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ON THE COVER

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

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

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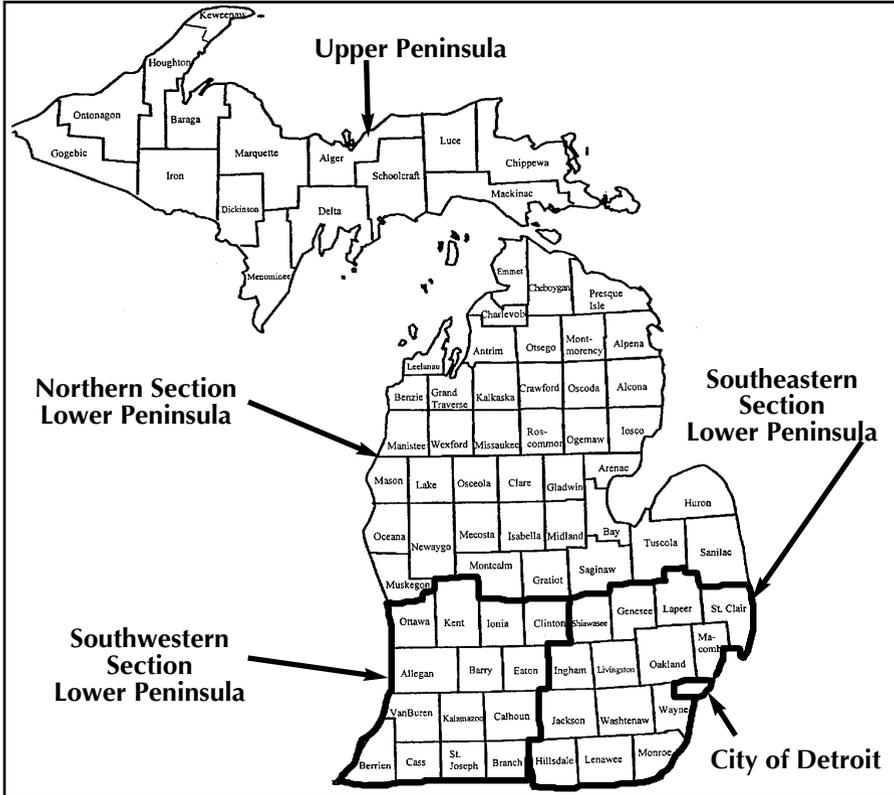
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REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AND UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Ballots to be Sent to Schools August 30, 2007

MAP OF REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL SECTIONS



Ballots for Representative Council elections will be mailed to principals of member schools from the MHSAA office Aug. 30, 2007. The ballots will be due back in the MHSAA office Sept. 13, 2007.

Six positions for membership on the Representative Council will be up for election this fall. Vacancies for two-year terms beginning December 2007 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 Represent-

ative 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. 13, 2007, 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, 2007. 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 2007:

**REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL
CANDIDATES FOR
SEPTEMBER 2007 ELECTION**

Southwestern Section, Lower Peninsula - Class C and D Schools — Ken Dietz, Athletic Director, Watervliet High School; Bob Guse, Athletic Director, Cassopolis-Ross Beatty High School; Chris Miller, Athletic Director, Gobles Middle/High School

Southeastern Section, Lower Peninsula - Class C and D Schools — Martin Covert, Faculty Member, Byron High School; Kristen M. Isom, Athletic Director, Adrian-Madison High School; Sean Zaborowski, Athletic Director, Romulus-Summit Academy High School

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

Statewide At-Large — Darren Kecskes, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, Manton High School; Karen S. Leinaar, CAA, Athletic Director, Benzonia-Benzie Central High School; Dail Prucka, Board Member, Monroe-Jefferson Schools

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

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

**UPPER PENINSULA
ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

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

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

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

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to make all personnel, telephone and
address revisions necessary for the
2007-08 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 18, 2007

Members Present:

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

Staff Members Present:

Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

the MHSAA and adopted by each member school's board of education. The MHSAA exercises no independent authority over schools or students.

Buckley and Mesick High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee tabled a partially completed application received for a cooperative program in boys soccer between these two schools which both sponsored the sport previously and whose combined enrollment of 412 students would place the team in the Division 3 Tournament. Buckley would be the primary school. The item is scheduled for both Board of Education meetings to be held the week of April 16. A letter of league support has been requested. The latest the Executive Committee will take this up for the 2007-08 school year is its June 13 meeting.

Centreville and Mendon High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys golf between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 595 students will place the team in the Division 3 tournament. Centreville sponsored golf previously and will be the primary school. Support from the St. Joseph Valley League was submitted.

Hancock, Chassell and Dollar Bay High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved the addition of Dollar Bay High School to a cooperative program in football between Hancock and Chassell High Schools that has existed since 1994. The combined enrollment will be 449 students. Hancock will continue as the primary school. Support from a majority of the West Pac Conference schools was received.

Hillsdale High School and Hillsdale Academy (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee tabled a partially completed application received for a cooperative program in girls golf effective with the 2007-08 school year between these two schools whose combined enrollment would be 571 students, continuing placement of the one team in the Division 3 tournament. Both schools sponsored girls golf previously. Resolutions of support from both Boards of Education and the conference are pending. The latest the Executive Committee will take this up for the 2007-08 school year is its June 13 meeting.

Kalamazoo-Hackett Catholic Central High School and Kalamazoo-Heritage Christian Academy (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football between these schools. The combined enrollment will be 531 students. Hackett Catholic Central sponsored football previously and will be the primary school. Support was received from the Kalamazoo Valley Association and the Cornerstone Athletic Conference.

Manistee and Manistee-Catholic Central High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved the addition of boys and girls cross country and boys and girls track & field to a cooperative agreement that currently exists between these two schools in boys and girls skiing and wrestling. The combined enrollment of 645 students will place the cross country teams in the Division 3 tournaments and the track & field teams in Division 2 (2007-08 enrollments and division figures are used). Manistee High School sponsored the sports previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Western Waterways Activities Conference was received.

Muskegon Catholic Central, Muskegon Heights and North Muskegon High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls swimming & diving between these three schools whose combined enrollment of 1,126 students will place the teams in the Division 3 tournaments. Muskegon Catholic Central sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Coastal Conference was received.

St. Ignace-LaSalle and Mackinac Island High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee tabled a partially completed application received for a cooperative program in football between these two schools whose combined enrollment would be 289 students. LaSalle has sponsored the sport previously and would be the primary school. It is anticipated that the St. Ignace Area Schools Board of Education will pass a resolution supporting the agreement on May 14, 2007, and the league resolution will be passed at the next league meeting. Both resolutions will be submitted in

mid May. The latest the Executive Committee will take this up for the 2007-08 school year is its June 13 meeting.

Cedar Springs High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year. The student began the 9th grade at Rockford High School and enrolled at Cedar Springs High School on Jan. 30, 2007. The student did not participate previously in athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year sports programs at Cedar Springs High School.

Dearborn Heights-Robichaud High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended the Westwood District Schools (Robichaud High School included) since 1998, residing with a grandmother and a sister in the school district. In August 2006, the entire family purchased a home in Canton and the student enrolled in Canton High School to begin the 2006-07 school year. In December 2006, the mother had a marital dispute with her husband. The mother and student moved back to the residence of the grandmother in the Westwood School District and the student finished the semester at Robichaud, enrolling to begin the second semester of the 2006-07 school year. The father and two elementary age siblings continue to reside in Canton.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Flat Rock High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Flat Rock Schools from kindergarten through the 9th grade, residing with his divorced mother and siblings in the Flat Rock School District and participating in athletics at Flat Rock High School. In July 2006, the family moved in with the mother's fiancé in Grosse Ile and the student attended Grosse Ile High School for the first semester of the 2006-07 school year. The mother's relationship with the fiancé deteriorated and the family moved out of Grosse Ile in the winter of 2006. The family has moved to an apartment in

Brownstown Township which is not in the Flat Rock High School attendance area. The student reenrolled at Flat Rock High School on Jan. 22, 2007.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Flint-Luke M. Powers Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year. The student began the 9th grade at Grand Blanc High School and enrolled at Powers Catholic High School on Jan. 29, 2007. The student did not participate previously in athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year sports programs at Powers Catholic High School.

Haslett High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Haslett schools since the 4th grade except for 43 days after moving with his mother in the summer of 2006 to North Carolina to reside with her fiancé. While in North Carolina, the student and his brother became victims of verbal and physical abuse. The brother moved in with his grandmother in Alabama.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day since he reenrolled at Haslett High School.

Holland-West Ottawa High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Holland High School, participated in athletics and enrolled at West Ottawa High School on Oct. 9, 2006.

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

Muskegon High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year. The student began the 9th grade at Muskegon High School, attended

Holton High School for one month, and reenrolled at Muskegon High School on Dec. 12, 2006. The student did not participate previously in athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year sports programs at Muskegon High School.

Reading High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade foreign exchange student from PAX Academic Exchange, a CSJET-listed program, whose host family lives in the Hillsdale School District. The host mother is a graduate of Reading High School and has one child currently attending Reading Elementary School which is in close proximity to Reading High School. The student had not attended any other school in the U.S. before enrolling at Reading on Jan. 22, 2007, and wishes to play subvarsity baseball.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Richmond High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment on behalf of an 11th-grade student. The student previously attended the Richmond Schools through the 2005-06 school year before enrolling at St. Clair High School to begin the 2006-07 school year for personal safety reasons. The student reenrolled at Richmond High School when the threat was jailed.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver provided adequate independent documentation to attest to the compelling need for the transfer is supplied to the MHSAA office and effective with the student's 91st school day since reenrollment at Richmond High School.

Riverview-Gabriel Richard High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Gabriel Richard High School for three years before moving to Iowa to play hockey for the first semester of the 2006-07 school year. The student has returned to live with his parents and reenrolled at Gabriel Richard on March 19, 2007. The student would be eligible under Exception 2 except that Gabriel Richard (his

former high school) is not the closest nonpublic school to the student's residence. This is the first time the student will be using Exception 2.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Saginaw-Michigan Lutheran Seminary (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically interpretation 60 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose parents are divorced and who previously attended Saginaw-Heritage High School while residing in Saginaw with her mother to begin the 2006-07 school year. She did not use an Educational Transfer Form and she did not participate in athletics at Heritage High School. The student attended Michigan Lutheran Seminary as a day student for the 9th and 10th grades and reenrolled there on Jan. 26, 2007, residing with her father in the Freeland School District. The new residence is closer to Saginaw-Nouvel Catholic Central than the student's former school. The student is Lutheran. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Sand Creek High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment on behalf of an 11th-grade student. The student attended Dowagiac Union High School to begin the 9th grade in the 2004-05 school year until Oct. 11, 2006, when the student dropped out of school for a month. The student experienced a lack of adult supervision and influence that led to a pattern of illegal activity while the student lived with his mother, grandparents and father on and off since the 8th grade. The student enrolled at Sand Creek High School on Nov. 11, 2006, residing with an uncle in Sand Creek.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Sterling Heights -Utica Ford II High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment on behalf of an 11th-grade student. The student was enrolled in the Utica Community Schools prior to enrolling at Oakland Christian High School to begin

the 9th grade in the 2004-05 school year. The student struggled academically and enrolled at Utica Ford II High School on March 12, 2007.

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

Taylor-Truman High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year. The student previously attended Redford High School, residing with her grandparents, has moved with an uncle to Taylor and enrolled at Truman High School on Jan. 22, 2007. The student has not participated in athletics previously.

The Executive Committee granted the request for the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year sports programs at Truman High School.

Ann Arbor-Huron High School (Regulation II, Section 11) - Pursuant to Interpretation 217, a request was made to waive the three-player rule for the 2007-08 school year on behalf of the boys swimming & diving coach whose sole full-time income comes from coaching and who is employed with Club Wolverine, a private USS Swim Club which is conducted at the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University. The program is open to the general public and involves 400-500 participants from ages 5-18. There are students from 12 schools or districts other than Huron High School, which has 12 students participating this year. The Executive Committee tabled the request pending receipt of additional information regarding the program's involvement with national competitions, which was subsequently submitted.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for the 2007-08 school year.

Fraser High School (Regulation II, Section 11) - Pursuant to Interpretation 217, a request to waive the three-player rule was made on behalf of the girls gymnastics coach who is a college student and part-time coach at Extreme Gymnastics USA which is a gymnastic and cheerleading facility open to the

general public with hundreds of gymnasts and cheerleaders ages 4-15 involved, coming from six different school districts including Fraser. The request came after the school lost its previous gymnastics coach and hired the current coach two weeks into the 2006-07 season. The request was for the remainder of this school year and the 2007-08 school year.

The Executive Committee granted the request for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years.

Holland High School (Regulation II, Section 11) - Pursuant to Interpretation 217, a request to waive the three-player rule was made on behalf of the boys and girls swim coach who is employed by the Holland Community Aquatics Center which provides 95 percent of the coach's total income. The program is open to the general public and participants range in age from 5-24. In 2006-07, there were 12 different school districts represented on the club team. It is anticipated that during the 2007-08 school year, 13 girls and 13 boys of the 265 participants will be attending Holland Middle School or High School.

The Executive Committee granted the request for the 2007-08 school year.

Regulation III, Section 1(C) - Pursuant to Interpretation 242, the following junior high/middle school was granted waiver of the enrollment regulation to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th- and 8th-graders for the sports listed in the 2007-08 school year only.

McBain-Northern Michigan Christian (girls volleyball, girls basketball)

Representative Council Meeting - The Executive Committee reviewed the agenda for the meeting of May 6-8, 2007.

Future Meetings - The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 2007, at 5 p.m. (Representative Council meets Sunday, May 6); Wednesday, June 13, 2007, at 9 a.m.; Monday, Aug. 13, 2007, at 8 a.m.; Thursday, Sept. 6, 2007, at 8:30 a.m.; Monday, Oct. 1, 2007, at 9 a.m. (following Annual Business Meeting); Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2007, at 8:30 a.m.; and Thursday, Nov. 29, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. (Representative Council meets Friday, Nov. 30). ■

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, April 18, 2007

Members Present:

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

Staff Members Present:

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

2006-07 Year-To-Date – The Audit and Finance Committee reviewed and discussed financial reports for fiscal year 2006-07 through March 31, 2007, which showed that revenues were down \$813,000 and expenses were down \$95,000 from March 31, 2006. It was noted that net revenues for fall 2006 tournaments were down nearly \$798,000 compared to 2005, and produced the worst fall tournament financial report overall since the fall of 2001. The primary reason was extremely bad weather affecting Football and Soccer tournaments, and the doubled mileage reimbursement to participating teams was also a contributing factor.

Winter tournament financial reports to date also showed declining revenues in most sports, suggesting the combined negative effects of the poor Michigan economy and an overcrowded March calendar for sports on all levels.

The committee was provided updates of revenue received and expenses incurred during April; and based on this information, the executive director projected that for 2006-07 there would be reductions in cash of approximately \$232,000.

2007-08 Proposed Budget - The Audit and Finance Committee determined that the poor financial performance of the 2006-07 tournaments to date, the poor Michigan economy and the unpredictable effects on both tournament revenues and expenses of changing sports seasons require a cautious approach to budgeting for the 2007-08 school year and that no new spending obligations be approved at this time.

Staff presented several expense reduction strategies for internal operations; and the Audit and Finance Committee took the following additional actions:

- The Audit and Finance Committee approved a recommendation to the

Representative Council to reduce the frequency of the MHSAA printed *Bulletin* from eight to seven issues annually, combining the April and May issues, saving approximately \$10,000 annually.

- The committee approved a recommendation to the Council to reduce MHSAA committee positions by 25 to 33 percent, saving \$18,000 to \$25,000 annually.
- The committee voted to recommend to the Council that it take no action at this time to increase by one-third the mileage allowances for personnel (\$20,000 projected annual cost) and MHSAA tournament officials (\$81,000 projected annual cost).
- The committee voted to recommend to the Council that the mileage reimbursements for MHSAA team tournament participants, which had been doubled since the winter of 2006, be returned to normal levels for the 2007-08 school year.
- The Audit and Finance Committee reviewed a plan to compensate managers of multi-day MHSAA tournaments on a per diem rather than flat fee basis. Committee members expressed practical concerns for this concept and also noted the cost of the plan would be more than \$60,000 annually, more than half of which would be paid from host school shares of Boys and Girls District and Regional Basketball Tournaments. The committee voted to recommend to the Council that it take no action at this time on any proposal to modify the formula or increase the honoraria for managers of multi-day MHSAA tournaments.
- The Audit and Finance Committee approved a recommendation to the

Representative Council that it be required at MHSAA Girls Volleyball Tournaments that line judges be non-high school student adults, but there be no change in pay to line judges at this time.

For a third meeting in two years, the Audit and Finance Committee examined accountability for revenue and expenses for host sites of MHSAA Football Playoff games. It was agreed that a thorough review of alternative Football Playoff financial plans and procedures would be the primary focus of a special meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee in November 2007.

The committee instructed staff to include in all tournament managers information the advisory that all sites for all tournaments are subject to an audit that would require docu-

mentation of all income and expenses and justification for any variances from regular season policies and costs.

The committee also instructed staff to remove the Jan. 15 and July 15 deadline dates from MHSAA tournament host financial reports, noting that these are sometimes misinterpreted as due dates. Staff is to revise all forms to indicate reports are due within 30 days of the event's completion.

The budget proposed by the Audit and Finance Committee to the Representative Council May 6, 2007 for 2007-08 incorporates all of the committee recommendations to the Council. Nevertheless, it will result in an approximately \$500,000 reduction in cash for 2007-08. ■

FAILURE TO RATE OFFICIALS

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

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

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

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

For the fall seasons of 2006, the following schools have failed to rate any officials:

Girls Basketball

Detroit-Northern
Detroit-University Prep
Free Soil
Harbor Springs
Holland-Calvary
Marcellus-Howardsville Christian
Oscoda

Boys Soccer

Detroit-Michigan Health Academy
Grand Rapids-East Grand Rapids
Lansing Christian
Marcellus-Howardsville Christian
Oscoda
Romulus-Summit Academy North
Warren-Immaculate Conception

Football

Harbor Springs

FIRST-YEAR ATHLETIC DIRECTORS REQUIRED TO ATTEND A.D. ORIENTATION PROGRAM

ATTENDANCE IS NOW REQUIRED for first-year athletic directors or athletic directors at new member schools **as a condition of entering MHSAA Tournaments** (see Regulation II, Section 15).

PREFERRED SESSIONS:

Thursday, Aug. 9, 2007 or Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2007 (8:30 am - 2 p.m.)

Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2007 (1st or 2nd year athletic directors are encouraged to attend)

August and November sessions are separate programs, with new program content in November. Registration materials will be available on mhsaa.com and in the August *Bulletin*.

2007-08 UPDATE MEETING AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR IN-SERVICE DATES

Please coordinate calendars now to avoid conflicts with other dates in your area. If possible do not schedule league or regional meetings on the dates of Update and AD In-service in your area. **We would appreciate your assistance in communicating these long standing dates to others who may be scheduling school or multi-school activities possibly including intermediate school district meetings.**

Every Athletic Director should attend an AD In-Service and an Update Meeting each year. AD In-Service programs begin at 8:30 a.m. Update Meetings start with lunch at noon and conclude before 2 p.m. School Board members, Superintendents and Principals are encouraged to join us for the Update Meetings. Registration material will be available in the fall. The fall 2007 AD In-Service and Update Meeting schedule is below.

FALL AD IN-SERVICE AND UPDATE MEETING SCHEDULE

Mon. Oct 1	Acme (Grand Traverse Resort) MASSP Conference	Update Only MASSP Breakfast
Wed. Oct 3	Kalamazoo (Pine West)	In-service and Update
Mon. Oct 8	Comstock Park (English Hills Country Club)	In-service and Update
Wed. Oct 10	Frankenmuth (Zehnder's)	In-service and Update
Mon. Oct 15	Gaylord (Hidden Valley Otsego Club)	In-service and Update
Wed. Oct 17	Lansing, Holiday Inn South (new location)	In-service and Update
Wed. Oct 24	Warren De Carlos Conference Center	Update Only
Fri. Oct 26	Marquette 10 a.m. Site set by UP Athletic Directors	Update Only 10 a.m.

UPDATE MEETING ATTENDANCE HISTORY

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

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WHAT SHOULD OUR PROGRAMS LOOK LIKE AND WHO CAN MAKE THAT HAPPEN?

Think for a moment about what you would like the sports program of your school to look like, feel like and represent. What words come to mind?

When these questions have been asked, in study after study and in all kinds of settings, there have been some common responses. See if they resonate with you. Here are the most popularly used words when people describe what they want their interscholastic athletic program to look and feel like.

One word is “**safe.**” Moms most frequently use this word. They don't want their child harmed playing sports. They want it safe.

Another word is “**competitive.**” That's what dads cite most frequently. They want their kid to be competitive, and they want their kid's teams to be competitive as well.

From school administrators, two words are cited with almost the exact same frequency. The words are “**sportsmanlike**” and “**educational.**” School administrators want the program to teach students, and they want those lessons to be the ones they can't learn or can't learn as readily in the academic classroom. Like teamwork and sacrifice. Like leadership, and most of all, sportsmanship – playing by the rules, respecting opponents and officials.

And students, what do they say? The number one reason they play, the number one result they want, is “**fun.**” They participate to have fun, to be with friends. And note this: while they recognize that winning is more fun than losing, kids always put fun before winning. They would rather play on a losing team than sit and watch on a winning team.

But there is another word that must be mentioned. It's not the most popularly cited word for any one constituent group, but it is the most popularly cited word for all of these groups combined. That word, that concept, is “**fair.**”

The students want a fair chance to make the team and to play in the contests. Parents want this for their children as well. And students, parents and administrators alike – and coaches – want a fair chance to win, a fair chance at success. They want a level playing field; what we call competitive equity or balance.

So what words do we have? **Safe, competitive, sportsmanlike and educational, fun and fair.** How would that feel?

That's what most people want their interscholastic athletic program to look and feel like; that's what they want the program to represent.

From three decades of work in athletic administration, and two of those decades here in Michigan; from reading the research from such sources as the Institute for the Study of Youth Sports at Michigan State University which has assessed the attitudes of athletes, parents, coaches and administrators; from student surveys in Iowa and Minnesota; from listening, to adults and especially to students; this is what I have heard and learned. And it appears to be what we all want.

Championships would be nice, but they are a limited commodity available to few, no matter how hard we try. But these six characteristics are even better than championships, and they are not in limited supply; they are available to all who will work for them.

There is no silver bullet, no single solution to deliver these six features to an interscholastic athletic program; but I will step out on a limb and suggest the one variable with the best chance to do the most good in bringing these features to an interscholastic athletic program, no matter how large or small and regardless of its location.

I believe that the single most important link in the educational process of school sports is the coach. I believe that just as the teacher is most important to the learning process in the academic classroom, so is the

coach the most important ingredient in the interscholastic athletic program.

I believe great teachers educate, great teachers inspire learning, regardless of the bells and whistles. If you put a great teacher in a barren, broken-down setting, great learning still occurs. Likewise for athletic coaches. Athletic coaches can redeem the bad decisions that are sometimes made, but bad coaches can ruin the best decisions that school boards, administrators and parents ever make.

I believe we need to invest in coaches: first, last and always. There is no higher priority, and there is no greater potential for achieving that six-word vision for our interscholastic athletic programs.

We need to have higher expectations at hiring that candidates will aspire to that six-word vision. Sometimes the pool of candidates is shallow. For them, and for all coaches really, we need to provide training: initially and ongoing.

Why would we not do this? Classroom teachers are required to have continuing education. Why not also coaches? Why not especially coaches? They work with large numbers of boys and girls, in settings of high emotion, sometimes with risk of injury, in front of crowds. Their pupils take their exams in public; we'd better help them teach those pupils well. ■

ONLINE OFFICIALS REGISTRATION UNDERWAY FOR 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR

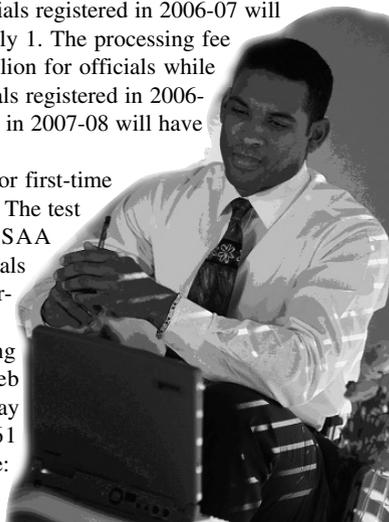
Registrations for individuals interested in becoming a high school athletic game officials for the 2007-08 school year may now do so exclusively online through the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Web site, mhsaa.com.

From now until June 1, the Association will conduct an exclusive online registration period for new registrants and renewals. After June 1, applications will also be accepted by mail and on a walk-up basis for the upcoming school year. A kiosk is available at the MHSAA for online registration.

Effective with the 2007-08 registration period, online registrants will receive a \$5 discount off their processing fees, regardless of when they submit their application. MHSAA registration fees are among the lowest in the nation. A \$10 fee is charged for each sport an official wishes to work, and the online processing fee is \$20. Officials registering by mail and on a walk-up basis will incur a \$25 processing fee. Officials registered in 2006-07 will be assessed a late fee of \$20 for registration after July 1. The processing fee includes liability insurance coverage of up to \$1 million for officials while working contests involving MHSAA schools. Officials registered in 2006-07 who add volleyball or basketball for the first time in 2007-08 will have registration fees waived for those sports.

There is an officials' registration test, which is for first-time officials and officials not registered in the past year. The test consists of 75 questions derived from the MHSAA *Officials Guidebook*, which is available on the Officials page of the MHSAA Web site, and may be used during the open-book test.

Online registration can be accessed by clicking "Officials" on the Home Page of the MHSAA Web site. More information about officials registration may be obtained by contacting the MHSAA at 1661 Ramblewood Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823. Phone: 517-332-5046. E-Mail: register@mhsaa.com.



IDEAS IN DESIGNING AN OFF-SEASON CONDITIONING PROGRAM

When should off-season programs begin?

Off-season programs should start about one or two weeks after completion of the season. This is the time to take stock in your athletes to determine where their competition weaknesses were, position or skill needs and where there can be meaningful improvements. The coach also must consider if the athlete is training for another sport, has ongoing injuries and school restrictions.

What do I need to keep in mind when designing a program that would most benefit my athletes?

There are a lot of resources available to you describing classic periodization programs. They do work, however the best resource is your imagination. Many coaches get in the rut saying, "I need to get my athletes bigger, faster, stronger." These attributes are important to improve, but you need to put the word "**functional**" in front of each of those words to make gains meaningful. You can have the largest athlete or strongest athlete, but if they cannot hold a block to the outside their size or strength is effectively useless. *Functional* workouts need to include flexibility, strength, speed, agility and power.

How can I measure improvements in my athletes?

Measuring improvement needs to be more than just 1RM and a 40-yard dash. You need to incorporate explosive movements, direction change and reaction time. It is best to measure prior to beginning off-season workouts, about midway through (to see if your program needs to be tweaked), and at the completion of the program. Explosive movements need to look at vertical, horizontal, lateral and rotational components (i.e., vertical jumps, long jumps for distance, rotational box jumps for number of jumps for a specific

time). Direction change and reaction time tests such as shuttle runs, 5-yard box drill (forward, side, back, side) it is also important to include a diagonal motion due to the fact that most athletic competitions have strong rotational needs.

What areas would be best for my athletes to work on in the off-season?

In both the clinical and educational setting, I find that most athletes need flexibility, core stability and hip strength. I have found that many of my athletes benefit more from a dynamic flexibility program than a static stretch. Core stability can be targeted with exercises such as: planks, Swiss ball activities and even agility drills. Hip strength can be improved by single and double leg hops that incorporate balance.

How do I keep my athletes interested in the program?

If your athletes are not enthusiastic about the off-season program, they will not get the maximum benefit. If you just do lifting and running they will get bored and they will not take the exercises seriously and can get hurt in the process. I have found that the athletes thrive on variety and competition so you may want to take the last 5-10 minutes and perform something such as a tug of war or separate the team into two groups and choosing a champion and have the losing team perform an extra lap, push-ups or other activity. This builds teamwork, and fosters pride and competition.

For further information on this article or for priority appointments for sports injuries please contact Henry Ford Center for Athletic Medicine at 313-972-4216. ■

—John Brady ATC, NASM-PES
Henry Ford Center for Athletic Medicine

TAILOR YOUR STRETCHING PROGRAM

Before designing a stretching program, consider your goals first. Stretching should be performed to accomplish one of two goals: pregame warm-up or increasing range of motion. Pregame warm-up is performed to decrease the likelihood of injury and to prepare the muscles for maximum exertion. Increasing range of motion is performed to address a flexibility deficit that may lead to injury or inhibit performance potential.

In general, a good stretch should be pain-free and not involve any bouncing movements. It is always a good idea to perform stretching after about five minutes of sports specific motions. Running backs should do a light jog that includes some rotational and diagonal movements. Baseball players should do some low speed and short distance tossing. Basketball players could jog and perform some layups. Just remember that it should be motions that are designed to increase blood flow to the body parts that are specific to that sport.

Static stretching is the most common stretch that is seen in schools and sports clubs. Static stretching involves moving into a stretch and holding the stretch. The purpose this type of stretch is to increase flexibility (range of motion) usually if there is a range of motion deficit or injury. In order to get proper benefit from this type of stretch, it is important to hold the stretch for 20-30 seconds each repetition and repeat 3 times for each motion. Due to time restraints of practices and the stretch being held typically in one plane of motion, it is difficult to go through a thorough program.

Dynamic stretching, as the name implies, it is stretching with movement. The athlete starts from a resting position and then goes to the stretch position and then back to the starting position. This should not be confused with a bouncing movement. They are performed in different planes of motions including the transverse or rotational plane. Depending on the stretch, duration can be measured by repetitions performed (e.g. 20 reps) or by distance (e.g. five yards each way twice).

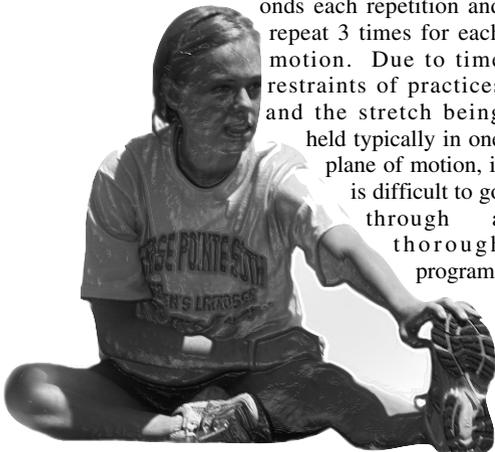
Most injuries in sports occur when the athlete is changing direction and in the transverse or rotational plane, therefore it makes sense to prepare our athletes in those positions. The athlete competes in three dimensions therefore it is best to stretch in all three planes with motions that are specific to each sport which is best accomplished with dynamic stretching.

Ballistic stretching is described as going to a stretch then bouncing in an attempt to go farther with each movement. This movement is something like a contract-relax stretch, but it is too quick and unstable as to positioning. The stretch that comes to mind is the cherry picker stretch where the athlete splints their legs apart and reach between the legs. These stretches are discouraged due to the fact that the quick motions may activate stretch reflex receptors in the muscles and cause spasm and/or injury.

In summary it is recommended that before participation, athletes perform a dynamic warm-up after a light warm-up. A more thorough, static stretching program should be performed to increase flexibility after participation.

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**MHSAA
TARGETS
NEW
GENERATION
OF
OFFICIALS**



MHSAA member schools will receive quantities of the above postcard by the end of the school year to aid in officials recruitment. With the majority of seniors ending their time in organized sports as athletes, it's a great way for them to stay in the games they've enjoyed. The reverse side of the card states, "...but you don't have to leave the game," and discusses several lifelong benefits of sports officiating.

LEGACY PROGRAM NETS 103 OFFICIALS IN 2006-07

During the 2006-07 school year, 103 high school seniors participated as MHSAA Legacy officials.

This year's class brings the total to 645 students who have become registered and active officials during their senior year of high school through the Legacy program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

MHSAA ELIGIBILITY LISTS

Delivery and Insurance Issues Q & A

1. Q—Does the existence of information in the school or athletic department database in the same format and substance of the eligibility list fulfill the requirement that schools shall prepare an eligibility list?

A—The MHSAA insurance carrier concurs that an electronic list is a list.

2. Q—Is an electronic or email transmission of an eligibility list without the Superintendent's or Principal's signature present on the email acceptable within the regulation?

A—The Representative Council changed the MHSAA *Handbook* language similar to that which is used for submitting official's ratings online (**Effective Aug 1, 2007**):

“Regardless of the method used to submit an eligibility list, (electronic or otherwise) the school principal or superintendent shall verify that the list which is submitted is truthful and accurate, has met with the approval of the appropriate school administrator and is submitted on the school's behalf.”

3. Q—Do the answers to questions 1 and 2 above satisfy the insurer's requirements for catastrophic insurance coverage?

A—The MHSAA insurance carrier has indicated that it does (**Effective Aug.1, 2007**).

4. Q—If a student is injured prior to completion of the eligibility list, will the requirements for insurance coverage be fulfilled by an affidavit of the principal attesting to the fact that the student had met all eligibility rules and had a physical examination on file with the school?

A—The Representative Council modified Page 96 of the MHSAA *Handbook* as follows (**Effective Aug. 1, 2007**):

*“All eligible students who participate in interscholastic athletic activities at an MHSAA member school in sports which end with an MHSAA tournament are covered provided their school principal attests in writing and the MHSAA agrees that they were eligible under all MHSAA regulations at the time of the injury. **Ineligible student-athletes are not covered.** Student-athletes are covered while traveling directly to and from a scheduled event as a representative of the school while traveling in transportation sponsored by the school, and while participating in season in an allowed activity under the direct supervision of a full-time school employee or coach designated by the school acting within the scope of his/her coaching duties in those sports for which the MHSAA provides a tournament series.” ■*

QUESTIONS?

The most efficient method of communication with the MHSAA on eligibility questions is through the school athletic director or principal. Athletic Directors should gather all information necessary on a question and then call or write the MHSAA. Coaches or parents calling the MHSAA on eligibility matters can create confusion and delay. ADs or principals are encouraged to contact the MHSAA Office directly. Please follow this efficient path of communication.

2007-08 MICHIGAN MERIT EXAM DATES

FALL 2007

Saturday, October 27 - ACT Plus Writing®
 Tuesday, October 30 - WorkKeys® + Michigan Math
 October 30-31 - Michigan Science and Social Studies
No makeup dates are scheduled in the fall cycle

SPRING 2008

Tuesday, March 11 - ACT Plus Writing®
 Wednesday, March 12 - WorkKeys® + Michigan Math
 March 12-14 - Michigan Science and Social Studies - **Makeup**
 Tuesday, March 25 - ACT Makeup
 Wednesday, March 26 - WorkKeys® + Michigan Math - **Makeup**
 March 26-28 - Michigan Science and Social Studies - **Makeup**

The established dates – not the makeup dates – conflict with the following MHSAA Tournaments:

- Oct. 27 – L.P. Cross Country Regionals, Football Pre Districts, U.P. Girls Soccer Final
- Oct. 30 – Girls Volleyball Districts
- March 11 – Boys Basketball Quarterfinals

2007-08 NATIONAL TESTING DATES

Please advise students of the 2007-08 test date schedule. Your students should be aware of athletic tournament dates and should attempt to schedule their respective test date away from tournament dates of the sport or sports in which they are interested and participate. Following are test dates for 2007 and dates where tournaments would create conflict.

ACT ASSESSMENT DATES

CONFLICTS

October 27, 2007 LP Cross Country Regionals; Boys Soccer
 Regional; Football Pre-Districts
 December 8, 2007..... None
 February 9, 2008..... None
 April 12, 2008..... None
June 14, 2008 Baseball Finals; Girls Soccer Finals; Softball Finals

SAT TESTING DATES

CONFLICTS

September 15, 2007None
 October 6, 2007None
 November 3, 2007LP Cross Country Finals; Boys Soccer Finals;
Football Districts; Volleyball Districts
 December 1, 2007None
 January 26, 2008None
 March 1, 2008Team Wrestling Finals; Girls Competitive Cheer Regionals;
 ...Girls Gymnastics Regionals; Ice Hockey Regionals; Boys & Girls Bowling Finals
 May 3, 2008None
June 7, 2008LP Boys Golf Finals; Boys & Girls Lacrosse Finals;
Baseball Regionals; Softball Regionals; Girls Soccer Districts;
UP Boys Soccer Finals

AP EXAM DATES

CONFLICTS

May 5-9, 12-16, 2008None
(Advanced Placement Exams are administered over a five-day period for each subject)

SCHOOL CLASSIFICATIONS ANNOUNCED FOR 2006-07

Classifications for Michigan High School Athletic Association elections and postseason tournaments in traditionally classified sports (A, B, C, D) for the 2007-08 school year have been announced, and the enrollment breaks for post-season tournaments set up by divisions will be announced soon on the MHSAA Web site.

Classifications for the upcoming school year are based on a second semester count date, which for MHSAA purposes was February 21. 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 762 tournament-qualified member schools were ranked according to enrollment, and then split as closely into quarters as possible. For 2007-08, there are 190 schools each in Classes A and B, and 191 schools each in Classes C and D.

Effective with the 2007-08 school year, schools with 1,055 or more students are in Class A in MHSAA competition. The enrollment limits for Class B are 507 to 1,054; Class C is 249 to 506; and schools with enrollments of 248 and under are Class D. The break increased two students between Classes A and B; dropped one student between Classes B and C; and the break between Classes C and D increased by four students.

The new classification breaks will see 18 schools move up in class for 2007-08, while 19 schools will move down.

Schools were recently notified of their classification. MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts said that schools may

not subsequently lower their enrollment figure. However, if revised enrollment figures should be higher and indicate that a school should be playing in a higher class, that school would be moved up.

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

MHSAA tournament sports conducted in traditional classifications for 2007-08 are Basketball, Girls Gymnastics, and Girls Volleyball. Football will use traditional classifications to determine playoff points.

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

The eight divisions of the MHSAA Football Playoffs will be announced on Selection Sunday, Oct. 21, 2007. A complete list of school enrollments used to determine classifications for the 2007-08 school year can be found on the Administrators page of the MHSAA Web site.

The next page lists schools changing classification for 2007-08 (Note: This list does not include schools opting up in class/division for tournaments, which can be found on page 496 of this *Bulletin*, and on the Administrators page of the MHSAA Web site):

SCHOOLS CHANGING CLASSIFICATION FOR 2007-08

Moving Up from Class B to Class A

Flint Southwestern
Gibraltar Carlson
Lansing Sexton
Orchard Lake St. Mary's
St. Clair Shores Lake Shore
Warren Woods-Tower

Moving Down from Class A to Class B

Bloomfield Hills Andover
Detroit Northern
Escanaba
Grand Rapids Central
Jackson Northwest
Lansing Waverly

Moving Up from Class C to Class B

Buchanan
Detroit Community
Detroit Old Redford
Inkster
Oak Park Academy of Michigan
Vermontville Maple Valley
Wyoming Kelloggsville

Moving Down from Class B to Class C

Albion
Beaverton
Cass City
Detroit Communication Media Arts
Hillsdale
Mason County Central
River Rouge

Moving Up from Class D to Class C

Holland Black River
Howell Kensington Woods
L'Anse
Mendon
New Buffalo

Moving Down from Class C to Class D

Big Rapids Crossroads Academy
Deckerville
Detroit Winans Academy
Mio
New Lothrop
Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary

New Postseason Eligible Tournament Schools in 2006-07

South Lyon East (Class C)
Detroit West Village Academy N. (Class D)
Greenville Grattan Academic (Class D)
Coldwater Pansophia Academy (Class D)
Kentwood W. Michigan Lutheran (Class D)
Warren Conner Creek Acad. W. (Class D)
Academy of Inkster (Class D)
Detroit Universal Academy (Class D)

Enrollment Breaks By Classes – 2007-08

(Number of schools in parenthesis)

Class A -- 1,055 and above (190)
Class B -- 507 to 1,054 (190)
Class C -- 249 to 506 (191)
Class D -- 248 and below (191)

TREETOPS APPRECIATION WEEKEND FOR COACHES AND OFFICIALS

July 6-8, 2007

\$55 – Tom Fazio “Premier” • Rick Smith “Signature” •
Trent Jones “Masterpiece”

\$40 – Rick Smith “Tradition” • Rick Smith “Threetops”

Treetops will donate \$3 to Officials for Kids Foundation for every round of golf played!

Please call James Vanderveer (989-731-8614) to set up all tee times. This is not restricted to only coaches and officials so bring a friend along with you (each tee time must have a least one coach or official of any sport).

MHSAA CLASSIFICATION BY SPORT — 2007-08

Reflects cooperative programs and options to play in larger classifications or divisions as of April 5, 2007

Sports Utilizing Traditional Classifications

Traditional Classifications for 2007-08		
<u>Class</u>	<u>Enrollment Range</u>	<u>Maximum No. of Schools</u>
A	1,055 and Above	190
B	507 - 1,054	190
C	249 - 506	191
D	248 and Below	191

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

SPORT		A	B	C	D
BASKETBALL	Girls	186	187	185	169
	Boys	188	188	187	181
FOOTBALL *		188	190	173	71
GYMNASTICS		◊46◊	◊13◊	--	--
VOLLEYBALL		186	183	180	163

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

Sports Utilizing "Equal Divisions"

SPORT		1	2	3	4
BASEBALL		162	160	163	163
BOWLING	-Girls	89	96	87	--
	-Boys	92	93	92	--
GIRLS COMP CHEER		79	80	79	81
CROSS COUNTRY	- Girls	138	141	137	138
	- Boys	142	142	143	143
GOLF - Girls		92	93	94	--
	- Boys	130	130	130	131
ICE HOCKEY		58	59	59	--
LACROSSE - Girls		22	23	--	--
	- Boys	36	37	--	--
SOCCER - Girls **		111	111	111	83
	- Boys **	120	121	122	91
SOFTBALL		162	160	162	148

SWIMMING - Girls	77	77	78	--
- Boys	73	73	74	--
TENNIS - Girls	84	85	85	85
- Boys	85	86	86	86
TRACK - Girls	148	153	151	150
- Boys	151	151	152	151
WRESTLING (Team)	116	117	117	117

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

Upper Peninsula Tournaments

SPORT	Division	No. of Schools	Enrollment Range
*Swimming (Boys & Girls)	1	10G 10B	1,443-347G 1,443-347B
**Cross Country (Boys & Girls)	1 2 3	10B 10G 10B 10G 11B 12G	1,274-468 363-264 242/185-76
**Track & Field (Boys & Girls)	1 2 3	11B 11G 12B 12G 25B 25G	1,274-378 363-253 203-21
**Golf (Boys & Girls)	1 2 3	10B 11G 9B 11G 22B 20G	1,274-428 378-253 203-21/76
Soccer (Girls - Fall)	1	4	1,274-363
Soccer (Boys - Spring)	2 2	4 5	1,274-363 242-21
***Tennis (Girls - Fall)	1 2	6 7	1,274-499 433-86
(Boys - Spring)	1 2	6 7	1,274-499 433-86

Divisions are set as follows:

**Swimming: All schools one Division.*

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

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

UP Schools Participate Statewide in all Other Tournaments

2007-08 CLASSIFICATION OPT-UPS

Schools which have exercised the option to play in a higher level for 2007-08

TRADITIONALLY CLASSIFIED SPORTS

City/School	Sport(s)	From Class:	To Class:	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Livonia-Ladywood	GBB	B	A	Fall 2006	4/15/08
North Branch	VB	B	A	Winter 05-06	8/15/07

IN WRESTLING (Winter)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Algonac	3	2	Winter 99-00	8/15/07
East Lansing	2	1	Winter 98-99	8/15/07
•Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Winter 99-00	8/15/07
Saginaw	2	1	Winter 97-98	8/15/07

IN BOYS TENNIS (Fall)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Detroit Country Day	4	3	Spring 1999	4/15/07
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	2	1	Spring 2000	4/15/07
Grand Rapids Forest Hills N.	3	2	Spring 2007	4/15/08
•Lansing-Sexton	3	1	Spring 2007	4/15/08
Mason	2	1	Spring 2007	4/15/08
Mt. Clemens	4	3	Spring 2006	4/15/07
Mt. Pleasant	2	1	Spring 2006	4/15/07
Pinckney	2	1	Spring 2007	4/15/08
Port Huron Northern	2	1	Spring 2007	4/15/08
St. Johns	2	1	Fall 2007	4/15/09

IN GIRLS TENNIS (Spring)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Grand Rapids Forest Hills N.	3	2	Fall 2006	10/15/07
Grosse Ile	4	3	Fall 2002	10/15/07
Holland	2	1	Fall 2006	10/15/07
•Lansing-Sexton	3	1	Fall 2006	10/15/07
Midland Dow	2	1	Fall 1999	10/15/07
Mt. Clemens	4	3	Fall 2004	10/15/07
Pinckney	2	1	Spring 2008	10/15/08
Richmond	4	3	Fall 2001	10/15/07
St. Johns	3	1	Fall 1999	10/15/07

IN BOYS CROSS COUNTRY (Fall)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
•Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Fall 2006	4/15/08

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IN GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY (Fall)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
•Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Fall 2006	4/15/08

IN ICE HOCKEY (Winter)

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

IN BOYS SKIING (Winter)

From City/School	To Division	Division	Deadline for First Season	Cancellation
Orchard Lake-St. Mary's	2	1	Winter 06-07	8/15/08

IN GIRLS SKIING (Winter)

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

IN GIRLS GOLF (Fall)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
•Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Spring 2007	4/15/08

IN BOYS GOLF (Spring)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
•Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Fall 2006	10/15/07

IN BOYS SOCCER (Fall)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
•Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Fall 2006	4/15/08

IN GIRLS SOCCER (Spring)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
•Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Spring 2007	10/15/08

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IN GIRLS SWIMMING (Fall)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
•Lansing-Sexton	3	1	Fall 2006	4/15/08

IN BOYS SWIMMING (Winter)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	2	1	Winter 02-03	8/15/07
•Lansing-Sexton	3	1	Winter 06-07	8/15/08

IN BASEBALL (Spring)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
•Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Spring 2007	10/15/08

IN SOFTBALL (Spring)

From City/School	To Division	To Division	Deadline for First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Harper Woods-Regina	2	1	Spring 2005	10/15/06
•Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Spring 2007	10/15/08
St. Johns	2	1	Spring 2004	10/15/07

IN BOYS LACROSSE (Spring)

From City/School	To Division	To Division	Deadline for First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	2	1	Spring 2005	10/15/07
Detroit-U of D Jesuit	2	1	Spring 2006	10/15/07

IN GIRLS LACROSSE (Spring)

From City/School	To Division	To Division	Deadline for First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Bloomfield Hills-Marian	2	1	Spring 2007	10/15/08
Grosse Pointe North	2	1	Spring 2007	10/15/08
Grosse Pointe South	2	1	Spring 2005	10/15/06

IN BOYS TRACK & FIELD (Spring)

From City/School	To Division	To Division	Deadline for First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
•Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Spring 2007	10/15/08

IN GIRLS TRACK & FIELD (Spring)

From City/School	To Division	To Division	Deadline for First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
•Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Spring 2007	10/15/08

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SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS ANNOUNCED FOR WINTER TOURNAMENTS

The recipients of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Good Sports Are Winners! Awards for the recently completed 2007 Winter sports season have been named, with each school to receive recognition from MEEMIC Insurance, the Association's corporate partner in sportsmanship efforts.

Manchester in team dual wrestling, **Munising** and **Utica Ford** in girls competitive cheer, **East Kentwood** and **Grosse Pointe South** in ice hockey, **Battle Creek St. Philip** in girls volleyball, and **Stevensville Lakeshore** in boys basketball, were selected by the tournament management at their respective finals for displaying the most exemplary sportsmanship by their coaches, student-athletes and spectators. Each school receiving a Finals award will be presented a commemorative banner and crystal trophy at a venue of the school's choosing at a future date.

Manchester was a Division 4 semifinalist in team dual wrestling, Munising in Division 4 and Utica Ford in Division 1 were finalist in girls competitive cheer, East Kentwood was a Division 1 semifinalist and Grosse Pointe South was the Division 2 champion in ice hockey, Battle Creek St. Philip was the Class D titlist in girls volleyball, and Stevensville Lakeshore was a semifinalist in Class B in boys basketball.

East Kentwood, Grosse Pointe South and Stevensville Lakeshore have been previously honored at the Finals level. East Kentwood receiving the award at the 1990 Ice Hockey Finals; Grosse Pointe South the Baseball Finals award in 2001; and Lakeshore receiving the award for Boys Soccer in 1990.

In addition to receiving the finals award, Munising and Battle Creek St. Philip also won awards in girls volleyball at the pre-Finals level; and Grosse Pointe South will receive an award at the Regional level in ice hockey.

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

In all, 375 teams from 303 schools in team dual wrestling, girls competitive cheer, ice hockey, girls volleyball and boys basketball are being recognized for their outstanding sportsmanship at Winter tournaments. Those teams will also be recognized through the publication of their names in the MHSAA Bulletin, the MHSAA Finals program series, and on the MHSAA Web site. During the course of the school year, over 1,000 teams will be recognized in 11 activities for their sportsmanship efforts during MHSAA tournaments.

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

A list of Good Sports Are Winners! Award recipients as submitted by tournament managers through April 23 for the recently completed Winter sports season follows:

GOOD SPORTS ARE WINNERS!

2007 WINTER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Based on reports received at the MHSAA offices as of 4/23/07.

NOTE: There can be more than one winner at each site, and not all site managers responded.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Academy of Oak Park Mendota
 Adrian
 Alanson Littlefield
 Allen Park Inter-City Baptist
 Allendale
 Alma
 Armada
 Bangor John Glenn
 Beal City
 Bear Lake
 Bellaire
 Bridgeport
 Bridgeman
 Byron
 Cadillac
 Camden-Frontier
 Canton
 Cass City
 Charlevoix
 Concord
 Covert
 Croswell-Lexington
 Dearborn Heights Robichaud
 Deckerville
 Delton Kellogg
 Detroit Country Day
 Detroit Crockett
 Detroit Douglass
 Detroit Loyola
 Detroit Redford
 Detroit Renaissance
 Detroit University Prep
 Detroit Weston Technical
 Academy
 East Jordan
 Essexville Garber
 Flint Hamady
 Flint Northwestern
 Flint Powers Catholic
 Flint Southwestern
 Fowler
 Fowlerville
 Frankenmuth
 Freeland
 Fulton-Middleton
 Grand Rapids Covenant
 Christian
 Grand Rapids Creston
 Grand Rapids NorthPointe
 Christian

Grand Rapids Northview
 Grandville Calvin Christian
 Greenville
 Hanover-Horton
 Harbor Springs Harbor Light
 Christian
 Hastings
 Hillsdale Carleton Academy
 Hopkins
 Houghton
 Howard City Tri-County
 Indian River Inland Lakes
 Jackson Christian
 Kalamazoo Christian
 Kalamazoo Hackett
 Kent City
 Laingsburg
 Lake Fenton
 Lansing Catholic
 Lawton
 Lincoln Alcona
 Lowell
 Ludington
 Mackinaw City
 Mancelona
 Manistee
 Manton
 Marcellus
 Marion
 Mason County Central
 Mayville
 McBain
 Melvindale
 Menominee
 Midland Bullock Creek
 Millington
 Mio
 Monroe
 Montague
 Morenci
 Morrice
 Mt Morris
 Muskegon Oakridge
 Muskegon Orchard View
 New Buffalo
 North Adams-Jerome
 North Branch
 Northville
 Oak Park Academy of
 Michigan
 Olivet

Otsego
 Ottawa Lake Whiteford
 Pellston
 Petersburg-Summerfield
 Petoskey
 Pinconning
 Pittsford
 Plainwell
 Plymouth
 Plymouth Christian
 Ravenna
 Redford Covenant
 River Rouge
 Riverview
 Rochester Hills Lutheran
 Northwest
 Rockford
 Saginaw Arts & Sciences
 Saginaw Nouvel
 Saginaw Valley Lutheran
 Saline
 Sand Creek
 Shelby
 Southfield Christian
 Spring Lake
 St. Clair Shores Lake Shore
 St. Joseph Michigan Lutheran
 Standish-Sterling
 Tecumseh
 Temperance Bedford
 Traverse City St. Francis
 Vandercook Lake
 Vassar
 Warren Lincoln
 Warren Woods Tower
 Watervliet Grace Christian
 Whitehall
 Whitmore Lake
 Wyoming Kelloggsville
 Ypsilanti Lincoln

GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER

Allendale
 Breckenridge
 Coopersville
 Grant
 Merrill
 Sanford Meridian
 St. Charles

ICE HOCKEY

Allen Park
 Allen Park Cabrini
 Auburn Hills Avondale
 Birmingham Brother Rice
 Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood
 Calumet
 Clarkston
 Davison
 Dearborn Divine Child
 Dearborn Heights Crestwood
 Detroit Catholic Central
 Farmington
 Flushing
 Freeland
 Grand Rapids Catholic Central
 Grand Rapids Central
 Grand Rapids Creston
 Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central
 Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern
 Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills
 Grand Rapids South Christian
 Grosse Ile
 Grosse Pointe North
 Grosse Pointe South
 Haslett
 Holland West Ottawa
 Hudsonville
 Lake Orion
 Lansing Catholic
 Lapeer East
 Lapeer West
 Livonia Churchill
 Madison Heights Lamphere
 Marquette
 Midland
 Midland Dow
 Milford
 Muskegon Mona Shores
 New Baltimore Anchor Bay
 Northville
 Otisville Lakeville
 Pinckney
 Riverview
 Rockford
 Romeo
 Saginaw Arthur Hill
 Saginaw Heritage
 Saginaw Swan Valley
 Sault Ste. Marie
 South Lyon
 St. Clair
 St. Clair Shores Lakeview
 Sterling Heights Stevenson
 Traverse City Central
 Traverse City West
 Utica

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Adrian Madison
 Alanson Littlefield
 Alba
 Alpena
 Ann Arbor Huron
 Ann Arbor Pioneer
 Arenac Eastern
 Armada
 Au Gres-Sims
 Bad Axe
 Battle Creek Calhoun Christian
 Battle Creek Lakeview
 Battle Creek St Philip
 Bay City All Saints
 Beaver Island
 Berrien Springs
 Bessemer
 Bronson
 Brown City
 Burt Lake Northern Michigan Christian
 Burton Atherton
 Burton Bendle
 Burton Bentley
 Byron
 Capac
 Carleton Airport
 Cheboygan
 Chesaning
 Coloma
 Colon
 Concord
 Coopersville
 Crystal Falls Forest Park
 Dearborn
 Deckerville
 Detroit Murray-Wright
 Dexter
 Dryden
 Elk Rapids
 Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker
 Ellsworth
 Ewen-Trout Creek
 Flint Beecher
 Flint Powers Catholic
 Frankenmuth
 Freeland
 Fruitport
 Fulton-Middleton
 Gaylord
 Genesee
 Genesee Christian
 Gladstone
 Gobles
 Goodrich
 Grand Rapids Covenant Christian
 Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern

Grand Rapids Northview
 Grayling
 Greenville
 Hanover-Horton
 Harbor Beach
 Harbor Springs Harbor Light Christian
 Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse
 Hemlock
 Homer
 Hudsonville Freedom Baptist
 Hudsonville Unity Christian
 Iron Mountain
 Johannesburg-Lewiston
 Kent City Algoma Christian
 Kinde-North Huron
 Kingsley
 Kingston
 Lake Fenton
 Linden
 Litchfield
 Lowell
 Mackinaw City
 Manton
 Marcellus Howardsville Christian
 Marlette
 Marquette
 Marysville
 Mayville
 Memphis
 Mendon
 Merrill
 Michigan Center
 Midland Bullock Creek
 Milan
 Morley-Stanwood
 Mt. Pleasant
 Munising
 Muskegon Heights
 Muskegon Oakridge
 Muskegon Orchard View
 Napoleon
 New Haven
 New Lothrop
 North Branch
 Onaway
 Pellston
 Petoskey
 Quincy
 Redford Thurston
 Rochester
 Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest
 Rockford
 Roscommon
 Saginaw Arts & Sciences
 Saginaw Grace Christian
 Saginaw Nouvel

Saginaw Swan Valley
 Saginaw Valley Lutheran
 Saline
 Sandusky
 Saranac
 Southfield
 Spring Lake
 Springport
 St. Charles
 St. Johns
 St. Louis
 Suttons Bay
 Tekonsha
 Three Oaks River Valley
 Ubley
 Union City
 Vanderbilt
 Vandercook Lake
 Warren Fitzgerald
 Warren Woods-Tower
 Watersmeet
 Whitmore Lake
 Wyoming Kelloggsville

Wyoming Lee
 Yale

TEAM WRESTLING

Allegan
 Benzie Central
 Berkley
 Birmingham Seaholm
 Boyne City
 Bronson
 Brown City
 Burton Bendle
 Burton Bentley
 Cadillac
 Climax-Scotts
 Covert
 Dundee
 Gaylord
 Harrison
 Hazel Park
 Ida
 Jonesville
 Kent City

Lawton
 Mancelona
 Manistee
 Marcellus
 Marlette
 Mason County Central
 Mattawan
 Millington
 Muskegon Catholic Central
 New Lothrop
 Ogemaw Heights
 Onaway
 Oxford
 Petoskey
 Rogers City
 Saginaw
 Saginaw Arthur Hill
 Saginaw Heritage
 Sandusky
 Saranac
 St. Charles



2007 Captains Clinics Draw More Than 1,000

More than 1,000 student-athletes from 90 schools participated in day-long Captains Clinics held this year with the Kensington Valley Conference, Catholic High School League, Jack Pine Conference, Southwestern Athletic Conference, Cascade Conference, and Macomb Area Conference (pictured above).

Facilitators from Michigan State University's Institute for the Study of Youth Sports, and athletic directors from member schools presented a variety of topics pertinent to both current team captains and aspiring leaders.

Plans are in place to expand the Captains Clinic Series in 2007-2008. MHSAA staff contacts for these events are Andi Osters and Andy Frushour.

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For the Record . . .

PROCEDURE FOR RECORDS SUBMISSIONS

If you have information that you believe should be included in these records (additions, deletions or corrections), it may be submitted one of three ways: 1.) Submitted by a MHSAA member school athletic administrator on official office letterhead, or by using the National Federation Record Application. Appropriate documentation should be included. 2.) Submitted by a media member on official office letterhead, enclosing appropriate documentation. 3.) Submitted by a member of the public with appropriate documentation, including the names and phone numbers of contact people at the school involved. The school will then be contacted to verify the information.

Appropriate documentation shall include, but is not limited to, the following: copies of scorebooks or game/season statistical summaries, yearbooks, or newspaper clippings.

To submit changes, mail to: Ron Pesch, 1317 Lakeshore Dr., Muskegon, MI 49441

Phone: (231) 759-7253; E-mail: records@mhsaa.com

E-mails and telephone calls are welcome when inquiring about potential records, but only written submissions with appropriate documentation will be considered.

The MHSAA is currently interested in coaches reviewing the lists of their sports through mhsaa.com to determine whether their own win-loss records might qualify for placement in such categories. Coaches are responsible for updating their win-loss records each year by contacting Ron Pesch.

Please take time to review all categories in your sport to assure that you, or a deserving athlete, has not been left off the lists.

ATHLETIC SUPPLIES ORDER BLANK

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

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

MHSAA ATHLETIC SUPPLY ORDER FORM

	Total No. of Packages
Officials Contracts (Form 6-C) (250 per package, limit 2 packages)	_____
School Contracts (Form 3-C) (250 per package, limit 2 packages)	_____
Physical Examination Cards (Form A) (100 per package)	_____
Ship To: School _____	
Address _____	
City _____	Zip _____
Attention: _____	
(Name)	(Title)



REVISED 2007-08 CALENDAR

SPORT	FIRST PRACTICE DATE	FIRST CONTEST DATE	DAYS OR CONTESTS	OPT OUT DUE DATE	DUE DATE OF RATINGS	MHSAA TOURNAMENT DATES				
						DISTRICTS	REGIONALS	QTR FINALS	SEMI FINALS	FINALS
FALL										
Cross Country: LP	Aug 13	Aug 13	15D	Oct 10			Oct 26-27			Nov 3
Cross Country: UP	Aug 13	Aug 13	15D	Oct 5						Oct 20
Football	Aug 6	Aug 23	9C	N/A	Nov 30	Oct 26 or 27 & Nov 2 or 3	Nov 9 or 10		Nov 17	Nov 23-24
Golf: LP Girls	Aug 9	Aug 13	16D	Sep 21			Oct 11 or 12 or 13			Oct 19-20
Soccer: LP Boys	Aug 13	Aug 20	18C	Sep 26	Nov 30	Oct 15-20	Oct 23-27		Oct 31	Nov 3
Soccer: UP Girls	Aug 13	Aug 20	18C	Sep 26	Nov 30				Oct 24	Oct 27
Swimming: LP Girls	Aug 13	Aug 25	17D	Nov 12			Dive: Nov 13			Nov 16-17
Tennis: LP Boys	Aug 13	Aug 13	16D	Sep 26			Oct 11 or 12			Oct 19-20
Tennis: UP Girls	Aug 13	Aug 13	16D	Sep 21						Oct 4
Volleyball	Aug 13	Aug 24	18D	Oct 17	Nov 30	Oct 30-Nov 1 & Nov 2 or 3	Nov 9 or 10	Nov 13	Nov 15-16	Nov 17
WINTER										
Basketball: Boys	Nov 12	Dec 3	20C	Feb 6	Mar 21	Feb 25, 27 & 29	Mar 3 & 5	Mar 11	Mar 13-14	Mar 15
Basketball: Girls	Nov 5	Nov 26	20C	Feb 1	Mar 21	Feb 18, 20 & 22	Feb 26 & 28	Mar 4	Mar 6-7	Mar 8
Bowling: Boys & Girls	Nov 8-UP Nov 15-LP	Nov 24-UP Dec 1-LP	20C	Feb. 8			Feb 22-23			Feb 29 - Mar 1
Competitive Cheer	Nov 5	Nov 19	12D	Feb 15	Mar 21		Mar 1			Mar 7-8
Gymnastics	Oct 29	Nov 17	15D	Feb 22			Mar 1			Mar 7-8
Ice Hockey	Oct 29	Nov 12	24C	Feb 6	Mar 21		Feb 25-Mar 1	Mar 4-5	Mar 6-7	Mar 8
Skiing: Boys & Girls	Nov 12	Dec 8	15C	Feb 8			Feb 14 or 15			Feb 25
Swimming: LP Boys	Nov 19	Dec 1	17D	Mar 3			Dive: Mar 4			Mar 7-8
Swimming: UP Boys & Girls	Nov 5	Nov 17	17D	Feb 11						Feb 16
Wrestling: Individual	Nov 12	Nov 28	16D	Feb 6	Mar 21	Feb 16	Feb 23	ALPHA WEIGH-IN 10/22/07 - 2/1/08		Mar 6-8
Wrestling: Team	Nov 12	Nov 28	16D	Feb 6	Mar 21	Feb 13 or 14	Feb 20			Feb 29 - Mar 1
SPRING										
Baseball	Mar 10	Mar 10	56 G+D	May 7	May 23	May 27 & 30 or 31	Jun 7	Jun 10	Jun 13	Jun 14
Golf: LP Boys	Mar 10	Mar 13	16D	May 7		May 22 or 23 or 24	May 29 or 30 or 31			Jun 6-7
Golf: UP Boys & Girls	Mar 10	Mar 10	16D	May 16						May 30
Lacrosse: Boys & Girls	Mar 10	Mar 21	18C	Apr 30	May 23		May 15-31		Jun 4	Jun 7
Soccer: LP Girls	Mar 10	Mar 17	18C	May 7	May 23	May 27-31	Jun 3-7		Jun 11	Jun 14
Soccer: UP Boys	Mar 10	Mar 17	18C	May 7	May 23			May 29	Jun 4	Jun 7
Softball	Mar 10	Mar 10	56 G+D	May 7	May 23	May 27 & 30 or 31	Jun 7	Jun 10	Jun 13	Jun 14
Tennis: LP Girls	Mar 10	Mar 10	16D	May 7			May 15 or 16			May 30-31
Tennis: UP Boys	Mar 10	Mar 10	16D	May 16						May 29
Track & Field	Mar 10	Mar 10	18D	May 12-13			May 16-17			May 31

SCHOOL SPORTS PERSPECTIVE

A NICE JOB NICELY DONE

It's dinner time, but you're not eating. It's Saturday and your friends are golfing as a threesome. It's January, 20-below, and the only other vehicle on the road is the salt truck as you head to the school. There are so many other things you could be doing.

Instead, you're being educated on benefits of revamping your offense around somebody's 5-2 outside hitter/daughter who was, after all, the best player on her middle school team. *Town population – 72, not including livestock.*

Your integrity is being challenged from someone with a perfect view of the plate from the first baseline, urging you to call them both ways. *Top of the first, leadoff hitter, 2-2 count.*

You're turning on the lights in a natatorium at 5:30 a.m. because that's the only time available for the JV swim team. *There is more steam from your breath than from the pool water.*

Not one of you – in your few quiet moments – haven't wondered to yourself, "Why?"

Well, here's why.

If you didn't, 304,568 high school sports participants across the state in 2005-06 would have had to fill their idle hours some other way. If recent trends hold, that number figures to be higher by the end of this school year.

That's a lot of impressionable minds with a lot of time. One can only speculate what they'd do without you, but we know what they're doing with you, even if they don't realize it.

They are discovering the benefits of physical activity, exercise and proper diet to maximize performance. Just as important, they might be exposed to the perils of eating disorders and substance abuse.

Many are introduced to authority for the first time, held to rules and regulations. Moreover, they come to realize what society would be without it.

Some work hard and become the best in the state; others work harder just to make the team. They find out their letter jackets are the same.

They consider the gym a home away from home, and embrace the team as a second family. For some, it might be the closest thing to a home and family they've known.

They are meeting kids from bigger homes, smaller homes, different incomes, different religions and different races. Better, they become *dependent* upon them. Best, they *welcome* one another in each other's homes.

Know what they're not doing with their free time?

They're not straining the belt of this country's growing waistline of obesity in youth. They're not running from authority, but running to it. They're not developing prejudices and opinions from a glut of contrived reality shows. And, their form of competition is not relegated to video games, which have morphed from Astroids and Ms. Pacman to a cesspool of graphic, violent "games" glorifying war and street crime.

Before taking too much credit, however, realize the distinct advantage you have over other influences in the lives of these students: they *want* to be with you. School curriculums call for a balance in their classwork. Not everyone likes math; not everyone likes English. Certain chores need to be done at home. It's not a lot of fun mowing the yard or washing the dishes. However, they *choose* to be with you. They *choose* to run, to cheer, to play baseball or volleyball. Coaches get a captive audience with which to share knowledge at a most impressionable age.

And officials, there aren't too many other sectors in today's dwindling job market where one can always find work. You, too, are in demand because of these students. True, you are giving time to them, but have you ever thought of it in reverse? That the students are giving *their* time to *you*?

It's a nice job, this coaching and officiating business. Thank you all for doing it so nicely.

– Rob Kaminski

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