

Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc.
2008-09 BASKETBALL COMMITTEE MINUTES
December 4, 2008

Members Present:

Tim Beebe, Haslett
Tony Burton, Brown City
Lew Dawkins, Saginaw
Tom Hursey, BCAM
Fred Jones, Battle Creek
Rich Moffitt, Grayling
Rob Ryan, Manistique

Mary Spade, Bangor
Marc Throop, Richland
John Verdura, Detroit
Reuben Washington, Detroit
Scott Weis, Caledonia
Robert Williams, Detroit

Members Absent:

Todd Kulawiak, Buckley

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. which started with a video presentation titled "Wonderful World". After the welcome and introductions, the committee reviewed its responsibility and relationship to the Representative Council.

The committee reviewed the 2007-08 committee minutes with attention to one recommendation presented to the Representative Council that was adopted, Provide Non-Traditional Draw Options for District competition.

Online Rules Meetings

The committee was reminded that all sport rules meeting schedules from this winter and forward will offer online opportunities for coaches and officials to fulfill rules meeting obligations as required by MHSAA Handbook Regulations.

It was reported that to date:

799 Boys and Girls coaches have successfully completed the online rules meeting for basketball.

1930 Officials have successfully completed the basketball rules meeting online.

Given these completions, approximately 184,344 miles driven were saved and approximately \$17,068.89 was saved in gasoline cost for attendees not having to travel to traditional meetings.

The committee reviewed comments made by online attendees; 98% of all comments were favorable.

MHSAA/BCAM "Reaching Higher" Program

The committee reviewed the current status of the "Reaching Higher" Program on Sunday, April 26, 2009. The MHSAA and BCAM will provide for the first time and opportunity for 100 high school girls and 100 high school boys to gather for a day under MHSAA and BCAM supervision to learn what it takes to become a college basketball player and succeed in college life.

In separate events for girls and boys at Brighton and South Lyon High Schools, respectively these students selected by BCAM Members, will have classroom sessions, engage in on court drills and testing and scrimmage opportunity. Classroom sessions will be conducted for parents as well.

College coaching staffs will be invited to observe. Information will be posted on both MHSAA.com and BCAM.org websites.

MHSAA Fan Experience

MHSAA staff identified to the committee that a Fan Festival will be operational for the Basketball Finals at MSU. The Fan Experience is a joint venture with the Lansing Visitors and Conventions Bureau that will be located in Jenison Field House.

While this will be the first event of its kind associated with the MHSAA Final Tournament it is hoped that efforts this year will grow for 2010-11 when both Boys and Girls Finals will be at the Breslin Center.

Health Issues

The committee reviewed the issues of MRSA and Concussion. MHSAA staff presented concerns for adequate and basic hygiene reminders for school administrators, coaches and officials. Also the need to remind coaches and athletic trainers to watch for and protect players that are in situations where concussions may occur was discussed. Both topics of MRSA and Concussion will be made Points of Special Emphasis.

Sport Calendar Concerns

Of major interest to MHSAA member schools and a topic of the MHSAA Representative Council, is sport season calendar and specifically if there should be a different "offset" of girls and boys basketball seasons.

Currently there is a one week off set. Girls practice begins one week earlier than boys and the MHSAA Girls Basketball Tournament starts and ends one week before the Boys Tournament starts and ends.

This fall in Athletic Director Workshops and in Statewide Update Meetings this was a major topic of discussion.

Through surveys at the Update Meetings it was determined that the majority of those schools polled preferred the current format of a one week offset rather than the options of two, three, four or five week offset. There was greater support for the current schedule in large schools than in small schools which are more receptive to greater offset.

Following general discussion, the committee when polled favored the current one week offset.

General Discussion

Basketball Tournament Site Committee – The committee will meet in May to assign sites and teams for both Basketball and Volleyball. This combined venture will accommodate Athletic Directors request to identify sites and dates for tournaments so that school calendars can be made in advance of the new school year.

Site deviation/relocation for Regional's and Quarterfinals. At the discretion of MHSAA staff a site may change if:

1. A team will be playing on its own home floor at the Quarterfinal level.
2. Two teams slated to play each other have inordinate travel to a Regional or Quarterfinal site.

NOTE: If an appropriate alternate site is not found or is not available the original site will be used.

National Federation Basketball Committee

The MHSAA Basketball Committee was provided with several working documents used by the NFHS Basketball Committee that included; a questionnaire supplied to all High School Associations, and to a selected group of state association coaches and officials and any coach or officials that belongs to either or both NFHS coaches and officials associations. A National

survey that will collect data on state association tournament policies related to basketball and, State associations tournament game statistical data that will look at length of game, free throw attempts, 3 pt shot attempts and other game situations.

Tournament Terms and Conditions

Items of Discussion:

- Opt-Out date
- New First Tournament Draw Date
- General admission house for Girls Semifinals and Finals
- Partial general admission balcony for Boys Semifinals and Finals
- 2009 Girls Semifinals and Finals hosted at Eastern Michigan University
- 2010-11 MSU will host both Girls and Boys Tournaments

Tournament Ball

The MHSAA will require the use at Semifinals and Finals the Rawlings Girls CompMich 285B and for Boys, the Rawlings CompMich.

Tournament Concerns

With this being the second year of combined seasons, the committee discussed approaches to assign and replace officials, and the assignment of officials to Quarterfinals and beyond to gender specific tournaments.

Online Officials Sportsmanship Feedback

The committee was apprised of the Online Officials Sportsmanship Feedback Form that officials may utilize to communicate concerns to schools.

Out of State Travel Concerns

The committee had conversation relating to out of state travel and competition with Out of State schools in a National Invitational Tournament. Following discussion, there was no consensus for change to current rules.

MHSAA/BCAM Collaborative Efforts

The committee viewed the latest version of the BOCCC (Basketball Officials and Coaches Communication Committee) video/DVD and its value to coaches, officials and spectators across the state. This current video/DVD and new videos/DVDs will be presented at all rules meetings online and in person.

Michigan Points of Emphasis

- Health and Safety
- MRSA/Concussion
- Block/Charge in the post.
- Philosophy when offensive player is under the goal/backboard
- Palming clarification