

Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc.
2008 Ski Committee Meeting
East Lansing, November 4, 2008

Members Present:

Jim Bartlett, Nubs Nob
Ken Brackney, Fenton
Todd Bruggema, Cadillac (MASSP)
Mark Fisher, Maple City
Gary Hice, Petoskey

Ben Farris, MHSSCA
Christy Provost, Marquette
Scott Robertson, Grand Rapids
Megan Thayer, Pontiac
John Thompson, Brighton
Patti Tibaldi, Traverse City (MIAAA)

Staff Member Present:
Gina Mazzolini, (Recorder)

The MHSAA Ski Committee met on November 4, 2008 at the MHSAA office. The committee was reminded of its responsibility and of the process for rule changes

PROPOSALS BY MHSSCA

1. As a follow up to the request by Ironwood High School in 2007, a proposal was made to allow a long standing school ski team, that for whatever reason had fewer than the required four skiers, to enter into the Regional Meet. The request was made because of the low participation numbers on teams – especially in the UP.
Rationale: A school has a team forever and lacks numbers (4) to enter the Regional in a given year.
2. Decrease the riser height (maximum allowable distance from the bottom-flat running surface – of the ski to any point along the bottom of the ski boat) from 55 millimeters to 50 millimeters beginning the 2010-11 school year.
3. Change the MHSAA Ski Manual, page 10, 7B(2)

A gate must have a minimum width of 4m and a maximum of 6m. The distance between gates within combinations (hairpin or vertical) may not be less than 0.75m. The distance from turning pole to turning pole of successive open or closed gates may not be less than 6m and not more than 13m. Delayed turns must have a minimum distance of 12m and maximum distance of 18m from turning pole to turning point. The position of the poles must be marked on the snow with a dye which remains visible throughout the entire race, in case they are knocked out.

SELECT REGIONAL HOSTS AND APPROVE ALIGNMENTS

<u>Regional Sites</u>	<u>Hosts</u>
1. Schuss Mountain	TBD
2. Mt. Holly	Holly
3. Mt. Brighton	Farmington Hills Mercy
4. Nub's Nob	Harbor Springs/Petoskey
5. Crystal Mountain	Manistee
6. Pine Knob	Detroit Country Day

<u>Final Sites</u>	<u>Hosts</u>
1. Boyne Mountain	TBD
2. Marquette Mtn.	Houghton

The Ski Committee made adjustments (more than usual) and then approved the Regional alignments which were prepared by staff. There was discussion on placing schools at Regional sites where they traditionally practice and have a season pass, but while it was desired by some schools, it was not possible nor did it fit the criteria of balancing numbers of teams per Regional or geographic grouping of schools.

FINAL SITE ROTATION

2009 - 1 – Boyne Mountain
2 – Marquette Mountain
2010 - 1 – Boyne Highlands
2 – Nub's Nob
2011 - 1 – Marquette Mountain
2 – Boyne Mountain
2012 - 1 – Nub's Nob
2 – Boyne Highlands

APPROVAL OF CUSSA/MHSAA MEETS

The committee approved the CUSSA Meets presented for CUSSA Regional II and CUSSA Region III.

ITEMS DISCUSSED – NO ACTION

1. Split second timing
2. Ski length and curve.
3. Mandatory worker assignments for all participating schools at Regional's & Finals.
4. Posting Regional & Final results on MHSAA website in real time.

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL ITEMS

1. Allow a long standing school ski team that for whatever reason had fewer than the required four skiers, to enter into the Regional Meet. (7-4)
2. Decrease the riser height (maximum allowable distance from the bottom-flat running surface – of the ski to any point along the bottom of the ski boat) from 55 millimeters to 50 millimeters beginning the 2010-11 school year. (11-0)