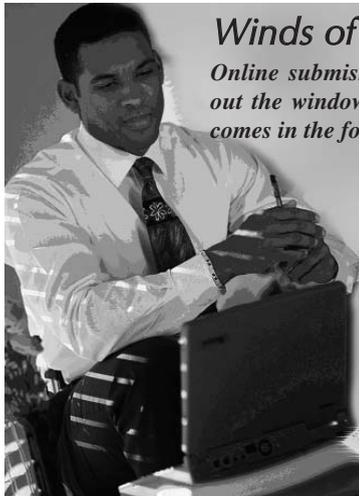
The officials rating system was tested on a sample group following the recently completed Winter 2005 tournament season, and was met with positive results.

Schools from the O-K Conference and the Detroit Catholic League were invited to submit ratings online in March, an option that helped increase the number of ratings received by the MHSAA over last winter.

While just 39 of the 75 selected schools participated online, the response from those schools spurred a 4.66 percent hike in the number of ratings received from all schools statewide vs. last year's winter totals. Within that group of 39 schools, the number of ratings submitted by the exact same schools in 2003-04 spiked 12 percent. Basketball showed the most significant boost over last year, as the 39 schools turned in 460 more ratings in that sport due to the online availability, a 33.8 percent increase.

Plans for a similar test group are being devised for online officials registration. The bubble-dot forms and registration via mail will remain an option for several years, but the online method will provide instantaneous registration and should decrease the number of late fees incurred by officials.

Consult the MHSAA Web site frequently for updated information concerning officials ratings and registration.



**Winds of Change**  
*Online submission of forms continues to blow existing paperwork out the window and clear up deskspace. The most recent evidence comes in the form of the following data:*

WINTER RATINGS SUBMITTED			
	2003-04	2004-05	Change
<b>All Schools</b>			
Boys Basketball Ratings	33,367	36,233	+8.59%
Total Ratings	61,138	63,987	+4.66%
<b>Online Test Group*</b>			
Boys Basketball Ratings	1,361	1,821	+33.80
Total Ratings	3,002	3,358	+11.86

*\*39 schools participated, of 75 invited*

*All schools now may rate officials online.*

*The Next Step: Online Officials Registration*

## SPRING RATINGS DUE MAY 27

### ***Online Ratings Submission Now Available***

Officials rating forms for varsity or sub-varsity baseball, boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse, girls soccer, and softball were sent in late April to all MHSAA member schools sponsoring those sports. The forms are designed to be “read” by a mark sensor scanning device. Many of the blanks already have been completed and returned. The deadline for receiving forms in this office will be May 27, 2005. **Ratings received after this date will not be processed.**

**NOTE: as of this Spring, all ratings can be completed and submitted online at [mhsaa.com](http://mhsaa.com). Simply click “School Login” from the home page to access your school’s Web page. Follow the instructions to rate officials and submit. It’s that easy.**

Athletic directors are reminded that **only one rating may be submitted for each official regardless of the number of times the official works contests for one school. Each official may receive a varsity and a sub-varsity rating from one school for working more than one level of competition.**

For those who still prefer the paper forms, they do require attention and adherence to specific preparation rules.

1. Use only a No. 2 pencil — **NO INK.**
2. Fully mark each space selected.
3. Print the officials ID number and name in the space provided **and** fully darken the appropriate spaces under the entry. Officials ID numbers are found in the *Officials Directory*.

4. Indicate “Varsity” or “Sub-varsity” rating.
5. Print the school ID number in the space provided **and** fully darken in the appropriate spaces under the entry. School ID numbers are in the *School Directory* in parentheses following the school name.
6. Use only the original forms sent to your school. Copies of the form cannot be read by our equipment because the carbon properties in the copy machine ink violate the system.
7. Keep forms as neat and free of wrinkles, folds and holes as possible.

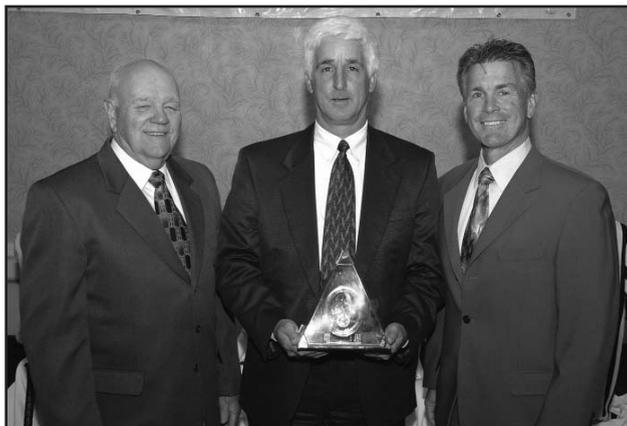
Whether submitting ratings electronically or by mail, it is important that rating forms be reviewed by athletic directors before sending to ensure they are completely and properly filled out. All schools should be positive that EITHER the superintendent OR the principal AND the athletic director OR the coach review the ratings forms and that they be returned to the MHSAA office at the earliest opportunity. Copies should be filed for future reference. Online forms can be printed in a summary format for all ratings turned in.

**NOTE:** When an official receives a rating value of 5, the school must submit an Unsatisfactory Rating Explanation form to the official and to the MHSAA with the Rating Form. **WITHOUT THE DOCUMENT** the “5” rating will be expunged from the officials rating record.

An official may be rated as varsity and/or sub-varsity only once pre sport, per school, per year. ■

# *OFFICIALS: Renew Your Registration by July 1*

## ALMA'S MOSS RECEIVES NORRIS AWARD



*Bruce Moss (center) displays the 2005 Norris Award, with former MHSAA Executive Director Vern Norris (left) and current Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts (right) at the 26th Annual Officials Awards and Alumni Banquet.*

John Johnson, Okemos

A multiple-sport official who has also served his avocation well by his contributions as a local association leader, league assignor, and educator, Alma's Bruce Moss is the 2005 recipient of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Vern L. Norris Award.

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 official's 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. Moss was presented the award at the MHSAA's 26th annual Official's Awards and Alumni Banquet on April 23 at the Sheraton Lansing Hotel.

In his 27th year as a registered MHSAA official, Moss works contests in baseball, girls and boys basketball, football and girls volleyball. His talents have earned him assignments at all levels of MHSAA tournaments in all of those sports, including Final assignments in each. He was recognized in 1999 by the National Federation's Interscholastic Officials Association as an Official of the Year in girls basketball.

Moss has also contributed on the local level as a leader of the Heart of Michigan Officials Association, a group he is currently the secretary of. He has also been assigning officials in several sports for the Mid-Michigan Conference and the Central States Activities Association.

The lessons learned on the playing surface are something Moss has freely shared with the officiating community as a speaker and a writer. He has contributed articles for MHSAA and other publications, and made numerous presentations to parents, officials, coaches and athletic administrators at camps, clinics and meet the team nights throughout his career.

An attorney and Notary Public practicing in mid-Michigan, Moss is a 1974 graduate of Alma College, who earned master's degrees in Educational Administration, and Recreation and Parks Administration from Central Michigan University. His law degree was bestowed upon him by Cooley Law School in 1985. He was nominated for the Norris Award by the Central State Activities Association.

"No one touches so many lives as one who can communicate, and that is a key attribute of our Norris Award winners," said MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts. "Many officials contribute with their work between the lines, but the outreach Bruce Moss has accomplished in his career has assisted schools and mentored other officials in a manner few can match. Bruce is highly regarded as a professional, personable individual when working games; and that same touch has made him an effective administrator and educator in servicing his peers and our schools. He is an outstanding choice for the Vern Norris Award." ■

## COACHES ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM TO LAUNCH IN 2005-06

In an effort to maintain continuing excellence in coaches education, the MHSAA and the Michigan State University Institute for the Study of Youth Sports have joined forces to retool and improve the program formerly known as PACE.



The Coaches Advancement Program will debut with the 2005-06 school year, available throughout the state to all levels of coaches at various dates and locations. Please consult the MHSAA Web site this summer to schedule your coursework in this important educational pursuit.

Course topics include such items as Legal Responsibilities, Effective Instruction, Effective

Communication, Working with Parents, Teaching Technical & Tactical Skills and Managing your Time and Stress Level.

The MHSAA and ISYS look forward to helping coaches provide their student-athletes with the best that interscholastic athletics has to offer.

Consult the MHSAA Web site and the *August Bulletin* for a complete schedule of CAP courses in 2005-06.

## LEGACY PROGRAM NETS 66 OFFICIALS IN 2004-05

During the 2004-05 school year, 66 high school seniors participated as MHSAA Legacy officials.

This year's class brings the total to 440 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) 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. ■

## SCHOOL CLASSIFICATIONS ANNOUNCED FOR 2005-06

Classifications for Michigan High School Athletic Association elections and postseason tournaments in traditionally classified sports (A, B, C, D) for the 2005-06 school year have been announced, and the enrollment breaks for postseason tournaments set up by divisions can be found on the MHSAA Web site.

Classifications for the upcoming school year are based on a second semester count date, which was February 23. 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 756 tournament-qualified member schools are ranked according to enrollment, and then split as closely into quarters as possible. For 2005-06, it works out that 188 schools are in Class A; 189 schools are in Classes B and D; and 190 schools are in Class C.

Effective with the 2005-06 school year, schools with 1,058 or more students are in Class A in MHSAA competition. The enrollment limits for Class B are 496 to 1,057; Class C is 251 to 495; and schools with enrollments of 250 and under are Class D. The break increased 22 students between Classes A and B; increased 9 students between Classes B and C; and the break between Classes C and D increased by 18 students.

Schools were recently notified of their classification. MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts said that schools may not appeal their classification if the appeal is to play in a lower class. However, if revised enrollment figures indicate that a school should be playing in a higher class, that school would be moved up.

The new classification breaks will see 11 schools move up in class for 2005-06, while 23 schools will move down.

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 2005-06 are Basketball, Bowling, Girls Competitive Cheer, Girls Gymnastics, Skiing and Girls Volleyball. Football will use traditional classifications to determine playoff points. Sports which will compete in nearly equal divisions are: Baseball, Cross Country, Golf, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Softball, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Track and Field, and Wrestling. Soccer will have 20 percent of sponsoring schools in Division 4 and the remaining schools divided equally into Divisions 1, 2 and 3. The division breaks in those sports, except Football, will be announced on Thursday. (Note: Visit the respective sports pages on the MHSAA Web Site to review the divisional alignments.) The eight divisions of the MHSAA Football Playoffs will be announced on Selection Sunday, Oct. 23, 2005. A complete list of school enrollments used to determine classifications for the 2005-06 school year can be found on the Administrators page of the MHSAA Web site.

Here is a complete list of the schools changing classification for 2005-06 (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 Web site):



## SCHOOLS CHANGING CLASSIFICATION FOR 2005-06

### **Moving Up From Class B To Class A**

Farmington Hills Harrison  
St. Clair Shores Lakeview  
Jackson Northwest  
Dexter  
Wayland Union

### **Moving Down From Class A To Class B**

St. Johns  
Mason  
Petoskey  
Redford Thurston  
Chelsea  
Lansing Waverly  
Grand Rapids Creston  
Zeeland East

### **Moving Up From Class C To Class B**

Detroit Communication Media Arts  
East Jackson  
Albion

### **Moving Down From Class B To Class C**

Saginaw Nouvel  
Vassar  
Wyoming Kelloggsville  
Berrien Springs  
Flint Beecher  
Grandville Calvin Christian  
White Cloud

### **Moving Up From Class D To Class C**

Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart  
Dearborn Heights Star International Academy  
Harper Woods Heart Academy

### **Moving Down From Class C To Class D**

L'Anse  
Eau Claire  
Muskegon Western Michigan Christian  
Pellston  
Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett  
Lutheran Westland  
Lawrence  
Ontonagon

### **New Postseason Tournament Schools in 2005-06**

Detroit Academy of Arts & Sciences (Class B)  
Zeeland West (Class B)  
Detroit Old Redford Preparatory (Class C)  
Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy (Class C)  
Roseville Conner Creek Academy East (Class D)  
Pontiac Greater Life Academy (Class D)  
Ypsilanti Calvary Christian Academy (Class D)  
Fremont Providence Christian (Class D)  
Byron Center The Learning Center Academy (Class D)

### **Enrollment Breaks By Classes – 2005-06**

Class A -- 1,058 and above (188)  
Class B -- 496 to 1,057 (189)  
Class C -- 251 to 495 (190)  
Class D -- 250 and below (189)

## QUESTIONS?

*The most efficient method of communication with the MHSAA on eligibility questions is through the school athletic director or principal.*

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. ADs or principals are encouraged to contact the MHSAA Office directly.

Please follow this efficient path of communication.

# MHSAA CLASSIFICATION BY SPORT — 2005-06

*Reflects cooperative programs and options to play in larger classifications or divisions as of March 29, 2005*

## Sports Utilizing Traditional Classifications

Traditional Classifications for 2004-05		
<u>Class</u>	<u>Enrollment Range</u>	<u>Maximum No. of Schools</u>
A	1,058 and Above	190
B	496 - 1,057	190
C	251 - 495	191
D	250 and Below	191

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

SPORT		A	B	C	D
BASKETBALL	Girls	184	188	183	163
	Boys	186	187	187	180
BOWLING	Girls	87	77	36	13
	Boys	89	75	37	13
COMPETITIVE CHEER	Girls	66	64	43	3
* FOOTBALL		186	187	171	76
GYMNASTICS		50	10	1	0
SKIING	Girls	45	23	15	2
	Boys	47	23	14	2
VOLLEYBALL		184	186	177	162

\* 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	162	162	162	162
CROSS COUNTRY - Girls	138	142	140	136
- Boys	144	144	144	144
GOLF - Girls	89	89	89	--
- Boys	128	130	130	130
ICE HOCKEY	57	57	57	--
LACROSSE - Girls	19	19	--	--
- Boys	30	31	--	--
*SOCCER - Girls	108	108	109	81
- Boys	122	122	122	91

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

SOFTBALL	162	162	160	150
SWIMMING - Girls	112	113	--	--
- Boys	106	107	--	--
TENNIS - Girls	84	84	84	83
- Boys	85	85	85	87
TRACK - Girls	146	152	149	148
- Boys	150	150	150	151
WRESTLING (Team)	117	117	117	118

## Upper Peninsula Tournaments

SPORT	Division	No. of Schools	Enrollment Range
*Swimming (Boys & Girls)	1	10G 10B	1,428-379G 1,428-379B
*Individual Wrestling	1	18	1,358-150
**Cross Country (Boys & Girls)	1	10B 10G	1,358-426
	2	10B 10G	401-286
	3	12B 13G	234-53
**Track & Field (Boys & Girls)	1	11B 11G	1,358-426
	2	12B 12G	424-286
	3	25B 25G	211-25B 250-19G
**Golf (Boys & Girls)	1	10B 11G	1,358-426
	2	9B 11G	424-303
	3	22B 21G	250-70
***Tennis --Girls (Fall)	1	6	1,358-495
	2	7	439-106
--Boys (Spring)	1	6	1,358-495
	2	7	439-106

Divisions are set as follows:

\* Swimming, individual wrestling: 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.

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

*NOTE: UP Schools Participate Statewide in all Other Tournaments*

## STATUS OF CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

*Schools which have exercised the option to play in a higher classification*

*Updated 4/12/05*

City/School	Sport(s)	From Class:	To Class:	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Birmingham-Seaholm	BBB, BSK, GSK	B	A	Winter 2000-01	8/15/05
Livonia-Ladywood	GCC	B	A	Winter 2003-04	8/15/05
New Haven	FB	C	B	Fall 2004	4/15/06
North Branch	VB	B	A	Winter 2005-06	8/15/07
Orchard Lake-St. Mary's Preparatory	BSK, BBB, FB	B	A	Winter 1996-97	8/15/05

### IN WRESTLING (Winter)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Algonac	3	2	Winter 99-00	8/15/05
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	2	1	Winter 02-03	8/15/05
Charlotte	2	1	Winter 97-98	8/15/05
East Lansing	2	1	Winter 98-99	8/15/05
Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Winter 99-00	8/15/05
Milan	3	2	Winter 04-05	8/15/06
Saginaw	2	1	Winter 97-98	8/15/05

### IN GIRLS TENNIS (Fall)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Grosse Ile	4	3	Fall 2002	4/15/06
Midland-H. H. Dow	2	1	Fall 1999	4/15/06
Mt. Clemens	4	3	Fall 2004	4/15/06
Richmond	4	3	Fall 2001	4/15/06
St. Johns	2	1	Fall 1999	4/15/06

### IN BOYS TENNIS (Spring)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day	4	3	Spring 1999	10/15/05
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	2	1	Spring 2000	10/15/05
St. Johns	2	1	Spring 2004	10/15/05

**IN ICE HOCKEY (Winter)**

<b>City/School</b>	<b>From Division</b>	<b>To Division</b>	<b>First Season</b>	<b>Deadline for Cancellation</b>
Detroit-U of D Jesuit	2	1	Winter 04-05	8/15/06
East Lansing	3	2	Winter 04-05	8/15/06
*Kingsford	2	1	Winter 01-02	8/15/05
Marquette	2	1	Winter 00-01	8/15/05
Negaunee	2	1	Winter 02-03	8/15/05
Orchard Lake-St. Mary's	3	1	Winter 05-06	8/15/07
Port Huron	3	2	Winter 04-05	8/15/06
Port Huron Northern	2	1	Winter 02-03	8/15/05
*Traverse City-St. Francis	2	1	Winter 03-04	8/15/05
Trenton	3	2	Winter 02-03	8/15/05

\*Co-op Program

**IN GIRLS GOLF (Spring)**

<b>City/School</b>	<b>From Division</b>	<b>To Division</b>	<b>First Season</b>	<b>Deadline for Cancellation</b>
Midland-H. H. Dow	2	1	Spring 2003	10/15/05
Mt. Pleasant	2	1	Spring 2005	10/15/06

**IN BOYS LACROSSE (Spring)**

<b>City/School</b>	<b>From Division</b>	<b>To Division</b>	<b>First Season</b>	<b>Deadline for Cancellation</b>
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	2	1	Spring 2005	10/15/06
Detroit-U of D Jesuit	2	1	Spring 2006	10/15//06

**IN GIRLS LACROSSE (Spring)**

<b>City/School</b>	<b>From Division</b>	<b>To Division</b>	<b>First Season</b>	<b>Deadline for Cancellation</b>
Grosse Pointe South	2	1	Spring 2005	10/15/06

**IN BOYS SWIMMING (Winter)**

<b>City/School</b>	<b>From Division</b>	<b>To Division</b>	<b>First Season</b>	<b>Deadline for Cancellation</b>
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	2	1	Winter 02-03	8/15/05

**IN BOYS SOCCER (Fall)**

<b>From City/School</b>	<b>To Division</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>Deadline for First Season Cancellation</b>
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	2	1	Fall 03-04 4/15/06

**IN GIRLS SOCCER (Spring)**

<b>From City/School</b>	<b>To Division</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>Deadline for First Season Cancellation</b>
Madison Hts.Bishop Foley	4	3	Spring 2003 10/15//05

**IN GIRLS SOFTBALL (Spring)**

<b>From City/School</b>	<b>To Division</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>Deadline for First Season Cancellation</b>
Harper Woods-Regina	2	1	Spring 2005 10/15/06
St. Johns	2	1	Spring 2004 10/15//05

## Good Sports Are Winners! Winter Tournament Recipients Announced; MEEMIC Insurance To Present Awards To Finals Winners

The recipients of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Good Sports Are Winners! Awards for the recently-completed 2005 Winter sports season have been named, with each school to receive recognition from MEEMIC Insurance, the Association's corporate partner in sportsmanship efforts.

**Caro** in team dual wrestling, **Remus Chippewa Hills** in girls competitive cheer, **Davison** in ice hockey, **Leland** in girls volleyball, and **Bellaire** in boys basketball, were selected by the tournament management at their respective finals for displaying the most exemplary sportsmanship by their coaches, student-athletes and spectators. Each school receiving a Finals award will be presented a commemorative banner and crystal trophy at a venue of the school's choosing at a future date.

Caro was the Division 3 runner-up in team dual wrestling, Chippewa Hills was a Class B finalist in girls competitive cheer, Davison was a Division 1 semifinalist in ice hockey, Leland was a Class D semifinalist in girls volleyball, and Bellaire was a finalists in Class D in boys basketball.

In addition to receiving the finals award, Bellaire also won a Regional award in boys basketball.

For Davison, this is the second time the school has received the Good Sports Are Winners! Award at the Finals level of MHSAA tournament play in ice hockey, previously winning the honor in 2003.

At the District, Regional and Quarterfinal levels of MHSAA tournaments, all schools which meet a set of sportsmanlike standards will be recognized. Those schools will be presented framed certificates from MEEMIC Insurance.

In all, 463 teams in team dual wrestling, girls competitive cheer, ice hockey, girls volleyball and boys basketball are being recognized for their outstanding sportsmanship at Winter tournaments. Those teams will also be recognized through the publication of their names in the MHSAA Bulletin, the MHSAA Finals program series, and on the MHSAA Web site. A total of 90 schools won multiple awards during the Winter sports season, with Adrian Lenawee Christian and Temperance Bedford each being honored four times to lead that group. During the course of the school year, over 1,000 teams will be recognized in 11 activities for their sportsmanship efforts during MHSAA tournaments.

Schools recognized for the Fall Finals were: **Rochester Hills Stoney Creek** in boys soccer, **Muskegon** in football, and **Lansing Christian** and **Portland St. Patrick** in girls basketball.

MEEMIC Insurance Company, with headquarters in Auburn Hills, writes full coverage private passenger automobile protection and homeowners insurance for educational employees and their immediate families in the state of Michigan. MEEMIC was founded by teachers for teachers in 1950. Most representatives of the company are or were teachers themselves. MEEMIC's history of competitive pricing and a commitment to superior service has cultivated a tradition of teachers serving teachers and their families, the "MEEMIC Club."

Following is a list of Good Sports Are Winners! Award recipients as submitted by tournament managers through April 26 for the recently-completed Winter sports season.

# Good Sports Are Winners! Winter Tournament Recipients

(Based on reports received at the MHSAA offices as of 4/26/05. NOTE: There can be more than one winner at each site, and not all site managers responded.)

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### District Awards

#### Class A

Adrian  
Alpena  
Benton Harbor  
Birmingham Brother Rice  
Birmingham Groves  
Birmingham Seaholm  
Cadillac  
Clinton Twp Chippewa Valley  
Davison  
Detroit Central  
Detroit Northern  
Detroit U of D Jesuit  
Detroit Western  
Farmington  
Flint Carman-Ainsworth  
Flint Central  
Flint Kearsley  
Flint Northern  
Grand Rapids Creston  
Greenville  
Holland  
Holland West Ottawa  
Hudsonville  
Kalamazoo Loy Norrix  
Lapeer West  
Macomb Dakota  
Mattawan  
Midland  
Midland Dow  
Monroe  
New Baltimore Anchor Bay  
North Farmington  
Port Huron  
Portage Northern  
Rockford  
Saginaw  
Southfield Lathrup  
Tecumseh  
Temperance Bedford  
West Bloomfield  
Ypsilanti  
Ypsilanti Linclon

#### Class B

Carleton Airport  
Belding  
Birch Run

Byron Center  
Cass City  
Clinton Township Clintondale  
DeWitt  
Eaton Rapids  
Erie Mason  
Gibraltar Carlson  
Gladwin  
Grandville Calvin Christian  
Haslett  
Hastings  
Holland Christian  
Hudsonville Unity Christian  
Ionia  
Jackson Northwest  
Lake Odessa Lakewood  
Lakeview  
Millington  
Muskegon Heights  
North Branch  
Oscoda  
Ovid-Elsie  
Portland  
Roscommon  
Standish-Sterling  
Tawas Area

#### Class C

Adrian Madison  
Albion  
Athens  
Bath  
Blissfield  
Bridgman  
Bronson  
Brown City  
Burton Bentley  
Byron  
Concord  
Dearborn Technology Academy  
Dearborn Henry Ford Academy  
Deckerville  
Detroit Comm. Media Arts  
Detroit Douglass  
Detroit Loyola  
Dryden  
Eau Claire  
Flint Hamady  
Flint Northwestern  
Gwinn  
Hale

Harbor Springs  
Iron Mountain  
Ishpeming  
Ishpeming Westwood  
Kalamazoo Christian  
Kalamazoo Hackett  
Laingsburg  
Lake Fenton  
Lincoln-Alcona  
Madison Heights Bishop Foley  
Manistique  
Marlette  
Mayville  
Mesick  
Michigan Center  
Mio  
Montague  
Morenci  
Muskegon Catholic Central  
Napoleon  
Negaunee  
Newberry  
Niles Brandywine  
North Muskegon  
Norway  
Ottawa Lake Whiteford  
Pellston  
Petersburg-Summerfield  
Pottersville  
Ravenna  
Reading  
Royal Oak Shrine  
Sandusky  
Saranac  
Southfield Christian  
St. Ignace  
Suttons Bay  
Union City  
Vandercook Lake

#### Class D

Adrian Lenawee Christian  
Ann Arbor Central Academy  
Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner  
Atlanta  
AuGres-Sims  
Battle Creek St. Philip  
Britton-Macon  
Burr Oak  
Calhoun Christian  
Camden-Frontier

Carsonville-Port Sanilac  
 East Martin Christian  
 Fairview  
 Harbor Light Christian  
 Hillman  
 Hillsdale Academy  
 Hillsdale Carleton Academy  
 Jackson Christian  
 Jackson DaVinci Institute  
 Johannesburg Lewiston  
 Mackinaw City  
 Martin  
 Martin  
 McBain N. Michigan Christian  
 Newport Lutheran South  
 North Branch Wesleyan  
 Owendale-Gagetown  
 Pittsford  
 Port Hope  
 Posen  
 Saline Washtenaw Christian  
 Taylor Baptist Park  
 Taylor Light & Life  
 Waldron  
 Wyoming Try-unity Christian

### **Regional Awards**

#### **Class A**

Ann Arbor Huron  
 Dearborn  
 Detroit Central  
 Detroit Martin Luther King  
 Detroit Pershing  
 Detroit Redford  
 Grand Haven  
 Grosse Pointe North  
 Hudsonville  
 Oak Park  
 Utica Eisenhower  
 Warren DeLaSalle  
 Wyandotte

#### **Class B**

Detroit Country Day  
 Flint Powers Catholic  
 Marine City  
 Muskegon Heights  
 Perry  
 Warren Lincoln

#### **Class C**

Brown City  
 Clinton  
 Detroit Community  
 Unionville-Sebewaing

#### **Class D**

Bellaire  
 Boyne Falls  
 Carsonville-Port Sanilac  
 Caseville  
 Fairview  
 Fowler  
 Genesee Christian  
 Jackson Christian  
 Mackinaw City  
 Northport

### **Quarterfinal Awards**

#### **Class A**

No Reports Received

#### **Class B**

No Reports Received

#### **Class C**

Detroit Community  
 Leroy Pine River  
 Unionville-Sebewaing

#### **Class D**

No Reports Received

## **GIRLS**

### **COMPETITIVE CHEER**

#### **Regional Awards**

##### **Class A**

No Reports Received

##### **Class B**

Carleton Airport  
 Dearborn Divine Child  
 Farmington Hills Harrison  
 Grosse Ile

##### **Class C-D**

Madison Heights Bishop Foley  
 Romulus Summit Academy  
 Royal Oak Shrine  
 Whitmore Lake

## **ICE HOCKEY**

### **Regional Awards**

#### **Division 1**

Clarkston

#### **Division 2**

Flint Carman-Ainsworth  
 Flushing  
 Midland

Midland Dow  
 Saginaw Arthur Hill  
 Saginaw Heritage

### **Division 3**

Bloomfield Hills  
 Cranbrook-Kingswood

### **Quarterfinal Awards**

No Reports Received

## **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

### **District Awards**

#### **Class A**

Cadillac  
 Clio  
 Detroit Osborn  
 East Detroit  
 East Kentwood  
 Flint Carman-Ainsworth  
 Flint Kearsley  
 Flushing  
 Fraser  
 Garden City  
 Grand Haven  
 Greenville

Harrison Twp L'Anse Creuse

Highland-Milford

Holland

Holland West Ottawa

Howell

Ypsilanti Lincoln

Lowell

Macomb Dakota

Mt. Pleasant

Muskegon

Muskegon Reeths-Puffer

New Baltimore Anchor Bay

Owosso

Pinckney

Portage Central

Port Huron

Rockford

Roseville

Saginaw Heritage

St. Johns

White Lake Lakeland

Zeeland

#### **Class B**

Algonac

Allendale

Benzie Central

Big Rapids

Carleton Airport  
 Cass City  
 Center Line  
 Coldwater  
 Detroit Renaissance  
 DeWitt  
 Durand  
 Edwardsburg  
 Fowlerville  
 Frankenmuth  
 Goodrich  
 Goodrich  
 Grandville Calvin Christain  
 Grant  
 Grosse Ile  
 Hamilton  
 Hamtramck  
 Highland Park  
 Hillsdale  
 Holland Christian  
 Hudsonville Unity Christian  
 Ida  
 Jackson Northwest  
 Kingsford  
 Ludington  
 Madison Heights  
 Madison Heights Lamphere  
 Marine City  
 Marshall  
 Marysville  
 Mason County Central  
 Millington  
 Monroe Jefferson  
 New Boston Huron  
 Parma Western  
 Reed City  
 Richland Gull Lake  
 Royal Oak Dondero  
 South Haven  
 St. Clair  
 Stevensville Lakeshore  
 Warren Lincoln  
 Warren Woods-Tower

**Class C**

Addison  
 Bath  
 Blissfield  
 Boyne City  
 Brethren  
 Bridgman  
 Bronson  
 Brown City  
 Buchanan  
 Burton Bendle  
 Burton Bentley

Byron  
 Carson City-Crystal  
 Charlevoix  
 Clare  
 Colon  
 Dearborn Henry Ford Academy  
 Detroit Comm. Media Arts  
 Detroit Winans Academy  
 Dryden  
 Eau Claire  
 Ecorse  
 Ewart  
 Fife Lake Forest Area  
 Gwinn  
 Hanover-Horton  
 Harbor Springs  
 Homer  
 Indian River Inland Lakes  
 Inskter  
 Ishpeming  
 Ishpeming Westwood  
 Jonesville  
 Kalamazoo Hackett  
 Kingsley  
 Laingsburg  
 Lake Fenton  
 Lawrence  
 Leroy-Pine River  
 Lincoln-Alcona  
 Lutheran Westland  
 Manton  
 Maple City Glen Lake  
 Merrill  
 Mesick  
 Napoleon  
 Negaunee  
 New Haven  
 Niles Brandywine  
 Onaway  
 Pellston  
 Pewamo-Westphalia  
 Quincy  
 Reading  
 Rogers City  
 Sand Creek  
 Sanford Meridian  
 Sanford Meridian  
 Saranac  
 Three Oaks River Valley  
 Traverse City St. Francis  
 Vermontville Maple Valley  
 Watervliet

**Class D**

Adrian Lenawee Christian  
 Akron-Fairgrove

Allen Park Cabrini  
 Allen Park Inter-City Baptist  
 AuGres-Sims  
 Bay City All Saints  
 Bear Lake  
 Big Rapids Crossroads  
 Buckley  
 Carsonville-Port Sanilac  
 Caseville  
 Dearborn Hts. Business & Tech  
 Dearborn Hts. Star Academy  
 Ellsworth  
 Fariview  
 Frankfort  
 Freesoil  
 Howardsville Christian  
 Manistee Catholic Central  
 Marion  
 Mason County Eastern  
 McBain N. Michigan Christian  
 North Adams-Jerome  
 North Huron  
 Onekama  
 Owendale-Gagetown  
 Saginaw Arts & Sciences  
 Saginaw Grace Baptist  
 Traverse City Christian  
 Twining-Arenac Eastern  
 Vanderbilt

**Regional Awards**

**Class A**

Belleville  
 Dearborn  
 Detroit Cass Tech  
 Livonia Churchill  
 Livonia Stevenson  
 Saline  
 Temperance Bedford

**Class B**

Cheboygan  
 Essexville Garber  
 Grand Rapids South Christian  
 Harper Woods Regina  
 Marysville  
 Mason County Central  
 Menominee  
 Saginaw Nouvel  
 Warren Woods-Tower  
 Yale

**Class C**

Blissfield  
 Bronson  
 Byron

Concord  
 Dansville  
 Marlette  
 Morley-Stanwood  
 North Muskegon  
 Pewamo-Westphalia  
 Ravenna  
 Royal Oak Shrine  
 St. Louis  
 Watervliet  
 Westland Lutheran  
 White Pigeon

**Class D**

Adrian Lenawee Christian  
 Beal City  
 Camden-Frontier  
 Canton Plymouth Christian  
 Lansing Christian  
 Mason County Eastern  
 Pentwater  
 Wyandotte Mt. Carmel

**Quarterfinal Awards**

**Class A**

Saline

**Class B**

Coldwater  
 Frankenmuth  
 Fruitport  
 Saginaw Nouvel

**Class C**

No Reports Received

**Class D**

Adrian Lenawee Christian  
 Lansing Christian

**TEAM WRESTLING**

**District Awards**

**Division 1**

Monroe  
 Temperance Bedford

**Division 2**

East Grand Rapids  
 Grand Rapids Forest Hills C.  
 Grand Rapids Forest Hills N.

**Division 3**

No Reports Received

**Division 4**

Eau Claire  
 Niles Brandywine  
 Three Oaks River Valley

**Regional Awards**

**Division 1**

Belleville  
 Temperance Bedford

**Division 2**

Three Rivers

**Division 3**

Constantine  
 Dowagiac Union

**Division 4**

Bangor  
 Decatur  
 Three Oaks River Valley  
 White Pigeon

## SUMMER OFFICIALS CAMPS AND CLINICS

Following are various officials camps and clinics forwarded to Mentor for the upcoming summer months.

Note: Per MHSAA Standards for Assignors, "Assignors shall not require an official to pay a fee to participate in a specific camp, clinic or training activity in order to be evaluated and considered for assignments under the control of any assignor. Involvements in free events, for the same reason, are permitted." All published camp opportunities below comply with this standard.

**Capital Area Basketball Officials Camp** - June 17-18 - Michigan State University

Contact: Mike Conlin, [www.greatlakesreferee.com/highschool/index.htm](http://www.greatlakesreferee.com/highschool/index.htm)

**Kalamazoo Officials Association Football Clinic** - July 23 - Western Michigan University

Contact: Kevin Sullivan, 269-273-2030 or 269-760-6088

**Michigan HS Basketball Officiating Camp** - June 17-19 & June 24-26 - Central Michigan U.

Contact: John Kirk, [www.vspn.com/gliac/CMUCampApplication.htm](http://www.vspn.com/gliac/CMUCampApplication.htm)

**Mike Smith's Basketball Officiating Camp** - June 24-26 - Oakland University - Contact:

Mike Smith, 248-543-4452

**Northern Michigan HS Football Officials Camp** - August 12-13 - Grayling HS

Contact: Cal TerHaar, 810-742-8643 or 810-814-0844 or Tom Rau, 810-603-1021 or 810-444-0676

**Volleyball Officials Training Camp** - July 15-17 - Ferris State University

Contact: Jeanne Skinner, 616-677-1721 or Jill Baker-Cooley 231-876-2208

**West Mich. Officials Association Football Clinic** - July 23 - Grand Valley State University

Contact: Dave VanSurksum, 616-6548191 or [www.wmoa.com](http://www.wmoa.com)

# 2005-06 NATIONAL TESTING DATES

## ADMINISTRATION - COUNSELORS - COACHES

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Please advise students of the 2005-06 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 2006 and dates where tournaments would create conflict.

<b>ACT ASSESSMENT DATES</b>	<b>CONFLICTS</b>
<b>October 22, 2005</b> .....	<b>Fall Tournaments</b>
December 10, 2005 .....	None
February 11, 2006 .....	None
April 8, 2006 .....	None
<b>June 10, 2006</b> .....	<b>Spring Tournaments</b>

<b>SAT TESTING DATES</b>	<b>CONFLICTS</b>
<b>October 8, 2005</b> .....	<b>Fall Tournaments</b>
<b>November 5, 2005</b> .....	<b>Fall Tournaments</b>
<b>December 3, 2005</b> .....	<b>Fall Tournaments</b>
January 28, 2006 .....	None
April 1, 2006 .....	None
May 6, 2006 .....	None
<b>June 3, 2006</b> .....	<b>Spring Tournaments</b>

<b>AP EXAM DATES</b>	<b>CONFLICTS</b>
May 1-5, 8-12, 2006 .....	None

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

*Have a Safe and  
Enjoyable Summer!*

# 2005 SOCCER TOURNAMENTS

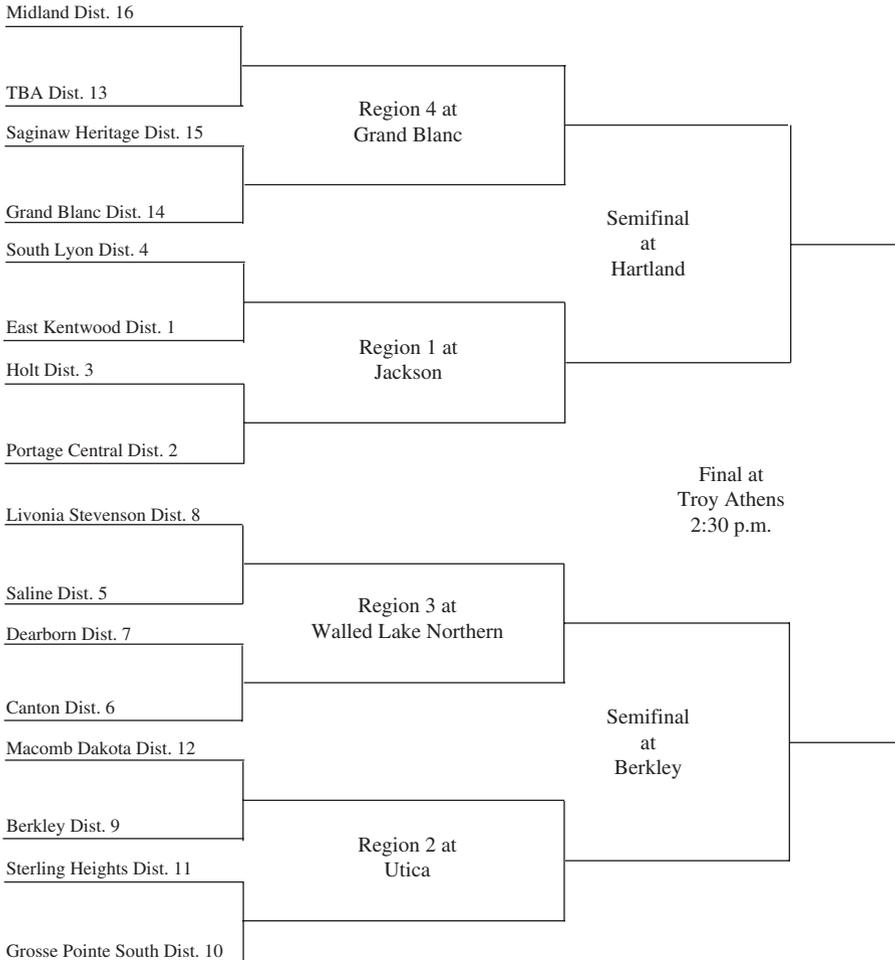
## Division 1

**PRE-REGIONALS**  
June 7-9

**REGIONALS**  
June 10-11

**SEMIFINALS**  
June 15

**FINALS**  
June 18



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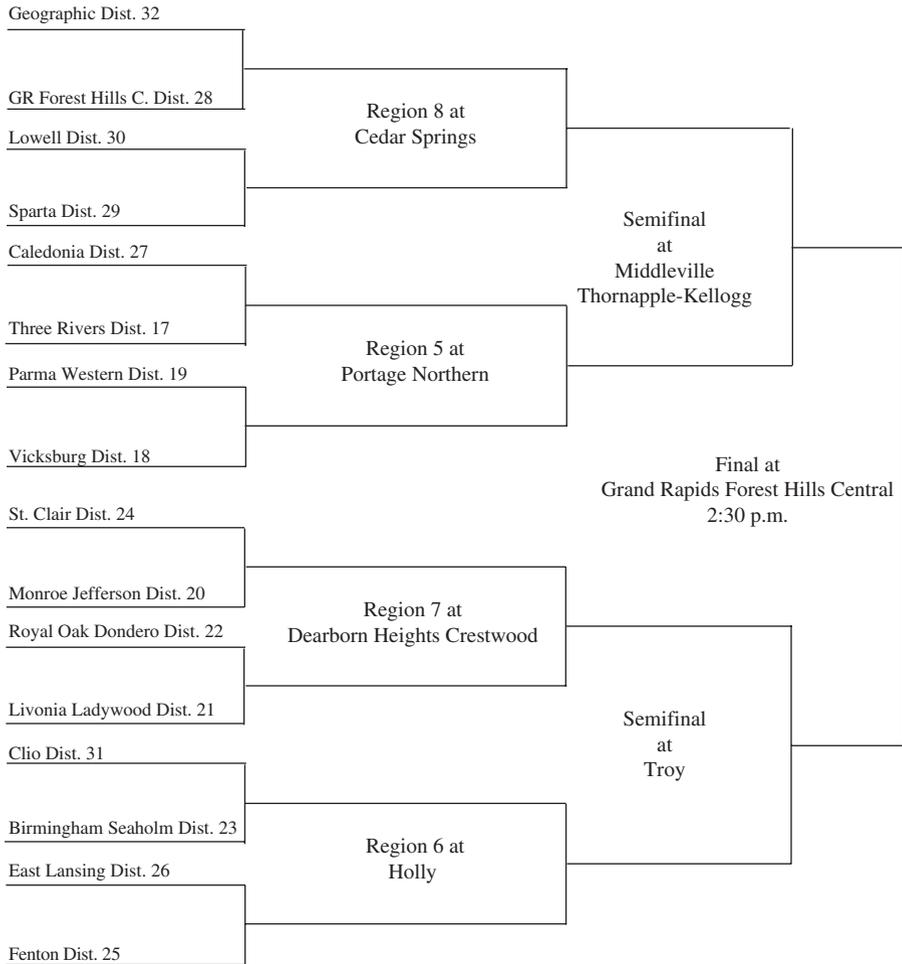
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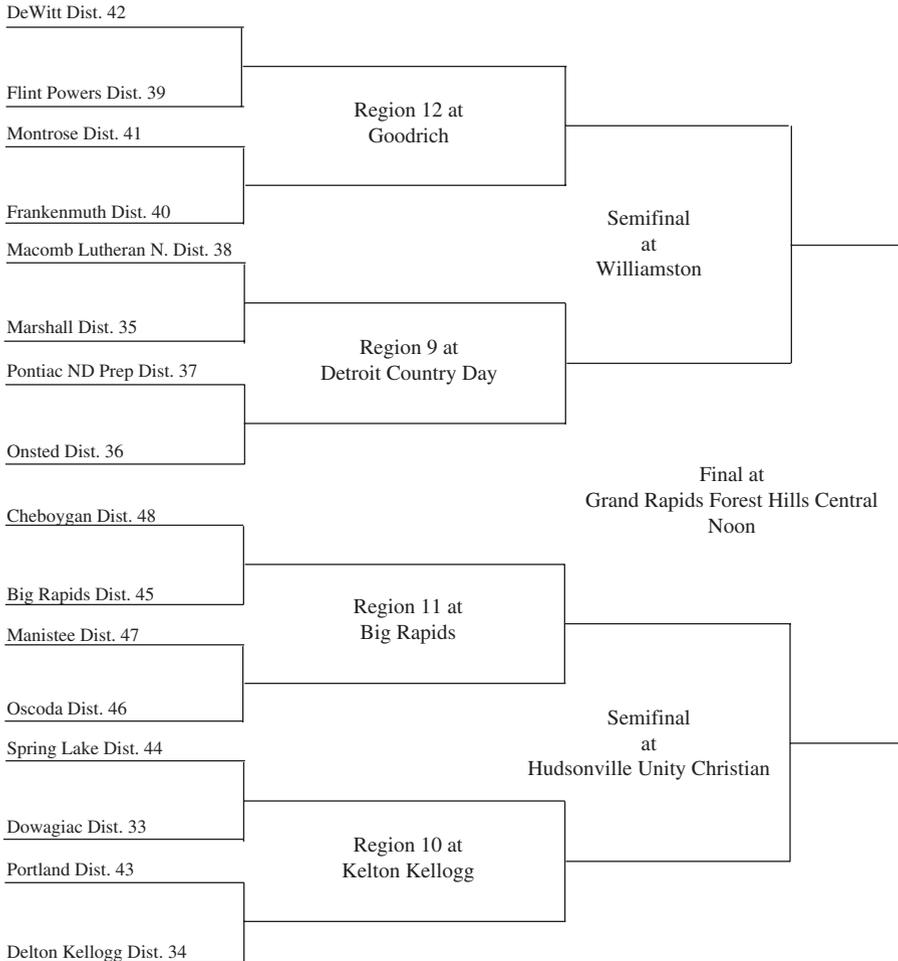
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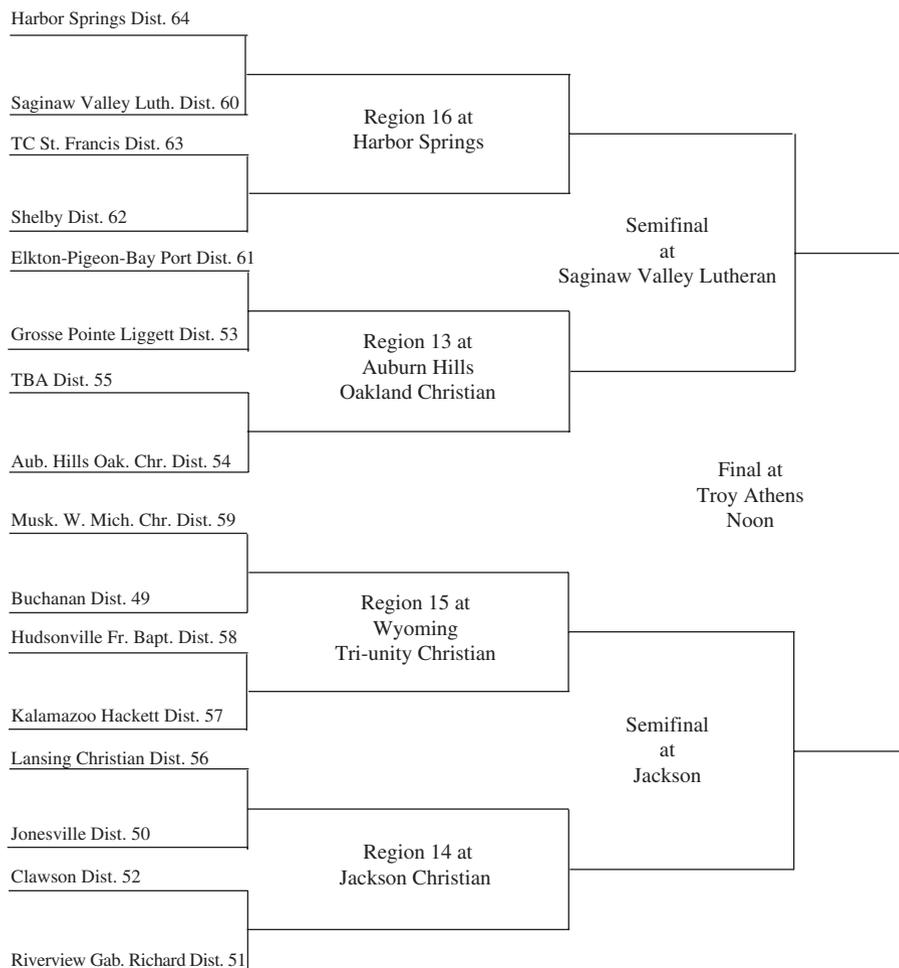
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# SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD PROGRAM TO INCREASE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2005-06

At its March 2005 meeting, the Representative Council approved changes to the MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award program effective next school year. Highlights of the changes include:

- **Increased Number of Scholarships Awarded**

In the 2004-05 competition 28 scholarship winners were selected. In 2005-06, the number of scholarships will increase to 32.

- **Winners Based on School Size, Not Sport**

Since 1992, the MHSAA has awarded one scholarship per sport for which it offers a postseason tournament. Next year, a graduated scale based on MHSAA classification will be used to allocate the first 30 scholarships. In Class A, six boys and six girls will be selected as winners. Four boys and four girls from Class B schools will be selected as scholarship recipients, while three boys and three girls in Class C and two boys and two girls from Class D schools will receive the \$1,000 scholarship.

- **Two At-Large Scholarships**

The last two at-large scholarships are designated for minority candidates and will be chosen after the first 30 scholarship recipients have been selected.

- **New Limitation on Number of School Applicants**

Previously, schools could nominate one student for each sport in which it participates in an MHSAA postseason tournament. Next year, the number of school applicants will be limited based on the graduated scale used to distribute scholarships. For instance, since three Class C boys and three Class C girls will be selected as winners, each Class C school can nominate three boys and three girls.

- **School Applicant List Online**

The traditional paper-based School Applicant List will be replaced by online submission of Scholar-Athlete applicant names.

- **GPA Requirement Altered**

In the past, students submitted an unrounded and unweighted GPA and a 3.5 GPA was required for contest eligibility. In 2005-06, students only need to meet the minimum 3.5 GPA requirement; specific GPAs will not be requested.

More detailed information will be posted to the MHSAA Web site this summer and sent to school administrators next August. For questions regarding the Scholar-Athlete Award program or the rationale for the changes, call Andy Frushour at the MHSAA, or e-mail [afrushour@mhsaa.com](mailto:afrushour@mhsaa.com).



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## "SCHOOLS SHALL PREPARE ...

a Master Eligibility List (Form-1 or its equivalent) of all students eligible for that sport under the provisions of the Regulations, including current semester record. Additions to the squad should be duly added. Current copies of the Master Eligibility List are to be available to competing school upon request and must be submitted to MHSAA Tournament Managers with other required material by the Opt Out - Due Date for that sport tournament." (*MHSAA Handbook*)

In 1997 the MHSAA eliminated the requirement that schools submit eligibility lists to the MHSAA Office. **Mailing or faxing eligibility lists to the MHSAA is unnecessary – send eligibility lists to Tournament Managers with other required material to fulfill tournament entry requirements.** Be sure to include any students who may be eligible for that tournament, such as JV players who may be "brought up." One list per sport – not separate Freshmen, JV and Varsity lists – is considered most efficient for this purpose.

**Preparing the forms in advance of scrimmages or contests helps schools to ensure that only eligible students enter competitions.** Current copies of eligibility lists must be available to opponents upon request. See Regulation II, Section 4 for the complete regulation and interpretations.

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## ATHLETIC SUPPLIES ORDER BLANK

The MHSAA **no longer automatically mails the forms listed below.** Each school is now responsible to use this form to order supplies as needed. This form will appear in the September/October, February and May issues of the *MHSAA BULLETIN*.

All items will be pre-packaged in the quantities listed. To aid in handling, the MHSAA requests you place your order in these quantities. **ORDERS WILL BE FILLED AND RETURNED WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS.**

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