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Scholar-Athlete Award Deadline Approaching!

Applications for the MHSAA-Farm Bureau Scholar-Athlete Award are due in the MHSAA office by 4 p.m. on Dec. 5, 2008. Students may download an application directly from the Scholar-Athlete page on the MHSAA Website, and school administrators must complete a School Applicant List by logging in to the password-protected School Services area of MHSAA.com.

If you have questions about any part of the Scholar-Athlete Award process, please call Andy Frushour in the MHSAA office – 517-332-5046.



ON THE COVER

Among the sports wrapping up the MHSAA Fall season are boys soccer, girls swimming and diving and girls volleyball, all with Finals taking place in November.

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

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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, August 11, 2008

Members Present:

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Keith Eldred, Williamston
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Karen Leinaar, Benzonia
Kris Isom, Adrian

Staff Members Present:

Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

Executive Committee Authority and Responsibility

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

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

It is possible that some of the information presented as facts to the Executive Committee by school personnel and others may be inaccurate. However, to avoid constant repetition in this report of phrases such as "it was alleged" or "it was reported," no attempt is made in the intro-

duction of each waiver request to distinguish between truth, allegation, hearsay, opinion, summary or conclusion. If any information provided to the Executive Committee is inaccurate, any decision of the Executive Committee to grant waiver of a regulation shall be null and void.

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

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

Adoption of these regulations, as well as policies, procedures and schedules of MHSAA tournaments, is a choice schools make locally when they consider their

option of MHSAA membership. Consistent with rulings of the Attorney General and Michigan Supreme Court, schools are not bound by the decisions of the Executive Committee, but the association may limit participation in the postseason tournaments it sponsors to those schools which choose to apply rules and penalties as promulgated by the MHSAA and adopted by each member school's board of education. The MHSAA exercises no independent authority over schools or students.

Summary of 2007-08 Waiver Requests - During the 2007-08 program year, there were 524 (versus 448 in 2006-07, 518 in 2005-06, 436 in 2004-05, 355 in 2003-04 and 408 in 2002-03) requests by member schools to waive regulations, of which 396 (326 in 2006-07, 387 in 2005-06, 297 in 2004-05, 214 in 2003-04 and 215 in 2002-03) were granted by the Executive Committee. Of the total, 372 (282 in 2006-07, 276 in 2005-06, 295 in 2004-05, 232 in 2003-04 and 291 in 2002-03) requests involved the transfer regulation, of which 275 were granted (198 in 2006-07, 204 in 2005-06, 196 in 2004-05, 144 in 2003-04 and 130 in 2002-03).

Rationale for Transfer Regulation – Because of the frequency of requests to waive the transfer regulation, the following rationale for the transfer regulation, first established by the Executive Committee on Aug. 6, 1985 and last reviewed Aug. 13, 2007, was reexamined and reaffirmed:

- a. The rule tends to insure equality of competition in that each school plays students who have been in that school and established their eligibility in that school.
- b. The rule tends to prevent students from "jumping" from one school to another.
- c. The rule prevents the "bumping" of students who have previously gained eligibility in a school system by persons coming from outside the school system.
- d. The rule tends to prevent inter-scholastic athletic recruiting.

- e. The rule tends to prevent or discourage dominance of one sport at one school with a successful program, i.e., the concentration of excellent baseball players at one school to the detriment of surrounding schools through transfers and to the detriment of the natural school population and ability mix.
- f. The rule tends to create and maintain stability in that age group, i.e., it promotes team stability and team work expectation fulfillment.
- g. The rule is designed to discourage parents from "school shopping" for athletic purposes.
- h. The rule is consistent with educational philosophy of going to school for academics first and athletics second.
- i. It eliminates family financial status from becoming a factor on eligibility, thus making a uniform rule for all students across the state of Michigan (i.e., tuition and millage considerations).
- j. It tends to encourage competition between nonpublic and public schools, rather than discourage that competition.
- k. It tends to reduce friction or threat of students changing schools because of problems they may have created or because of their misconduct, etc.

Canton-Agape Christian Academy (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request to waive the enrollment regulation was made to allow the use of 7th-graders on high school teams. The Enrollment Declaration Form submitted in February 2008 showed an enrollment of 54 students which allows for 8th-grade students to play with the high school team. The school's anticipated actual enrollment for grades 9-12 in 2008-09 is between 38 and 42 students, below the 50 which would permit 7th-grade participation with the high school teams. (The school also submitted a request for 6th-grade students to participate with its 7th- and 8th-grade teams.)

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver for 7th-graders to participate in the high school athletic program.

Flushing and Flint—Carman-Ainsworth High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these two schools in ice hockey. Flushing sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. The combined enrollment of 3,309 students will place the team in the Division 1 tournament. Support was received from the Big Nine Conference.

Kalamazoo-Loy Norrix and Kalamazoo Central High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – Because support from the Southwest Michigan High School Ski Conference was not received, the Executive Committee tabled an application for a cooperative program in boys and girls alpine skiing between these two schools of the same district whose combined enrollment would be 2,889 students and place the teams in the Division 1 tournament. Loy Norrix sponsored boys skiing previously and would be the primary school.

Ludington and Scottville-Mason County Central High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these two schools in girls gymnastics. The combined enrollment will be 1,295 students. Ludington sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. The team is not in a league, but support from several future opponents was received.

Pittsford and North Adams-Jerome High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee tabled a partially completed application to form a cooperative agreement in wrestling between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 366 students would place the team in the Division 4 tournament. Pittsford sponsored wrestling previously and would be the primary school. The Pittsford Board of Education has the matter on the Aug. 18, 2008 meeting agenda. Support from the Southern

Central Athletic Association is in process.

Detroit-Loyola High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) – A request to waive the maximum enrollment and competition portions of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a student who repeated the 9th grade at Loyola High School in 2005-06 after earning no credits the previous year at East Catholic High School.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Ypsilanti-Willow Run High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) – A request to waive the maximum enrollment and competition portions of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who began the 9th grade at Willow Run High School in the 2004-05 school year. The student will be beginning his 9th semester overall in the fall of 2008-09. The student was enrolled in classes in a juvenile corrections program from January 2007 through June 2008 and did not participate in athletics during that time.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Coopersville High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request to waive the previous academic credit record regulation was made on behalf of a student who arrived in Michigan as a refugee from Myramar (Burma) and enrolled at Coopersville on Feb. 13, 2008. The student is a ward of the court who resides with foster parents. Because the student does not speak English, his course loads both during the school year and summer have been limited. The student's birth date is March 16, 1990, which would make this the final year the student may participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver of the previous academic credit regulation only.

Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Central High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request was made to waive the current academic credit regulation and specifically Interpretation 49 on behalf of a 12th-grade student who was a shared-time student in 2007-08 at Grand Rapids-North Hills

Classical Academy and took one class at Forest Hills Central. This fall the student intends to enroll in four classes at Forest Hills Central and other classes at North Hills Classical Academy where she intends to graduate. In accordance with Interpretation 49, the allowance for shared-time eligibility is extended to students of schools which do not sponsor an athletic program in any sport. North Hills Classical Academy sponsored a limited schedule in cross country and track & field in 2007-08 but does not sponsor the sport this student desires (swimming & diving).

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Sturgis High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request to waive the previous academic credit record regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who passed all classes in the first trimester of the 2007-08 school year, two of five classes during the second trimester and one class in the third trimester on home-bound status. The student has been diagnosed with a muscle skeletal disease (Fibromyalgia) and been under care for fatigue and migraine headaches which prohibited the student from attending school. The student took one summer school class.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ada-Forest Hills Eastern High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who lives in the Forest Hills Eastern School District and enrolled at NorthPointe Christian for both the 8th and 9th grades because his father was employed there as a teacher from August 2006 through June 2008. As part of the father's employment contract at NorthPointe Christian, the father's children were required to attend NorthPointe Christian Schools. The father's contract was terminated at the end of the 2007-08 school year and the student has returned to the Forest Hills Public Schools.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ada-Forest Hills Eastern High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who has been a member of the cooperative ice hockey team between Forest Hills Eastern and Forest Hills Northern (schools of the same district) for both the 10th and 11th grades. Due to a substance abuse problem, the student was enrolled at the St. Johns Home affiliated with the Forest Hills Public Schools where students transition into Forest Hills Northern High School for their course work. On Jan. 16, 2008, the Executive Committee approved a request for waiver for the student to continue participation in the cooperative program between these schools in ice hockey. The transitional program at Forest Hills Northern was discontinued and the student wishes to return to Forest Hills Eastern to graduate. The school requested consideration that the one-time allowance be waived because the student was placed in a specialized program of the same school district which was discontinued. Support from Forest Hills Northern was received.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for ice hockey only until Jan. 19, 2009.

Ann Arbor-Pioneer High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously resided with his mother in Saline, attended Saline High School and participated in athletics. The student has moved in with his father in Ann Arbor, intending to enroll at Pioneer to begin the 2008-09 school year. The student's parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Bath High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who resides with her parents in DeWitt and began the 9th grade at DeWitt High School in the 2005-06

school year. The student has recently completed a two-year counseling program and schooling in Utah and intends to enroll at Bath High School to begin the 2008-09 school year. The student, her family and counselor believe the student should not return to the same environment where she had experienced difficulties previously.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Battle Creek-Lakeview High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Battle Creek-Pennfield High School while living with her father. The student moved to the residence of her mother and enrolled at Lakeview on April 15, 2008. The student's parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Battle Creek-Pennfield High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Alanson-Littlefield High School while residing with both parents. The student's father has recently become employed in Battle Creek and is renting a condo in Pennfield Township, residing with his son. The student's mother and two sisters have remained in the former home which is up for sale. The parents intend to purchase a home in the Pennfield School District when the previous home is sold.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Bellevue High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously began the 9th grade at Marshall High School in September 2005 (where he lived with his father). The student struggled academically, withdrawing from Marshall Alternative High School in November 2007. The student moved into the residence of his mother, aunt and uncle in

Bellevue. The student's mother moved to Kalamazoo on Feb. 20, 2008 for employment reasons while the student remained in the same household with an aunt and uncle. The student intended to enroll on Feb. 20 but was instructed to wait until the new trimester began in March 2008. The student enrolled March 3 and passed all courses in the third trimester of 2007-08. If not granted immediate eligibility, the school requested eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment.

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

Bloomfield Hills-Cranbrook Kingswood High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Taft School in Connecticut as a boarding school student and participated in athletics. The student's family is moving to Bloomfield Hills, but Bloomfield Hills-Roeper School is 1.13 miles closer to the family's new residence than is Cranbrook. Cranbrook Kingswood matches the make-up of the former school (boarding school and day school). The student will enroll as a day student at Cranbrook; three grade school age siblings previously registered to enroll at Cranbrook.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Buchanan High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – Requests to waive the transfer regulation were made on behalf of 10th- and 11th-grade siblings whose parents have joint weekly physical custody and who previously attended New Prairie High School in Indiana. Over the summer, the mother purchased a home in Niles to be closer to a business she owns in Buchanan; the father continues to reside in New Prairie. An Educational Transfer Form was submitted for each student. The request was to waive Interpretation 60 (school of residence). Buchanan High School is approximately midway between the residences of the parents.

The Executive Committee approved the requests for waiver.

Chelsea High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Ann Arbor-Gabriel Richard High School and participated in athletics. The student resides with her parents in Chelsea and is changing schools because the student has been in conflict with another student since mid-March.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Coldwater High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Coldwater Schools his entire life until his parents relocated to Arizona for employment reasons and he enrolled there for the 2007-08 school year. The mother has filed bankruptcy and will continue to work in Arizona while the father has business in both states. The family has been unable to sell its home in Coldwater which the father occupies when in Michigan on business. The student will reenroll at Coldwater to complete his senior year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Dearborn Heights-Crestwood High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose family has been 30-year residents of the Crestwood School District and whose three brothers attended Crestwood Schools. In the fall of 2007, the family had plans to build a home in South Lyon and enrolled the student at Dearborn-Divine Child High School to begin the 9th grade so as to avoid changing schools in mid year. Shortly thereafter, the sub-prime mortgage crisis caused the new home to not be built and the price of the current home to decline, as did the father's income. The family could not afford the tuition to Divine Child. The family continues to reside in the Crestwood School District and wishes to enroll the student to begin the 10th grade. The student participated in athletics at

Divine Child High School.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Eaton Rapids High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who is moving between parents who are recently divorced but who both reside within the Eaton Rapids School District, one in town and the other out of town. The student lived with both parents in the Eaton Rapids School District and attended Springport High School for the 9th grade. The student, who attended Eaton Rapids through the 7th grade, has moved into a new residence with his mother which is also in the Eaton Rapids School District, close to Eaton Rapids High School, and will enroll there to begin the 2008-09 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver pending completion of an Educational Transfer Form by both schools and the MHSAA office.

Elsie-Ovid-Elsie 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 Ovid-Elsie Schools through the 8th grade before his mother remarried and moved with the student to Tennessee. The mother has Lupus, suffered a stroke in mid-July and filed for a divorce on Aug. 5, 2008 from the student's stepfather. The mother and student are residing with the student's grandfather in the Ovid-Elsie School District.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Flint-Powers Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who was the victim of an assault on March 8, 2007, while enrolled at Flint—Carman-Ainsworth High School and was expelled due to an accusation which was eventually dismissed. The family vacated its home, put it up for sale and moved in with the grandparents. The student enrolled at Burton-Bendle High School for the 2007-08 school year. The home in the Carman-

Ainsworth district did not sell and the family has returned to its original residence and the student intends to enroll at Powers Catholic High School to begin the 2008-09 school year. Flint-The Valley School is the closer nonpublic school to their residence.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Galesburg-Augusta High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Climax-Scotts High School and is facing an expulsion hearing were he to remain at Climax-Scotts. It was agreed that the student needs a change of situation due to conduct-related issues.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Galesburg-Augusta High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only until Jan. 19, 2009. The student began the 9th grade at Galesburg-Augusta, played volleyball and transferred midway through the 2007-08 school year to Schoolcraft High School where she did not participate. The move back to Galesburg-Augusta was attributed to family circumstances detailed in a letter from the grandmother.

Citing the specific requirement of this Section (that the student has not previously participated in high school athletics), the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who lives in the Ottawa Hills School District but has attended Grand Rapids-Creston High School for the past three years. The family cannot afford transportation to Creston and is changing schools for economic and academic reasons.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Union High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only. The student previously attended Grand Rapids-West Catholic and was receiving need-based financial aid which has not been renewed. The student participated in athletics in the 9th grade.

Citing the specific requirement of this Section (that the student has not previously participated in high school athletics), the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grass Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Jackson High School while residing with his father who has been incarcerated. The student has had no contact with his mother. The student has lived with his aunt, then an uncle, and now with his ex-stepmother in the Grass Lake School District, enrolling on Feb. 29, 2008.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods-University Liggett 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 Grosse Pointe South and has enrolled at University Liggett for academic reasons.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Horton—Hanover-Horton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Onsted Schools until March of 2008 when his mother's health condition necessitated a family residential change closer to Foote Hospital in Jackson. The student enrolled at Jackson-Northwest High School in March and completed the 2007-08 school year. The student has been providing the

care for his mother in Jackson and has now moved in with an aunt in the Hanover-Horton School District. The student will be enrolling at Hanover-Horton High School to begin the 2008-09 school year. The father has not been in the student's life.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Howell High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B & D]) – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only or on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Novi-Detroit Catholic Central where he participated in athletics. The father lost his job in December 2007 and could no longer afford tuition or gas to transport the student daily to Novi from Howell. The student enrolled at Howell High School on March 18, 2008. The student resides in Howell.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Hudson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who lives with his father in Waldron in close proximity to both Morenci and Hudson High Schools. The student previously lived with his mother in Ohio for the 8th grade before the father obtained full custody as the student entered the 9th grade at Morenci High School in 2007-08 where the student participated in football. The student will only participate in subvarsity athletics.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Hudson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose parents were never married and who has attended Waldron Schools since the second grade. The student lived with her father in Waldron through the end of the 10th grade. To begin the 11th grade, the student changed residences to Hudson with her mother but continued at Waldron High School. To begin the 12th grade and the 2008-09 school year, the student will

enroll at Hudson High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver pending receipt of an Educational Transfer Form completed by both schools and the MHSAA and birth documents identifying the biological parents.

Jonesville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Hillsdale High School and an outstate rehabilitation clinic until enrolling at Jonesville High School on April 28, 2008. The student was unable to cope with the death of his brother and developed depression and a substance abuse problem which resulted in treatment by mental health professionals and a rehabilitation program in Utah until February 2008. The student returned to Hillsdale High School on March 6, 2008, but experienced difficulties related to substance abuse by classmates. Hillsdale High School, the student and his family and psychologist believe the student should enroll elsewhere.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Kalamazoo-Comstock High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Comstock High School for the 9th and 10th grades while residing with an uncle in Comstock. In the 11th grade, the student left Comstock High School on Oct. 4, 2007, and enrolled at Plainwell High School after moving in with his mother who also lives in Comstock. In the spring of 2008, the bank foreclosed on the mother's home and the student returned to live with his uncle and reenrolled at Comstock High School on April 15, 2008. The mother and the uncle both reside in Comstock. The father is not in the student's life.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Lake Linden-Hubbell 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 Calumet High School for

the second semester of the 2007-08 school year while residing with his parents. The student was the subject of abuse which involved the firing of a weapon, a charge that was dropped. In June 2008, the Houghton County Circuit Court ordered the father, who is now out on bail, to have no contact with the student who has been living since then with an aunt in Lake Linden. The student's father has moved in with the mother.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Lansing - Ingham Academy (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 was made on behalf of students who are wards of the court as juveniles and ordered to attend this new member school created by the Ingham County Family Court and Intermediate School District. The request was to allow eligibility under the transfer regulation for current and future students who would otherwise be eligible under Exception 2 or 3 (returning to live with their parents or wards of the court residing with foster parents) but who, by court order, are not attending the public school of their residence.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for the 2008-09 school year.

Livonia-Ladywood High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and Interpretation 60 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended school and lived with her mother in Florida. The mother's job has forced her to relocate to England, causing the student to move in with her grandfather to complete her education in the United States. The grandfather has sent his children to an all-boys and all-girls Catholic High School. Ladywood is the closest all-girls school to the grandfather's residence.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Madison Heights-Bishop Foley High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation

and specifically Interpretation 60 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who registered to enroll at Bishop Foley in the fall of 2006 but moved with his parents to Lapeer to care for ailing grandparents and enrolled at Lapeer East High School to begin the 9th grade. The family has recently moved to Berkley where Royal Oak-Shrine is 2.5 miles closer to the new home than Bishop Foley. The student attended St. Dennis Grade School which is a founding parish of Bishop Foley. The father is an alumnus of the school and an older sister and cousin also attended Bishop Foley.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Marlette High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose family built a home in Florida in 2007. In 2007, the father accepted a position in Florida and the mother and student remained in Marlette. The mother is now seeking employment in Florida. Because schools in Florida begin Aug. 18, 2008 and Marlette begins Sept. 2, 2008, the school requested to waive the transfer regulation to allow the student to enroll in Florida on Aug. 18 and if the mother does not obtain employment, the student be allowed to return to the Marlette School District with the mother only and reenroll there. The student would not participate in a competition in Florida until it was certain that he would not return to Michigan.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver provided the student does not participate in an interscholastic scrimmage or contest while in Florida and enrolls at Marlette High School before Oct. 1, 2008.

Marquette High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of 10th and 11th-grade siblings who have changed residence from Petoskey to Marquette with their father due to employment-related circumstances. The mother will remain in Petoskey with her current job until their home sells. At present, the twin sister of the 10th-grade student wish-

es to remain with her mother in Petoskey but may decide to move with the father.

The Executive Committee approved the requests for waiver.

Midland High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended school in Maryland while living with his mother and stepfather. The mother has a deteriorating medical condition and is no longer able to care for the student. The student has moved to Midland to reside with a longtime family friend whose intention is to adopt this student. The future adoptive father has decided to move the student because there were documented circumstances of conflicts with the stepfather in Maryland.

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

Onsted High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who formerly lived in Sand Creek and has attended Gaylord Public Schools since 2000 while living with her grandfather in Gaylord. In 2000, the student's parents died in a murder-suicide tragedy. The student is returning to graduate where she has many relatives, leaving her grandfather to move in with an aunt and uncle who reside in Onsted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Orchard Lake-St. Mary's High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and Interpretation 60 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously lived with his parents in Germany where he attended school and who has moved with his mother only to Birmingham while the father continues an employment assignment in Germany. Brother Rice High School is closer to the new residence than is St. Mary's. The student had attended a Catholic grade school prior to moving to Germany.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

St. John's High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously was approved for eligibility on April 16, 2008 by the Executive Committee while enrolled at Lansing-Waverly High School. The student's adoptive parents are divorced and he has moved between both parents and undergone abuse in years past. The student began the 9th grade in Mason while living with his father and moved to the home of his mother to begin the second semester of the 10th grade in January 2008 at Waverly High School. In early March 2008, the student was taken out of the mother's home and has been living with an older sister in the St. Johns School District. The student is enrolling at St. Johns High School for the start of the 2008-09 school year. The previous decision was that the April 16, 2008 approval would be the only time the transfer regulation would be approved on this student's behalf.

The Executive Committee did not approve the second request for waiver for this student.

Spring Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (public school of residency) was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Spring Lake Schools from grades 4 through 7 until changing residences in June of 2006, attending school in New York for the 8th and 9th grades. The family has purchased a home in the Fruitport School District in an area where the school district lines run through the middle of the neighborhood. The student wishes to enroll at the former school, which is not the school of his new residence.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Westland-Lutheran High School Westland (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of 10th and 12th-grade brothers who previously attended Hudsonville High School. The family has relocated to Canton because the father is a

Lutheran minister who has accepted a position at Guardian Lutheran Church in Dearborn. Younger siblings will attend Guardian Lutheran School which is a feeder school to Lutheran High School Westland. The students would have attended a Lutheran school in Allendale but one was not available. Lutheran High School Westland is not the closest nonpublic school but is the closest Missouri Synod Lutheran high school to the family's residence.

The Executive Committee approved the requests for waiver.

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

Requesting High School – Grade
(Former High School, Date of Enrollment, Change From Subvarsity Eligibility Status)

Grand Rapids-NorthPointe Christian – 10 *(Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Central, Fall 2008, Jan. 19, 2009)*

Holland-Calvary – 10 *(Zeeland East, Fall 2008, Jan. 19, 2009)*

Madison Heights-Lamphere – 10
(Fraser-Arts Academy in the Woods, Fall 2008, Jan. 19, 2009)

Hartland High School (Regulation II, Section 11) – Pursuant to Interpretation 221, a request to waive the three-player rule for the 2008-09 school year was made on behalf of the girls varsity swimming & diving coach who is employed full time with the Hurricane Swim Club and also year-round for the Hartland Community Education Program

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as the head water safety instructor and lesson coordinator. There are 100-120 participants registered for 2008-09 from ages 5-18 from six school districts: Brighton, Linden, Milford, Howell, Fenton and Hartland. It is expected that 15-20 students from Hartland High School will participate in the program. The request was granted previously by the Executive Committee for another coach of the same program.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for the 2008-09 school year.

Ludington High School (Regulation II, Section 11) – Pursuant to Interpretation 221, a request to waive the three-player rule for the 2008-09 school year was made on behalf of the boys and girls swimming & diving coach at Ludington High School who is also the community recreation pool director and present during open swim hours. A similar request was granted in both 2005 and 2006. The pool director's activity is supervisory in nature.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for the 2008-09 school year.

Waterford Kettering High School (Regulation II, Section 11) – Pursuant to Interpretation 221, a request was made to waive the three-player rule on behalf of the assistant high school boys and girls swimming & diving coach who works full time with the Waterford Kingfish Aquatic Club which includes 42 students (boys and girls) who are 7-12th graders and 24 who are 6th grade or below from seven school districts. It was reported that nine students from Waterford Schools in grades 7-12 will be involved in the program. Previously, the Executive Committee tabled this request pending information regarding the use of an outside agency (PCMI) which contracts coaches.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for the 2008-09 school year.

White Lake-Lakeland High School (Regulation II, Section 11) – Pursuant to Interpretation 221, a request to waive the three-player rule for the 2008-09 school year was made on behalf of the assistant

girls varsity swimming & diving coach who is employed full time with the Penguins Swim Club. There are 74 participants ages 6-17 registered for 2008-09; 28 are in grades 7-12 from six school districts: Walled Lake, Fenton, Holly, Waterford, Brighton and Huron Valley (the requesting district). Fifteen of the students in grades 7-12 in the program are from Huron Valley Schools; five members of the Lakeland swim team will participate in the program. The school wishes to hire this coach for the 2008-09 school year and allow her to continue her employment with the Penguins Swim Club.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for the 2008-09 school year.

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

Benton Harbor-Countryside Academy
– Girls Basketball

Canton-Agape Christian Academy –
All Sports

Escanaba-Holy Name – All Sports

Hillman – Boys Basketball

Hillsdale Academy – All Sports

Lake Leelanau-St. Mary – Girls
Basketball

Sault Ste. Marie-JKL Bahweting PSA
– All Sports

Auburn Hills-Avondale High School (Classification) – Effective July 1, 2008, the Avondale School District will not allow non-traditional education students to participate in interscholastic athletics, which if known at the time the Enrollment Declaration Form was submitted, would have reduced the school's count from 1,314 to 1,124 for MHSAA tournament classification purposes. The school asked that its enrollment be lowered and that the school be placed in the division for smaller schools in seven MHSAA tournaments (boys and girls cross country, boys golf, boys and girls soccer, and boys and girls track & field), or at least those four tour-

naments affected in the spring.

The Executive Committee did not approve the change in enrollment and tournament divisions.

Evart High School (Tournament Classification) – A request to amend the Enrollment Declaration Form submitted in February 2008 was made to lower the school's enrollment from 397 students to 341 students because the school's new data system counted 56 students twice.

The Executive Committee did not approve the change in enrollment or tournament divisions.

Grand Rapids-North Hills Classical Academy – Because of declining enrollment, in August of 2006 this school voluntarily ceased to be an MHSAA member school after several years of membership in good standing (no violations). With 18 students anticipated to begin the 2008-09 school year, the school sought to reinstate membership, which MHSAA staff recommended without necessity of another site visit.

The Executive Committee approved MHSAA membership reinstatement with immediate MHSAA tournament eligibility provided the school's administrator of interscholastic athletics attends the fall 2008 Athletic Director Orientation program.

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

Clarkston-Everest Catholic High School, an independent Catholic high school conducted by the Legionnaires of Christ which has several schools throughout the country. The school first opened in 1995 as an elementary school which now has 410 students in preschool through 8th grade. Twenty students are registered to enroll to begin the 9th grade in the fall of 2008-09. All classes are gender specific. Boys and girls are separate for all instruction, cafeteria, chapel, etc., from the 3rd grade forward. The school has a separate

international boarding program for junior high/middle school students from Mexico. The junior high/middle school has participated in the Detroit CYO for many years. There is a regulation gym floor with seating on one side, two auxiliary practice gyms, a football and soccer field with 60 acres left for growth. Cooperative agreements in most sports with Waterford-Our Lady of the Lakes were approved by the Executive Committee on June 11, 2008, pending membership approval by Aug. 11, 2008. The projection is that Everest Catholic would sponsor its own boys and girls basketball, girls volleyball and boys golf teams in 2009-10, and possibly add tennis, softball, skiing and cross country in the following years. The school's 2008-09 Membership Resolution was received signed on May 30, 2008, as well as an athletic code of conduct. Provided a 2009-10 Membership Resolution is received prior to Oct. 2, 2009 for the 2009-10 school year, and provided all other rules are complied with, the school is eligible for MHSAA postseason tournaments in the 2009-10 school year. The school will be a member of the Archdiocese of Detroit's Catholic High School League.

Detroit-Cristo Rey Catholic High School, an independent Catholic high school in the former Detroit-Holy Redeemer High School. Cristo Rey is one of nine schools in the country that is part of a network of schools originally started by the Jesuits. Its motto is "the school that works" as each student works one day a week and attends school the other four. Business and corporate partners pay the school for one "worker" each school year which consists of four-five students who each work one day each week. Only low income students are accepted and their tuition is much lower than other Catholic high schools. The school has an extended school day which runs until 4:30 p.m. and transports the students each day to their jobs in law offices, hospitals, banks, etc. In addition, student-workers may not miss their work assignment for sports, which would make some scheduling difficult. The school will open for the first time in the fall of 2008 with an estimated 100 9th-

grade students. The school has the former gymnasium of Holy Redeemer High School available and nearby public parks. It intends to offer both boys and girls basketball and boys and girls track & field in the spring. The school's 2008-09 Membership Resolution was received signed on July 29, 2008. The athletic code of conduct and Preliminary Enrollment Declaration Form were received. Provided a 2009-10 Membership Resolution is received prior to Oct. 2, 2009 for the 2009-10 school year, and provided all other rules are complied with, the school will be eligible for MHSAA post-season tournaments in the 2009-10 school year. The projection is that Cristo Rey High School would not enter MHSAA tournaments until it has an 11th grade in 2010-11. The school will be a member of the Archdiocese of Detroit's Catholic High School League.

Committees – Dates and invitations for MHSAA committees which meet before Dec. 31, 2008 were presented for Executive Committee approval.

Basketball Finals Site Proposals – The Executive Committee was given a preview of proposals to host MHSAA Boys and Girls Basketball Tournaments after 2009. There will be further review at the committee's Sept. 3 meeting before submitting recommendations to the Representative Council for action.

Multimedia Regulations – The Executive Committee approved three changes in the Multimedia Regulations adopted by the Representative Council in May.

Updates – The executive director provided updates regarding finance, litigation and legislation.

Personnel – The Executive Committee approved the executive director's 2008-09 Standards of Performance and contract extension through July 31, 2011.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Monday, Sept. 29, at 9 a.m. in Traverse City; Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; and Thursday, Dec. 4, at 1 p.m. in East Lansing. ■

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, September 3, 2008

Members Present:

Jim Derocher, Negaunee
Keith Eldred, Williamston
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Eric Federico, Gibraltar
Pete Ryan, Saginaw

Staff Members Present:

Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

Executive Committee Authority and Responsibility

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

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

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

the Executive Committee to grant waiver of a regulation shall be null and void.

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

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

Adoption of these regulations, as well as policies, procedures and schedules of MHSAA tournaments, is a choice schools make locally when they consider their option of MHSAA membership. Consistent with rulings of the Attorney General and Michigan Supreme Court, schools are not bound by the decisions of the Executive Committee, but the association may limit participation in the post-season tournaments it sponsors to those schools which choose to apply rules and penalties as promulgated by the MHSAA and adopted by each member school's

board of education. The MHSAA exercises no independent authority over schools or students.

Battle Creek-Central, Battle Creek-Pennfield and Battle Creek-St. Philip Catholic Central High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Pennfield High School to a cooperative program in boys swimming & diving which has existed between St. Philip and Central since 1996. A girls swimming & diving agreement currently exists for all three high schools. Central sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. The combined enrollment of 2,278 students will continue placement of the team in the Division 1 tournament. Support was received from the Big Sixteen Conference.

Farmington Hills-North Farmington and Farmington Hills-Harrison High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls alpine skiing between these two schools of the same district. The combined enrollment will be 2,704 students and will place the teams in the Division 1 tournament. Neither school sponsored skiing previously; North Farmington will be the primary school. Support from the Oakland Activities Association was received.

Haslett and Williamston High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls gymnastics between these schools. The combined enrollment will be 1,557 students. Haslett has sponsored gymnastics previously and will be the primary school. Support was received from the Capital Area Activities Conference.

Haslett, Bath, East Lansing and Williamston High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved an application to combine two cooperative agreements in ice hockey (East Lansing and Bath, Haslett and Williamston) into one agreement between four schools. The combined enrollment of 3,011 students will replace two teams in Division 2 with one

team in the Division 1 tournament. Haslett will be the primary school. Support was received from the Capital Area Activities Conference.

Holly and Oxford High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these two schools in boys and girls alpine skiing. The combined enrollment will be 2,640 students and replace two teams in Division 1. Oxford was previously in a cooperative program with Ortonville-Brandon. Holly will be the primary school. Support from the Southeast Michigan Ski League was received.

Kalamazoo-Loy Norrix and Kalamazoo Central High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls alpine skiing between these two schools of the same district. The combined enrollment will be 2,889 students and will place the teams in the Division 1 tournament. Loy Norrix sponsored boys skiing previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Southeast Michigan Ski Conference was received.

Mason, Charlotte, Eaton Rapids, Potterville and Webberville High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee tabled a partially completed application for the addition of Potterville and Webberville High Schools to a cooperative program in ice hockey which has existed between the three other schools since 2005. The combined enrollment of 3,487 students would continue placement of the team in the Division 1 tournament. Mason would be the primary school. Support from the Capital Area Activities Conference has been received.

Pittsford and North Adams-Jerome High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in wrestling between these two schools. The combined enrollment of 366 students will place the team in the Division 4 tournament. Pittsford sponsored wrestling previously and will be the primary school.

Support from the Southern Central Athletic Association was received.

Sturgis and Three Rivers High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls alpine skiing between these two schools whose combined enrollment will be 1,178 students and will continue placement of the teams in the Division 2 tournament. Sturgis sponsored skiing previously and will be the primary school. Support from several future opponents was received.

Traverse City-St. Francis, Elk Rapids, Kalkaska, Mancelona and Suttons Bay High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Mancelona High School to a cooperative program in ice hockey which has existed between the four other schools since 2000. The combined enrollment of 1,969 students will continue placement of the team in the Division 1 tournament. St. Francis will be the primary school. Support from the Northern Michigan Hockey League was received.

Walled Lake Western High School (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – This school requested the formation of a non-tournament stand-alone boys lacrosse team at Walled Lake Western High School for the 2008-09 school year while cooperative agreements which split the enrollment of Walled Lake Western continue for this same school year in a team based at Walled Lake Central and a second team based at Commerce-Walled Lake-Northern. Western students who participated on the Central or Northern team would not be allowed to participate on the Western only team. The school suggested this as a trial year to attempt to dissolve its cooperative agreements and have one team at each school in the future.

The Executive Committee approved the request for the 2008-09 school year.

Wayland Union, Hopkins, Hastings and Middleville-Thornapple Kellogg High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Hastings High School to a cooperative program in ice

hockey which has existed since 2000 and previously included Byron Center High School, which has withdrawn. Wayland Union will continue as the primary school. The combined enrollment of 3,418 students will continue placement in the Division 1 tournament. Support from the OK Conference was received.

Wyoming-The Potter's House High School and Grand Rapids-North Hills Classical Academy (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee tabled an application for a cooperative program in baseball, boys and girls basketball, girls soccer, boys and girls track & field and boys and girls bowling between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 166 students would place the teams in Class D or Division 3 or 4 tournaments. The enrollment of North Hills Classical Academy, previously reported as 18 students, may have dropped to 15 students. The schools have been cautioned that should on-site enrollment in grades 9-12 drop below 15 students, MHSAA membership and the cooperative agreement would be ended. Support from the Alliance League was requested but not received.

Ypsilanti-Lincoln and Milan High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 2,379 students will place the new team in the Division 1 tournament. Lincoln sponsored hockey previously and will be the primary school. Support from the South Eastern Conference was received.

Battle Creek-Pennfield High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request to waive the previous academic credit record regulation is made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who is a Burmese refugee and a ward of the court placed in foster care in the Pennfield School District (Exception 3). Due to the situation in Myanmar, the academic records for the student are unavailable.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern High School (Regulation I, Section 7) –

A request to waive the previous academic credit record regulation was made on behalf of a 17-year-old refugee from Myanmar who is being placed in 9th-grade classes and whose academic records are not available. The host family lives in the Forest Hills Northern attendance area.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Kentwood-East Kentwood High School (Regulation I, Sections 7 & 9) –

A request to waive the previous academic credit record and transfer regulations was made on behalf of a student who previously attended Grand Rapids-Catholic Central and will be repeating the 9th grade at East Kentwood. The student withdrew from Catholic Central on March 4, 2008 due to a medical condition which resulted in hospitalization from March 14-21, 2008.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Sparta High School (Regulation I, Section 7) –

A request to waive the previous academic credit record regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who is a ward of the court recently placed in foster care in the Sparta School District and who previously attended Zeeland High School until May 16, 2008. The student lived with his mother and her boyfriend until he left with his biological father for Texas with plans to return to their native Bolivia once funds were raised for airfare. The father abandoned the student in Texas and he was eventually returned to Ottawa County Detention and then foster care. The student passed two classes at Zeeland High School in the second semester of the 2007-08 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

White Lake-Lakeland High School (Regulation I, Section 7) –

A request to waive the previous academic credit record regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who has a confirmed diagnosis of a medical condition and was unable to achieve credit for the second semester of the 2007-08 school year due to the disease, its treatment and medica-

tion. The student passed two courses in summer school in 2008.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Whitehall High School (Regulation I, Section 7) –

A request to waive the previous academic credit record regulation was made on behalf of an 18-year-old 12th-grade student who previously attended Reeths-Puffer High School but withdrew in the second semester of the 2007-08 school year with a deficient academic record. The student's father is in prison in Maryland and the student's mother is incapable of caring for the student. A transcript was received, as well as an Educational Transfer Form exercising Exception 12 (18-year-old moving unaccompanied by a parent).

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Birmingham-Seaholm High School (Regulation I, Section 8) –

A request to waive the current academic credit record regulation and specifically Interpretation 47(d) (base school requirement) was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attends the International Academy which is a non-traditional school included on the Enrollment Declaration Forms for both Seaholm and Groves High Schools (schools of the same district). The student attended middle school in Birmingham and was under the impression that he could participate in football at either high school because he knew that he could attend either high school after 8th grade. The student has never participated in high school athletics previously.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver with the stipulation that eligibility is limited to the subvarsity level until Jan. 19, 2009.

Fruitport High School (Regulation I, Section 8) –

A request to waive the current academic credit record portion of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of one and possibly more students who attend the North-East Education Center which is a centralized program for students from nine school districts in Muskegon County. Ravenna operates the program. Funds are split between the

NEEC and the students' home districts. Schools do not list this program nor count these students on MHSAA Enrolment Declaration Forms.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Central High School (Regulation I, Section 8) – A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the current academic credit record regulation and specifically Interpretation 47(d) (base school of residency for non-traditional school). The student will continue to attend the Grand Rapids Montessori program to begin the 9th grade which is included on the Enrollment Declaration Forms of the Grand Rapids Public Schools. The Grand Rapids Public Schools have changed attendance boundaries, moving the student's address from the Central attendance area to the Creston attendance area. The student has an older brother who attends the Montessori program and participates in soccer at Central High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Oscoda High School (Regulation I, Section 8) – A request to waive the current academic credit record regulation and specifically Interpretation 50 (shared time) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose basic records are filed at Tawas Area High School and who intends to graduate from Tawas Area High School but is taking three of five classes in Oscoda.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Alba High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously lived with her mother in Boyne City and attended Boyne City High School. The student has moved to the residence of her father and younger stepbrother in Mancelona and has enrolled at Alba High School to begin the 2008-09 school year. The stepbrother attends Alba. The student's biological parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate

indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ann Arbor-Gabriel Richard High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who recently moved from Kansas and resides in Ann Arbor. Gabriel Richard is not the closest nonpublic school to the new residence but the student is Catholic and Gabriel Richard is the closest Catholic School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ann Arbor-Gabriel Richard High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who recently moved from Korea and resides in Ypsilanti. Gabriel Richard is not the closest nonpublic school to the new residence but the student is Catholic and Gabriel Richard is the closest Catholic School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Bessemer-A. D. Johnston High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Wakefield-Marenisco High School where she participated in athletics. The student has enrolled at A. D. Johnston High School for educational reasons.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Dearborn-Fordson High School for the 9th grade before the family moved to Southfield. The student enrolled at Detroit Country Day, which is not the closest nonpublic school to the student's new residence. Southfield Christian is closer to the new home by less than one mile. The student and his family are practicing Shiite Moslems and Southfield

Christian is a Baptist school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who attended Auburn Hills Christian High School for three days, Aug. 25-27, 2008, before the family received a notification of acceptance at Detroit Country Day High School. School began at Detroit Country Day on Sept. 2, 2008. The student did not practice or compete at Auburn Hills Christian.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Beverly Hills-Groves High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously lived in Hazel Park and has been unable to remain in the home of his parents. The student now resides with a former neighbor who lives in the Groves attendance area.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Bridgman 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 Benton Harbor High School before placement by the courts in the Residential Treatment Center in the Berrien County Juvenile Center in October 2007. The student's therapist directed that the student be enrolled at Bridgman and not at his former school. As a ward of the court, the student continues to reside at the Residential Treatment Program with limited home visits. The student's parents reside in Benton Harbor, and the residential facility is in Berrien Springs. The student has registered to enroll with Bridgman High School to begin the 2008-09 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver with the stipulation that the student will not be immediately eligible under any exception to the transfer regulation when he is released from the juvenile center.

Bronson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who has been living with both parents and attending school in Coldwater. The parents are in the process of a divorce which was filed on August 8, 2008 and not yet final. The student and his father have an apartment in the Bronson School District.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Climax-Scotts 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 school in Comstock while residing with his mother. The student has moved to Climax-Scotts to reside with his father. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with an Affidavit of Parentage.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Detroit-Consortium College Prep High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Detroit-Denby High School while living with his mother and then Detroit-Southeastern while living with an uncle, and who has moved now as an 18-year-old under Exception 12 to the home of an aunt and uncle who reside in Westland. Consortium College Prep is not the closest charter school to the student's new residence but the aunt and uncle have a son who also attends Consortium College Prep. A completed Educational Transfer Form has been received.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

East Lansing High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 72 (9th-grader practicing with another school) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who was notified on Aug. 18, 2008 that he had been accepted for enrollment at East Lansing

High School. The student attended football practice at Lansing-Eastern High School for six days from Aug. 11-16 and did not participate in a scrimmage.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

East Lansing High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Lathrup Village-Southfield Lathrup High School while living with both parents and a 12th-grade brother. The student and father moved to East Lansing when the father's job was transferred there. The mother and 12th-grade brother are remaining in Lathrup Village so the brother can graduate. The entire family plans to relocate to East Lansing at the end of the 2008-09 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Fenton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who began the 9th grade at Flint-Powers Catholic in 2006-07 and the 10th grade in 2007-08 at Fenton High School while living with both parents and siblings in the Fenton School District. At the start of the 2007-08 school year, the father's work was transferred to Tennessee while the student, her mother and siblings remained in Fenton. In January 2008, the mother, student and siblings joined the father in Tennessee. The student enrolled in school there and did not participate in athletics. After one semester in Tennessee, the mother and siblings returned to a new home in Fenton while the father continued in Tennessee to keep his job. The student intends to reenroll to begin the 2008-09 school year at Fenton High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Flint Community Schools (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to interpret or waive applicable regulations and interpretations so that students who had previously attended Flint Southwestern Academy but could not continue there because of recently changed

enrollment criteria might be immediately eligible at other schools under the transfer regulation.

The Executive Committee determined that those students not allowed to reenroll for the 2008-09 school year for the sole reason that they do not meet and did not have adequate notice of recently revised Flint Board of Education enrollment criteria, are immediately eligible for interscholastic athletics insofar as the transfer regulation is concerned only where they were first enrolled in academic classes for the 2008-09 school year and only if they have not represented another school in an interscholastic scrimmage or contest in any sport this school year. This policy applies only to the first semester of the 2008-09 school year.

Fruitport High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously lived with his parents in Kentucky and has moved with his mother only to Fruitport and will be enrolling there to begin the 2008-09 school year. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Ledge High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Grand Ledge High School until the second semester of the 2007-08 school year when, as a result of marital disputes, the father enrolled the student in Lansing-Sexton. The father remained in Grand Ledge and the mother moved with her sons to the residence of her eldest son in East Lansing, where the other son was enrolled in East Lansing High School. The family has reconciled in Grand Ledge and the student reenrolled at Grand Ledge High School to begin the 2008-09 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Ledge High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Scottville-Mason County Central while living with both parents, who are in the process of getting a divorce. The mother has moved in with a male friend whose children also attend Mason County Central, resulting in the student and father moving to Grand Ledge.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 72 (9th-grader practicing with another school) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student whose family was unable to finalize his choice of high schools due to the mother's medical condition and transportation issues. The student attended football practice at Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Central High School for one day, on Aug. 11, 2008, and did not participate in a scrimmage or contest.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who began the 9th grade as a ward of the court in Grand Rapids and spent the 10th grade at the Glenn Mills School in Pennsylvania. The student has returned to live with his mother in the Creston High School attendance area and has enrolled at Central High School. The Grand Rapids Public Schools have changed attendance boundaries, moving the student's address from the Central attendance area to the Creston attendance area. The student's parent wishes the student to attend Central High School to be closer to a probation officer who works in the Central High School attendance area.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Creston High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to

waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who participated in athletics at Wyoming-Godwin Heights High School in the 9th grade while residing with her father. The mother is not in the student's life. For employment reasons, the father recently moved to Texas without the student, who has moved in with an uncle in the Creston attendance area.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Horton—Hanover-Horton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – On Aug. 11, 2008, the Executive Committee approved a request to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Onsted Schools until March of 2008 when his mother's health condition necessitated a family residential change closer to Jackson-Foote Hospital. The father has not been in the student's life. The student enrolled at Jackson-Northwest High School and completed the 2007-08 school year. The student has been providing the care for his mother in Jackson and then moved in with an aunt in what was believed to be the Hanover-Horton School District where the aunt's daughter attends elementary school. The student will be enrolling at Hanover-Horton High School to begin the 2008-09 school year. When the bus garage was contacted regarding transportation, it was learned that the aunt's home was across the street from the Hanover-Horton School District. The school contacted the MHSAA as soon as this was discovered and has withheld the student from competition.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Jackson Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 72 (9th-grader practicing with another school) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who attended soccer practice at Jackson High School for three days from Aug. 11-13, 2008 and did not participate in a scrimmage or contest.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Jackson Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of two foreign exchange students (grade 11) who are 1.5 and 2.8 miles closer to Jackson-Lumen Christi High School than to Jackson Christian High School. This is the first time Jackson Christian has hosted students from a CSJET-approved program and allowed athletic participation. The students were placed by the Quest Program at schools which met the criteria of the students' families. Siblings of both host families attend Jackson Christian High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Jackson-Lumen Christi High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Brooklyn-Columbia Central High School and changed residences to Hillsdale. The student lives just less than one mile closer to Jackson Christian High School than to Lumen Christi High School. The student's mother is Catholic.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Kalamazoo Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only until Jan. 19, 2009. The student previously attended Kalamazoo Christian High School, participated in athletics and is enrolling at Kalamazoo Central for financial reasons.

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

Kalamazoo-Loy Norrix High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Three Rivers High School for the 9th and 10th grades while living with his

mother and stepfather, who have filed for a divorce which is not yet final. The student's biological father is deceased. The student has moved with his mother (but not his stepfather) to Kalamazoo.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Kalamazoo-Loy Norrix High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who lived with his grandmother and uncle in the Kalamazoo Central attendance area, attending Kalamazoo Central High School for three semesters and then Phoenix High School for one semester. Due to family and financial issues at home, the student has moved with an aunt into the Loy Norrix attendance area. The family is concerned that past behavior problems would repeat if the student did not change schools. The student's mother lives in Grand Rapids and has substance abuse problems; the father is homeless.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Kalamazoo-Loy Norrix 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 Richland-Gull Lake High School. The student's parents have enrolled him at Loy Norrix seeking a change in the educational environment.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Kalamazoo-Loy Norrix High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 72 (9th-grader practicing with another school) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who practiced for five days with Kalamazoo Central High School before the student was required to attend his school of residence.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Kalkaska High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 17-year-old 11th-grade student who formerly attended Mancelona High School, has had

a conflict with his parents and now resides in Kalkaska with a brother and sister-in-law.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

L'Anse 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 school in Texas while residing with his mother. The student has moved to the residence of his grandparents in L'Anse due to unstable living conditions provided by the mother and the absence of any support from the father.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Lansing-Waverly High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously lived with her mother and attended school in Atlanta, Georgia. The student has moved to the residence of her father in the Lansing-Sexton attendance area and has enrolled at Waverly High School to begin the 2008-09 school year. The student has a stepbrother who has attended Waverly for two years. The student's biological parents never married. A birth certificate indicating both parents was submitted and an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form is in process.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver upon completion of an Educational Transfer Form.

Lansing-Waverly High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who lived in the Waverly School District and attended middle school in the Waverly district. To be closer to the home of an ailing grandmother in the Lansing-Sexton High School attendance area, the student enrolled at Sexton to begin the 9th grade while continuing to reside with his mother in the Waverly district. Due to economic hardship and the complexity of the mother's work schedule, to begin the 2008-09 school year the student has enrolled at Waverly High School.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Livonia-Churchill High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Dearborn-Divine Child High School and lived in Garden City in a home which has been sold. The student's family has a purchase agreement for a home in the Churchill attendance area which it hopes to occupy soon. The family is renting a home in the Livonia-Stevenson attendance area.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Madison Heights-Bishop Foley High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended school and participated in athletics at Clinton Township-Clintondale High School. The student's parents died eight years ago. The student, a brother and cousin were raised by the grandparents who intended to send them to Bishop Foley for high school but delayed one year because the grandmother was stricken with cancer. The brother and cousin are enrolling to begin the 9th grade. The family is Catholic. Bishop Foley is the closest coeducational Catholic school to the family's residence.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Maple City-Glen Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Glen Lake Schools through the 8th grade and, following a divorce and relocation by the student with his mother, enrolled at Traverse City West Junior High School and participated in athletics during the 9th grade. In the summer of 2008, the student's family (mom and siblings) moved to Lake Ann in the Benzie School District and the student enrolled at Glen Lake High School.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Marine City-Cardinal Mooney Catholic 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 Kimball-New Life Christian High School and was diagnosed with learning problems. The student has been advised that she will receive more assistance at Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School. The student will travel fewer miles to attend Cardinal Mooney.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Menominee High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously lived in Arizona with his parents and has moved to the residence of an uncle in Menominee who has obtained full guardianship. The student needed a change in environment due to family issues.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Middleton-Fulton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 72 (9th-grader practicing with another school) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who registered to enroll at Middleton-Fulton on Aug. 11 2008, and practiced volleyball that same day at Carson City-Crystal High School. The student had an older sister who graduated from Fulton Schools in 2008.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Midland-Bullock Creek High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who is a ward of the court and has been placed with foster parents who reside in the Midland Public School District (Exception 3). The parents have two sons enrolled in the Bullock Creek Schools and would like this student to attend school in the same district.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Mt. Morris-E. A. Johnson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who was a ward of the state and lived with her grandmother in the Mt. Morris School District until Nov. 28, 2007, when the student's mother withdrew the student from school so she could live in Alaska with the father and attend school there. At the conclusion of the 2007-08 school year, the student moved back to Michigan and is now living again with the grandmother.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Muskegon High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously lived in the Hesperia School District and attended Holton High School. On Aug. 11, 2008, the student's family moved to Muskegon while a 24-year-old sister and young daughter remained in the former residence. The father maintains a family business on the former property.

Based on the information available, the Executive Committee determined that the circumstances did not satisfy the requirements of a full and complete residential change under the transfer regulation and that a waiver of the transfer regulation should not be approved. Among many factors leading to these decisions are:

- (1) The representations to the school district that the family lived in that district predated the effective date of the rental agreements within the district, which post-dated the first football game.
- (2) The absence of a compelling reason for the family to move from a spacious farm to a small apartment located at a significant distance from the father's place of business.
- (3) Information from multiple sources that the student's parents have not been residing exclusively with the student in the Muskegon School District.
- (4) The presence of the same coach at the previous and current school, and reports of the student living

with that coach for a period of time.

North Branch High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously lived with his mother and attended Plainwell High School before moving to North Branch to live with his father, enrolling at North Branch High School to begin the 2008-09 school year. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Powers-North Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Norway High School and participated in athletics. He has been raised by his grandmother since elementary school and his parents are not in the student's life. The grandmother's work shift changed and she can no longer take care of the student. The student has been taken in by a family in the North Central School District.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Powers-North Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Carney-Nadeau High School and participated in a football cooperative program between these schools. The student had previously attended North Central Schools prior to the 8th grade. Support from Carney-Nadeau was received.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for football only until Jan. 19, 2009.

Richland-Gull Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who has been living with both parents and attending Kalamazoo-Hackett Catholic Central High School. The parents are in the

process of a divorce which was filed in August 2008 and is not yet final. The student will live with the father in Gull Lake and intends to enroll there. The cost of tuition for both children is no longer affordable.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Riverview High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Riverview-Gabriel Richard High School and enrolled at Riverview High School on March 10, 2008.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver, effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Riverview High school starting March 10, 2008.

St. Clair Shores-South Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Rochester High School while living with his father. The student has moved to the mother's home and is enrolling in South Lake High School to begin the 2008-09 school year. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted with a birth certificate indicating both parents. A previous request for waiver (from father to mother and South Lake to Rochester) had been approved by the Executive Committee on Dec. 3, 2007.

The Executive Committee did not approve the second request for waiver.

Saline High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously lived in Illinois with his mother and has moved to the residence of his father in Saline, intending to enroll at Saline High School to begin the 2008-09 school year. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted with documentation indicating the father.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Scottville-Mason County Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) –

A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 72 (9th-grader practicing with another school) to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only until Jan. 19, 2009. The student practiced several days and participated in a scrimmage with Ludington in football before registering to enroll at Mason County Central on Aug. 25, 2008.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Stockbridge High School (Regulation I, Section 9) –

A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who had lived in Stockbridge and attended Stockbridge High School his entire career except for the second semester of the 2007-08 school year when the student moved to Massachusetts to live with an aunt and uncle. The student has returned to live with his parents (Exception 2) who now reside in Pinckney, enrolling at his former school, Stockbridge, but not his school of residence, Pinckney.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Suttons Bay High School (Regulation I, Section 9) –

A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously lived with his father and attended Traverse City West High School. The student has moved to the residence of his mother and will be enrolling at Suttons Bay High School to begin the 2008-09 school year. The student's parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted, along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Traverse City Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) –

A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previ-

ously attended school in Indiana while living with his single mother. The student has moved to the residence of lifelong family friends in Traverse City. The student has been treated for disorders brought on by family issues. The student lives in the Traverse City Central attendance area and enrolled at Traverse City Central to begin the 2008-09 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Warren-Fitzgerald High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) –

A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only until Jan. 19, 2009. The student previously attended Detroit-Wynans Academy of Performing Arts and played basketball before the school dropped junior varsity basketball after four games.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Wayne Memorial High School (Regulation I, Section 9) –

A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously lived with her father and attended Westland-John Glenn High School. The student has moved to the residence of her mother and will be enrolling at Wayne Memorial High School to begin the 2008-09 school year. The student's parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted, along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

West Branch-Ogemaw Heights High School (Regulation I, Section 9) –

A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 82 (foreign exchange, two semesters of eligibility and then no more) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade foreign exchange student from Korea enrolled through a CSIET-listed program who attended Ogemaw Heights High School for the first semester of the 10th grade and Ogemaw Hills Christian School for the second semester of 2007-08. The student did not participate in athletics at either school. Ogemaw Hills

Christian does not offer sports. The student's father is an American citizen who lives in Korea and the student is also an American citizen. The student will be living with his original host family.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

West Branch-Ogemaw Heights High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Bay City-John Glenn High School while living with his mother in Bay City. The student has moved to the residence of his grandparents to help care for the grandmother who has diabetes and is going blind.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Whitmore Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student attended Whitmore Lake for the 9th grade, enrolled at South Lyon East High School in January 2008, and reenrolled at Whitmore Lake on March 10, 2008.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver, effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Whitmore Lake High School starting March 10, 2008.

Whitmore Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student attended Whitmore Lake for the 9th grade, enrolled at South Lyon East High School in January 2008, and reenrolled at Whitmore Lake on March 10, 2008.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver, effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Whitmore Lake High School starting March 10, 2008.

Subvarsity Waiver Requests Meeting All Conditions of Section 9(B) – The Executive Committee approved immediate eligibility at the subvarsity level for the

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

Requesting High School – Grade
(Former High School, Date of Enrollment, Length of Subvarsity Eligibility Status)

Bay City-John Glenn – 10 *(Bay City-Central, Fall 2008, Jan. 19, 2009)*

Blanchard-Montabella – 10 *(Lakeview, Fall 2008, Jan. 19, 2009)*

Jackson-East Jackson – 10 *(Horton-Hanover-Horton, Fall 2008, Jan. 19, 2009)*

Kalamazoo-Loy Norrix – 10 *(South Broward, Florida, Fall 2008, Jan. 19, 2009)*

Kalamazoo-Loy Norrix – 10 *(Parchment-Barclay Alternative, Fall 2008, Jan. 19, 2009)*

Linden – 10 *(Citrus, Florida, Fall 2008, Jan. 19, 2009)*

Madison Heights-Bishop Foley – 10 *(Hamtramck, Fall 2008, Jan. 19, 2009)*

Midland-Bullock Creek – 10 *(Midland, Fall 2008, Jan. 19, 2009)*

Muskegon – 10 *(Muskegon Heights, Fall 2008, Jan. 19, 2009)*

Northville – 10 *(Bradley, Illinois, Fall 2008, Jan. 19, 2009)*

Novi-Franklin Road Christian – 10 *(Bloomfield Hills-Acad. of the Sacred Heart, Fall 2008, Jan. 19, 2009)*

Romulus – 10 *(Dearborn-Henry Ford Academy, Fall 2008, Jan. 19, 2009)*

Roseville – 10 *(Detroit Academy of Arts & Sciences, Fall 2008 Jan. 19, 2009)*

Belleville High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – A request to waive the three-player rule and Interpretation 221 (coordinating or assisting during or in

preparation for the three-player period) was made on behalf of the junior varsity boys basketball coach at Belleville who is the manager of an indoor basketball facility not affiliated with Belleville High School. The coach is requesting to run a fall basketball league with students from several schools including Belleville and open to the general public.

Noting that Interpretation 221 does not apply to basketball, the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 221, a request was made to waive the three-player rule on behalf of an assistant boys and girls tennis coach who has been hired to work at the MVP Sportsplex to teach tennis lessons to a variety of age groups from the greater Grand Rapids area including students from surrounding school districts.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

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

Burt Lake-Northern Mich. Christian Academy – All sports

Cooks-Big Bay de Noc – 7th-grade boys & girls basketball

Hillman – 7th-grade girls basketball

Posen – Boys & girls basketball, boys & girls track & field

Powers-North Central – Boys & girls basketball

Rock-Mid Peninsula – Boys & girls basketball, boys & girls track & field

Watervliet-Grace Christian – Boys & girls basketball, boys & girls soccer, girls volleyball

Zeeland-Borculo Christian – Boys & girls basketball, boys & girls soccer, girls volleyball

Adrian-Lenawee Christian School (Regulation III, Section 1) – The Executive Committee did not approve the request to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th and 8th-graders in boys soccer for this school.

Finance – The Executive Committee reviewed a second and more detailed report of changes in the 2008-09 budget to improve upon what was adopted by the Council in May.

Basketball Finals Venues – The Executive Committee reviewed proposals for future Boys and Girls Semifinal and Final Basketball sites. A recommendation will be prepared for Representative Council action at the Executive Committee's Sept. 29, 2008 meeting.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Monday, Sept. 29, at 9 a.m. in Traverse City; Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; and Thursday, Dec. 4, at 1 p.m. in East Lansing. ■

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

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

Please follow this efficient path of communication

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, September 29, 2008

Members Present:

Jim Derocher, Negaunee
Keith Eldred, Williamston
Karen Leinaar, Benzonia
Rudy Godefroidt, Hemlock
Chip Hansen, East Jordan

Staff Members Present:

Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

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

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

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

of a regulation shall be null and void.

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

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

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

Mason, Charlotte, Eaton Rapids, Potterville and Webberville High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) –

The Executive Committee approved the addition of Potterville and Webberville High Schools to a cooperative program in ice hockey which has existed between the three other schools since 2005. The combined enrolment of 3,487 students will continue placement of the team in the Division 1 tournament. Mason will be the primary school. Support from the Capital Area Activities Conference was received.

Port Huron and Port Huron-Northern High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) –

The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys lacrosse between these two schools of the same district whose combined enrollment of 3,194 students will place a new team in the Division 1 tournament. Neither school sponsored the sport previously; Port Huron High School will be the primary school. Support from the Macomb Area Conference was received.

Wyoming-The Potter's House High School and Grand Rapids-North Hills Classical Academy (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) –

The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in baseball, boys and girls basketball, girls soccer, boys and girls track & field and boys and girls bowling between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 166 students will place the teams in Class D or Division 3 or 4 tournaments. The Potter's House will be the primary school. Support from the Alliance League was received.

Eaton Rapids High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) –

A request to waive the maximum enrollment and competition portions of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who began the 9th grade in the 2004-05 school year in Hawaii. For the 10th and 11th grades, from 2005-2007, the student attended a school in Hawaii that did not have athletics and where the student did not receive credits for any classes during the second semester of each school year. The student then enrolled at another school in Hawaii where he com-

pleted both semesters of the 2007-08 school year. The student is 18 and has moved to Eaton Rapids, residing with an uncle and enrolling to begin at least his eighth semester overall, and his fifth first semester since 2004-05.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver, pursuant to the requirements of *Handbook Interpretation* 29.

Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern High School (Regulation I, Section 7) –

A request to waive the previous academic credit record regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who was diagnosed with Cervicalgia and muscle spasms which cause intense migraines. The student received credit for one of six classes in the second semester of the 2007-08 school year.

The Executive Committee tabled the request for waiver pending receipt of information necessary to reach a decision.

Oscoda High School (Regulation I, Section 8) –

On Sept. 3, 2008, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the current academic credit record regulation and specifically *Interpretation* 50 (shared time) made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose basic records are filed at Tawas Area High School and who intends to graduate from Tawas Area High School but is taking three of five classes in Oscoda. Additional information was submitted from both Oscoda and Tawas Area High Schools.

Noting that the circumstances of this student are not unusual or compelling and that options to facilitate the student's participation through a cooperative program had been available and through *Interpretation* 206 remains available, the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Ann Arbor-Greenhills High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) –

A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only until Jan. 19, 2009. Because the school calendar differs in South Korea, the student is in his fourth semester of high school. The student moved to Ann Arbor

from Korea with his mother while the father remained in South Korea. An older sister graduated from Greenhills last year. The student will turn 19 before his 12th grade, and has only three semesters of eligibility remaining.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until Jan. 19, 2009.

Benzonia-Benzie Central 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 school in Wisconsin while residing with her father. The student now resides with her mother in the Benzie School District and has enrolled there to begin the 2008-09 school year. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a custody order indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Birmingham-Seaholm High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose mother is incarcerated out of state and who attended Detroit-Cody High School while living with his grandmother and an abusive father who was forced to leave the home. The grandmother can no longer care for the student, who has moved in with a family that lives in the Seaholm School District and has other children attending Seaholm.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Bronson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended school in North Carolina while residing with her mother. The student now resides with her father in the Bronson School District and has enrolled there to begin the 2008-09 school year. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

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Burr Oak High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Colon High School while living with her mother and has moved to the residence of relatives in Burr Oak, enrolling at Burr Oak High School to begin the 2008-09 school year. The student changed schools for personal safety issues stemming from family issues and the situations.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Clawson High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of a 10th-grade foreign exchange student placed by a CSIET-listed program with a host family which lives in Pontiac and is relocating to Clawson. The host family works closer to Clawson High School and previously had an exchange student at Clawson High School. The agency was informed in advance that the student would be attending Clawson High School and not the school of residence.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until Jan. 19, 2009. The student is eligible at any level thereafter until the end of competition for the 2008-09 school year, after which the student has no further eligibility at an MHSAA member school.

Coopersville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose parents are divorced and who lived with his mother in the Howard City-Tri County School District until being suspended, moving in with an aunt and enrolling at Belding High School for the final three weeks of his 10th grade. To begin the 2008-09 school year, the student has moved in with another aunt in the Coopersville School District. He visits his father on weekends in Grand Rapids.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Davison High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a

10th-grade student who previously attended Clio High School while residing with her mother. The student now resides with her father in the Davison School District and has enrolled there to begin the 2008-09 school year. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Detroit-Allen Academy 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 Detroit-Charlotte Forten Academy for the 9th and 10th grades. The school closed after the 2007-08 school year. The student was accepted at Allen Academy and attended an orientation program on Aug. 27, 2008. The student attended classes at Detroit-Pershing High School for one-half day on Sept. 4, 2008, and began classes at Allen Academy on Sept. 10, 2008. The student did not participate in practices or contests at Pershing.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Detroit-Consortium College Prep High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student in need of special education services who previously attended Detroit-Crockett Technical and Southeastern High Schools before enrolling at Consortium College Prep to begin the 2008-09 school year. It was recommended the student take vocational tech classes at Crockett in the fall of 2008. However, the parent has chosen to enroll the student at Consortium College Prep where he is not taking vocational tech classes.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Fowlerville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Fowlerville High School for the 9th and 10th grades before enrolling at Webberville High School for four school

days to begin the 2008-09 school year. The student reenrolled at Fowlerville High School on Sept. 8, 2008.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Northview High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who attended Rockford High School for two days (Sept. 3-4, 2008) until enrolling at Northview High School when her parents were informed that the student would be accepted as a student at Northview. The student enrolled at Northview on Sept. 5 and did not participate in athletic practices, scrimmages or contests at Rockford.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grosse Pointe South High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Grosse Pointe South for her entire career except for five days, from Aug. 22-28, 2008, when the student enrolled at Warren-Regina High School. The student attended two practices but did not compete in a scrimmage or contest before reenrolling at Grosse Pointe South on the first day of school there, Sept. 2, 2008.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Holt High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who lives in the Lansing-Everett attendance area and made application to attend Holt High School to begin the 9th grade and was placed on a waiting list. The student waited until school started before practicing with Everett. The student was notified of his acceptance by Holt High School on Sept. 5, 2008, after school had begun and after the student participated in two practices and one junior varsity soccer game for Everett.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Houghton High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Hancock High School and participated in the cooperative program in alpine skiing between these two schools during the 2007-08 school year. The student enrolled at Houghton High School to begin the 2008-09 school year and wishes to continue to participate on the ski team. The waiver request was signed by both high school principals.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for skiing only until Jan. 19, 2009.

Indian River-Inland Lakes High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Inland Lakes for the 10th grade in 2007-08 while sharing residency between his birth parents who never married and both lived in the Indian Lakes School District. To begin the 11th grade, the student lived with his father and step-mother in Indian River and played in a football game on Aug. 29, 2008. The student and his family then moved to Montrose (Exception 1) and the student played in a JV football game for Montrose on Sept. 4, 2008. The student then returned to live with his biological mother (Exception 8) on Sept. 6, 2008, and enrolled at Inland Lakes on Sept. 8, 2008. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Jackson-Lumen Christi High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 83 was made on behalf of two 11th-grade students who enrolled as visiting foreign students at Lumen Christi High School but were not placed through a CSIET-listed program. The students both reside with host families who have children attending Lumen Christi High School. The students intend to be enrolled for two semesters only. The students' placements were the result of inter-

action between local priests and families they encountered while serving in the foreign missions of Mexico and Brazil.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Kingsford High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Kingsford Schools his entire career except for the first two weeks of the 2008-09 school year when the student moved to Wisconsin because his father's job was lost when the local paper mill closed. The student's father found a job in Wisconsin and the family moved over the summer. After two weeks, the student was having difficulty and has moved with his mother only back to Kingsford, reenrolling at Kingsford High School on Sept. 15, 2008. The father remains employed in Wisconsin. The student plays soccer for which there is no fall MHSAA tournament for Upper Peninsula schools.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Lansing-Waverly High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended school in Ohio while residing with his mother. The student now resides with his father in the Waverly School District and has enrolled there to begin the 2008-09 school year. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Manistee High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation and Interpretation 60 was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Petoskey-Lakeview Academy while residing with her father. The student now resides with her mother in the Brethren High School district and has enrolled at Manistee High School to begin the 2008-09 school year. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer

Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents. The student has enrolled at Manistee High School because the mother believes Manistee would be more like the previous school than Brethren High School.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Middleton-Fulton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose family attended Middleton-Fulton Schools from grades 5-8 while living in Carson City until the father's job was transferred to Illinois in 2005 when the family relocated. The father's job has been restored in Michigan and the family has returned to live in Carson City. The student has reenrolled at Middleton-Fulton, which is the former school but not the school of residence. A younger sibling attends Fulton Schools.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Midland High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously lived with his father and adoptive mother in Fort Wayne, Indiana. In the spring, the father accepted a job in Michigan. The student had numerous conflicts with his mother which deteriorated to the point where the student had to call the police and he could no longer reside with his mother. The student has moved to the residence of his father in the Midland High School attendance area.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Milan High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who lived with his mother and stepfather in Illinois as a 9th-grader and was kicked out of the home when he contacted his biological father. The student then moved in with his biological father and grandmother for the 10th grade. Because of the father's substance abuse, the student has changed residences again to that of an aunt in the

Milan School District and enrolled at Milan High School to begin the 2008-09 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Milan 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 Ypsilanti-Lincoln High School while living with her mother who was diagnosed with terminal cancer last year. On Aug. 1, 2008, the student moved in with the grandmother because the mother could no longer care for the student. The mother died on Sept. 11, 2008, and the student now resides permanently with the grandmother, enrolling at Milan High School to begin the 2008-09 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Muskegon-Orchard View High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Orchard View Schools his entire career except for five days this fall when the student's family moved to Texas. The student's father had left the family, requiring that the mother and her six children relocate. The student has returned to the Orchard View School District and is living with a friend.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Owosso High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who attended Corunna High School for four days (Sept. 2-5, 2008) until enrolling at Owosso High School on Sept. 8 and did not participate in athletic practices, scrimmages or contests at Corunna. The student has a half brother who is in the 12th grade who has attended Owosso Schools since the 4th grade.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Richland-Gull Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – On Sept. 3, 2008, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the transfer

regulation on behalf of an 11th-grade student who had been living with both parents and attending Kalamazoo-Hackett Catholic Central High School. The parents are in the process of a divorce which was filed in August 2008 and is not yet final. The student lives with the father in Gull Lake, and enrolled there to begin the 2008-09 school year. The cost of tuition for two children at Kalamazoo-Hackett was no longer affordable. Gull Lake submitted additional information regarding the student's emotional state and difficulty coping with the divorce and change of schools.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

St. Joseph High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who made a residential change with his mother and father from Las Vegas and the family is currently residing in a homeless shelter in Benton Harbor.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver this one time only and stipulated that this student will not be eligible immediately under any exception to the transfer regulation should she subsequently change schools.

St. Louis High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended St. Louis Schools through the 9th grade. In August 2008, the student's custody was changed by court order to reside with her mother in Shepherd. The student was enrolled at Shepherd High School for six days from Sept. 2-9, 2008 before reenrolling at St. Louis High School on Sept. 10, 2008. St. Louis is not the school of residence but is the former school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Springport 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 Eaton Rapids High School. The

student was the victim of incidents in Eaton Rapids and enrolled at Springport High School to begin the 2008-09 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Swartz Creek High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Gladwin High School while residing with his father. The student now resides with his mother in the Swartz Creek School District and has enrolled there to begin the 2008-09 school year.

The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Taylor-Trillium Academy (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who attended River Rouge High School to begin the 9th grade, practiced football and played in one football game before enrolling at Trillium Academy on Sept. 10, 2008.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Waterford Mott High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 72 (practicing with another team before school begins). The student practiced football for five days with Waterford Kettering High School due to an internal school district error. The student lives in the Waterford Mott attendance area, did not participate in a contest or scrimmage, and enrolled there to begin the 2008-09 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Watervliet-Grace Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who attended Berrien Springs High School for four days (Sept. 2-5, 2008) until enrolling at Grace Christian High

School on Sept. 8 and did not participate in athletic practices, scrimmages or contests at Berrien Springs. The student and a younger 8th-grade sister, who also attended Berrien Springs for four days, attended Grace Christian Schools for the past three years.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Westphalia—Pewamo-Westphalia High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who, at age 13, was removed by protective services from the home of her mother and placed with her father, and who lived with her father and his girlfriend in Leslie, attending Leslie High School for the 9th and 10th grades. In the 10th grade, the student was kicked out of her house by the father and lived with her grandmother and continued attending Leslie High School. The student has changed residence and schools, moving to the Pewamo-Westphalia School District to live with an aunt and uncle. The student enrolled at Pewamo-Westphalia to begin the 2008-09 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

White Cloud High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Reed City High School while residing with his father. The student now resides with his mother in the White Cloud School District and has enrolled there to begin the 2008-09 school year. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ypsilanti High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Detroit-Crockett Technical High School while residing with his mother. The student has moved to the residence of his father in the Ypsilanti High School District, enrolling to begin the 2008-09

school year. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with child support documents from the Wayne County Friend of the Court which indicate the father and the student.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

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

Requesting High School – Grade
(Former High School, Date of Enrollment, Length of Sub-Varsity Eligibility Status)

Bronson – 9 (*Coldwater, Fall 2008, Jan. 19, 2009*)

Clawson – 10 (*Pontiac Northern, Fall 2008, Jan. 19, 2009*)

Dollar Bay – 10 (*Lake Linden-Hubbell, Fall 2008, Jan. 19, 2009*)

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Durand – 10 (*Ohio, Fall 2008, Jan. 19, 2009*)

Gibraltar-Carlson – 10 (*Traverse City Alternative, Fall 2008, Jan. 19, 2009*)

Grand Rapids Union – 10 (*Grand Rapids-Kenowa Hills, Fall 2008, Jan. 19, 2009*)

Grosse Pointe North – 10 (*Harper Woods-Heart Academy, Fall 2008, Jan. 19, 2009*)

Holt – 9 (*Lansing-Sexton, Fall 2008, Jan. 19, 2009*)

Royal Oak-Shrine – 9 (*Berkley, Fall 2008, Jan. 19, 2009*)

Grosse Pointe South High School (Regulation II, Section 11) – Pursuant to Interpretation 221, a request to waive the three-player rule for the 2008-09 school year was made on behalf of the boys assistant varsity swimming & diving coach who is also now a full-time head coach with the Grosse Pointe Gators Swim Club. There are 203 participants registered for 2008-09 from ages 5-18 from two school districts and seven nonpublic schools. Twenty of the 203 participants are enrolled at Grosse Pointe South. The request was granted previously by the Executive Committee for the former coach of the same program who is no longer coaching in this program.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this coach and this program for the 2008-09 school year.

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

Deerfield – Girls basketball

Eau Claire – 7th-grade girls basketball

Lake Leelanau-St. Mary – boys basketball

Parma-Western and Jackson Trinity Lutheran Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football between these two member middle schools. Parma-Western will be the primary school.

Vassar and Richville-St. Michael's Lutheran Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football between these two member middle schools. Vassar will be the primary school.

Zeeland-Creekside and Zeeland-Borcula Christian Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football between these two member schools. Creekside will be the primary school.

Tennis – In May, the Representative Council approved the use of an additional coach, registered with the MHSAA on the Regional Entry Form, to coach at each additional site utilized for the Final tournament. A request has come from three conferences to grant the same allowance for conference meets, which conflicts with the MHSAA Tennis Manual.

The Executive Committee approved the request for these conferences, authorized MHSAA staff to approve similar requests, and directed the MHSAA Tennis Committee to review the policy in the MHSAA Tennis Manual.

Volleyball – In May, the Representative Council amended the Volleyball Tournament structure to provide that District tournaments with extensive travel could play on a Friday and Saturday. A request has come from Pellston High School, which is hosting District 123 which includes Beaver Island, to play the entire tournament on Saturday to reduce costs for Beaver Island, which will be flying to the game in an airplane. District 123 includes Alanson-Littlefield, Beaver Island, Harbor Springs-Harbor Light Christian, Mackinaw City and Pellston.

The Executive committee approved the request.

Scholar-Athlete Committee – The Executive Committee approved membership of the Scholar-Athlete Committee.

Finance, Litigation, Legislation – The executive director provided updates on finance, litigation and legislation.

Basketball Finals Venues – The Executive Committee approved conducting the Girls and Boys Basketball Semifinals and Finals at the Breslin Student Events Center at Michigan State University on consecutive weekends in March of 2010 and 2011.

MHSAA 401(k) Plan Amendment – The Executive Committee approved and adopted the Final 415 Regulations Amendment to the Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc. Employee 401(k) Plan effective for Limitation Years and Plan Years beginning on or after July 1, 2007; and authorized the executive director to execute this Amendment and

related documents on behalf of the corporation.

Representative Council – The Executive Committee reviewed a draft of the Dec. 5 Representative Council Meeting schedule and agenda and considered options for appointed members.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; and Thursday, Dec. 4, at 1 p.m. in East Lansing. ■

UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Escanaba, September 17, 2008

Members Present:

Jim Derocher, Negaunee
Dan Flynn, Escanaba
Don Gustafson, St. Ignace
Paul Polfus, Carney
Joe Reddinger, Felch
Catherine Shamion, Ewen
Tom Smith, Escanaba

Staff Members Present:

Nate Hampton (Recorder)

The meeting started promptly at 8:30 a.m. with Mr. Dan Flynn as chairperson. The committee acknowledged the work of member Catherine Shamion from Ewen for her outstanding work on behalf of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee over these past three years. Mrs. Shamion has retired from her position as superintendent of Ewen-Trout Creek Schools. The committee wishes Mrs. Shamion well in retirement.

2008-09 BASKETBALL

The committee reviewed the latest information on the options for basketball and volleyball tournament hosting approved by the Representative Council.

This Non-Traditional Draw Format is required for Districts 12A, 63B, 64B and 93C. It is optional to other Districts or when any two competing schools playing each other agree with the approval of the MHSAA and the assigned host manager.

NEW DRAW DATE INFORMATION

New draw options were established to accommodate the new District competition format. The District host may now complete the draw on or after the first

allowed practice date (Girls-Nov. 10 and Boys-Nov. 17), but not later than January 5, 2009.

2008-09 VOLLEYBALL

General information, tournament dates and Regional through Finals Upper Peninsula officials' selection was discussed. District managers will select District officials.

Quarterfinal 12C – Vincent Gross, Sault Ste. Marie

Quarterfinal 16D – Michael Gobert, Gladstone

Semifinal and Final – Vincent Gross, Sault Ste. Marie

Alternates – Jo Jean Miller, Rapid River and Lisa Harry, Kingsford

FOOTBALL OFFICIALS SELECTION

Ten of the available 13 crews were selected for the first round of the 2008 football tournament. Five crews were selected for District assignments and three crews were selected for Regional assignments. One crew was selected for Semifinals. The selected Referee and Umpire will also work the Finals at Ford Field.

Semifinal Crew:

Referee – John Gravier, Ontonagon
Umpire – John Hogberg, Iron Mountain
Back Judge – John Vaara, Hancock
Line Judge – Doug Schupp, Iron Mountain
Head Linesman – Erik Bessonon, Gladstone

Semifinal Crew:

Referee – Don Gustafson, St. Ignace
Umpire – Charlie Morrison, Marquette
Back Judge – Scott Winkelman, St. Ignace
Line Judge – Joseph Strong, Ontonagon
Head Linesman – Barry James, Marquette

Final Positions:

Referee – Thomas Smith, Escanaba
Umpire – Christopher Marshall, St. Ignace

BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

The Upper Peninsula Finals will be hosted by Sault Ste. Marie on Oct. 18, 2008.

Competition Order for 2008 is Boys followed by Girls, Division 3, 2, 1.

BOYS AND GIRLS GOLF

Boys and Girls Golf Finals will be held Friday, May 29, 2009, at the following sites:

Division 1 – Escanaba

Division 2 – Ishpeming

Division 3 – Boys at Bark River and Girls at Rock Mid-Peninsula

The committee will require all Final golf managers to establish a rain date.

GYMNASTICS

Regionals – March 7, 2009

Finals – March 13-14, 2009

Rules meeting – Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2008, at Escanaba High School, 5:30 p.m.

HOCKEY

Regionals: March 2-7, 2009

Quarterfinals: March 10-11, 2009

Semifinals: March 12-13, 2009 –

Compuware Arena, Canton

Finals: March 14, 2009 –

Compuware Arena, Canton

Hockey – Regional site selection for Division 1; move to a two-year rotation between Escanaba and Marquette. Escanaba in 2009 and Marquette in 2010.

Division 3 Regional at Michigan Tech, hosted by Hancock High School.

Quarterfinal host: If Sault Ste. Marie is involved, the game will be hosted in Marquette. If Sault Ste. Marie is not involved, the game will be hosted in Sault Ste. Marie.

SKIING

Regionals: Feb. 12 or 13, 2009 (Ski Committee selection LP in 2009).

Finals: Feb. 23, 2009 sites: Division 1 at Nub's Nob, Division 2 at Boyne Mountain.

BOYS AND GIRLS SWIMMING

Finals: Feb. 21, 2009 at Marquette.

TENNIS

Finals: Girls - Oct. 3, 2008

Division 1 – Kingsford

Division 2- Ishpeming

Finals: Boys – May 28, 2009

Division 1 – Marquette

Division 2 – Ishpeming

TRACK AND FIELD

Regionals: May 13, 14 or 16, 2009.
Finals: May 30, 2009 at Kingsford.

Following a lengthy discussion on classification concerns brought by several Track and Field coaches on classification formulas used for Track and Field, the committee did not make any recommendation for change, nor suggested any other action at this time. The committee noted on-going conversation that will include classification concerns.

WRESTLING

Individual: Districts – Feb. 21, 2009

Regionals – Feb. 28, 2009

Finals – March 12-14 at the Palace of Auburn Hills

Team: Districts – Div. 1 and 3 – Feb. 18, 2009

Div. 2 and 4 – Feb. 19, 2009

Regionals – Feb. 25, 2009

Finals – March 6-7, 2009 at Kellogg Arena, Battle Creek

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Spring sport calendar concerns that may conflict with end-of-year activities for schools were discussed. The committee reviewed correspondence and offered that tournament dates are published seven years in advance. It is the school's responsibility to review dates and attempt to limit conflicts where possible.

Soccer – The committee discussed the need for and the responsibility of schools sponsoring soccer teams, even though these teams do not participate in the MHSAA tournament, to comply with and enforce all rules and regulations that are applicable for all member schools in all MHSAA tournament sports.

Baseball/Softball – With more schools sponsoring baseball and softball, the committee discussed whether there was a need for the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee to assign officials for Upper Peninsula MHSAA tournament competition and to assist with tournament site assignments.

FUTURE MEETING

The next meeting of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee will be held Sunday evening, January 11 and Monday, Jan. 12, 2009, at the Escanaba Best Western Pioneer Inn. This two session meeting will attempt to accommodate the usual business of the committee and to assign basketball officials for both the girls and boys tournaments.■

MICHIGAN MERIT EXAM

The changing policies, procedures and schedules of the Michigan Merit Examination require special communication and may require some advance planning by 11th-grade students who are involved in extracurricular and community activities.

The MHSAA has published this chart many places to help in the process (please note that events on the night before testing could be as important to consider as events on the actual day or night of testing):

2009 Michigan Merit Exam Dates

DATES	MHSAA TOURNAMENTS
March 10	Girls Basketball Regionals, Ice Hockey Quarterfinals, LP Boys Diving Regionals
March 11	Boys Basketball Districts, Ice Hockey Quarterfinals
March 12	Girls Basketball Regionals, Ice Hockey Semifinals, Individual Wrestling Finals

MAKEUP DATES

March 24	Boys Basketball Quarterfinals
March 25	None
March 26	Boys Basketball Semifinals

The Department of Education has scheduled the three makeup dates for Day 1 (March 24), Day 2 (March 25) and Day 3 (March 26). Students who miss any one of the original three days for any reason are eligible to take the missed day(s) on the reschedule date(s). For example, students would be able to take Days 1 and 2 of the test on the normally scheduled days at their high school (March 10 and 11) and then could take Day 3 on the Day 3 makeup date (March 26) also at their high school.

We urge school administrators to share this information with all 11th-graders involved in the sports listed above.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF BOARD OF CANVASSERS

East Lansing, September 15, 2008

We, whose signatures appear below, declare the following to be nominees for, or members elect of, the Representative Council or the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc., as a result of ballots received in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Section 6, of the Constitution, or as authorized by the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee at its meeting on Oct.3, 1941.

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

NORTHERN SECTION -

CLASS A AND B SCHOOLS (No. 1)

Total number of legal ballots received . . . 21
Peter Ryan, Saginaw Township. 21
Illegal or incomplete ballots received . 3

Elected by Majority of Votes - Peter Ryan

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION -

CLASS A AND B SCHOOLS (No. 2)

Total number of legal ballots received . . . 47
Fred Smith, Buchanan. 47
Illegal or incomplete ballots received . 5

Elected by Majority of Votes - Fred Smith

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION -

CLASS A AND B SCHOOLS (No. 3)

Total number of legal ballots received . . . 60
Eric C. Federico, Gibraltar 60
Illegal or incomplete ballots received . 5

Elected by Majority of Votes -

Eric C. Federico

UPPER PENINSULA -

CLASS C AND D SCHOOLS (No. 4)

Total number of legal ballots received . . . 27
James Derocher, Negaunee 22
Randy Van Gasse, Norway-Vulcan . . . 5
Illegal or incomplete ballots received . 1

Elected by majority of votes –

James Derocher

NORTHERN SECTION -

CLASS C AND D SCHOOLS (No. 5)

Total number of legal ballots received . . . 47
Chip Hansen, East Jordan 47
Illegal or incomplete ballots received . 4

Elected by majority of votes – Chip Hansen

STATEWIDE AT-LARGE (No. 6)

Total number of legal ballots received . . 343
Scott C. Grimes, Grand Haven 343
Illegal or incomplete ballots received . . 28

Elected by majority of votes –

Scott C. Grimes

JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOLS (No. 7)

Total number of legal ballots received . . 107
Keith Eldred, Williamston. 44
Steve Newkirk, Clare 63
Illegal or incomplete ballots received . 5

Elected by majority of votes –

Steve Newkirk

PRIVATE AND PAROCHIAL HIGH SCHOOLS (No. 8)

Total number of legal ballots received . . . 49
Vic Michaels, Detroit 49
Illegal or incomplete ballots received . 3

Elected by majority of votes – Vic Michaels

UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

ATHLETIC COACH (No. 9)

Total number of legal ballots received . . . 28
Daniel E. Olkkonen, Kingsford. 5
Paul Polfus, Carney-Nadeau 13
Leon Sutherland, Ontonagon 10
Illegal or incomplete ballots received . 1

**No majority – Names of Paul Polfus and
Leon Sutherland submitted to schools**

CLASS D SCHOOLS (No. 10)

Total number of legal ballots received . . . 15
Joseph Reddinger, Felch-North
Dickinson 15
Illegal or incomplete ballots received . 3

Elected by majority of votes –

Joseph Reddinger

BOARD OF CANVASSERS (Signed)

Leon Olszamowski, Principal, Pontiac-Notre
Dame Preparatory High School
Roger Rush, Athletic Director, Leroy-Pine
River Area High School
Ronald Stoneman, Superintendent, Dansville
Agricultural Schools
Mike Vondette, Principal, Hemlock High
School
Mark Woodson, Athletic Director, Romulus
High School

OFFICIAL REPORT OF SECOND MEETING OF BOARD OF CANVASSERS

East Lansing, September 30, 2008

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UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

ATHLETIC COACH (No. 9)

Total number of legal ballots received . . . 31
 Paul Polfus, Carney-Nadeau 21
 Leon Sutherland, Ontonagon 10
 Illegal or incomplete ballots received . 3
Elected by majority of votes – Paul Polfus

BOARD OF CANVASSERS (Signed)

Leroy Hackley, Athletic Director,
 Jenison High School

OFFICIALS RATINGS

Schools are responsible for rating officials who officiate contests involving their teams in the sports (listed below) for which official ratings are maintained. Schools which fail to rate any official during the season shall be subject to the penalties outlined under Regulation V, Section 4. The following information shows a four year tracking of the ratings. The number of officials ratings submitted by schools and processed by the MHSAA since 2000-01 follow:

Sport	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Baseball	11,488	12,026	11,472	12,335	13,015	13,744	13,449	13,119
B. Basketball	32,708	33,053	32,069	33,414	34,647	35,098	35,029	35,320
G. Basketball	31,229	30,231	30,084	29,827	31,954	32,399	33,082	34,435
Comp. Cheer							4,514	5,660
Football	28,270	26,468	26,872	27,648	28,101	29,476	29,383	28,373
Ice Hockey	2,636	3,017	3,166	3,466	3,530	4,281	4,346	3,972
B. Lacrosse					491	809	864	820
G. Lacrosse					224	326	356	397
B. Soccer	7,529	8,350	8,405	8,435	9,241	10,182	10,137	10,215
G. Soccer	6,149	6,559	6,660	6,620	7,546	8,517	8,405	8,679
Softball	12,095	12,359	12,298	12,675	13,305	14,198	13,688	13,589
G. Volleyball	13,630	14,114	14,847	15,496	14,851	14,766	14,085	14,127
Wrestling	7,844	8,071	8,736	8,884	8,836	9,075	9,090	9,151
TOTAL	153,578	154,248	154,609	158,800	165,741	172,871	176,428	177,857

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

COMPETITIVE CHEER CHANGES

This is the second in a six-part series "Taking Stock," addressing six major issues of school sports in Michigan over the past two decades.

Concerns for cheerleading were among the first and foremost comments collected during this executive director's first tour of the state during the 1986-87 school year.

It seems cheerleading had become more than a mild headache for many school administrators as the activity straddled community and school supervision, and fell between the realms of athletic department and a non-athletic activity of schools.

Operating in this gray area, some cheerleading squads pushed beyond safe limits of stunts and sane limits of travel, with constant fundraising to feed the frenzy. Not surprisingly, administrators sought help from the MHSAA.

Of course, for the MHSAA to have a role, cheerleading had to be an MHSAA tournament sport. And so it became, inaugurating during the 1993-94 school year.

In its first year as an MHSAA tournament sport, girls competitive cheer attracted as many sponsoring schools as girls gymnastics and skiing combined.

As the years passed, the rules applying to other MHSAA tournament sports were applied to competitive cheer with fewer and fewer exceptions, leading more and more schools to establish new programs. Today, competitive cheer is the eighth most popular high school sport for Michigan's girls. The tournament is now conducted in four divisions, performing before capacity crowds. This year the MHSAA tournament adds Districts to the Regional and Final format.

The rules of girls competitive cheer are published by the MHSAA in a process involving the schools and coaches of Michigan. The process strives to balance the interests of new programs just learning their way and established programs push-

ing the sport to new levels of creativity and athleticism.

Athletic administrators now find competitive cheer to be a net revenue producing sport. And they embrace the sport also for its contribution to athletic participation counts for gender equity purposes.

The Competitive Cheer Coaches Association of Michigan (CCCAM) is emerging as an exemplary high school coaches association, and one of the first coaches associations to promote the MHSAA Coaches Advancement Program



and provide opportunities on a regular basis for their member coaches to participate in CAP.

There are requests now for the MHSAA to bring its structures and services to pompon and dance, but this is not on the MHSAA's agenda for the near future. However, we should never say "never" when it comes to MHSAA tournament sponsorship. As schools seek to keep the tool of interscholastic athletics relevant to students and useful for schools, it's important that we remain open – as eventually occurred with competitive cheer in the early 1990s. ■

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FORGETTING HISTORY

"If we could first know where we are, and whither we are tending, we could better judge what to do, and how to do it." With these words, Abraham Lincoln brought to a close the 1858 Republican State Convention in Springfield, Ill., 150 years ago. But isn't it good advice today, for politics, finance, education . . . and school sports.

People will argue about who was the greatest US President, but few historians would leave Abraham Lincoln out of the top three. They will argue about who among the US Presidents was the greatest orator; but few speakers would leave Lincoln out of the top three. And they will argue about who among the US Presidents was the greatest writer; but few authors would leave Lincoln out of the top three. In truth, any person who would attempt to be a writer, attempt to be a public speaker, attempt to be a leader – political, military, business, association or school – should consider studying the letters, lectures and life of Abraham Lincoln.

His reference in the quote above was the US Supreme Court's 1857 Dredd Scott decision overruling itself on the issues of states' rights regarding slavery, and the US House of Representatives' vote to repeal the Missouri Compromise which prohibited slavery in any new US states or territories, the immediate application being that Kansas and Nebraska might have the "right" to choose for themselves whether to allow slave ownership or not. Lincoln's charge was that the outgoing US President, the US Supreme Court and the Federal Legislature were conspiring to overturn the US Constitution or, at best, they were forgetting their history and the clear intention of the country's founders.

It is not nearly as serious as those issues or times, but conspiring against or at least forgetting history is in the roots of the discontent within the National Federation of State High School

Associations, manifested in disharmony in the hallways of meetings and disunity behind the initiatives the national leadership continually advances. And while it is annoyance over the leadership's lack of communication with and respect for dissenters that many complain about most frequently, it nevertheless will be the leadership's obsession for a "national presence" by means of a spotlight on itself rather than through service to its member states that will be the organization's ultimate undoing.

And as it was opposition to national-scope competition that brought the state high school associations together to form a National Federation, it will be the National Federation's support and sponsorship of national-scope high school athletic events that sends those associations asunder. The termites are already in the timbers.

National promotions are programming for profit, not principle, and cannot long inspire respect and loyalty. A mission based on money more than message – consistent message – loses its missionaries. And as members see more attention to the dreams and desires of the national office than to the needs of the state organizations, and as the state organizations have to do alone for themselves or in small groups, the basic programming they hoped the national office would do for all states, the disrespect becomes disregard, and the national organization and its programs inch closer toward irrelevancy and unraveling.

In his book *From Beirut to Jerusalem*, Thomas Friedman states, "The real problem with the Lebanese today is that they have gotten too good at (what he calls) this adopting game – so good that their cure and their disease have become one and the same."

One can characterize the National Federation of State High School

Associations in the same way. Unable so far to prevail on a philosophical level on behalf of restrained educational athletics, it adapts on a practical level. It begins to create the very same things it was formed to combat – national competition.

Friedman calls this kind of behavior “moral double booking.” It is the action of an organization that, however it sees and likes to characterize itself, is reacting to events with salves rather than shaping events with solutions.

The National Federation’s quest for a “national presence” is connected to its own feelings of irrelevance, which will only increase as it loses sight of its historical role in protecting educational athletics from abuse and exploitation.

We don’t oppose change thoughtlessly; we oppose change that would alter our program’s principles and change our programs for the worse. For if something violates the spirit of the enterprise, it guarantees bad results. ■

LIBERAL EDUCATION

If we valued individual freedom and expression, and really appreciated diversity, and **really** pursued equality of opportunity . . .

- We would not treat boys and girls identically, nor would we force all boys to be treated one way and all girls another way. We would allow boys to be treated differently than girls, and vice versa; and we would allow any boy or girl to be treated differently than other boys and girls if that were their choice or gift. We would, in fact, not merely tolerate this, but encourage different treatment.
- We would allow boys to learn the way boys learn best, and allow girls to learn the way girls learn best. We would not insist they all attend the same schools, enroll in the same subjects, sit in the same classrooms or be taught in the same ways. We would not threaten to withhold federal funds from those programs that pinpoint and address the unique needs of boys and girls, and of different individuals within those genders. We would celebrate and encourage these individuals and the institutions that strive to prepare them to be productive members of our open society and positive contributors in our democratic process.
- We would not force women’s intercollegiate athletics to duplicate men’s, at

least not to the extent they copy the excesses that separate at least Division I football and men’s basketball programs from amateur athletics and the educational mission of the sponsoring institutions. We would not require that women’s programs pursue the course of men’s programs to satisfy federal law, but instead use the force of law to provide women’s programs the freedom to pursue a purer course.

- We would not force school sports to be identical in type or time. We would not assume that all girls sports are best played at the same time as boys, but instead we would promote schedules that provide opportunities for more students to play with optimum resources. We would not assume the schedules of colleges are best for high schools, or the schedules of other states are best for this state. We would allow those involved to evaluate and decide what works best for their unique brand of sports, in this climate.

If we really valued diversity, equity and opportunity in education and athletics, we would act like it.

Democracy, not demagoguery, would prevail – genuine democratic procedures pecculating from those involved in and affected by the programs and decisions and respecting differences in groups of people and individuals within those groups would prevail. ■

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NEW DIRECTIONS – SAME MISSION

(Note: This is an excerpt from the closing comments by MHSAA Executive Director John E. “Jack” Roberts at the 2008 MHSAA Update Meetings across Michigan.)

In this high school athletic association to a degree not surpassed by any other like association in the United States – because we have no membership dues and no tournament entry fees – the flow of money is from the association to its member schools and not vice versa. And even in this association’s difficult hour, which now certainly is, this is not changing. In fact, in this difficult hour the MHSAA is discovering new ways to keep tournament ticket prices down and to keep support of school sports up.

I had a goal, shared with the MHSAA Representative Council last Nov. 30, to decrease the percentage of MHSAA revenue from tournament ticket sales from almost 90 percent of all revenues now to 50 percent of all revenues by the year 2020. We’ve adjusted that target to reach this goal in half the time, and I have two illustrations from outer space to help explain how this is happening.

In January of 2004, two Mars rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, arrived on Mars, and they’ve been exploring the Martian surface ever since. By the summer of 2007, one of the two rovers – slow-moving, cosmic dune buggies – had a broken rear wheel. So NASA administrators instructed the vehicle’s camera to change the direction it was looking from forward to backward to see if the scientists could discover the problem. They sent the signal up to move the camera, eventually it was received, and slowly the camera changed its direction. And what scientists discovered was the most exciting part of the mission until that time. They found that the rear wheel had been dragging through the Martian surface and, in doing so, dug a kind of trench that was exposing materials and formations that almost conclusively prove that Mars had or perhaps still has water, which means Mars either did or perhaps still does support life.

By looking around in a different direction, scientists made their greatest discovery of the entire mission.

Well, in the summer of 2007, I speculated that this just might happen to us in Michigan school sports: forced to look in some new directions, we would make some new discoveries. We have done so and we will continue to do more. We’re making new discoveries, especially in how to use electronic media to cut expenses and to promote educational athletics on two levels: how to support the essential messages and how to support the essential expenditures of school sports in Michigan. The MHSAA Network is just the start of what’s ahead; and membership dues, tournament entry fees and special assessments of schools are nowhere in our plans.

In January of 2006, the U.S. launched a mission to Pluto that won’t arrive there until July of 2015. On Feb. 28, 2007, as this spacecraft New Horizons passed Jupiter, it received a “gravity assist” to increase its speed by 8,947 mph! Imagine that!

When I described a business diversification plan to the MHSAA Representative Council in November of 2007, I targeted the year 2020 when we would reach the point of having 50 percent of our total revenue from sources other than MHSAA tournament ticket sales. But on March 31, 2008, when the U.S. District Court hit us with the excessive fee payment in the sports seasons case, it acted like Jupiter’s gravity field. It has catapulted us toward our goal at a much greater rate of speed.

So I no longer look at that court decision last March as such a terrible thing. I can now look at it as a “gravity assist” to get us faster where we need to be.

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In the book *In Love and War*, in alternating chapters, Admiral Jim Stockdale and his wife tell of his eight-year imprisonment in the “Hanoi Hilton” from 1965 to 1973. He was the highest ranking U.S. military officer imprisoned during the Vietnam War.

He writes that he was tortured more than 20 times and that he beat himself with

a stool and cut himself with a razor, deliberately disfiguring himself to avoid being put on videotape as an example of a well-treated prisoner.

Stockdale took command of the prisoners, instituting rules to help others deal with torture and establishing an elaborate communications system to reduce the sense of isolationism that the prisoners would feel. And through his letters to his wife, he established an elaborate code that helped him get information to U.S. authorities.

Stockdale writes: "I never lost faith in the end of the story. I never doubted not only that I would get out, but also that I would prevail in the end and turn the experience into the defining event in my life, which in retrospect, I would not trade."

In Good to Great, Jim Collins writes: "Life is unfair – sometimes to our advantage, sometimes to our disadvantage. We will all experience disappointments and crushing events along the way, setbacks for which there is no reason, no one to blame. It might be disease; it might be injury; it might be an accident; it might be losing a loved one; it might be getting shot down over Vietnam and thrown into a POW camp for eight years. What separates people, Stockdale taught me, is not the presence or absence of difficulty, but how they deal with it."

Collins asked Stockdale: "Who didn't make it out?" Stockdale reported it was the optimists, and Collins asked why.

Stockdale said: "The optimists said we would get out by Christmas. Christmas would come and go and we'd still be there. Then they said we'd be out by Easter, but Easter would come and go and we'd still be there. Then the optimists said we'd be out by Thanksgiving, but Thanksgiving would come and go and we would still be there. And the optimists would be brokenhearted.

"Never confuse faith that you will prevail in the end, which you can never afford to lose, with the discipline to confront the brutal facts of your current reality. 'We're not getting out by Christmas,' Stockdale told his fellow prisoners. 'Deal with it.'"

Get a bad decision from the federal courts? You bet we did: kids and schools got a bad decision in April of 2007 when

the sports seasons were changed; and the MHSAA got a bad decision in March of 2008 with the assessment of costs. But we've got to deal with it and be made better by it.

Get a bad decision in an athletic contest? It happens all the time. You have to rise above it, deal with it and be made better by it.

Get passed over for a tournament officiating assignment that you think you deserved and really wanted? You've got to deal with it and be made better by it.

Have difficulty at home, difficulty at work? You've got to deal with it and be made better by it.

How we deal with a setback may be our defining event, our defining moment, an opportunity we should not seek to avoid or try to trade.

This school year, 2008-09, right now, may be the MHSAA's defining moment; and I believe it can be the association's best moment as well.

Every day I drive by one coffee shop and then by a second coffee shop to get to a third coffee place that I like better. I have come to prefer its environment, its people, its product; I've become loyal to its brand.

Every week of every year, people all across Michigan drive by one form of entertainment and past another form of entertainment to get to high school athletics. They drive by one form of sports and past another form of sports to get to high school sports. They've come to prefer the environment, the people and the product of high school sports. They've become loyal to our family brand of sports.

If we allow these hard times – the hard times for schools and the hard times for the MHSAA – to alter our environment or our product or our brand, if we allow these hard times to change our mission, that would be far more serious than the change of seasons and the cost of that litigation. Only a loss of mission kills school sports.

In our defining moment, which this could be, even as we do a lot of things differently, we will recommit to the purity of school sports and to the core values of educational athletics. ■

PAIR EARN 2008-09 BUSH AWARD

One of the state's longest serving sports editors and a Southwestern Michigan administrator who have given a combined total of over 80 years of service to educational athletics are the recipients of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Allen W. Bush Award for 2008.

This year's recipients are: **Jerry Rosevear**, retired sports editor of the Petoskey News Review; and **Michael Young**, assistant principal at Buchanan High School. The recipients of this year's awards will be recognized at local ceremonies this fall.

Al Bush served as executive director of the MHSAA for 10 years. The award honors individuals for past and continuing service to prep athletics as a coach, administrator, official, trainer, doctor or member of the media. The award was developed to bring recognition to men and women who are giving and serving without a lot of attention. This is the 16th year of the award, with the selections being made by the MHSAA's Representative Council.

Here are brief biographical sketches of the 2008 Bush Award recipients:

Jerry Rosevear: Retired in 2005 after 44 years with the Petoskey News Review, the last 34 as its sports editor, Rosevear stayed engaged in his community for a lifetime. A Mayville native who graduated from Petoskey High School in 1958, he attended both Central Michigan University and North Central Michigan College. With the News Review, he covered a dozen local high schools athletic programs, and won numerous awards for his writing from the Associated Press and United Press International.

His involvement in community programming was deep. Rosevear worked



with a character based program called "Beyond The Scoreboard," which encourages and acknowledges ethics, integrity and respect in school sports. He had leadership roles with local youth baseball and softball organizations, the Petoskey Jaycees, and the Petoskey High School Sports Hall of Fame. He continues to be an active member of St. Francis Church in Petoskey, and also established the football and basketball record books for Petoskey High School. He is the first newspaper sports reporter to be honored with the Bush Award. He was nominated for the award by Petoskey High School.

"Local newspapers provide positive recognition for young people playing high school sports, and that was a role Jerry Rosevear embraced," said MHSAA Executive Director. "He was a welcome sight whenever he walked into a school to cover a game, and his writing captured the true local flavor of high school sports. We're delighted with his selection as a Bush Award recipient."

Michael Young:

Serving three schools in his career, with 32 of those 37 years at Buchanan, Young was a teacher-coach, athletic administrator and assistant principal. After his graduation from college in 1968, he spent four years each at St. Johns High School and Colon High School where he taught and coached. At Colon, he was the head coach in football and track, and he held the same roles at Buchanan – coaching football for eight seasons and track for four. He assumed the dual role of assistant principal and athletic director in 1984, working in both roles until 2001, when his athletic responsibilities shifted to a game management position. He retired in 2005.

As an athletic administrator, Young hosted numerous MHSAA and Lakeland Conference tournaments. He was twice



honored as a coach of the year, and also won teacher of the year honors. The South Bend Classic Track Meet bestowed a service awards upon him in 2002. In the community, Young participated in a Neighborhood Watch Public Task Force, and in lay positions at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Michigan State University. He was nominated for the Bush Award by the Lakeland Conference.

"Michael Young is a great role model for anyone wanting to become involved in high schools sports," said Roberts. "He enjoyed working with young people, providing participation opportunities for them, guiding them in the way they should go and then delighting in their success. He is regarded as a loyal leader, and respected for his expertise and his integrity. We are pleased to honor him with the Bush Award." ■

MSU TO HOST BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL FINALS IN 2010 & 2011

Michigan State University's Jack Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing will host the Semifinal and Final games of both the girls and boys basketball tournaments of the Michigan High School Athletic Association on consecutive weekends in March of 2010 and 2011.

The 14,759-seat Breslin Student Events Center has hosted the Semifinals and Finals of the boys tournament since 1994, and will host again in 2009. The Breslin Center also hosted the girls Semifinals and Finals in 2004, 2005 and 2006. The girls event will complete a two-year agreement this season at the Convocation Center on the campus of Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

"Michigan State University and the greater Lansing community have provided us an economical opportunity to showcase both the girls and boys tournaments in the same facility, one that is best located for our statewide constituency," said John E. "Jack" Roberts, executive director of the Association.

Other boys Finals venues over the years include: Pre-MHSAA Finals tournaments from 1917 to 1924 on the University of Michigan campus, using Waterman Gymnasium and Yost Field House, with Yost also hosting classes of the first MHSAA tournaments in 1925 and 1926; College Gymnasium at Michigan State from 1919 to 1926; Detroit Central and Detroit Northwestern High Schools in

1927; Olympia Stadium in Detroit was the first building to host the Finals in all four classes from 1928-30; Demonstration Hall on the MSU campus hosted from 1931-33; the Civic Auditorium in Grand Rapids and the original IMA Auditorium in Flint alternated as the site from 1934-39; Jenison Field House first hosted from 1940-42, with no statewide tournament in 1943, and then the Boys Vocational School Field House in Lansing (now the Don Johnson Field House) was the site in 1944 because of military operations taking place on the MSU campus; Jenison Field House had its long streak from 1945 to 1970, and last hosting in 1972 and 1974; Crisler Arena in Ann Arbor hosted in 1971, 1973 and then from 1975-89; and The Palace of Auburn Hills was the Finals site from 1990-93.

Girls Finals have taken place over the years at high school sites in Grand Blanc, Grand Rapids, Owosso, Alma and East Kentwood from 1973-76; Jenison Field House at MSU from 1977 to 1980; Calihan Hall on the University of Detroit-Mercy campus in 1981-82; Read Fieldhouse on the Western Michigan University campus in Kalamazoo from 1982-85; College Fieldhouse at Grand Valley State University in Allendale from 1986-89; Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek from 1990-96; and Rose Arena on the campus of Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant from 1997-2003. ■

EXERCISE AND ASTHMA

Anyone exercising vigorously enough may note shortness of breath. But when this happens sooner than expected, or is accompanied by other respiratory symptoms such as chest tightness, wheezing, or cough, then other factors may be involved. While a variety of problems may lead to respiratory symptoms, a common concern is asthma.

Asthma is an inflammatory disease of the airways. Some patients with asthma have symptoms only on rare occasions and are felt to have Intermittent Asthma. Other patients may have regular symptoms and require regular medications to control symptoms. This is termed Persistent Asthma. With asthma, the airways are more sensitive and react to a variety of triggers. When a person with asthma is exposed to one of their triggers, airway inflammation worsens and symptoms occur.

Each individual with asthma may have their own specific trigger or group of triggers. Triggers that provoke asthma symptoms can vary. Some examples of asthma triggers include the following:

- *Airborne allergens* – including dust mites, animal dander, pollens, and mold
- *Irritants* – including smoke, fumes, dust, and other airborne particulates
- *Respiratory infections* – particularly viral infections
- *Extremes* of temperature or humidity
- *Exercise*

Exercise is a common trigger of asthma. The terms “exercise asthma” or “exercise induced asthma” are often used although there are several distinct scenarios:

- Exercise sporadically worsening traditional asthma in a patient who does not typically require

asthma medications (Intermittent Asthma)

- Exercise worsening traditional asthma in a patient who is regularly on asthma medications (Persistent Asthma)
- Exercise leading to respiratory symptoms but only with exercise and with no evidence of traditional asthma. This is technically termed Exercise Induced Airway Narrowing and is considered distinct from traditional asthma

Regardless of the scenario, patients may have difficulty tolerating relatively colder and drier air. At rest, breathing through the nose warms and humidifies the inhaled air. During exercise, breathing through the mouth at a faster rate exposes the lungs to air that is colder and drier than usual. The relatively colder and drier inhaled air can trigger respiratory symptoms in susceptible individuals.

Once the airways are triggered the airway lining may begin to swell (inflammation), smooth muscle bands surrounding the airway can tighten (bronchospasm), and increased amounts of mucous can be produced. The swelling, tightened muscle bands, and extra mucous can partially block or obstruct the airways. This makes it more difficult to exchange air out of the lungs. The exact mechanism may vary in traditional asthma compared to Exercise Induced Airway Narrowing.

Activities that require prolonged exertion or are played in cold weather are more likely to trigger symptoms. This includes long-distance running, hockey, and cross-country skiing. Activities that are less likely to trigger symptoms are those that require short bursts of exertion interspersed with breaks or that are performed in warmer and more humid environments. This includes walking and swimming.

DIAGNOSIS

There is no one easy test to confirm a diagnosis of asthma. The health care provider will ask questions to explore for a pattern of respiratory symptoms during exercise. A physical exam may reveal wheezing which is suggestive of asthma, although the exam may be normal. Ultimately, it is helpful to explore for evidence of asthma by objective testing. Some patients will defer on testing options and sometimes a trial of asthma medications is utilized to monitor for a response. If the patient is willing, there is a variety of testing options:

- Breathing tests can be done by spirometry (in an office setting) or pulmonary function testing (in hospital setting) to measure lung function and capacity. A baseline test is compared to a follow up test to monitor for improvement after a trial of medication. This can help determine if traditional asthma is present.
- An exercise challenge test can be performed. A breathing test can be checked before and after exercise to see if there is worsening of breathing function after exercise.
- An eucapnic voluntary hyperventilation test can be performed. A breathing test can be checked before and after inhaling a dry mixture of gases to see if there is worsened breathing function.

MEDICAL TREATMENT

If traditional asthma is diagnosed, then a decision should be made if it represents Intermittent Asthma or Persistent Asthma. If Persistent Asthma is present then a regular Long-Term Control Medication should be used. This is usually an anti-inflammatory medication taken every day to prevent trouble. The patient will usually also have a Quick-Relief Medication available. This is a short acting bronchodilator (typically albuterol) which can be used as needed for prompt relief of acute symptoms.

If Exercise Induced Airway Narrowing is present, the patient may only have to use medications prior to exercise. A typical regimen is to utilize a short-acting bronchodilator 15 minutes prior to exercise. There are other medication options available if this is not effective.

Regardless of the scenario, a patient should be given warning signs to monitor for short term and long term trouble. Signs of trouble include the following:

- Respiratory symptoms more than twice a week
- Needing a Quick-Relief Medication more than twice a week for trouble (not including prior to exercise)
- Severe symptoms such as cannot walk or talk or sleep due to breathing trouble

All patients are recommended to have an Asthma Action Plan. This lists warning signs, (as mentioned above), steps to take in case of worsened symptoms, and when to call for help.

PREVENTION

There are steps that can be taken to help prevent symptoms during exercise. A warm up period of light activity prior to any vigorous activity is recommended. Avoiding cold and dry air can help prevent worsened symptoms. Avoiding exercise in the presence of other triggers that may worsen respiratory symptoms, such as respiratory infections or smoke, can limit problems.

Treatment of exercise related asthma emphasizes preventing or minimizing respiratory symptoms. The goal is to be able to exercise without symptoms. Most patients can participate fully in sports. They are encouraged to work together with a health care provider and follow their treatment plan.

— Mark Millar, MD

Karen Meyerson, MSN, RN, FNP-C, AE-C

*Asthma Initiative of Michigan
GetAsthmaHelp.org*

MHSAA & Comcast Launch MHSAA Network

The Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) and Comcast launched the MHSAA Network in August, a new cross-platform endeavor which delivers Comcast digital cable customers unprecedented coverage of local high school sports on TV, on-demand and online.

When We Were Young Productions is responsible for the production of the content for the MHSAA Network, which will include over 400 hours of programming during the fall sports season alone.

The addition of the MHSAA Network's sporting events to Comcast's offerings is part of the company's ongoing commitment to offer customers the most exciting and comprehensive menu of local and regional sports coverage available.

"This is a partnership that will capture the true flavor of high school sports, providing coverage of all MHSAA tournament sports, from all sizes of schools from all parts of the state," said MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts. "The MHSAA Network will offer fans the opportunity to view all of this content on different delivery platforms, responding to how technology is changing the way people get information about high school sports. We're excited that Comcast is joining us to help bring recognition to our schools, teams, student-athletes and communities."

"Comcast is committed to constantly enhancing the value we provide our customers and our partnership with the MHSAA is just the latest example of how we are delivering on that promise in Michigan," said Dave Buhl, Senior Vice President for Comcast's Michigan Region. "With our unique On Demand technology, we're ensuring that Comcast remains the number one destination for sports fans to catch all the hometown action."

Comcast customers across Michigan will have access to more than 400 hours of MHSAA programming, including statewide games of the week in select sports, such as football and volleyball, and pre-Final rounds of a variety of MHSAA Tournaments that will air on a delayed basis. Programs will receive their first air-

ings Wednesday evenings, with replays on the following Saturdays and Sundays during the midday and evening time periods.

Additional games will also be available through Comcast's signature On Demand service, allowing fans to tune in whenever it's convenient for them with the ability to pause, fast-forward and rewind their selections to catch the best action again and again. Viewers can watch the MHSAA Network On Demand programming by accessing the On Demand menu, choosing the "Get Local" category and clicking the "MHSAA" folder. Like the majority of Comcast's 10,000 On Demand programs, the MHSAA Network is available to digital cable customers at no additional cost.

Additional cable companies carrying MHSAA Network content will be announced as those negotiations are finalized.

The coverage will also be distributed via the Internet on MHSAA.TV, a brand which originally launched during the 2007-08 school year, showing live Semifinal contests in Girls and Boys Basketball, and Final games in Baseball and Softball. All of the content distributed on cable will also be available on MHSAA.TV, with a number of Final and Semifinal events being streamed live.

The nearly 200 MHSAA fall matchups, which can be viewed on the Comcast TV Network channels (Channels 900 and 901) and On Demand, include weekly football games, girls volleyball and boys soccer matches, along with live coverage of the MHSAA Girls Volleyball Finals, one live Semifinal football playoff game, and delayed coverage of boys soccer championship games and finals meets in Lower Peninsula girls swimming and diving. Highlights programs will offer action from cross country, Lower Peninsula girls golf, Lower Peninsula boys tennis and Upper Peninsula girls tennis. The winter and spring seasons will likely offer up to 1,000 hours of additional programming.

FSN Detroit will continue its tradition of carrying MHSAA Finals in girls and boys basketball in addition to football as it has for the past decade. ■

OFFICIALS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, September 29, 2008

Members Present:

Dave Baldus, Fremont
Dave Bos, Hudsonville
Jim Corsage, Richland
Don Gustafson, St. Ignace
Bill Hartzell, Mayville
Dave Jackson, Frankfort
Steve Miller, Warren
Griff Mills, Tecumseh
Kevin Murphy, Livonia
Bill Rubin, Brighton

Steve Tesler, Flint
Carl Van Heck, Kentwood
Bart Wegenke, Haslett

Members Absent:

Steve Grinczel, Haslett
Robert Price, Battle Creek

Staff:

Mark Uyl (Recorder)

The 2008-09 MHSAA Officials Review Committee met to review topics involving high school officiating. After introductions were completed, the committee reviewed the terms of appointment to the Officials Review Committee, as well as the charge and mission of the group relative to the MHSAA decision making process.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Review of 2008 Representative Council Actions: The committee received an update from the May meeting of the Representative Council. Approved items included the launch of the online Approved Association and Registered Assignors meeting on an every-other-year basis and a football crew being assigned a maximum of two games during the first three rounds of the MHSAA Football playoffs.

Officials Program Updates: MHSAA staff reported that over 19,000 criminal history checks had been completed of all registered officials. Every official will be subject to subsequent, random checks every three years. It was also noted that online registration numbers have increased in 2008-09, with over 80% of officials registering online this year which is up from 71% in 2007-08. A brief update was also given regarding online

services, including tournament assignment notification, rules testing, online rules meetings and the sportsmanship feedback process. A discussion also took place on the rule book distribution schedule.

Observation Program: MHSAA staff will be working with local Approved Associations in the identification of observers for the MHSAA observation program. The first "class" of observers will be trained at DeWitt High School on Saturday, August 1, 2009.

Ratings & Tournament Selection: The committee reviewed the officials rating program and its related data in terms of quartile statistics. Discussion took place on the rating categories, as well as the rating procedures for when a "5" is given. The tournament selection process was also discussed at length, along with reviewing data from the most recent official's fee survey.

Correspondence: The committee discussed, reviewed and took no action on three items of correspondence. The first dealt with current procedures of allowing District host managers in some sports to hire official from the approved list. The second issue centered around the placement of Finals patches on the uniform. Finally, the concern from a member school regarding an official's receiving only one

or two ratings for a season was examined. The concern was that the official can know, or at least speculate with some certainty, which school gave an official that particular rating.

Committee Member Input: The committee suggested that football officials be reminded that rating cards must be issued for all games. In addition, a suggestion was made to increase the categories that schools can identify for improvement in the officials rating process.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. For an official to be eligible for selection at the Quarterfinal, Semifinal, and Final tournament rounds, that official must take and pass the optional 30-question rules test in those sports where it is offered with a minimum score of 80%. Previously the score was provided to the selection committee for information and officials were not excluded regardless of score or an attempt to take the test (13-0).
2. The member-in-good-standing requirement in an Approved Association shall be extended to Baseball and Softball officials who wish to be eligible to work the Regional level and beyond in the MHSAA tournament (13-0).■

ALTERNATE-YEAR RULES BOOK PUBLICATIONS

The Michigan High School Athletic Association now provides all National Federation rules publications to its member schools and registered officials on an alternate-year rather than annual basis.

Citing the high cost to purchase and ship rules books that have few significant changes year after year, MHSAA staff proposed last spring and the Representative Council approved Nov. 30 a schedule of purchases that will save approximately \$115,000 over each two-year period.

The savings will not only allow the association to delay increases in its officials registration fees which are already among the lowest across the country, but it will also help underwrite new officials' recruitment, current officials' retention and training initiatives, including an online video training program that will be available free of charge to all MHSAA registered officials in 2009.

Following is the MHSAA distribution plan for National Federation publications:

2008-09:	Soccer Rules Book
Baseball Rules Book and Case Book	Softball Rules Book and Case Book
Basketball Rules Book and Case Book	Swimming & Diving Rules Book
Girls Gymnastics Rules Book	Volleyball Rules Book and Case Book
Track & Field Rules Book and Case Book	Wrestling Rules Book and Case Book
2009-10 and again in 2011-12:	2010-11 and again in 2012-13:
Football Rules Book and Case Book	Baseball Rules Book and Case Book
Ice Hockey Rules Book	Basketball Rules Book and Case Book
Girls Lacrosse Rules Book	Girls Gymnastics Rules Book
Boys Lacrosse Rules Book	Track & Field Rules Book and Case Book

MHSAA Competitive Cheer and Alpine Skiing Manuals will be published in 2008-09 and 2010-11, etc. Rules books in bowling, golf and tennis will also be provided in 2008-09 and 2010-11, etc.■

MHSAA COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2008-09

As Appointed by the Representative Council or Executive Committee

Listed below are the coaches, ADs, principals, superintendents, other faculty members and board of education members of MHSAA member schools who have been selected by the MHSAA Executive Committee to serve on the 2008-09 sport committees, and committees of special interest that are meeting prior to Dec. 31, 2008. All committee members who will be asked to serve on a committee that will meet after Dec. 31, 2008 will be sent invitations the second week of November 2008. **NOTE: This list includes names of some individuals who have been invited but have not confirmed as of Oct. 8, 2008.**

Committee appointments are made on an annual basis after receiving nominations of schools and recommendations of MHSAA Representative Council members. Potential committee members are notified of their appointments early in September as the school year begins. At that time, committee members receive a description of committee responsibilities and the dates and times of the meetings. The MHSAA requests that schools do not send substitutes.

Each year school representatives who serve as committee members meet in the MHSAA building to provide staff members with an array of opinions and information. Sport committees meet to select tournament sites, specify tournament procedures, and set time schedules. Sport committees may also recommend changes to the Representative Council regarding regular-season play and tournament qualification procedures.

Each committee is comprised of representatives from Class A, B, C, and D schools if possible, and the members are from several geographic areas of the state. A committee may be comprised mainly of coaches or administrators, depending on the responsibilities of each particular committee. Several of the sport committees will include a representative, if not the president, of the coaches association of that sport. MIAAA and/or MASSP representatives and officials where appropriate have been appointed to committees for most sports

(5) Athletic Equity

Thursday, October 2, 2008 9:30 a.m.

Jarrod Beebe, Athletic Director, JW Sexton HS, Lansing (B)
Patrick Burrage, Athletic Director, Covert HS, Covert (D)
Jim Conway, Athletic Director, Mt Pleasant HS, Mt Pleasant (A)
Russell Davis, Athletic Director, Jackson HS, Jackson (A)
Kari Drogosh, Athletic Director, Chippewa Valley HS, Clinton Township (A)
Joe Droski, Athletic Director, Sparta HS, Sparta (B)
Antie Hardy, Athletic Director, New Haven HS, New Haven (C)
Lorenda Jonas, Principal, Bath Middle School, Bath
Ayrea Laidler, Athletic Director, Northwestern HS, Detroit (A)
Orlando Medina, Athletic Director, Cesar Chavez Academy Middle School, Detroit
Tarlton Small, Athletic Director, Northern HS, Pontiac (A)

(10) Awards Committee

Monday, October 6, 2008 9:30 a.m.

Jack Abbate, Girls Track Coach, Bath HS, Bath (C)
Sue Calvo, Athletic Director, Swartz Creek HS, Swartz Creek (A)
Joseph Droski, Athletic Director, Sparta HS, Sparta (B)
Keith Eldred, Dean of Students, Williamston HS, Williamston (B)
Jim Glazier, Principal, Caledonia HS, Caledonia (A)
Jean LaClair, Athletic Director, Bronson HS, Bronson (C)
Sean Maloney, Athletic Director, Huron HS, New Boston (B)
Sean McNatt, Superintendent, Breckenridge HS, Breckenridge (C)
Leon Olszamowski, Principal, Notre Dame Preparatory School, Pontiac (B)
Roger Rush, Athletic Director, Pine River Area HS, Leroy (C)
Jason Smith, Athletic Director, Saranac HS, Saranac (C)

(25) Baseball/Softball Site Selection**Monday, November 24, 2008 9:30 a.m.**

Jack Anderson, Baseball Coach, Portland HS, Portland (B)
Steve Babbitt, Athletic Director, Blissfield HS, Blissfield (C)
Michael Bakker, Athletic Director, Fenton HS, Fenton (A)
Sue Barthold, President-MHSSCA, 1907 Gentian SE, Kentwood
Jeremy Beal, Athletic Director, Hudson Area HS, Hudson (C)
Marge Caid, Softball Coach, Constantine HS, Constantine (C)
Tony DeMare, Athletic Director, Divine Child HS, Dearborn (B)
Rick Dorn, Athletic Director, Waterford Mott HS, Waterford (A)
Bob Guse, Athletic Director, Ross Beatty HS, Cassopolis (C)
Ryle Kiser, Principal, Reese HS, Reese (C)
Mark Rademacher, Baseball Coach, Pewamo-Westphalia HS, Westphalia (C)
Aaron Setlak, Athletic Director, Cousino HS, Warren (A)
Mike Thompson, Softball Coach, Frankfort HS, Frankfort (D)
Dick VanderKamp, Administrator, Christian HS, Grand Rapids (B)
Bob Veitch, Baseball Coach, Lakewood HS, Lake Odessa (B)
Mike Vota, Baseball Coach, Niles HS, Niles (A)
Brian Zdanowski, Athletic Director, Greenville HS, Greenville (A)

(30) Basketball**Thursday, December 4, 2008 9:30 a.m.**

Tim Beebe, Basketball Coach, Haslett HS, Haslett (B)
Tony Burton, Athletic Director, Brown City HS, Brown City (C)
Fred Jones, Athletic Director, Central HS, Battle Creek (A)
Todd Kulawiak, Principal, Buckley HS, Buckley (D)
Rich Moffit, Basketball Coach, Grayling HS, Grayling (B)
Rob Ryan, Athletic Director, Manistique HS, Manistique (C)
Mary Spade, Athletic Director, Bangor HS, Bangor (C)
Marc Throop, Athletic Director, Gull Lake HS, Richland (B)
John Verdura, Associate Director, Archdiocese of Detroit, Detroit
Scott Weis, Athletic Director, Caledonia HS, Caledonia (A)
Robert Williams, Facility Manager, U Of D Jesuit HS, Detroit (A)

(35) Board Of Canvassers**Monday, September 15, 2008 9:30 a.m.**

Leon Olszamowski, Principal, Notre Dame Preparatory School, Pontiac (B)
Roger Rush, Athletic Director, Pine River Area HS, Leroy (C)
Ronald Stoneman, Superintendent, Dansville HS, Dansville (C)
Mike Vondette, Principal, Hemlock HS, Hemlock (B)
Mark Woodson, Athletic Director, Romulus HS, Romulus (A)

(50) Boys Tennis Seeding**Monday, October 13, 2008 1 p.m.****Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8 a.m.**

Keith Bernacki, Tennis Coach, Seaholm HS, Birmingham (A)
Gary Ellis, Athletic Director, Allegan HS, Allegan (B)
Tom Ellis, Tennis Coach, Detroit Country Day HS, Beverly Hills (B)
Erin Fouty, Tennis Coach, NorthPointe Christian HS, Grand Rapids (C)
Eric Gajar, Tennis Coach, Greenhills HS, Ann Arbor (C)
Dee McCaffrey, Tennis Coach, Mason HS, Mason (A)
Jeff Newingham, Tennis Coach, Garber HS, Essexville (B)
Brian Polston, Tennis Coach, Okemos HS, Okemos (A)
John Shade, Tennis Coach, Grosse Ile HS, Grosse Ile (B)

(95) Golf

Wednesday, December 3, 2008 9:30 a.m.

John Danaher, Athletic Director, Niles HS, Niles (A)
Jack Foster, Golf Coach, Cadillac HS, Cadillac (B)
Sarah Gilbert, Golf Coach, Mt Pleasant HS, Mt Pleasant (A)
Kristen Isom, Athletic Director, Madison HS, Adrian (C)
Nancy Johnson, Golf Coach, Greenville HS, Greenville (A)
Randy Johnson, Golf Coach, Oakland Christian HS, Auburn Hills (D)
Vicky Kowalski, Golf Coach, Mercy HS, Farmington Hills (A)
Charles Palmer, Golf Coach, Inland Lakes HS, Indian River (C)
Kirk Petee, Golf Coach, Mason HS, Mason (A)
Steve Rodriguez, Golf Coach, Pioneer HS, Ann Arbor (A)
Mark Turnbull, Athletic Director, Onsted HS, Onsted (B)
Deb Van Kuiken, Athletic Director, Holly HS, Holly (MIAAA) (A)

(100) Gymnastics

Wednesday, October 8, 2008 9:30 a.m.

John Cunningham, President-MHSGCJA, 8891 Northampton, Plymouth
Stephen Emert, Athletic Director, Walled Lake Central HS, Walled Lake (A)
Tim Erickson, Athletic Director, Rockford HS, Rockford (A)
Kelly Fisher, Gymnastics Coach, East Lansing HS, East Lansing (A)
Walt Gawkowski, Athletic Director, Mona Shores HS, Norton Shores (A)
Brenda McDonald, Gymnastics Coach, Kenowa Hills HS, Grand Rapids (A)
Dennis Noe, Athletic Director, Farmington Schools, Farmington Hills
John Thompson, Athletic Director, Brighton HS, Brighton (MIAAA) (A)
Suzy Weldon, Gymnastics Coach, Freeland HS, Freeland (B)

(140) Officials Review

Monday, September 29, 2008 9:30 a.m.

Dave Baldus, Mid Michigan Officials Assn, Fremont
Dave Bos, OK Conference, 5730 Marlin St, Hudsonville
Jim Corstange, Officials Coordinator, 8861 Tamarisk Cr, Richland
Stephen Grinczel, Greater Lansing Soccer Ref Assn, Haslett
Don Gustafson, Straits Area Conference, La Salle HS, St Ignace (C)
William Hartzell, Superintendent, Mayville HS, Mayville (C)
Dave Jackson, Northwest Conference-Secretary, Frankfort HS, Frankfort (D)
Steve Miller, Eastside Volleyball Officials Assn, 29305 Bon Mar Dr, Warren
Griff Mills, Southeastern Conference, Tecumseh HS, Tecumseh (B)
Kevin Murphy, Metro League-Secretary, 20155 Middlebelt Rd, Livonia
Bill Rubin, Official, Brighton
Stephen Tesler, Vehicle City Soccer Assn, Flint
Carl VanHeck, Western Michigan Umpires Assn, 5328 Blaine SE, Kentwood
Bart Wegenke, Capital Area Activities Assn, Haslett HS, Haslett (B)

(150) Ski

Tuesday, November 4, 2008 9:30 a.m.

Jim Bartlett, Nub's Nob, Harbor Springs (Advisory)
Kerry Boone, Ski Coach, Walled Lake Northern HS, Commerce (A)
Ken Brackney, Ski Coach, Fenton HS, Fenton (A)
Todd Bruggema, Principal, Cadillac HS, Cadillac (B)
Mark Fisher, Ski Coach, Glen Lake HS, Maple City (C)
Gary Hice, Athletic Director, Petoskey HS, Petoskey (MIAAA) (B)
Christy Provost, Ski Coach, Marquette HS, Marquette (A)
Scott Robertson, Athletic Director, East Grand Rapids HS, Grand Rapids (B)
Megan Thayer, Athletic Director, Notre Dame Preparatory School, Pontiac (B)
John Thompson, Athletic Director, Brighton HS, Brighton (A)
Patti Tibaldi, Athletic Director, Traverse City West HS, Traverse City (A)

(190) Track & Field Standards**Wednesday, December 3, 2008 9:30 a.m.**

Rudy Godefroidt, Superintendent, Hemlock HS, Hemlock (B)
Lorenda Jonas, Principal, Bath Middle School, Bath
Brian Macomber, Official, Comstock Park
Paul Nilsson, Track Coach, Williamston HS, Williamston (B)
Pat Richardson, Athletic Director, Grass Lake HS, Grass Lake (C)
Mike Roberts, Athletic Director, Hillsdale Academy, Hillsdale (D)
Kim Spalsbury, Track Coach, Grand Ledge HS, Grand Ledge (A)
Mike Unger, Athletic Director, Lutheran HS Westland, Westland (D)

(195) Trophy Selection**Monday, September 22, 2008 9:30 a.m.**

Keith Eldred, Dean of Students, Williamston HS, Williamston (B)
Rudy Godefroidt, Superintendent, Hemlock HS, Hemlock (B)
Tom Hardy, Athletic Director, St Francis HS, Traverse City (C)
Fred Procter, Principal, Wylie E Groves HS, Beverly Hills (A)
Ken Semelsberger, Athletic Director, Port Huron HS, Port Huron (A)
Arnetta Thompson, Assistant Principal, Union HS, Grand Rapids (A)
Kevin Veale, Athletic Director, Portland HS, Portland (B)

(200) Volleyball**Tuesday, December 2, 2008 9:30 a.m.**

Curt Ellis, Novi HS, Novi (A)
Julie Getter, Volleyball Coach, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker HS, Pigeon (C)
Dawn Hoyer, Volleyball Coach, Allegan HS, Allegan (B)
Barbara Hurand, Volleyball Coach, Carman-Ainsworth HS, Flint (A)
Dawn Jaqua, Volleyball Coach, Portage Central HS, Portage (A)
Tim Kluka, Athletic Director, Cabrini HS, Allen Park (C)
Robin Kozuch, Volleyball Coach, Morley Stanwood HS, Morley (C)
Doug Long, Volleyball Coach, Ovid-Elsie HS, Elsie (B)
John Robinson, Athletic Director, Dexter HS, Dexter (A)
Brian Sarvello, Principal, Ishpeming HS, Ishpeming (C)
Cindy Short, Athletic Director, Everett HS, Lansing (A)
Fred Smith, Athletic Director, Buchanan HS, Buchanan (B)
Jennifer Thunberg, Volleyball Coach, Central HS, Bay City (A)
Patty Vandeventer, Volleyball Coach, Columbia Central HS, Brooklyn (B)

(210) Volleyball Site Selection**Tuesday, September 9, 2008 9:30 a.m.**

Mike Clark, Athletic Director, Holland HS, Holland (A)
Jerry Fouch, Athletic Director, Lee HS, Wyoming (C)
Janet Gillette, Athletic Director, Comstock Park HS, Comstock Park (B)
Cody Inglis, Athletic Director, Traverse City Central HS, Traverse City (A)
Maureen Klocke, Athletic Director, Yale HS, Yale (B)
Caroline Krynak, Athletic Director, Royal Oak HS, Royal Oak (A)
Debbe Pavle, Athletic Director, Academy Of The Sacred Heart, Bloomfield Hills (C)
Sheila Pilmore, Principal, Breckenridge HS, Breckenridge (C)
Chris Riker, Athletic Director, Portage Northern HS, Portage (A)
Christine Schneider, Athletic Director, East Detroit HS, Eastpointe (A)
Cindy Short, Athletic Director, Everett HS, Lansing (A)
Terri-Lee Smith, Athletic Director, Inland Lakes HS, Indian River (C)
Jennifer Thunberg, Athletic Director, Pinconning Area HS, Pinconning (B)
Wayne Welton, Athletic Director, Chelsea HS, Chelsea (B)
Betty Wroubel, Athletic Director, Notre Dame Preparatory School, Pontiac (B)

2008-09 QUICK REFERENCE CALENDAR

SPORT	FIRST PRACTICE DATE	FIRST CONTEST DATE	DAYS OR CONTESTS	OPT OUT DATE	DUE DATE OF RATINGS	MHSAA TOURNAMENT DATES				
						DISTRICTS	REGIONALS	QTR FINALS	SEMI FINALS	FINALS
FALL										
Cross Country: LP	Aug 11	Aug 11	15D	Oct 17			Oct 24 or 25			Nov 1
Cross Country: UP	Aug 11	Aug 11	15D	Oct 10						Oct 18
Football	Aug 11	Aug 28	9C	N/A	Dec 1	Oct 31-Nov 1 & Nov 7-8	Nov 14 or 15		Nov 22	Nov 28-29
Golf: LP Girls	Aug 7	Aug 11	16D	Sep 26			Oct 9 or 10 or 11			Oct 17-18
Soccer: LP Boys	Aug 11	Aug 18	18C	Sep 24	Dec 1	Oct 13-18	Oct 21-25		Oct 29	Nov 1
Swimming: LP Girls	Aug 11	Aug 23	17D	Nov 17			Dive: Nov 18			Nov 21-22
Tennis: LP Boys	Aug 11	Aug 11	16D	Oct 3			Oct 9 or 10			Oct 17-18
Tennis: UP Girls	Aug 11	Aug 11	16D	Sep 26						Oct 3
Volleyball	Aug 11	Aug 22	18D	Oct 8	Dec 1	Nov 3-5 & 6 or 7 or 8	Nov 11 or 13	Nov 18	Nov 20-21	Nov 22
WINTER										
Basketball: Boys	Nov 17	Dec 8	20C	Feb 11	Apr 1	Mar 9 & 11 & 13	Mar 16 & 18	Mar 24	Mar 26-27	Mar 28
Basketball: Girls	Nov 10	Dec 1	20C	Feb 4	Apr 1	Mar 2 & 4 & 6	Mar 10 & 12	Mar 17	Mar 19-20	Mar 21
Bowling: Boys & Girls	Nov 13-UP Nov 20-LP	Nov 29-UP Dec 6-LP	24D	Feb 6			Feb 27-28			Mar 6-7
Competitive Cheer	Nov 10	Nov 24	12D	Feb 6	Apr 1	Feb 21	Feb 28			Mar 7
Gymnastics	Oct 27	Nov 15	15D	Feb 27			Mar 7			Mar 13-14
Ice Hockey	Oct 27	Nov 17	24C	Feb 4	Apr 1		Mar 2-7	Mar 10-11	Mar 12-13	Mar 14
Skiing: Boys & Girls	Nov 17	Dec 13	15C	Feb 6			Feb 12 or 13			Feb 23
Swimming: LP Boys	Nov 24	Dec 6	17D	Mar 9			Dive: Mar 10			Mar 13-14
Swimming: UP Boys & Girls	Nov 10	Nov 22	17D	Feb 16						Feb 21
Wrestling: Individual	Nov 17	Dec 3	16D	Feb 4	Apr 1	Feb 21	Feb 28	ALPHA WEIGH-IN		Mar 12-14
Wrestling: Team	Nov 17	Dec 3	16D	Feb 4	Apr 1	Feb 18 & 19	Feb 25	10/20/08 - 1/31/09		Mar 6-7
SPRING										
Baseball	Mar 9	Mar 9	56 G+D	May 6	Jun 1	May 26, 29 or 30	Jun 6	Jun 9	Jun 12	Jun 13
Golf: LP Boys	Mar 9	Mar 12	16D	May 6		May 21 or 22 or 23	May 28 or 29 or 30			Jun 5-6
Golf: UP Boys & Girls	Mar 9	Mar 9	16D	May 15						May 29
Lacrosse: Boys & Girls	Mar 9	Mar 20	18C	Apr 29	Jun 1		May 14-30		Jun 3	Jun 6
Soccer: LP Girls	Mar 9	Mar 16	18C	May 6	Jun 1	May 26-30	Jun 2-6		Jun 10	Jun 13
Softball	Mar 9	Mar 9	56 G+D	May 6	Jun 1	May 26, 29 or 30	Jun 6	Jun 9	Jun 12	Jun 13
Tennis: LP Girls	Mar 9	Mar 9	16D	May 8			May 14 or 15			May 29-30
Tennis: UP Boys	Mar 9	Mar 9	16D	May 22						May 28
Track & Field	Mar 9	Mar 9	18D	May 11-12			May 15 or 16			May 30



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