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Baseball, softball, girls soccer and LP girls golf are among the many highlights of the MHSAA spring tournament season. Also featured in the coming weeks are UP boys and girls golf, UP and LP track & field, and UP and LP boys tennis.

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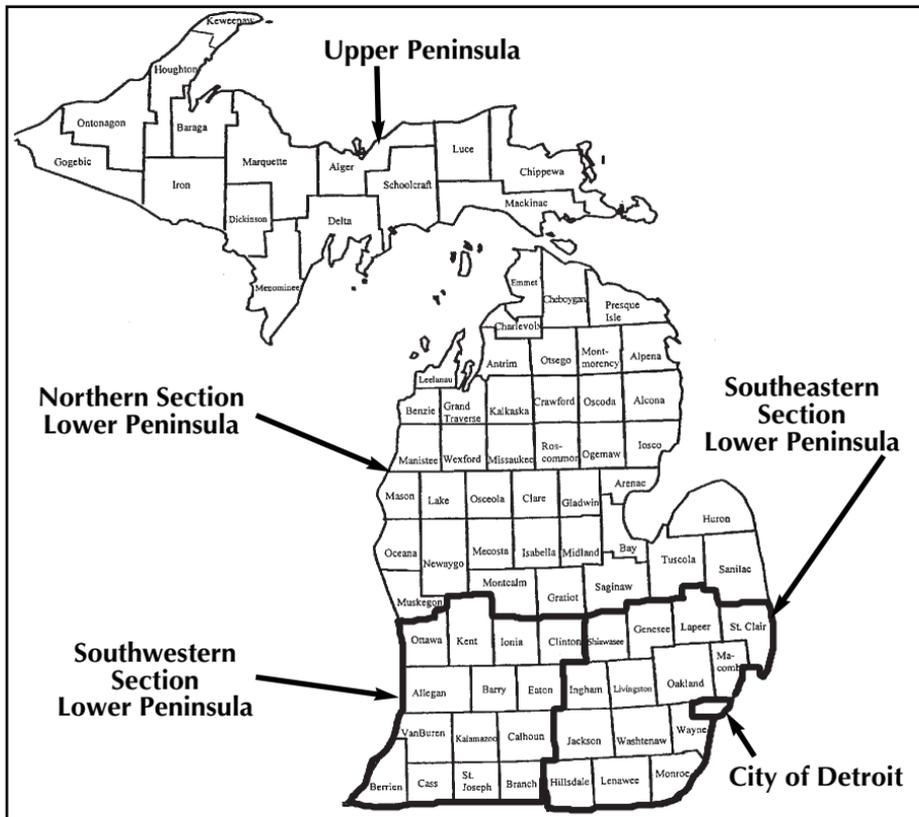
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REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AND UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Ballots to be Sent to Schools August 27, 2003

MAP OF REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL SECTIONS



Ballots for Representative Council elections will be mailed to principals of member schools from the MHSAA office Aug. 27, 2003. The ballots will be due back in the MHSAA office Sept. 10, 2003.

Six positions for membership on the Representative Council will be up for election this fall. Vacancies for two-year terms beginning December 2003 will occur as follows: Class C-D Southwestern Section, Lower Peninsula; Class C-D Southeastern Section, Lower Peninsula; Class A-B Upper Peninsula; Statewide At-Large; Junior High/Middle School, and City of Detroit.

In addition to the above named Representa-

tive Council positions, there are three Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee positions to be voted in September. A representative of the Class A-B, Class C and Class D schools will be elected by the principals of the Upper Peninsula schools.

Look for the ballots and return them in time to be counted by the Board of Canvassers. Be sure you mark your ballot correctly and signatures are affixed in the proper places. Ballots must have two (2) signatures to be considered valid.

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

Following the due date of Sept. 10, 2003, the Board of Canvassers as provided in Article IV of the Constitution of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, will meet and declare the winners for the various vacancies.

In accordance with the approved nomination and election procedures, listed candidates have submitted their desire to run for a position by March 15, 2003. They have included an approval to serve from their respective Superintendent or Principal and have certified their qualifications to run for the office which they seek. No write-ins will be possible because each candidate must be approved by March 15 in order to run for a position on the Representative Council.

Following are the declared candidates and the vacancies which will occur in December 2003:

**REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL
CANDIDATES FOR
SEPTEMBER 2003 ELECTION**

**Southwestern Section, Lower Peninsula --
Class C and D Schools**

Ken Dietz, Athletic Director, Hartford High School

**Southeastern Section, Lower Peninsula --
Class C and D Schools**

Randy Salisbury, Principal, Britton-Macon High School

Upper Peninsula -- Class A and B Schools

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Junior High/Middle Schools

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City of Detroit

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**UPPER PENINSULA
ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

Class D Schools

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Class C Schools

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Class A and B Schools

Don Edens, Athletic Director, Kingsford High School ■

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to make all personnel, telephone and
address revisions necessary for the
2003-04 school year**

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, April 16, 2003

Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan
Keith Eldred, Williamston
Tom Rashid, Detroit
Dan Flynn, Escanaba
Randy Salisbury, Britton

Staff Members Present:

Jack Roberts (Recorder)

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

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

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

waiver request to distinguish between truth, allegation, hearsay, opinion, summary or conclusion.

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 was cautioned to avoid making exceptions that would create precedent that effectively changes a rule without Representative Council action or local board of education adoption, which would exceed Executive Committee authority.

Students for whom waiver of a particular regulation is granted must be eligible in all respects under all other sections and interpretations of the regulations prior to their participation. Adoption of these regulations is a choice schools make locally when they consider their option of MHSAA membership. Consistent with rulings of the Attorney General and Michigan Supreme Court, schools are not bound by the decisions of the Executive Committee, but the association may limit participation in the 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 during regular season.

Bridgman, Stevensville-Lakeshore, Three Oaks-River Valley, St. Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic and Niles High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved the addition of Niles High School to the existing cooperative program in boys and girls swimming & diving that involves the other four schools. The Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference has approved the addition. The combined enrollment will be 2,906 (Division 1).

Buckley and Traverse City Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - Request was made to waive the April 15 deadline for a cooperative program in junior high/middle and high school cross country and track & field.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver until not later than June 1, 2003.

Caseville and Owendale-Gagetown High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls soccer between these schools. Caseville has sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. The Greater Thumb Conference has approved the application. The combined enrollment will be 179 (Division 4 in the 2003-04 MHSAA Tournaments, both boys and girls).

Detroit Catholic League (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - Request to waive the April 15 deadline for cooperative programs for football was made on behalf of two schools of the Detroit Catholic League which are in cooperative programs with schools that will close at the end of the 2002-03 school year. The cooperating schools will be seeking new cooperative agreements.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver until not later than June 1, 2003.

Fruitport-Calvary Christian and Muskegon Catholic Central High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee tabled the application for a cooperative program in boys soccer between these schools until the Alliance League has

approved the application without qualification for both 2003 and 2004. Calvary Christian has sponsored the sport previously and would be the primary school. The combined enrollment would be 317, which would make this program Division 4 in the 2003 MHSAA Boys Soccer Tournament.

Harbor Beach and Port Hope High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football between these schools. Harbor Beach sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. The combined enrollment for the 2002-03 school year is 392 students. The Greater Thumb League has approved the application.

Hart and Walkerville High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football between these schools. Hart has sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. The combined enrollment will be 486. The West Michigan Conference has approved the application.

Oscoda and Lincoln-Alcona High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - Request was made to waive the April 15 deadline for the application for a cooperative program in girls swimming & diving.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver until not later than June 1, 2003.

Pickford and Kinross-Maplewood Baptist Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee gave conditional approval for a cooperative program in football for Pickford, which has sponsored the sport previously, and Maplewood Baptist Academy, which just recently submitted a 2002-03 MHSAA Membership Resolution. The combined enrollment would be approximately 146. The Eastern Upper Peninsula Athletic Conference has approved the agreement.

The conditions are that Maplewood Baptist Academy submit a 2003-04 MHSAA Membership Resolution, receive a satisfactory report from a site visit by an MHSAA representative, and maintain an on-site enroll-

ment of not less than 15 students in grades 9-12. In the event the school does not qualify for MHSAA membership, students who transfer from Maplewood Baptist Academy to an MHSAA member school, including Pickford, shall not be eligible, even in football, for at least one full semester unless the student's circumstances meets one of the 15 stated exceptions to the transfer regulation.

Saginaw-Valley Lutheran High School and Saginaw Arts & Sciences Academy (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - Request was made to waive the April 15 deadline for application of a cooperative program in football.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver until not later than June 1, 2003.

Taylor-Baptist Park School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) - Request was made to waive the enrollment regulation to permit a 7th grader to participate in the 9-12 grade softball program at Baptist Park School whose 2002-03 enrollment exceeds the 50-student limit for this provision (82).

Noting that the limit has been recently reviewed and modified by the Representative Council, the Executive Committee determined that it would exceed its authority to waive the regulation.

Wakefield, Marenisco and Watersmeet High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved the addition of Watersmeet High School to the cooperative programs in football and boys and girls track & field that exist between the other schools (which also coop in tennis). The Porcupine Mountain Conference has approved the coop in track & field, and the Great Western Conference has approved the coop in football. The combined enrollment for MHSAA purposes for 2003-04 is 222.

Royal Oak-Dondero and Royal Oak-Kimball High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls swimming & diving, which both schools have sponsored previously. Dondero will be the primary school. The combined enrollment for 2003-04 for MHSAA purposes will

be 2,303 (Division 1). The Oakland Athletic Association has approved the application.

Auburn Hills-Avondale High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) - Request was made to waive the maximum semesters portions of the eligibility regulation on behalf of a student who attended 9th grade at Southfield High School, the first semester of 10th grade at Howe (IN) Military Academy, a few days of the second semester of 10th grade at Detroit-Western International High School, the first semester of 11th grade at North Farmington High School, the second semester of 11th grade in the alternative education program of the Farmington Public Schools, and the first semester of 12th grade in the Oakland County Sheriff Regimented Inmate Disciplinary Program and Brooklands Adult Education in Rochester. He enrolled in the Avondale Academy Program on Jan. 13, 2003. The request was for at least one more semester of eligibility in the fall of 2003.

Noting that the fall of 2003 would be the student's 5th first semester and his 8th or 9th semester overall, and that the 7th and 8th semesters must be consecutive, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver to permit eligibility during the 2003-04 school year.

Jonison High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) - Request to waive the maximum semesters sections of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who has had special education programming since elementary school. The request is for eligibility in both semesters of the 2003-04 school year.

Noting that the student received grades and credits in seven semesters prior to the current semester and was academically eligible under MHSAA regulations in every semester, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Morenci High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) - Request to waive the maximum semesters sections of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a student who has qualified for special education services throughout high school and during the second semester of the 2001-02 school year received

no grades or credits because he did not complete that semester. The school is requesting eligibility in both semesters of the 2003-04 school year, his 8th and 9th or 9th and 10th semesters of enrollment, depending on his status during the second semester of 2001-02. Appearing before the Executive Committee at its Feb. 19 meeting were the principal, athletic director, student services director and wrestling coach at Morenci High School. It was discovered during the discussions that the student participated while ineligible under the previous semester record regulation during the first semester of the 2002-03 school year. Even if the second semester of 2001-02 is not considered, the student passed only two courses during the first semester of 2001-02. The Executive Committee tabled the request for waiver until the following documentation is received:

1. A list of events during the first semester of 2002-03 when this student participated while ineligible. All those events must be forfeited in writing to the opponents.
2. The two most recent IEPs previous to the one dated 2/25/02.
3. The places and dates of enrollment and the record of daily attendance for the student during the 2001-02 school year and the first semester of 2002-03.

Reviewing the documentation provided in response to its request, the Executive Committee found that even if the second semester of the 2001-02 school year were not counted, the student would be in his 5th first semester in the first semester of 2003-04 and his 9th semester overall in the second semester of the 2003-04 school year. The request for waiver was denied.

Saginaw Arts & Sciences Academy (Regulation I, Section 5) - Request was made to waive Interpretation No. 32 to permit five girls who played on the boys soccer team last fall to also play on the newly created girls soccer team in the spring of 2003.

In keeping with past practice and the interest of expanding girl's athletic opportunities, the Executive Committee granted the

request for waiver.

Ann Arbor-Huron High School (Regulation I, Section 7) - Request to waive the previous semester record regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who was ill and enrolled in only three courses during the first semester of the 2002-03 school year, passing each course.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Delton Kellogg High School (Regulation I, Section 7) - Request to waive the previous semester record regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who passed only one of four block schedule courses during the first semester of the 2002-03 school year when she twice was in shelters. She had lived with her father in Indiana during 9th grade when she passed 13 of 16 courses. She moved to her mother's residence in Hartford for the first semester of 2002-03 and is now residing in a stable home in the Delton Kellogg district.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Allen Park-Cabrini High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level for the remainder of the 2002-03 school year on behalf of a 9th-grade student who attended Southgate-Davidson Middle School where she did not participate in sports before enrolling Oct. 25, 2002 at Cabrini High School.

The Executive Committee granted the request for eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2002-03 school year.

Bay City-Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level on behalf of a student who will be a 10th-grader in 2003-04. She participated on the Essexville-Garber High School girls basketball team as a 9th grader and transferred to Bay City-Central on March 3, 2003.

Because the student had participated, the Executive Committee was compelled by the

wording of Section 9(B) to deny the request for waiver. However, the Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at any level of competition effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Bay City-Central High School.

Bellevue High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who is relocating from the residence of her mother in the Gull Lake High School district to the residence of her father in Bellevue. The parents were never married but a birth certificate identifying these parents and an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form were provided.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Detroit-U of D Jesuit High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation and the closest nonpublic school provision of Interpretation No. 58 on behalf of an 11th-grade student using the divorce exception and Educational Transfer Form. The student had attended U of D for 2 1/2 years. He then moved to his father's residence in Milford. After three months, he returned to his mother's residence in Southfield, to which U of D Jesuit is not the closest nonpublic school.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Harris-Bark River-Harris High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request was made to interpret or waive the transfer regulation so that a student who transferred from a public school academy located within a traditional public school district to the high school of that public school district and who at all times resided within that public school district, would not be ineligible for one full semester following the transfer.

The Executive Committee reaffirmed the long-standing interpretation of Handbook language and denied the request for waiver.

Hartford High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who has relocated from the res-

idence of his father in Decatur to the residence of his mother and siblings in Hartford. The parents were never married but a birth certificate identifying the biological parents and an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form were provided.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Hazel Park High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Utica Stevenson High School, did not relocate his residence and enrolled at Hazel Park on Jan. 20, 2003. He has suffered anxiety disorder.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver, failing to see how a change of school would provide more familiar surroundings or why Hazel Park was the necessary choice.

Holland-West Ottawa High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who transferred from Holland-Black River Charter School, where she had played volleyball, to West Ottawa High School on Jan. 13, 2003. The student's family moved from the United Kingdom to South Carolina in 1999, later to Bloomfield Hills, and then to Holland in the summer of 2002.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver, noting a lack of compelling circumstances behind the change of schools.

Holly High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Saline while living with his mother and his grandmother, until she was forced to move out. He enrolled Jan. 29, 2003 at Holly High School after relocating to that district to live with his grandmother, aunt and uncle. The student's mother has psychological/emotional problems, and the student's mother and stepfather are in the process of a divorce.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver, finding that the student is

relocating to the person, his grandmother, who has served most as his parent.

Jackson Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility after 90 school days of enrollment at Jackson Christian High School for an 11th-grade student who had attended Jackson Public Schools until enrolling Oct. 7, 2002 at Jackson Christian.

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

Macomb-Lutheran High School North (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who withdrew under threat of expulsion from Lutheran High School North during the 2001-02 school year and was advised that readmission would not be considered before the second semester of the 2002-03 school year. The student attended the local public school for the completion of the 2001-02 school year and the start of the 2002-03 school year when she tried out for and made the girls basketball team. Then she withdrew before any games were played and was home schooled for the remainder of the semester.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver under the spirit of exception No. 14 if the school produces its transcript that demonstrates the student passed the equivalent of at least 20 credit hours in each of the two semesters she was not enrolled at Lutheran High School North.

Muskegon-Reeths-Puffer High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility after 90 school days of enrollment at Reeths-Puffer High School on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Muskegon High School and enrolled at Reeths-Puffer on Oct. 9, 2002.

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

Portland High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a student who previously lived with her mother in another school district and has relocated to her uncle's residence in Portland.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Warren-Cousino High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level this school year on behalf of a 9th-grade student who enrolled Dec. 3, 2002 at Cousino. He previously attended Center Line High School where he did not participate in interscholastic athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2002-03 school year.

Wyoming-Tri-unity Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - In August of 2002, an 11th-grade student was asked not to return to Hudsonville-Freedom Baptist High School. She was home-schooled for the first semester of the 2002-03 school year; and when she sought to return to Freedom Baptist, she was denied. She enrolled at Tri-unity Christian as a second-semester 11th-grader. At its March 20, 2003 meeting, the Executive Committee tabled the request for waiver pending receipt of additional information.

Information was received from both Freedom Baptist and Tri-unity Christian. Also received from Tri-unity was a request to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of the student who is the father of the baby borne of the first student.

The Executive Committee granted the requests for waiver.

Hancock High School (Regulation I, Section 13) - Request was made to interpret or waive applicable regulations to permit a student to participate for Team Michigan in the Chicago Showcase ice hockey event without loss of eligibility for interscholastic athletics.

The Executive Committee confirmed that

the interpretation regarding the event, which has been made by others in past years and at other schools this year and has been made for numerous events in other sports over the years, is the correct interpretation. When the selection of participants is based on their high school season and is not based on their participation in the sport outside the interscholastic program or on an open, publicized tryout, the selection is deemed to be a high school all-star team which, when it engages in competition, causes students to forfeit interscholastic eligibility in all sports for up to one year.

The Executive Committee requests that the school impose a period of ineligibility that is not less than the student's next three days of competition after the Chicago competition is concluded. The school's participation with this student in an MHSAA tournament requires no less than the Executive Committee's request. The Executive Committee's recommendation is for this one event for this year only, but also would apply to any other students of MHSAA member schools who participate in the event this year.

Kensington Valley Conference (Regulation II, Section 10) - A late request was made to waive the limitations of competition to allow the schools of the Kensington Valley Conference to play four girls soccer games in a week on three consecutive weeks, if necessary to complete the league schedule. The additional games would be on Saturdays.

The Executive Committee first reviewed the rationale, academic and physical, for the three-game per week limit. The Executive Committee then discussed the number of weeks available in the spring soccer season and the number of competition dates that facilitates, which is well in excess of the maximum number of games allowed.

Schools also have the option of playing multiple shortened games on Saturdays when only one other game has been played in a week, and schools may reschedule games between their defeat in the MHSAA tournament and the MHSAA Finals June 14.

Because the conditions experienced by the member schools of the Kensington Valley Conference have been no worse than in other locations, because of other scheduling options that exist, and because of the compelling rationale for the rule, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Lake Leelanau-St. Mary School (Regulation III, Section 1) - Request was made to waive the enrollment regulation and specifically Interpretation No. 225 so that 6th-grade girls may participate in the 7th- and 8th-grade basketball program during 2003-04.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Warren-Cousino High School (Regulation V, Section 4[B]) - Request was made to waive the forfeiture requirement for this school's use of an ineligible transfer student who had enrolled at Cousino Jan. 21, 2003. The student had previously attended Detroit-Pershing High School and had not completed a change of residence with his mother before participating in interscholastic basketball games at Cousino. After the student was suspended from the team, he withdrew from Cousino High School.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Next Meetings - The next meetings of the Executive Committee are Saturday, May 3, at 6 p.m. in Gaylord (Representative Council Sunday-Tuesday); and Wednesday, June 18, at 1 p.m. in East Lansing. ■

*Have a Safe and
Enjoyable Summer!*

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, April 16, 2003

Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan
Tom Rashid, Detroit
William Newkirk, Meridian
Randy Salisbury, Britton

Staff Members Present:

Tom Minter
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

2002-03 Reports - The executive director reviewed the summary of accounts and the profit/loss statement through March 2003. It was apparent that the measures approved by the Representative Council in March of 2002 were reversing the downward trend in the MHSAA's financial position. Revenue was up nearly \$399,000 and expenses down more than \$110,000 year-to-date over March 2001. Still, the MHSAA had only 2.78 months of operating funds in undesignated funds on March 31, 2003 and there is no positive cash flow month after April until November.

2003-04 Proposed Budget - The Finance Committee approved to advance to the Representative Council in May a proposed revenue and expense budget with statement of changes in cash (with capital budget) for 2003-04. It was understood that some numbers could change as a result of late financial reports from winter tournaments and other factors, but the concept of a budget with a revenue exceeding expenses by approximately \$100,000 should be presented to the Representative Council.

Consensus Items - The following items were discussed and decided without formal vote.

1. Recommend to the Representative Council that the host share for Regional Cross Country Meets be reduced from \$600 to \$300.
2. Request the Representative Council discuss ways that admission might be charged at all MHSAA tournaments, at least at the Finals level, and especially for tennis whose indoor court costs are paid by the MHSAA.
3. No change should be proposed in the reimbursement plan for schools participating in the MHSAA Football Playoffs.

4. As for reimbursement of host schools, the MHSAA should have set schedules for payments to officials, scorers and timers only. General Information Bulletins and Tournament Managers Manuals should be clear that it is the primary responsibility of participating teams to provide medical personnel for their teams. Staff is requested to review all financial forms and other tournament documents to be consistent with these general policies. Staff is also to investigate if changes in the reimbursement policies might be both justified and affordable. There might be different policies for reimbursement of certain expenses for hosts who share in significant tournament revenue than for hosts of tournaments that do not produce revenue for host schools.

5. Movement toward the MHSAA's assuming schools' costs for greens fees in golf, lift tickets in skiing, indoor court time in tennis and lineage in bowling should be slow, for these can amount to very large, annually recurring expenses. Establishing a set cost to schools at all Regional sites for facility expenses would be a more practical goal.

Audit - The Finance Committee had previously received the audits and audit policy and procedures of neighboring state high school associations. No change was recommended in the independent, outside audit procedures for the MHSAA.

Personnel - The Finance Committee will recommend to the Representative Council that the executive director's employment agreement be amended to include post-retirement medical insurance assistance. ■

UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Escanaba, April 4, 2003

Members Present:

Russ Bailey, Ewen-Trout Creek
James Derocher, Negaunee
Don Edens, Kingsford
Dan Flynn, Escanaba
DeeJay Paquette, Munising
Paul Polfus, Carney-Nadeau
Joe Reddinger, North Dickinson

MHSAA Representative:

Jerry Cvengros (Recorder)

The Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee met in Harris on Friday, April 4, 2003, in conjunction with the U.P. Athletic Directors Annual Spring Meeting.

REGIONAL BASKETBALL SITE SELECTION FOR 2003-04, 2004-05

Responding to written requests from member schools and informational discussions at the athletic directors meeting, the committee held a lengthy discussion on its previous decision to host the 2003-04 and 2004-05 boys and girls basketball Regionals in both Class C and Class D at Michigan Technological University. Both Regionals have been held at MTU for two consecutive years.

Although several alternatives were proposed, the committee agreed to honor the MTU commitment for both Class C and Class D (boys and girls) for the 2003-04 school year only.

For the 2004-05 tournament, the committee agreed to a one-year trial to split Class C and Class D into separate sites with an effort to relocate the Class C boys and girls Regional tournament to a high school site in a central U.P. location. The Class D tournament may be assigned to MTU or a high school site, as to be determined by the committee at a meeting next year.

All committee members praised the efforts of tournament managers at Michigan Tech and emphasized that changes are being made to alleviate travel concerns for teams and fans of Class C teams in Eastern U.P. communities.

DISTRICT BASKETBALL ALIGNMENT

The committee reviewed correspondence from a former member questioning alignments in Class D District basketball tournaments.

There was unanimous agreement of committee members that the current alignment is geographically sound and preserves the integrity of advancement of teams to two separate Class D Regionals.

It was also pointed out that in the near future, one or more U.P. schools may cease operation because of declining enrollments necessitating further adjustments.

2003 DISTRICT AND REGIONAL GIRLS BASKETBALL SITES

The committee made the following selections for the 2003 girls tournament:

Class B - Menominee

Class C - Rudyard, Ishpeming-Westwood,
Hancock and Iron Mountain

Class D - DeTour, Engadine, Powers North
Central, Baraga, Ewen-Trout Creek,
Dollar Bay

Regionals 24 and 32 will be played at MTU

Regional 31 (Class D) was assigned to Newberry High School

Class C Quarterfinals No. 12 is assigned to Petoskey High School

Class D Quarterfinals will be played in either Escanaba or Sault Ste. Marie according to the long-standing formula for assignment.

REGIONAL TRACK & FIELD ASSIGNMENTS

The committee reviewed correspondence from a member school to realign Division I school assignments to reflect enrollment equity.

The committee reaffirmed the MHSAA plan of establishing assignments by geographical location and made no changes.

INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

Dan Flynn reported on his discussion with U.P. wrestling coaches regarding possible changes in the tournament from a two-day to a one-day tournament. Consensus among the coaches was to continue the current two-day tournament.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Concern was expressed by committee members over the number of unqualified officials who have been selected to officiate boys and girls basketball tournaments. Apparently, after assignments are made by the committee, whose selections are determined by the availability sheets provided by

MHSAA staff, many officials refuse assignments because of their current non-active status, forcing tournament managers and MHSAA staff to scramble for last minute replacements.

The committee made two suggestions for consideration by staff:

1. Provide current schedules of games for each official qualifying for current year assignments to assist the committee in assigning.
2. Utilize the U.P. committee to assist staff in recommending replacements when necessary.

Because of his expertise and current activity as an approved MHSAA official, Joe Reddinger of North Dickinson County was suggested as a U.P. intermediary to assist staff in securing adequate replacements.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the U.P. Athletic Committee will be held in Escanaba on Friday, September 19, 2003. ■

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LESSONS OF WAR

Educational athletics tiptoes through the tragedies of life.

War in Iraq. September 11th. Oklahoma City bombing. Natural disasters. Fatal injuries and illnesses to colleagues, friends and family. Scandals in corporations, charities and churches.

And still we play our games.

We can do this without apologies, if we do so with care and compassion, if we remember what we are and what we are not.

Now is a good time, for example, to remind players, coaches and spectators that sport is not war. That using words like "kill," "battle" and even "fight" are inappropriate in describing our contests, motivating our athletes and rooting for our teams.

Now is the perfect time to remind people that our contests are not life and death and to require that we behave accordingly as we coach and watch.

We talk in sports of discipline, dedication and sacrifice. But what we talk of – like the discipline of being to practice on time daily or the sacrifice of being a role player – is ghostly pale in comparison to what some people are going through in the real world.

We can continue to play our games if we take care to neither ignore the world's condition nor use that condition to promote our programs or ourselves. We diminish real human struggle if we err in either direction. ■

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LISTENING TO SCHOLAR-ATHLETES – 2003

Each year it is my pleasure to engage in a private conversation with the recipients of the MHSAA/Farm Bureau Scholar-Athlete Awards. I ask them questions, and I listen to their answers. And I try to make some of their ideas part of my agenda for the year ahead.

This past March I asked the scholar-athletes what they would change about high school athletics if they had the power to do so.

Quickly, several of these best and brightest students were critical of the fact that the policies and penalties for athletes' use of alcohol differs from school district to school district, and sometimes within different sports of the same school. Most of their heads nodded in agreement when the suggestion was made that the MHSAA should establish minimum standards.

They had similar thinking about academic standards for athletic eligibility. They appreciate that the MHSAA's authority is only to provide a minimum standard, but several of the student-athletes suggested that standards should be higher and more uniform.

But then I told the scholar-athletes of the family that had two children, one of whom was very bright and received A's without effort, while the other student struggled mightily to earn C's. I asked them: "Which student should earn the privilege of participation in interscholastic athletics: the first child who makes no effort and receives an A- or B+, or the second child who makes a mighty effort and earns a C- or D+?"

The student-athletes were bright enough and caring enough to recognize that one size doesn't fit all when it comes to academic eligibility standards, even within the same school district.

The scholar-athletes surprised me with some of their other concerns. One or two took issue with the fact that tattoos are allowed in some sports and not in others, that glitter is allowed in some sports and not others, and that hair coloring is allowed in some circumstances and not others.

It occurred to me, if these bright students are confused by the apparent inconsistencies in the playing rules, imagine how other students and spectators react. In their own way, the scholar-athletes pointed out the need for the playing rules codes to be standardized from sport to sport – not just for the officials who must call the games and the coaches who must coach the games, but also for the players and spectators. On certain basics – like tattoos, glitter, hair color, logos on uniforms, inhalers, unconscious athletes – the same rules should be found in the same words in the same sections of the rule books, regardless of code.

Isn't it interesting? These student-athletes, some of our brightest and best in Michigan high schools, want more consistency: in policies and penalties for alcohol use, in academic eligibility standards, in playing rules. I think they're probably correct.■

And We Quote –

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

– Leo Buscaglia, Lecturer, Author

BACK TO THE Ws

The recent talk of school districts across Michigan implementing some type of fee for participation in sports ought to have us looking again at our purpose in educational athletics, and then packaging our programs accordingly. The financial challenges of the months ahead may bring all of us back to what we've known all along – that school sports are different than all other levels of organized athletics.

Getting back to that starting point, I'd like to utilize one of the rules taught to me in one of my very first journalism classes nearly 30 years ago to analyze our current situation in school sports and offer some thoughts about future approaches. That rule is made up of five Ws – Who, What, When, Where and Why.

WHO

Who are we? The answer is simple. We're educational athletics. We are a tool for schools to reach and motivate young people. We're not the "edutainment" that much of Division I college athletics have become and not the pure entertainment that professional sports teams have been from their inception. We're even different from all of the levels of youth and amateur sports that surround us.

WHAT

What are we? The builder of tomorrow's leaders is what we are. Because 99 percent of our participants aren't going to play organized athletics once their high school playing days are over, it is vital that we educate our children in the academic classroom and the athletic annex in the important things. That doesn't mean winning. That means having an educational base that will give them the skill sets to survive in an ever-changing world, and the character traits to survive against the scandal around us – even in the edutainment and non-school sports programs.

What we should be doing in school sports is everything to prepare our youngsters for the next level of life. What we should be doing is emphasizing learning through aca-

demics and athletics.

What we should not be doing is emulating those around us. People talk of the "Arms Race" in college sports. Folks, look around, it's already happening to us in high school sports.

What is beginning to creep into our mindset is that we have to travel far and wide to find the best competition; that we have to have preseason practices in out of state and out of the way places; that we have to have a bazillion assistant coaches and technological tools for play calling and analysis; that our uniforms and playing fields emulate those we see in edutainment sports.

WHEN

When kids play organized sports now is non-stop. Movement from the school team into the non-school program is now almost immediate at season's end, flowing right up to the doorstep of the next year's school season. We don't give kids time to be kids.

I still don't buy the notion that all of this is of the kid's choosing either. There's a school coach, non-school coach, entourage member or parent behind it more often than not.

WHERE

Where we play may be impacted the most. Some schools are already restricting their in-season competition travel, and for that they should be applauded. There are no reasons, except in our most remote areas, to look very far for competition.

The creation of some of the so-called mega conferences have been designed to assist schools with their scheduling and keeping school sports to what they should be – local. People offer all kinds of excuses for not wanting to play their neighbors. In these times, those excuses need to be put aside. If there's bad blood out there – fix it. If there's a mindset out there that the suburban school can't play the urban or rural school – eliminate it. One of the greatest lessons we can teach our children is that we can all get along,

even in competition. We must move our attitudes away from the elitism that has already crept in to our programs. Sportsmanship and respect is what we should be teaching.

WHY

Why is it important for us to be different? Why do we need to do all of this? Why can't we follow the path of other sports organizations?

If we don't do it, then schools have no reason to offer sports programs. When participation fees threaten to turn the school sports teams into the elite travel programs we see which are primarily based on a family's financial means, we might as well get out of the educational sports business. When we eliminate opportunities for kids to enjoy the privilege of a lifetime – school sports – we don't deserve to exist. When we emphasize being the best, national competition and all the unsavory stuff over playing your best, we deserve to die.

HOW

How sometimes makes it way into the lineup with the Ws. How do we accomplish all of this? How can we continue to offer these programs? How can we keep up with not just our neighboring school, but the school on the other side of the state whom we know we just can't beat if we don't travel like,

dress like, have the technological toys like...how, how, how?

Like the basics of journalism, we get back to the basics:

Who - We're school sports, and we're there for every kid.

What - We're educational, teaching life-time values.

When - An after-school activity, not a year-round endeavor.

Where - We're local, and we should stay local.

Why - Because if we aren't all that, we have no reason to exist.

We can pare back our schedules, our travel and do lots of other defensible and sensible things to tackle our budget problems. As we do this, it should be with keeping as many kids as possible in as many ways as possible at as many levels as possible involved in our programs.

The line out of the movie *Apollo 13* when the administrators in flight control are discussing the reentry possibilities of the space capsule ends with the flight director countering the negative scenarios with, "I think this will be our finest hour."

This can be our finest hour. This can be the time we reaffirm our programs as educational, as local, and as ones offering abundant opportunities for kids. ■

2003-04 NATIONAL TEST DATES

ACT Assessment

October 25, 2003
December 13, 2003
February 7, 2004
April 3, 2004
June 12, 2004

SAT

October 11, 2003
November 1, 2003
December 6, 2003
January 24, 2004
March 27, 2004
May 1, 2004
June 5, 2004

Advanced Placement — May 3-14, 2004

SPRING RATING FORMS DUE MAY 23, 2003

Officials rating forms for varsity or sub-varsity baseball, girls soccer, and softball were sent in late April to all MHSAA member schools sponsoring those sports. The forms are designed to be “read” by a mark sensor scanning device. Many of the blanks already have been completed and returned. The deadline for receiving forms in this office will be May 23, 2003. **Rating blanks received after this date will not be processed.**

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

The mark sensor forms do require attention and adherence to specific preparation rules.

1. Use only a No. 2 pencil — **NO INK.**
2. Fully mark each space selected.
3. Print the officials ID number and name in the space provided **and** fully darken the appropriate spaces under the entry. Officials ID numbers are found in the *Officials Directory*.
4. Indicate “Varsity” or “Sub-varsity” rating.
5. Print the school ID number in the space provided **and** fully darken in the appropriate spaces under the entry. School ID numbers are in the *School Directory* in

parentheses following the school name.

6. Use only the original forms sent to your school. Copies of the form cannot be read by our equipment because the carbon properties in the copy machine ink violate the system.
7. Keep forms as neat and free of wrinkles, folds and holes as possible.
8. **Athletic directors are asked to review the ratings and make copies of the ratings sent for their files in case problems develop. File copies help solve problems.**

It is important that rating forms be reviewed by athletic directors before mailing to insure that they are completely and properly filled out. All schools should be positive that EITHER the superintendent OR the principal AND the athletic director OR the coach sign and review the ratings forms and that they be returned to the MHSAA office at the earliest opportunity.

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

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

2003-04 RULES MEETINGS

By Representative Council Action:

- (1) It is necessary for officials to attend rules meetings if they wish to be considered for tournament play in that sport.
- (2) Each school sponsoring the sport should be represented at one of the meetings for that sport.
- (3) Head coaches must attend or pass a rules examination for the sport.

Plan accordingly to attend a rules meeting in your area. A complete list of dates, times and locations will be available online at mhsaa.com by June 1, 2003

UPDATE MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 2003

Eight Update Meetings (one more than in 2002) will be held during the fall of 2003. The purpose of these meetings is to keep the MHSAA's membership apprised of current issues regarding rules, regulations, and Representative Council action as well as to receive input from the attendees. All superintendents, principals, athletic directors and school board members are strongly urged to attend the meetings in order to learn of pertinent action for the 2003-04 school year. Representative Council and MHSAA staff members will also be in attendance. A question-and-answer period will be provided for in the meeting format.

The meetings are listed below with the date, time and place. The September 29 meeting in Traverse City is a breakfast meeting (complimentary) held in conjunction with the Fall Conference of the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals and also serves as the MHSAA's Annual Business Meeting. The next six meetings listed will begin with a luncheon and will commence promptly at Noon with the Update Meeting following shortly after 1 p.m. Those wishing to attend the meeting but not planning to participate in the luncheon can plan to arrive at approximately 1 p.m.

The Representative Council urges all member schools to make every effort to attend one of the scheduled Update Meetings. If you have specific items you feel should be covered, please forward these suggestions to the MHSAA office prior to June 1, 2003. The schedule of meetings is as follows:

Breakfast Meeting (7:15 a.m.)

Monday, September 29 TRAVERSE CITY, Grand Traverse Resort

All Luncheon Meetings Begin at 12 Noon

Wednesday, October 1 KALAMAZOO, Pine West
Monday, October 6 COMSTOCK PARK, English Hills Country Club
Wednesday, October 8 LANSING, Holiday Inn South
Wednesday, October 15 FRANKENMUTH, Zehnder's
Monday, October 20 GAYLORD, Hidden Valley Otsego Club
Wednesday, October 29 PONTIAC, Silverdome's Main Event

Non-Luncheon Meeting (10 a.m.)

Friday, October 31 MARQUETTE (In Conjunction with Upper Peninsula Athletic Directors Meeting)

Meal prices and reservation forms will be published in the August issue of the *Bulletin*.

UPDATE MEETING ATTENDANCE HISTORY

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

2003-04 PACE SCHEDULE

Level I

1. Mon. - Wed., August 4, 6 - Saginaw Heritage High School (6-10)
2. Tues. - Thurs., August 5, 7 - Carleton Airport HS (6-10)
3. Saturday, August 9 - Troy HS (8-4:30)
4. Saturday, August 23 - Capac HS (8-4:30)
5. Saturday, September 6 - Vanderbilt HS (8-4:30)
6. Saturday, September 13 - West Branch HS (8-4:30)
7. Wednesday, September 17 - Farmington Training Center (8-4:30)
8. Saturday, September 20 - Pontiac Northern HS (8-4:30)
9. Friday, October 3 - BCAM, Lansing Holiday Inn South (8-4:30)
10. Saturday, October 11 - Livonia Stevenson HS (8-4:30)
11. Saturday, October 18 - Lakeview HS (8-4:30)
12. Saturday, February 7 - DeWitt HS (8-4:30)
13. Saturday, March 20 - MIAAA, Grand Traverse Resort (8-4:30)

Level II

20. Mon. - Wed., August 11, 13 - Saginaw Heritage High School (6-10)
21. Saturday, August 16 - Troy HS (8-4:30)
22. Tues. - Thurs., August 19, 21 - Carleton Airport HS (6-10)
23. Saturday, September 20 - West Branch HS (8-4:30)
24. Wednesday, September 24 - Farmington Training Center (8-4:30)
25. Saturday, September 27 - Pontiac Northern HS (8-4:30)
26. Saturday, September 27 - Vanderbilt HS (8-4:30)
27. Friday, October 3 - BCAM, Lansing Holiday Inn South (8-4:30)
28. Saturday, October 18 - Livonia Franklin HS (8-4:30)
29. Saturday, October 25 - Lakeview HS (8-4:30)
30. Saturday, December 13 - Capac HS (8-4:30)
31. Saturday, February 7 - DeWitt HS (8-4:30)
32. Saturday, March 20 - MIAAA, Grand Traverse Resort (8-4:30)

PACE ENROLLMENT FORM

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Bus. Phone: _____ Res. Phone: _____

School Affiliation: _____ School ID #: _____

Program Location: Level I _____ Level II _____

Checks payable to MHSAA - Level I - \$60; Level II - \$60 Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Mail to: Leanne Moore
MHSAA
1661 Ramblewood Drive
East Lansing, MI 48823

SCHOOL CLASSIFICATIONS ANNOUNCED FOR 2003-04

The 2003-04 school year classifications for Michigan High School Athletic Association elections and postseason tournaments in traditionally classified sports (A, B, C, D) have been announced.

Classifications for the upcoming school year are based on a second semester count date, which was Feb. 26. The enrollment figure submitted for athletic classification purposes may be different from the count submitted for school aid purposes, as it does not include students ineligible for athletic competition because they reached their 19th birthday prior to Sept. 1 of the current school year and will not include alternative education students if none are allowed athletic eligibility by the local school district.

After all the counts are submitted, the 758 tournament-qualified member schools are ranked according to enrollment, and then split as closely into quarters as possible. For 2002-03, it works out that 189 schools are in Classes A and B, and 190 schools are in Classes C and D.

Effective with the 2003-04 school year, schools with 1,042 or more students are in Class A in MHSAA competition. The enrollment limits for Class B are 497 to 1,041; Class C is 233 to 496; and schools with enrollments of 232 and under are Class D. The break increased 16 students between Classes A and B; increased 5 students between Classes B and C; and the break between Classes C and D decreased by 10.

Schools were recently notified of their classification. MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts said that schools may not appeal their classification if the appeal is to play in a lower class.

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

The new classification breaks will see 13 schools move up in class for 2002-03, while seven schools will move down.

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

MHSAA tournament sports conducted in traditional classifications are Basketball, Girls Competitive Cheer, Girls Gymnastics, Skiing, and Girls Volleyball. Sports which will compete in nearly equal divisions are: Baseball, Boys and Girls Cross Country, Boys and Girls Golf, Ice Hockey, Softball, Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving, Boys and Girls Tennis, Boys and Girls Track and Field, and Wrestling. Boys and Girls Soccer will have 20 percent of sponsoring schools in Division 4 and the remaining schools divided equally into Divisions 1, 2 and 3. The division breaks in those sports were announced in April and are on the MHSAA Web site. The eight divisions of the MHSAA Football Playoffs will be announced on Selection Sunday, Oct. 26, 2003.

Here is a complete list of the schools changing classification for 2003-04 (Note: This list does not include schools opting up in class/division for tournaments):



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SCHOOLS CHANGING CLASSIFICATION FOR 2003-04

Moving Up From Class B To Class A

Rochester Hills Stoney Creek
Walled Lake Northern
Redford Thurston
Clio

Moving Down From Class A To Class B

Stevensville Lakeshore
Livonia Ladywood

Moving Up From Class C To Class B

Plymouth
Dundee
Farwell

Moving Down From Class B To Class C

Calumet
Riverview Gabriel Richard

Moving Up From Class D To Class C

Ecorse
Hale
Pottersville

Detroit School of Industrial Arts
Saugatuck
Pellston

Moving Down From Class C To Class D

Allen Park Cabrini
Carsonville-Port Sanilac

New Postseason Tournament Schools in 2002-03

Interlochen Arts Academy (Class C)
Detroit Universal Academy (Class D)
Otsego Baptist Academy (Class D)
Saline-Washtenaw Christian Academy (Class D)

Enrollment Breaks By Classes - 2003-04

(Number of schools in parenthesis)
Class A 1,042 and above (189)
Class B 497 to 1,041 (189)
Class C 233 to 496 (190)
Class D 232 and below (190)

LEGACY PROGRAM NETS 49 OFFICIALS IN 2002-03

During the 2002-03 school year, 49 high school seniors participated as MHSAA Legacy officials.

This year's class brings the total to 314 students who have become registered and active officials during their senior year of high school through the Legacy program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The recipients of the top Michigan High School Athletic Association's Good Sports Are Winners! Awards for the recently completed 2002-03 winter sports season have been named, with each school to receive commemorative banners and crystal trophies from MEEMIC Insurance, the Association's corporate partner in sportsmanship efforts.

Carleton Airport in girls competitive cheer, **Bronson** in team dual wrestling, **Davison** in ice hockey, **Pellston** in girls volleyball and **Bark River-Harris** in boys basketball, were selected by the tournament management at their respective Finals for displaying the most exemplary sportsmanship by their coaches, student-athletes and spectators. Presentation dates at all four schools will be announced soon.

Carleton Airport was the Class B runner-up in girls competitive cheer; Bronson was second in the Division 4 team dual wrestling tournament, Davison was a finalist in the Division 2 ice hockey tournament, Pellston was a Class D semifinalist in girls volleyball and Bark River-Harris was the runner-up in Class D in boys basketball. This is the first Finals level award for all of the schools involved in any sport.

The Good Sports Are Winners! Award is making its return in 2002-03 with the corporate underwriting of MEEMIC Insurance. The program had previously been offered from 1989 to 1996, and again during 2000-01.

At the District and Regional level of MHSAA tournaments, all schools which meet a set of sportsmanlike standards are recognized. There are standards in the program which automatically disqualify a school from consideration from the award. Any team which is disqualified for the Good Sports Are Winners! Award at the District or Regional level of a tournament becomes ineligible for the award at higher levels of that same tournament.

In all, 173 teams in girls competitive cheer, team dual wrestling, ice hockey, girls volleyball and boys basketball are being recognized for their outstanding sportsmanship at Winter tournaments. Those teams will be recognized through the publication of their names in the MHSAA Bulletin, the MHSAA Finals program series, and on the MHSAA Web site. During the course of the school year, over 1,000 teams will be recognized in 11 activities for their sportsmanship efforts during MHSAA tournaments.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by over 1,300 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition. No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools. Member schools which enforce these rules are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments, which attract approximately 1.6 million spectators each year.

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

The following pages list Good Sports Are Winners! Award recipients as submitted by tournament managers through April 3 for the recently completed Winter sports season .

Good Sports Are Winners! Winter Tournament Recipients

(Based on reports received at the MHSAA offices as of 4/3/03. NOTE: There can be more than one winner at each site, and not all site managers responded.)

BOYS BASKETBALL

District Awards

Class A

Davison
Flint Carman-Ainsworth
Flint Kearsley
Flint Northern
Kalamazoo Loy Norrix
Lapeer West
Portage Central
Portage Northern
Stevensville Lakeshore
Wyandotte Roosevelt

Class B

Allendale
Armada
Capac
Caro
Frankenmuth
Goodrich
Grandville Calvin Christian
Imlay City
Jackson Northwest
Millington
Mt. Clemens
Muskegon Heights
Muskegon Orchard View
North Branch
Vassar

Class C

Athens
Ithaca
Merrill
North Muskegon
Reading
Sand Creek
St. Louis
Union City

Class D

Alanson Littlefield
Detroit East Catholic
Detroit Holy Redeemer
Ellsworth
Harbor Light Christian

Harper Woods Lutheran East
Harper Woods Trinity Catholic
Mackinac City
McBain N. Michigan Christian
Pellston
Saginaw Grace Baptist Christian

Regional Awards

Class A

Detroit Murray-Wright
Detroit Redford

Class B

No Managers Reports Received

Class C

No Managers Reports Received

Class D

Caseville
Fowler
Genesee Christian
Kingston

GIRLS COMPETITIVE

CHEER

Regional Awards

Class A

Gaylord
Lapeer East
Lapeer West
Midland Dow
Mt. Pleasant
Oxford
Port Huron
Port Huron Northern
St. Johns

Class B

Allendale
Belding
Caledonia
Chesaning
Comstock Park
Flat Rock

Fremont

Grand Rapids Catholic Central
Grosse Ile
Houghton Lake
Lake Odessa Lakewood
Otsego
Ovid-Elsie
Plainwell
Riverview
Sparta
Stanton Central Montcalm
Tecumseh
Wyoming Park

Class C-D

Montague
Pewamo-Westphalia
Shelby

ICE HOCKEY

Regional Awards

Division 1

No Managers Reports Received

Division 2

No Managers Reports Received

Division 3

Brighton

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

District Awards

Class A

Ann Arbor Huron
Grand Blanc
Grand Rapids Creston
Grand Rapids Forest Hills C.
Grand Rapids Forest Hills N.
Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills
Grand Rapids Northview
Holly
Livonia Churchill
Ottawa Hills
Plymouth Canton
Port Huron Northern

Rockford
South Lyon
Waterford Kettering

Class B
DeWitt
Eaton Rapids

Class C
Bath
Laingsburg

Class D
Big Rapids Crossroads
Freesoil
Mason County Eastern

Regional Awards
Class A
No Managers Reports Received

Class B
Alma
Fremont
Fruitport
Reed City

Class C
No Managers Reports Received

Class D
Custer Mason County Eastern
McBain N. Michigan Christian
Onkama
Walkerville

Quarterfinal Awards
Class A
No Managers Reports Received

Class B
Birmingham Seaholm

Fruitport
Marysville
Saginaw Nouvel

Class C
Concord

Class D
No Managers Reports Received

TEAM DUAL WRESTLING

District Awards
Division 1
Ann Arbor Huron
Ann Arbor Pioneer
New Baltimore Anchor Bay
Pinckney
Port Huron
Port Huron Northern

Division 2
East Grand Rapids
Grand Rapids Creston

Division 3
Allendale
Armada
Bath
Bentley
Benzie Central
Coopersville
Goodrich
Manistee
Mason County Central
Perry
Portland
Reed City
Richmond
Williamston

Division 4
Athens
Bronson
Carson City-Crystal
Fife Lake Forest Area
Fulton
Inkster
Kingsley
Leroy Pine River
Lutheran Westland
Mancelona
Manton

Regional Awards
Division 1
Allendale
Bay City Western
Flushing
Grand Haven
Grandville
Hudsonville
Rockford
Saginaw Heritage
Traverse City Central

Division 2
Coldwater
Mattawan
Middleville Thornapple-
Kellogg

Division 3
Allendale
Shelby

Division 4
Carson City-Crystal
Hesperia
Morley-Stanwood
St. Louis
Whittemore-Prescott

USTA National Championships Come to Kalamazoo

The USTA Boys 18-under and 16-under National Championships will take place on the courts of Kalamazoo College and Western Michigan University Aug. 1-10.

On Tuesday, Aug. 5, all high school players and coaches will receive free admission to the event, which will also feature Prince racket testing and a fast-serve contest. This is a great opportunity to see the nation's top 400 boys in action.

Call 269-337-7343 for further information.

COMPETITIVE CHEER COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, March 19, 2003

Members Present:

Wendy Contreras, Jenison
Jayne Danhoff, Plainwell
Deb Gaines, Breckenridge
Mary Gavitt, Lansing
Kristy Gibson-Marshall, Oxford
Dee Hammond, St. Johns
Jack Kramer, Houghton Lake
Lisa Maike, Chesaning
Ryan McLeod, Carleton
Deb Rambo, DeWitt
Julie Smith-Boyd, Grandville
John Springer, Onsted

Janis Stahr, Flat Rock
Jessica Trefry, Michigan Center
Trish Williams, Rochester Hills
James Wood, Lake Orion
Susan Wood, Rochester Hills
Tricia Yost, Dearborn

Staff Members Present:

Jack Roberts, Executive Director
Debbie Waddell, Administrative Assistant

Recorder:

Suzanne Martin, Project Manager

The Competitive Cheer Committee met to review tournament format, competitive cheer rules and entertain proposals from the Competitive Cheer Coaches Association of Michigan, the Lake Michigan Cheer Officials Association and the Southern Michigan Officials of Cheer Association.

The following information regarding the outcomes of the meeting has been placed in category form in order for the reader to better understand the many and various topics that were discussed.

NATIONAL FEDERATION RULE BOOK REVIEW

The new rule changes that will appear in the 2003-04 National Federation Spirit Rules Book were reviewed by the committee to determine whether or not they would be included in the sport of Competitive Cheer. The committee discussed the tic-toc stunt and determined it was safe to perform, but probably would not be performed often as it takes many participants to build the stunt. Teams of 16 or fewer participants are not likely to use this stunt in their Round 3 routines.

Other rules that pertain to glitter and fingernails will remain the same in competitive cheer even though the 2003-04 Spirit Rule Book references to these issues place less emphasis on them, in terms of safety, as had been written in the past.

The handstand forward roll is a legal tumbling skill listed in the Spirit Rules Book which was already approved in Competitive Cheer Rules.

ROUND 1 AND 2 CHANGES

1. Round 1, the word "various" will be changed to "different" on page 10 of the Manual to clarify requirements in the Difficulty and Variety Category.
2. When a 2.0 execution deduction is assessed for a collapsed tumbling skill in Round 2 or 3, a 7 point safety penalty will be assessed as well.
3. The Round 2 Skills Chart has been revised so that a back walkover and a valdez may be used in the flexibility or tumbling category depending on the needs of the team. These two skills may be only used once in either or both categories. In addition, the far or near arm cartwheel will be valued the same. A new method of judging and scoring the skills in Round 2 has been introduced and will appear in the Recommendations to the Representative Council.
4. The intent of the Round 2 Precision Drill requirement was reviewed extensively. Committee members expressed their concerns about the composition of the drill in recent years. The committee is desirous for the drill to return to its most basic intentions, that is for the teams to perform specific cheer motions. When the precision drill is choreographed for 2003-04, the drill will not include deep lunges, deep knee bends, 360o turns or skills at the floor level. The drill will start with hands on hips and include a high V, low V, fight motion, a slice or whip, T or broken T, diagonal, daggers, clap, touch-

down motion, blades, and across the body motion. The drill will be performed facing the cheer judge panel.

ROUND 3 CHANGES

1. The description form will be revised and appear in the Cheer Manual as well as on the MHSAA web site. The revisions will include a landscape design and an area for the coaches to indicate what and how many choreography bonus skills will be performed.
2. The Execution Bonus Chart will be revised so that the possible number of points that can be earned will increase in .5 increments. Therefore, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, or 3.0 may be earned based on execution points earned by the team.
3. The Choreography Chart will be revised for teams comprised of 10-11 participants and 14-15 participants competing. A team of 10-11 participants must perform 5 one-leg extensions, 5 full twists to cradle and 2 double twists to earn 2 points in choreography. A team of 14-15 participants must perform 7 one-leg extensions, 7 full twists to cradle and 3 double twists to earn 2 choreography points. These adjustments were made after evaluating and comparing scores of different size teams this season. It was determined that teams of 10-11 and 14-15 had a scoring advantage over other size teams.

GENERAL CHEER MANUAL CHANGES

1. Currently, as in the past, the competitive cheer rules have provided coaches with an opportunity to compete with a missing competitor in any round due to recent illness or injury and when a replacement could not perform the stunts and skills necessary in that particular round.

The "hole" option has been rewritten many times over the years to deter coaches from using it as an excuse for not having a cheerer prepared to substitute. Judging constituents shared examples of coaches who, week after week, compete with a "hole" in one or more rounds. Coaches feel that their peers are not using their bench players in the way that is intended in interscholastic sports. In addition, the current rules allow teams to perform with no more than a two-person differential in the rounds without penalty. This allows a team to perform a routine with a built-in

buffer for possible illness or injury. With Representative Council approval, the option to compete with a "hole" with special scoring considerations will be eliminated.

The committee encourages coaches to adjust their routines if a substitute is not trained for the position; however, the committee would urge coaches to prepare bench players to be trained to substitute. In Round 3 it is expected that a team may need to adjust the skills and stunts it plans to perform.

2. The description of when to break a tie at Regionals will be updated to take into consideration that two teams from each Regional qualify for Finals competition. If there is a tie for second place, both teams will qualify to the Finals. This request will appear in the recommendations to the Representative Council.
3. If approved, the skills chart for Round 2 will be changed to show the new skill values and the multiplier at each skill level.
4. As a part of Regional and Final host procedure, scores will be announced at the conclusion of each Round of competition.

SAFETY JUDGE ADDITIONS

1. Safety judges will be required to count and record the number of competitors in each round. It will no longer be the timer's responsibility.
2. The safety judge score sheet will include unsafe fingernails as a 7 point penalty.
3. Stunts will be added to the 7 point penalty for team member contact.
4. Delay of meet will be added to unsportsmanlike conduct when a team continues to refuse to move toward the mat when requested.

JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL STUNTING CHANGES

1. It will be clarified that basket tosses (bases with interlocked hands) and basket tosses to a flair are illegal.
2. Show and Go's are illegal.
3. Half and full pendulums will be allowed, as these skills require the bases to continuously hold onto the feet of the flyer.
4. The extension will be allowed with 2 bases, a front spotter and 2 back spotters.
5. Toe touch cradles, twists to cradles or other types of flairs will not be allowed from extensions.

6. No single leg extensions will be allowed.
7. All stunts performed by 7th and 8th grade teams will require at least one spotter.

**PROPOSALS THAT WERE REVIEWED
BUT NOT APPROVED**

1. Delete penalty for competitor stepping off the front of mat.
2. Change minimum number of competitors allowed in competition from four to six.
3. Change tournament composition from three classes to three divisions.
4. Rewrite tie breaker procedure for Regional runner-up team ties.
5. Award runner-up trophy and team medals for Regional runner-up teams.
6. Change interpretation of a 2.0 fall.
7. Eliminate the Choreography Bonus category.
8. Require coaches to submit Round 1 jumps.
9. Make the sweep illegal for Junior High/Middle School teams.

**2003-04 RULES MEETING
POINTS OF EMPHASIS**

1. A deadman lift performed with leg variations does not need a spotter on high school teams.
2. A box-out performed with flyer bearing weight in the hands of the base does not need a spotter on high school teams.
3. When lifting splits up from the floor, it is required to have a hand at the thigh area of the flyer.
4. Glitter of any sort on the body or uniform of competitors is not legal.
5. A flyer who is participating in another flyer's twisting stunt must not be the main initiator of the twist motion.
6. Footwear is required to be worn by competitors. All competitors on a team shall wear the same style of sock, either knee high, calf, ankle or footie style.
7. Cloth-wrapped rubber bands with a metal clip are legal hair devices.
8. Rule 2, Section 2, Article 3 - ponytails, braids, hair secured back and off the shoulders are legal styles for competitors in the stunt round.
9. A scoop at the neck and shoulders is a requirement with some dismounts; it is interpreted that if the spotter is attempting to scoop, but her hands are not in the exact position, it is legal.

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO
INVITATIONAL HOSTS**

The Competitive Cheer Committee made the following suggestions to encourage consistency in procedure at all regular-season competitive cheer events:

1. Require coaches to fax Round 3 routine descriptions at least 24 hours in advance of the event. Hosts should provide a working fax number to all coaches and athletic directors.
2. Locate the scorekeeper's table in the competitive gym so that coaches have easy access to their team's score sheets.
3. If a competition exceeds 20 teams, conduct the event with two sets of judges.
4. Encourage the use of a visible clock to time rounds.

It became apparent as the agenda items were discussed and changes were made while others received no action, that the committee continues to be devoted to allowing teams of various sizes to compete with scoring parity. It is also apparent that competitive cheer coaches and judges place a heavy emphasis on relaying the philosophy that all cheer team members should have the opportunity to compete.

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE
REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

1. Change scoring procedures in Round 2 for the five required skills in the routine. Each skill will be judged on a scale from 1-10. A multiplier will be used to determine the score. The multiplier will be based on the difficulty of the skill performed (18-0 in favor).
2. Change the value range of the skills allowed in Round 2. Currently the skills range in value from 5-14 points. The change would be a range from 6-16 points (18-0 in favor).
3. Eliminate the use of a "hole" in any Round and the scoring procedures related to it (18-0 in favor).
4. Allow both teams to qualify for the Finals if there is a tie for second place at Regionals (18-0 in favor). ■

APPROVED ASSOCIATIONS MEETING

East Lansing, March 25, 2003

Members Present:

79 Representatives of 51 Approved Associations

Guests:

Tom Alward, Jostens
Bryan Boedigheimer, Lake Orion

Ron Nagy, Hazel Park
Jerome Angelo, Warren

Staff Members Present:

Randy Allen
Tom Minter
Angie Butterwick
Bill Bupp (Recorder)

The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. Following the welcome and roll call, announcements about the upcoming Train the Trainers program, the NASO/NF Officials Conference and nominations for the Officials Review Committee were presented.

TOPICS SUBMITTED FOR DISCUSSION

Topics submitted by the attendees were given an oral response in addition to the document that was included in the packet supplied all participants. Topics reviewed were: an update on the sports seasons lawsuit; volleyball selection process; tournament selection process; tournament fees; annual officials activities; Legacy Officials and officials education in high schools; association attendance management; review of associations which may not qualify for Approved Association distinction; cooperation among associations; Trainer requirements; and spectator behavior.

FINAL OFFICIALS RING PURCHASE PROGRAM

Tom Alward of Jostens presented information explaining a program that would permit officials who are chosen to officiate MHSAA Final Tournaments to purchase a ring designed to commemorate the event. The program concept and Approved Association feedback will be forwarded to the Officials Review Committee for review and consideration in September 2003.

MHSAA EMBLEM

Bryan Boedigheimer presented a case to eliminate the annual MHSAA emblem worn by officials. Bryan pointed out advantages and disadvantages about the concept, soliciting response from the audience. Bryan will pre-

pare a written proposal to be presented to the Officials Review Committee for review and action in September.

MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION/WEB SITE DEMONSTRATION

Members of the All American Athletic Association, Ron Nagy and Jerry Angelo, presented a demonstration of their efforts to promote members of the AAAA officials group. Included in the presentation was a live tour of the AAAA Web site, distribution of a pamphlet about the associations qualified final tournament officials and display of the sticker identification program. The goal of the organization, brought on by the influx of new coaches and new officials, is to build name-face recognition of its members with coaches.

ANNUAL DATES FOR APPROVED ASSOCIATION, TRAIN THE TRAINERS AND REGISTERED ASSIGNORS MEETINGS

The MHSAA officials activities have traditionally been conducted in April and May of each year. Several spring sports officials have requested that another time be selected to offer these meetings. In 2004, the last weekend in July was selected as the date on which the Approved Association Annual Meeting, Train the Trainers and the Registered Assignors activities would be conducted. The assembled group was asked to select which two-day period should be utilized to conduct the events. Consensus determined that the events will be conducted on Friday, July 30 and Saturday, July 31, 2004, at DeWitt High School. The 2004 Train the Trainer session will feature out-of-state clinicians as is the practice in even years.

ZONE DISCUSSION

The final activity of the Approved Association Annual Meeting was the Zone Discussion period. Association representatives met by zone to discuss several topics. Listed are the topics and the compiled responses from all zones.

1. *STRIPES* Electronic Publication
 - a. Would like paper copy reinstated
 - b. Bring back paper
 - c. Haven't read it since MHSAA stopped mailing it
 - d. Easier to read printed copy
 - e. Officials could be given option to not receive mailed copy
 - f. Have it on-line
 - g. Some officials don't have internet
 - h. Modem download is slow
 - i. Paper copy preferred; electronic cheaper
 - j. Request MHSAA e-mail each Approved Association and each official when new *STRIPES* is posted
2. 2002 Officials Review Committee Minutes Review
 - a. Make Association membership mandatory
 - b. Require members of Officials Selection Committees to attend meeting
 - c. Volleyball should be included without wait period (as a sport that requires Association membership to be eligible to officiate tournaments)
 - d. (It is a) great idea that Approved Associations make members available to visit schools to explain rules and discuss sportsmanship
 - e. Consider limiting Semifinal appearances
 - f. Require background checks on officials
 - g. Soccer uniform needs to be more in line with W/USSF
3. Topics for 2004 Summer Approved Association Events
 - a. How to get new officials games
 - b. How to get new officials involved in games
 - c. Game management and spectator control
 - d. Becoming a more effective official
 - e. How to sell calls
 - f. How to encourage an official to retire
 - g. Utilize outside speakers
 - h. Include rules meetings on Sunday
 - i. Communication between officials and coaches.
4. Officials Classification System Revision Draft
 - a. Get assignors and observers to evaluate officials.
 - b. "Freeze" ratings for officials who take two years or more off
 - c. The only way to change (the classification system) is to adopt an evaluation program
 - d. Devise system to permit JV officials to earn varsity equivalent ratings
 - e. Coaches should not select officials
 - f. Reevaluate whole ratings system
 - g. Create one step higher than "Approved" combining years of service with ratings
5. Final Officials Ring Purchase Option
 - a. Great idea
 - b. Standardize ring, individual decision, available for those that want
 - c. Make it retroactive
 - d. A plaque might be better
 - e. Create a design for 20 or 30 year officials as well
6. How can the MHSAA better serve Approved Associations?
 - a. Let Association representatives serve on officials selection committees
 - b. Standardize sign-in forms
 - c. Develop playoff requirements
 - d. Increase online information
 - e. MHSAA staff members attend Approved Association meetings regularly
 - f. Moving Association activities to summer is a great idea
7. Other comments
 - a. Do away with patches.
 - b. Final soccer officials do not receive final certificate
 - c. Add MHSAA staff directory on web site
 - d. Change registration to permit year-round registration. There is a concern that once someone is recruited near the end of the season they must wait until the next registration year to actually register
 - e. Use three officials at all levels of basketball tournaments
 - f. Do not permit Legacy officials to work contests in grades 9-12 ■

BASEBALL TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING East Lansing, April 10, 2003

Members Present:

Vic Bechard, Trenton
Rich Burdis, Flushing
Larry Edlund, Portage
Bob Follett, Dowagiac
Gary Hice, Petoskey
Jeff Kawaski, Decatur
Greg Lattig, Eaton Rapids
Steve Newkirk, Mt Pleasant
Rex Peckens, Elsie
Teri Reyburn, DeWitt
George Sahadi, Harper Woods
Mike Sparks, Vermontville
Rick Swoverland, Kalkaska
Gary VanCamp, North Adams
John Wilcox, St Johns

Members Absent:

Steve Balowski, Clawson
Adam Benschotor, Manchester
Barry Brandon, Muskegon
Dan Brown, Ypsilanti
Kent Carter, Grand Rapids
A.J. Gaideski, Edwardsburg
Ron Huepenbecker, Crosswell
Terry Jarvis, Carrollton
Leroy Oliver, Whittemore
Jim Szur, Bloomfield Hills
Greg Vettori, Madison Heights
Dan Watkins, Taylor

Staff Members Present:

Bill Bupp, East Lansing (Recorder)
Angie Butterwick
Tom Minter
Leanne Moore
Debbie Waddell

The Committee was presented with the entire list of approved officials in Baseball who had completed availability forms at the MHSAA rules meeting in the spring of 2003. Assignments were made for the tournament on the basis of recommendations and availability of the officials.

TOURNAMENT INVITATIONS

All officials selected at each tournament level were sent "Tournament Invitation" forms from the MHSAA. Officials were assigned to work two or more games per tournament.

Baseball Tournament Qualification Requirements for officials were not suspend-

ed in any case because sufficient officials were available. All officials assigned attended a 2002-2003 rules interpretation meeting.

OFFICIALS AVAILABILITY

Approximately seven hundred thirty-five (735) officials indicated their availability for Lower Peninsula Tournament assignments. Of this number, 384 were assigned to the 2002-2003 Districts. Regional assignments for officials totaled (96). Forty-eight (48) officials were selected to work the First-Round games (Quarterfinals). Twelve (12) officials were selected to work the Semifinals/Final. ■

OFFICIALS: Renew Your Registration by July 1

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING East Lansing, April 15, 2003

Members Present:

Craig Atkins, New Lothrop
Marlen Cordes, Brethren
Ken Coy, Galien
Dennis Fulk, Laingsburg
Bob Gershman, Berkley
Sharon Hammerschmidt, Detroit
Scott Huckaby, Hudsonville
John Kearney, Stanton
Tom Kennelly, Saginaw
Ken Kott, Manistee
Bob Kucera, Kalamazoo
Casei Martin, Mason
Konrad Molter, Traverse City
Cheri Ritz, Wayland
Rick Schmidt, Holt
Christine Schneider, Eastpointe
Audra VanBrandt, Temperance
Betty Wroubel, Pontiac
Brian Zdanowski, Greenville

Members Absent:

Jim Bone, North Branch
Bill Fristma, Fruitport
Tom Hoy, Colon
Sam Maddox, Jonesville
Troy Mast, Wyoming
Scott Oliver, Parma
Jim Pittman, Clinton
Loren Ristovski, Harper Woods
Ron Stahlbuck, Wolverine

Staff Members Present:

Bill Bupp, East Lansing (Recorder)
Angie Butterwick
Rob Kaminski
Camala Kinder
Tom Minter
Leanne Moore
Faye Verellen
Debbie Waddell

The Committee was presented with the entire list of approved officials in Softball who had completed availability forms at the MHSAA rules meeting in the spring of 2003. Assignments were made for the tournament on the basis of recommendations and availability of the officials.

TOURNAMENT INVITATIONS

All officials selected at each tournament level were sent "Tournament Invitation" form from the MHSAA. Officials were assigned to work two or more games per tournament. Softball Tournament Qualification Requirements for officials have been suspended in some cases because the need for

officials exceeded the number of officials available. All officials assigned attended a 2002-2003 rules interpretation meeting.

OFFICIALS AVAILABILITY

Approximately seven hundred sixty-four (764) officials indicated their availability for Lower Peninsula Tournament assignments. Of this number, 384 were assigned to the 2002-2003 Districts. Regional assignments for officials totaled (96). Forty-eight (48) officials were selected to work the First-Round games (Quarterfinals). Twelve (12) officials were selected to work the Semifinals/Final. ■

OFFICIALS: Renew Your Registration by July 1

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Following will be found a classified index of the articles which have appeared in the Bulletins issued during the 2002-03 school year, including this present issue. It is hoped that this index will give a ready reference to articles included under the various classified headings. Many superintendents, principals, athletic directors, coaches, and athletic officials keep a complete file of all Bulletins received during the year, and this index should be of value to them. Articles have been cross-indexed to aid in their more rapid location with the anticipation that this material will be worthwhile to school and athletic administrators.

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(SCHOOL YEARS 2003-04 — 2011-12)

LABOR DAY	THANKSGIVING DAY	EASTER SUNDAY	MEMORIAL DAY (Legal Holiday-Monday)
2003—September 1	2003—November 27	2004—April 11	2004—May 31
2004—September 6	2004—November 25	2005—March 27	2005—May 30
2005—September 5	2005—November 24	2006—April 16	2006—May 29
2006—September 4	2006—November 23	2007—April 8	2007—May 28
2007—September 3	2007—November 22	2008—March 23	2008—May 26
2008—September 1	2008—November 27	2009—April 12	2009—May 25
2009—September 7	2009—November 26	2010—April 4	2010—May 31
2010—September 6	2010—November 25	2011—April 24	2011—May 30
2011—September 5	2011—November 24	2012—April 8	2012—May 30

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2003 - 2004

QUICK REFERENCE CALENDAR

SPORT	FIRST PRACTICE DATE	FIRST CONTEST DATE	DAYS OR CONTESTS	ENTRY DUE DATE	DUE DATE OF RATINGS	MHSAA TOURNAMENT DATES				
						DISTRICTS	REGIONALS	QUARTER FINALS	SEMI FINALS	FINALS
FALL										
Basketball - Girls	Aug 11	Aug 25	20C	Oct 15	Dec 5	Nov 17-22	Nov 24-26	Dec 2	Dec 4-5	Dec 6
Cross Country - LP	Aug 11	Aug 11	15D	Oct 15			Oct 25			Nov 1
Cross Country - UP	Aug 11	Aug 11	15D	Oct 10						Oct 18
Football	Aug 11	Aug 28	9C	N/A	Dec 5	Oct 31 or Nov 1 & Nov 7 or 8	Nov 14 or 15		Nov 22	Nov 28-29
Golf - LP Boys	Aug 7	Aug 11	16D	Sep 26			Oct 9 or 10 or 11			Oct 17-18
Soccer - Boys	Aug 11	Aug 22	18C	Oct 3	Dec 5	Oct 20-25	Oct 28-Nov 1		Nov 5	Nov 6
Swimming - LP Girls	Aug 11	Aug 23	16C	Nov 18			Dive: Nov 18			Nov 21-22
Tennis - LP Girls	Aug 11	Aug 11	16C	Oct 3			Oct 9 or 10			Oct 17-18
Tennis - UP Girls	Aug 11	Aug 11	16C	Sep 26						Oct 3
WINTER										
Basketball - Boys	Nov 17	Dec 8	20C	Feb 11	Mar 28	Mar 8-13	Mar 16-20	Mar 23	Mar 25-26	Mar 27
Bowling	Nov. 20	Dec. 1	20D	Feb 11			Feb 27-28			Mar 5-6
Competitive Cheer	Nov 10	Nov 24	12D	Feb 13			Feb 28			Mar 6
Gymnastics - LP	Oct 27	Nov 15	15D	Feb 27			Mar 6			Mar 12-13
Gymnastics - UP	Oct 27	Nov 15	15D	Feb 27						Mar 6
Ice Hockey	Oct 27	Nov 17	24C	Feb 11	Mar 28		Mar 1-6	Mar 9-10	Mar 11-12	Mar 13
Skating - Boys & Girls	Nov 17	Dec 13	15C	Feb 5			Feb 12 or 13			Feb 23
Swimming - LP Boys	Nov 24	Dec 6	16C	Mar 9			Dive: Mar 9			Mar 12-13
Swimming - UP Boys & Girls	Nov 10	Nov 22	16C	Feb 17						Feb 21
Volleyball	Nov 20	Dec 13	18D	Feb 18	Mar 28	Mar 5 or 6	Mar 12 or 13	Mar 16	Mar 18-19	Mar 20
Wrestling - LP Indiv	Nov 17	Dec 4	16D	Feb 11	Mar 28	Feb 21	Feb 28	ALPHA		Mar 11-13
Wrestling - UP Indiv	Nov 17	Dec 4	16D	Feb 11	Mar 28			WEIGH-IN		Feb 20-21
Wrestling - Team	Nov 17	Dec 4	16D	Feb 11	Mar 28	Feb 18 or 19	Feb 25	10/27/03 - 1/26/04		Mar 5-6
SPRING										
Baseball	Mar 15	Mar 15	56 G+D	May 14	May 28	Jun 1 & 4 or 5	Jun 12	Jun 15	Jun 18	Jun 19
Golf - LP Girls	Mar 15	Mar 18	16D	May 14			May 20 or 21 or 22 or 24			Jun 4-5
Golf - UP Boys & Girls	Mar 15	Mar 18	16D	May 21						Jun 4
Softball	Mar 15	Mar 15	56 G+D	May 14	May 28	Jun 1 & 4 or 5	Jun 12	Jun 15	Jun 18	Jun 19
Soccer - Girls	Mar 15	Mar 26	18C	May 14	May 28	June 1-5	Jun 8-12		Jun 15	Jun 19
Tennis - LP Boys	Mar 15	Mar 15	16C	May 14			May 20 or 21			Jun 4-5
Tennis - UP Boys	Mar 15	Mar 15	16C	May 28						Jun 4
Track & Field	Mar 15	Mar 15	18D	May 17			May 21 - 22			Jun 5

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