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Spring is here, and with it comes the beginning of several outdoor sports seasons, including boys tennis and boys and girls track & field.

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, March 17, 2005

Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan
William Newkirk, Meridian
Dan Flynn, Escanaba
Randy Salisbury, Britton
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Fred Procter, Beverly Hills

Staff Members Present:

Tom Rashid
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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 these minutes of phrases such as "it was alleged" or "it was reported,"

no attempt is made in the introduction of each waiver request to distinguish between truth, allegation, hearsay, opinion, summary or conclusion. 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.

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.

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

Adoption of these regulations is a choice schools make locally when they consider their option of MHSAA membership. Consistent with rulings of the Attorney General and Michigan Supreme Court, schools are not bound by the decisions of the Executive Committee, but the association may limit participation in the 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.

Regulation I, Section 1(F) - In May 2002, the Representative Council capped the enrollment of cooperative agreements at 3,500 students while providing two exceptions: (1) for cooperative programs in sports not previously sponsored by the schools involved - they can be approved for three years (eight of those exist in lacrosse); and

(2) for cooperative programs in existence prior to Aug. 1, 2002 - they can continue to operate through the 2005-06 school year (there were 23 at the time). Twenty-two "grandfathered" cooperative programs still exist. For any grandfathered program to continue beyond the 2005-06 school year, it must request and receive waiver from the Executive Committee by April 15, 2006. Subsequent to the May 2002 decision, additional criteria was established by the Representative Council that would allow Executive Committee review of programs on a case-by-case basis. An early request from the Muskegon boys and girls swimming & diving cooperative program provided the Executive Committee the opportunity to discuss the purposes of cooperative programs and a preview of requests from some of the 22 cooperative programs in ice hockey, girls gymnastics, boys and girls swimming & diving, and girls golf that will be forthcoming in the months ahead. No action was taken on this specific request.

Caro and Cass City High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls swimming & diving between these schools. Caro will be the primary school and has sponsored the sport previously. A cooperative agreement already exists between these two schools in girls gymnastics, with Cass City being the primary school. The combined enrollment of the two schools is 1,176 and the program will continue in Division 2 of the MHSAA Swimming & Diving Tournament. Approval of the Independent Swim Conference was received.

Wayne Memorial High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) - A request was made to waive the maximum semesters of enrollment and competition portions of the eligibility regulation on behalf of a 12th-grade student who had begun the 9th grade in 2001-02 at Oak Park High School and in the 2002-03 school year was enrolled at both Pershing and Osborn High Schools before enrolling at Wayne Memorial High School to begin the 2003-04 school year. While attending Pershing in November 2002, the student was involved in an altercation with another student who was a gang member, at which time the parent requested that the student be transferred to Crockett Technical High

School. After several weeks, the student was informed that he was to attend Osborn High School, which he did for nearly two months in the second semester of the 2002-03 school year. The family moved to Romulus in April of 2003 and the student enrolled at Wayne Memorial. The student was enrolled in four first semesters and is currently in his fourth second semester since beginning high school in 2001-02.

The Executive Committee found that the student has been enrolled for the maximum semesters allowed all students, and the request for waiver was denied.

Lincoln-Alcona High School (Regulation I, Sections 7 & 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation and previous semester record regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who had attended Alpena High School as a 10th-grader in 2003-04 and lived in the Lincoln-Alcona School District. The student had health concerns while at Alpena and intended to enroll at Alcona to begin the 2004-05 school year when she underwent major surgery in Cincinnati. The student attempted but never completed home school courses due to medical issues leading up to the surgery. The student has no grades or credits for the first semester of 2004, but does have a satisfactory previous semester record from Alpena High School for the second semester of 2003-04.

The Executive Committee granted the request to waive the previous semester and transfer sections of the eligibility regulation, but determined the first semester of the 2004-05 school year shall count as one of the four first and eight total semesters for this student.

Bloomfield Hills-Marian High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B & D]) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only until the 91st school day of enrollment, at which time immediate eligibility at any level would be allowed. The student was enrolled and had participated in girls lacrosse for Bloomfield Hills-Lasher High School last spring (2003-04) before lacrosse was an MHSAA tournament sport for girls. The student enrolled at Marian on Oct. 11, 2004.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the student's 91st school day of enroll-

ment at Marian High School.

Cadillac High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only on behalf of a 9th-grade student who had attended McBain-Northern Michigan Christian High School and did not participate in any MHSAA sport at the high school level. The student enrolled at Cadillac on Jan. 24, 2005.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2004-05 school year.

Fenton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who had previously attended Hartland High School before enrolling at Fenton High School on Jan. 11, 2005. The student continues to reside in Hartland and changed schools because she was teased, harassed and had personal property damaged on numerous occasions while at Hartland High School. The problems were reported to the police liaison officer but a police report was never filed.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver on the basis of the limited documentation provided.

Flint-Powers Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A late request was made to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation No. 60 (closest nonpublic school) on behalf of a 10th-grade student who had attended Catholic schools since pre-Kindergarten and Powers Catholic High School for the 9th grade until Jan. 31, 2005, at which time the student moved in with his divorced father and enrolled at Grand Blanc High School until Feb. 22, 2005. The student experienced difficulties, and returned to his former residence with his mother and reenrolled at Powers which, while it is the former school, is not the closest nonpublic school to his residence. An Educational Transfer Form was not completed for the move to Grand Blanc High School but is in process for the return to Flint-Powers High School.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver provided an Educational Transfer Form is completed by both schools and the MHSAA office.

Grant High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who was a ward of the court and placed with foster parents in Grant in April of 2002. In January 2004, the student and a younger brother were placed with their grandmother and enrolled at Muskegon Heights High School. On March 2, 2005, the older 11th-grade student reenrolled at Grant and began residing with his former foster parents (by his choice, not FIA placement). The student and his six siblings were taken away from their birth mother in 1999 because of neglect. If the request for immediate eligibility was not granted, the school requested consideration for eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Grant High School starting March 2, 2005.

Haslett High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who has moved from California with her parents and enrolled at Haslett High School on Jan. 18, 2005. The parents have purchased property in the Haslett district and started building a home. Upon arriving in Michigan, the family could not find temporary housing in Haslett and currently resides outside the district.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Hillsdale Academy (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 had previously attended Bronson High School before enrolling at Hillsdale Academy on March 7, 2005.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Hillsdale Academy.

Hopkins High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who had attended Allegan High School while residing with both parents, who have since divorced. The student moved with

her mother into the Wayland Union School District in March 2004 and, after finding the 50 mile round-trip commute to Allegan too difficult, the student enrolled at Hopkins High School on Nov. 22, 2004, which coincided with the end of the first trimester at Allegan. There is a 5th-grade brother who enrolled in the Hopkins district to begin the school year. The mother lives on the district line, approximately seven miles from Hopkins High School and four miles from Wayland Union High School. The student has an interest in the Future Farmers of America program which is only offered at Hopkins.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Horton-Hanover-Horton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment and was denied by the Executive Committee on Jan. 21, 2005. The original intent of the request was misunderstood and is resubmitted with clarification. The student completed the first trimester at Napoleon High School before enrolling at Hanover-Horton High School on Dec. 13, 2004. In the summer of 2004, the family built a new home in the Brooklyn-Columbia Central district and enrolled one daughter at Hanover-Horton, while the 11th-grade student remained at Napoleon. When the commute to Napoleon High School became too difficult, the student enrolled at Hanover-Horton at the end of the first trimester. The school requested waiver of Interpretation No. 90 which states that a student becomes eligible on the first day of practice or class (whichever is earlier) of the next school year when transferring after the first trimester.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Kalamazoo-Comstock High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only on behalf of a 9th-grade student who did not participate in athletics while attending Battle Creek-Bedford Bible School. The student enrolled at Comstock High School on Feb. 3, 2005.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only

during the remainder of the 2004-05 school year.

Kingsley High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who had attended Kingsley High School to begin the 9th grade in the 2003-04 school year before enrolling at Traverse City-East Junior High School in February of 2004 when classes at Kingsley High School were disrupted for two weeks due to the potential for a collapsed roof on the school building. The student attended Traverse City Central to begin the 2004-05 school year. When the hardship of traveling to Traverse City became too difficult, the student reenrolled at Kingsley to begin the second semester of 2004-05. The student participated in basketball as a 9th-grader at Kingsley, but did not participate in athletics at Traverse City Central.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Linden High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Linden High School for the 9th and 10th grades before moving in with his divorced mother and enrolling at Flushing High School to begin the 2004-05 school year. At the end of the first semester of this school year, the student was kicked out of his home by his mother and now resides with another family in the Linden School District. The student enrolled at Linden on Jan. 21, 2005.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Monroe-Jefferson High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only on behalf of a 10th-grade student who participated in subvarsity cross country while enrolled at Monroe-St. Mary Catholic Central High School. The student enrolled at Jefferson High School on the first day of the second semester of the 2004-05 school year and continues to reside in the district. Pursuant to the requirements of Section 9(B) - that there can be no previous participation in an MHSAA sport - the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

North Branch High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2004-05 school year on behalf of a 9th-grade student who enrolled at North Branch on Jan. 24, 2005, after attending Lapeer East High School. The student transferred due to sexual harassment problems with another student at Lapeer East and has not participated in athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2004-05 school year.

North Muskegon 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 had previously attended Muskegon Catholic Central High School before enrolling at North Muskegon on March 8, 2005. The student had originally attended North Muskegon before enrolling at Muskegon Catholic Central at the end of the first semester of the 2004-05 school year.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment starting March 8, 2005.

Pontiac-Notre Dame Preparatory High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only on behalf of a 10th-grade student who had attended Notre Dame Preparatory as a 9th-grader for the 2003-04 school year and then Warren-De La Salle Collegiate High School for the first semester of 2004-05. The student reenrolled at Notre Dame Preparatory to begin the second semester of 2004-05 and has not participated in athletics since enrolling in high school.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2004-05 school year.

Port Huron High School (Regulation 1, Section 9) - On Feb 23, 2005, the Executive Committee denied a request to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 10th-grade student, noting that the student did not move with the persons with whom he or she was living (exception No. 1) and that the former residence was not disposed of (Interpretation

No. 73). The student had previously attended Carsonville-Port Sanilac High School prior to changing residences and enrolling at Port Huron High School on Jan. 20, 2005. The student's entire family relocated except for an older 12th-grade brother who remained at the original home with his grandfather in order to finish his senior year at Port Sanilac High School. The family has a rental property in Port Huron where the father and mother are employed. Additional information was submitted, including a one-year lease and an explanation from the father relating to employment, commuting and reconstruction concerns with the 125 year old former residence in Carsonville-Port Sanilac.

Because there are sound educational reasons for the 12th-grader to complete high school at Carsonville-Port Sanilac, the Executive Committee granted the request for waiver, with the conditions of *Handbook Interpretation No. 72* to apply throughout the 2005-06 school year. If this student participates in an interscholastic scrimmage or contest at Port Huron High School and/or the persons with whom the student has been living move (change residence) back to the former district before the completion of the 2005-06 school year, the student is ineligible for any interscholastic athletic competition at any school until approved by the two schools involved and the MHSAA.

Rochester Hills-Lutheran High School Northwest (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - On Oct. 21, 2004, the Executive Committee denied a request for waiver of the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st day of enrollment on behalf of a 10th-grade student who had enrolled at Lutheran Northwest on Oct. 19, 2004. The student preferred a Christian education and had previously attended Royal Oak-Dondero High School and was concerned about the future consolidation of the two Royal Oak schools. At the Executive Committee's Dec. 4, 2004 meeting, the school requested reconsideration of the original decision, including information that the student's father was ill and that the student had attended Lutheran elementary and junior high schools before enrolling at Dondero to begin the 9th grade. That request was also denied and the matter was resubmitted for reconsideration.

The Executive Committee denied the

request for waiver, finding that the student's reason for transfer was presented as a matter of choice and that events occurring after the transfer cannot be considered as compelling reasons for changing schools.

Wyoming-Rogers High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 9th-grade student to permit immediate eligibility or, in the alternative, eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student participated in sports and attended Byron Center High School for the 9th grade in 2004-05. The student has lived in the Rogers district since 1990 and enrolled at Rogers High School on March 8, 2005. The student would have enrolled on March 4, 2005, but Rogers was on mid-winter break.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Rogers High School, commencing March 8, 2005.

Inkster High School (Regulation I, Section 10) - At the Jan. 19, 2005 meeting of the Executive Committee, an appeal was made of the decision of the executive director that a violation of undue influence occurred and that, pursuant to this Section: (1) Inkster High School shall be placed on probation, and (2) the varsity girls basketball coach at Inkster High School shall not be permitted to coach at Inkster High School for a one-year period and shall not coach for a one-year period in any other member school in any MHSAA tournament in any sport.

At that meeting, the school's coach, principal and director of operations met for 75 minutes with the committee, which had received in excess of 250 pages of documents prior to the meeting and another 121 pages during the meeting. Following additional discussion, the Executive Committee tabled the matter to its next meeting to permit committee members to review all documentation.

In the MHSAA's letter of inquiry on Oct. 1, 2004, the school was provided a Sept. 24, 2004 newspaper article quoting the parent of a 9th-grade student at Romulus High School who resides in the Romulus district. The article stated that Inkster's head coach had telephoned the parent on Sunday, Aug. 8, 2004, "wanting to know where she was going to school." The Oct. 1, 2004 request for information from the MHSAA included letters

sent previously (Jan. 14 and April 7, 2004) urging the school to be vigilant with undue influence because of past allegations, and acknowledging the school's inclusion of an Inkster Public School Coaches Agreement on Undue Influence which the coach had appeared to violate.

In its response on Oct. 15, 2004, Inkster school administration admitted that a conversation took place between the parent and the Inkster girls basketball coach and characterized it as centering on summer camps and after-school programs. The school reported that the parent gave the coach contact numbers (home, office and mobile), the coach filed the information, and the school has the note with the phone numbers on file. The school also reported that the parent informed the coach in this conversation that his daughter would be attending Romulus and the coach backed away from the conversation and told the parent that his daughter should finish her high school career at Romulus High School. The school advised that the parent is an Inkster alumnus and former coach who had spoken earlier with the Inkster girls basketball coach.

Inkster High School stated that it could not determine when this conversation took place. The school's investigation required the coach to produce a copy of his telephone bill for the month of August and to identify individuals that were called. The coach's telephone bills did not find any calls to this parent's phone numbers in August 2004.

In the Oct. 15 letter, the school stated that "at no time has Inkster High School been found to be in violation of the undue influence rule" and the previous suspension of the coach in 2003 was for failure to respond in a timely manner.

The MHSAA responded on Oct. 27, 2004 that, based on the school's response, a violation did occur in this instance (specifically of Regulation I, Section 10, Interpretations No. 98 and 99) and the penalty shall remain as previously stated. Further, the MHSAA documented that the school was indeed placed on probation and the girls basketball coach suspended from the MHSAA tournament in November 2003 for violations of undue influence. The school's probation was lifted in April 2004, due in part to the school's assurances of "active oversight" given during a

meeting with the MHSAA and a new coaches guidebook which included a signed Inkster Public School Coaches Agreement regarding Undue Influence.

In October 2003, the MHSAA received a phone call from a parent alleging violations of the undue influence regulation and that special transportation privileges were being afforded to Inkster High School girls basketball players as was reported in a newspaper article from Nov. 2000, which was sent to Inkster for a response at the time. A police report submitted by Inkster High School tended to corroborate what the caller said in October 2003 - that the caller's daughter enrolled with promises of transportation to and from school, and that one student, angry after not getting transportation home, had set fire to the coach's car. On Nov. 21, 2003, the coach was suspended from the MHSAA tournament, which had advanced to the Regional level at that point in time. The original request for information from Inkster High School that was generated by this phone call was in an Oct. 17, 2003 letter to the superintendent and principal at Inkster High School. A response was received on Nov. 20, 2003, and the coach was suspended from the Girls Basketball Tournament, already in progress, on Nov. 21, 2003.

The Executive Committee found that at the school's appearance on Jan. 19, 2005, the school provided a much more exhaustive effort to exonerate the coach in the 2003 matter than the 2004 matter; and that while the 2003 matter is not entirely irrelevant because it is part of a pattern that should have caused the coach to be more careful and the school to be more vigilant in its oversight and did cause the MHSAA staff to be less tolerant in the current inquiry and follow-up action, the time has long passed for review of the 2003 matter. In fact, the school had met with MHSAA staff in December of 2003 and communicated in writing early in 2004 without providing the documentation then that it sought to introduce now to refute the findings of November 2003.

Two documents intended to be relevant to the 2004 matter that were submitted by the school for the Jan. 19, 2005 meeting carry dates that should have made them available to staff in October and thus are of questionable value. There is a pattern of the school

providing limited defense at the time of inquiry and providing additional documentation during appeals that should have been provided during the inquiry if such documents had existed.

Documenting "undue influence" is often difficult; but in both the 2003 and 2004 matters, witnesses and documentation exist which, if ignored, would create precedence that would make the regulation virtually unenforceable in the future.

- In the 2003 matter there is a telephone call to the MHSAA with allegations of promises of transportation, and both police and school documents which record that the reason for a car fire was the student's anger over promises of transportation not being kept for this student in comparison to other students or to other occasions for this student.
- In the 2004 matter there is a parent's note to the administration of a member school that confirms the conversation and previous talks with Inkster's coach about his daughter playing basketball for Inkster High School, documentation that the parent's phone numbers were given to and retained by the coach, and two letters from the Romulus athletic director: the first confirms that the content of the newspaper article is correct, the latter states the matter has been blown out of proportion.

The actions of this coach deserved heightened scrutiny even prior to the events of 2003.

- In 2000, the coach resigned his position amid accusations that he arranged payments for his players' tuition at Redford-Bishop Borgess. He had been given a lifetime suspension from the Catholic High School League of Detroit.
- In 2001, the MHSAA received the allegation from Bishop Borgess High School that nine of its former female student-athletes had transferred for athletic motivated reasons to Inkster High School. Although no specific allegations of undue influence were made, Bishop Borgess High School alleged that there

were athletic motivated transfers. However, because the allegations were submitted after the deadline for doing so, the MHSAA was unable to act on these allegations.

As to the 2003 matter, the MHSAA received a telephone call in October from a parent reporting that her daughter had enrolled as a 9th-grader at Inkster High School because the girls basketball coach promised to assist with her transportation to and from school, and that another student who had been given such a promise set fire to the coach's automobile when she failed to be provided transportation home. A police report dated Feb. 17, 2003, confirmed the fire occurred and included a written description of the reason for it, according to the investigating officer.

As to the 2004 matter, the coach disputes that the telephone call on Aug. 8, 2004 actually occurred or was placed by the coach, but neither party's description of the content makes the admitted conversation appropriate for any coach, much less one with the history of the past four years.

At its January meeting, the Executive Committee cited discrepancies in the coach's defense in the 2004 matter, including that the coach was inconsistent about the time when he received the phone numbers from the parent, ranging from two to five years ago (when the 734 area code he cited did not exist). Inkster High School reported that during its investigation, the school was unable to contact the parent in spite of many efforts. However, the parent reported that a school booster contacted him to sign a letter (which he refused to do), and MHSAA staff had little difficulty in twice making contact with the parent.

MHSAA staff's contact with the parent of the Romulus player confirms that the parent continues to maintain that (1) Inkster's girls basketball coach met him at a basketball game several years ago when telephone numbers were exchanged; (2) Inkster's girls basketball coach telephoned this parent about his daughter; (3) Inkster's basketball coach called him on the parent's cell phone; and (4) an Inkster High School booster who rents the gym for AAU basketball asked him recently to sign letters that the parent states weren't true.

The only new material received from Inkster High School for the Executive Committee before its Feb. 23 meeting consisted of (a) a letter making five requests to provide documents that the school had previously provided to the Executive Committee between 11/8/00 and 12/11/03; and (b) a letter introducing 22 letters from mothers or female guardians of the 24 players who were on the 2003 girls basketball team, each denying that she made the call received by the MHSAA in October of 2003 and continuing to press for appeal of the 2003 matter. However, the Executive Committee found that this effort proved nothing because none of the letter writers' names matches the name given by the caller to the MHSAA in October of 2003. In fact, the caller has the same last name as one of the players found in the score sheets of the 2002 season provided by the school. The caller said in October 2003 that her daughter was a 9th-grader the previous year (2002).

Received at the Feb. 23 meeting of the Executive Committee were ten more faxed pages, including letters from three persons who wrote that the student's parent, who claimed to receive the telephone call from the coach last August, was frequently seen in the Inkster High School gymnasium promoting his son's basketball talents but not seen in conversation with Inkster's girls basketball coach.

Received a day before the March 17 meeting of the Executive Committee was another letter from Inkster administration and a letter from a parent of a student who practiced at Inkster High School from 2000 through 2003, which together were intended to demonstrate and emphasize that the parent who says he was called by the Inkster High School girls basketball coach was upset with the former boys basketball coach at Inkster High School because Inkster coaches had not shown sufficient interest in the parent's son in previous years.

The Executive Committee struggled with the possibility that disgruntled or disenfranchised persons can manufacture allegations about coaches. It is the MHSAA's position that the benefit of the doubt should be given to a coach against whom no previous allegations have been made. This is not the case for the Inkster HS girls basketball coach.

It was the Executive Committee's conclusion that a violation of undue influence was supported by the information presented to the executive director in October and, given the previous documented finding of undue influence and other previous occurrences, the penalty imposed by the executive director was appropriate.

After careful review of all the information provided to the MHSAA in October 2004 and since, the Executive Committee concluded that a violation of Regulation I, Section 10 has occurred. The Executive Committee determined that (1) the school shall be placed on probation through the 2005-06 school year with the condition that the school may not host or receive participation reimbursement for any MHSAA tournament during 2005-06; and (2) the Inkster High School varsity girls basketball coach shall not be permitted to coach at that school during 2005-06 and shall not coach in an MHSAA tournament for any MHSAA member school in any sport during 2005-06.

Atlantic Mine-E. B. Holman Junior High School (Regulation III, Section 1[C])

- A request was made to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th- and 8th-grade students in boys and girls track & field. There are currently 140 students in grades K-8, 12 girls in 8th grade, and 16 boys and girls enrolled in the 7th grade.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for boys and girls track & field only during the 2004-05 school year.

Warren-Lincoln High School (Regulation V, Section 3[A])

- On Dec. 11, 2004, one of two varsity wrestling teams sponsored by Lincoln High School was removed from competition by the coach after voiding two matches and disputing officials' calls. This team was withdrawn by the assistant head coach from an eight-team tournament at Linden High School (the other varsity team was at a different meet). Correspondence from Linden High School, the official, both head coaches, and Warren-Lincoln High School were provided.

The Executive Committee did not accept the school's action, finding it lacking in specificity and severity. The committee directed the staff to request the school take additional internal action or appear before the committee, pursuant to the regulation.

New Member Schools - Pursuant to the MHSAA Constitution adopted by member schools and according to procedures for MHSAA membership approved by the Representative Council March 27, 1997, membership was approved at both the junior high/middle school and high school level for . . .

- a. **Pontiac Academy for Excellence**, a public school academy with approximately 300 students in grades 9 and 10 and which plans to add two grades over the next two years. Anticipated sports offerings are boys and girls basketball, boys and girls skiing, girls volleyball, boys and girls track & field and wrestling.
- b. **Shepherd-The Morey Charter School**, a public school academy with 37 students in grades 9-12. Programs may be only at the subvarsity level in 2005-06 (boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball and girls volleyball most probable).

Litigation - The Executive Committee denied the request of a member school to be reimbursed by the MHSAA for litigation in which the MHSAA and this school were named co-defendants.

Representative Council - The Executive Committee reviewed the schedule and agenda for the March 18 Council meeting.

Next Meetings - The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing (Finance Committee to follow); Saturday, April 30, 6 p.m. in Rothbury (Representative Council May 1-3); Wednesday, May 25, 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, June 15, 12 Noon in East Lansing; Tuesday, Aug. 2, 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Aug. 24, 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Monday, Sept. 19, 9 a.m. in Traverse City (Annual Business/Update Meeting at 7:15 a.m.); Thursday, Oct. 13, 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Nov. 9, 9 a.m. in East Lansing; and Thursday, Dec. 1, 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing (Representative Council Dec. 2). ■

SPREAD THE WORD:

"NO TEST, NO COACHING" NEW BASIC REQUIREMENT FOR MHSAA TOURNAMENT COACHING ELIGIBILITY

If you are a high school head coach reading this article, you are most probably a head coach who attends the annual rules meeting in your sport. If for some reason you are unable to attend the yearly meeting, you are probably one who takes the coaches examination and returns the test on time, with a passing grade of at least 70 percent.

There are, however, some coaches every fall, winter and spring who do not attend a rules meeting and after numerous notices, do not return a coaches exam, or do not return the coaches exam with a passing grade (70 percent).

The Representative Council, in March 2004, determined that this basic requirement of a head coach to take, pass and return on a timely basis a rules exam if they are not present for the annual rules meeting should have a means of enforcement or penalty. The Council stipulated that beginning with the fall of 2004, coaches who do not return the test with a passing grade after two mailings will not be allowed to coach in the MHSAA tournament that season. The team can participate unless the school has had no representation at rules meetings for two years, but the regular season coach – who for any reason missed this basic test requirement – will not be allowed to be present at the tournament site when his or her team is participating. In addition to the coach being barred from the contest, a school administrator must be present to supervise competitors.

Failing to fulfill the meeting attendance requirement – followed by failing to submit a passing test after two mailings sent in duplicate to coaches, athletic directors and principals – will result in at least a substitute coach being present at tournament time. It is a minimal and basic requirement that must be met by the men and women who are so valuable and visible in the wider picture of educational athletics.

As the rules meeting schedule runs its course, the MHSAA will be listing on mhsaa.net the schools, by sport, whose coaches have yet to return their exam with a passing grade. It is hoped that the "Current Ineligible Coaches List" will alert coaches or other concerned parties and remind them of this basic requirement that must be met to allow them to be present at MHSAA tournaments where their team is participating.

The MHSAA is hopeful that 100 percent compliance can be achieved and will communicate this new requirement in many varied forms until the weeks prior to the tournament. Please assist by spreading the word to all those who may miss one of the many messages: Effective immediately, head coaches must attend the rules meeting or submit a passing exam on time to be eligible to coach in this years MHSAA Tournaments. ■

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to make all personnel, telephone and address revisions
necessary for the 2005-06 school year**

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

East Lansing, March 18, 2005

Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan
Keith Eldred, Williamston
William Newkirk, Meridian
Dan Flynn, Escanaba
Jim Derocher, Negaunee
Ken Dietz, Hartford
Lafayette Evans, Detroit
Eric Federico, Gibraltar
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Leroy Hackley, Byron Center
Karen Leinaar, Benzonia
Kathy McGee, Flint
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Linda Myers, Morley
Fred Procter, Beverly Hills
Pete Ryan, Saginaw
Randy Salisbury, Britton
Fred Smith, Kalamazoo
Roberta Stanley, Lansing

Also Present:

Russ Bailey, Ewen
Joe Reddinger, Felch
Tom Smith, Escanaba
Ed Sikorski, Ann Arbor
Bill Zaagman, Lansing

Staff Members Present:

Randy Allen
Tony Bihn
Andy Frushour
Nate Hampton
John Johnson
Tom Minter
Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts (Recorder)
Mark Uyl
Kathy Westdorp
Karen Yonkers

President Paul Ellinger opened the meeting by welcoming Linda Myers to her first meeting since being reappointed after ten years to the Representative Council in December, and he also welcomed Roberta Stanley who was attending her first meeting as representative of the acting Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Mr. Ellinger also welcomed three members of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee whose members are invited to attend this meeting on an annual basis. This included Tom Smith, who was attending his first Council meeting.

Accounts of Meetings - Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the minutes of the Representative Council Meeting of Dec. 3, 2004; the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings of Dec. 2, 2004, and Jan. 19 and Feb. 23, 2005; and the minutes of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee Meeting of Jan. 12, 2005. Adopted.

REPORTS

Legislation - Bill Zaagman of Governmental Consultant Services, Inc. reported on the reorganization of the Michigan Legislature for the current term and

activity which might directly or indirectly affect interscholastic athletics.

Litigation - Attorney Edmund Sikorski provided the Representative Council an oral report regarding the status of two cases, in which the MHSAA is currently involved.

Administration - In addition to receiving a brief report on winter tournaments from the executive director, the Representative Council heard reports from three other staff members.

- Kathy Westdorp provided a progress report on this year's experiment to have schools "opt out" of MHSAA tournaments, rather than submit tournament entry forms. While the process was more efficient for the winter tournaments than the fall, MHSAA staff will continue to monitor the situation and give to the Representative Council a recommendation during 2005-06 which balances legal issues with the desire to improve office efficiency and membership service.
- Tom Rashid provided an update of the new requirements and procedures for coaches to complete rules examinations if they have not attended the rules meeting for their sport. Approximately eight

percent of coaches had to complete the examinations; and for the winter season, all did so with a maximum of two reminders. However, historically, the most difficult season for gaining one hundred percent compliance with the coaches examination requirement is the spring. Therefore, a final report will not be available to the Council until December.

- Tony Bihn provided a past, present and future look at information systems of the MHSAA. He reported that three years of behind-the-scenes planning and development is now resulting in the now rapid launch of online services that will provide new efficiencies for the MHSAA office and member school administrators and officials. Council members expressed high praise for past efforts, current services and projections of continuing benefits.

OLD BUSINESS

Rules Meetings - Mr. Rashid described the staff's work to establish the rules meetings schedule for 2005-06, and a contingency plan for those meetings should the U.S. District Court mandate to change MHSAA tournament dates not be reviewed by the U.S. Supreme Court. He reported that rules meetings will be at 6 p.m. in 2005-06 (5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. when double-header meetings are held). Alternative times will be operative when the MHSAA is invited to present at coaches associations, league meetings and other special venues.

Mr. Rashid described a proposal for voluntary Sport Information Meetings for golf, tennis and swimming & diving in 2005-06, with bowling added in 2006-07 and the possibility of cross country and skiing being added to this plan in the future. An extensive list of rationale for the change was presented, including the fact that these sports have few rules changes, tournament officials, spectators or sportsmanship concerns; and the most significant downside to the proposal is a reduction in the face-to-face contact by MHSAA staff with coaches and officials.

Motion by Scott Grimes, supported by William Newkirk, to approve the staff recommendation to implement the proposal for vol-

untary Sport Information Meetings during the rest of this decade while simultaneously working to improve on-site content and delivery and exploring alternatives for training and testing coaches and officials through technology, with the intent that this proposal and alternatives will be evaluated and further recommendations made for the purpose of continuing improvement of meetings and the delivery system of information to the MHSAA's key constituents. Adopted.

Scholar-Athlete Program - At its May 2004 meeting, the Representative Council received the recommendation from the Scholar-Athlete Committee to modify that program. After extensive discussion, the Council requested further review of the proposals. A subcommittee was convened last fall for this purpose, and Andy Frushour outlined the subcommittee's recommendation. He provided the statistical basis for the graduated scale for the distribution of 30 scholarships based on school classification, the two additional at-large scholarships, the limitation of applications per school based on school size, and the elimination of noting the actual GPA from the application itself (schools would attest on the cover sheet that all students meet the minimum 3.5 GPA requirement).

Motion by Randy Salisbury, supported by Ken Dietz, to approve the subcommittee's proposal. Motion by Dan Flynn, supported by Pete Ryan, to amend the motion to include changes in the scoring rubric that would increase the weight given to extracurricular activities and community activities and decrease the weight of letters of recommendation. Adopted. Then the original motion, as amended, was adopted.

Boys Golf Tournament - At its May 2004 meeting, the Representative Council acknowledged that the number of participants at the Boys Golf Finals is too large. However, the Council did not approve the Golf Committee recommendation to establish District Tournaments in boys golf. The Council returned the Golf Committee's proposal to the committee for more study and for other ideas for reducing the size of the Finals field and improving the MHSAA's post-season tournament in golf.

On Nov. 30, 2004, the Golf Committee again discussed the format of the Boys Golf

Tournament and the size of the Boys Golf Finals. On behalf of the committee, Randy Allen provided a description of a proposed tournament format for the boys tournament that includes a District round leading to five Regionals, leading to a Finals field of 90 golfers. The Girls Golf Tournament would have the same format for Regionals and Finals. Schools with individuals and teams qualifying for the Finals will play both days and be responsible for paying greens fees both days. It is the intent of the MHSAA staff to seek underwriting to pay greens fees.

Motion by Eric Federico, supported by Vic Michaels, to approve the Golf Committee recommendation for the MHSAA Boys Golf Tournaments, commencing with the 2005-06 school year. Adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

Girls Lacrosse Limitations of Competition - The Girls Lacrosse Committee and staff asked the MHSAA Executive Committee for special consideration to modify the existing multi-team tournament allowance stipulated for girls lacrosse. The committee expressed concern that the *Handbook* language on multi-team tournaments, while applicable to soccer and boys lacrosse, was not appropriate for girls lacrosse. Because this is the first year of MHSAA involvement in lacrosse and this combined limitation does not work equally well for both boys and girls lacrosse, the Girls Lacrosse Committee sought Executive Committee approval for a change to the multi-team tournament conditions for the 2005 season. Differences such as contact and game length between girls and boys lacrosse are significant. Inasmuch as there are no apparent safety issues, the committee requested permission to lower the running time maximum from 150 to 120 minutes for girls and count the multi-team event the same as any other day of competition, allowing for up to three days of competition in the same week. In addition, this change would allow for latitude in officials assignment until registrations in girls lacrosse increase. As in boys lacrosse, the multi-game conditions are permitted twice in a season.

At its Feb. 23, 2005 meeting, the Executive Committee voted to recommend that the Representative Council approve this

change.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Kathy McGee, to approve the recommendation of the Girls Lacrosse Committee and Executive Committee. Adopted.

Ski Valley Conference (Regulation IV, Section 10[B]) - At its Jan. 19, 2005 meeting, the Executive Committee received a request to waive the fall sports practice starting dates to allow junior high/middle schools in the Ski Valley Conference to match the high school starting dates by allowing football practice to begin on Aug. 8, 2005, and girls basketball practice to begin on Aug. 15, 2005. At its Jan. 19 meeting, the Executive Committee noted that granting a request of this type may exceed its authority, and if change is to be made, it should be made by the Representative Council and apply to all schools. The committee also noted that the MHSAA Junior High/Middle School Committee determined recently that it would not advance to the Representative Council this year a proposal to change the regulations relative to the start of fall practices for junior high/middle school teams.

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Keith Eldred, to not approve the request of the Ski Valley Conference. Adopted (no change).

Tournament Contingency Issues - In December, the Representative Council approved a contingency calendar for MHSAA tournaments if the result of litigation is to require a change in tournament dates. Presented to the Council at this meeting was a list of issues that may require vote of the Council in May in order to enable the association to properly prepare for a change of tournaments and to assist schools in their change of seasons if they wish to participate in those tournaments.

The contingency issues include contest limitations in basketball and wrestling, starting dates for junior high/middle school seasons, flexibility for 7th and 8th graders practicing with 9-12 graders, limitations on boys and girls basketball teams practicing or conducting scrimmages or competitions with and against one another, policies regarding officials working more than one game per day or more than one District or Regional tournament, minimum requirements for officials to receive MHSAA tournament assignments, and the timing of Girls and Boys Basketball

Site Selection Committees.

On several items, Representative Council members had questions or comments; and these matters will be presented to the Council for a vote in May.

Vern L. Norris Award - The Representative Council was presented with the three finalists for the Vern L. Norris Award who had been screened by the MHSAA Awards Committee from all nominees. The Council selected the recipient of the award, which will be presented at the Officials' Awards & Alumni Banquet on April 23, 2005.

Meetings - The Representative Council approved expenses for the March Council Meeting and the schedule for the May 2005 Council Meeting.

The Council approved expenses for the National Federation Summer Meeting June 29-July 2, 2005, in San Antonio at the convention hotel room rate for up to five days, the specified meeting registration fee set by the National Federation, the IRS limit on per diem for up to five days, and the transportation limit not to exceed \$676.

North Muskegon High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - On Oct. 21, 2004, a late 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 was intending to transfer to North Muskegon High School on Oct. 25, 2004 from Muskegon-Western Michigan Christian, which is in a cooperative agreement with North Muskegon in football. The family had inquired about transferring during the football season, prior to the fourth Friday after Labor Day, and requesting waiver under Section 9(C) (transferring between cooperative agreements), but it was decided the student would finish the football season at Western Michigan Christian.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver, noting that the student was not yet enrolled at North Muskegon High School, there was no compelling reason provided for the prospective transfer, and that Section 9(D) was intended to apply to situations where students transferred within a few days after the fourth Friday after Labor Day

deadline.

On Nov. 10, 2004, North Muskegon requested reconsideration of the decision, submitting additional information indicating that the student was changing schools to remove himself from an environment of student ridicule, bullying and taunting throughout the school day. The request was for eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment based on other compelling circumstances. The school's superintendent and principal met with the Executive Committee. At that meeting, the Executive Committee tabled this second request and directed the staff to seek additional documentation.

Subsequently, correspondence from North Muskegon and Western Michigan Christian regarding the student's attendance in the 2003-04 and 2004-05 school years was submitted for the Executive Committee's review. However, at its Dec. 2, 2004 meeting, the Executive Committee determined that the new documentation was not sufficiently specific or compelling; and it denied the request for waiver.

The superintendent of North Muskegon Public Schools, and the father of the student who was subject of the appeal, met with the Council.

Council members questioned the presenters and then discussed the materials presented and the merits of the request. Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Randy Salisbury, to deny the request for waiver. Adopted.

Finance Committee Report - Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Vic Michaels, to approve the Finance Committee's recommendations to revise MHSAA ticket prices beyond the Regional levels in some sports to establish more consistency between sports. Adopted.

Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the Finance Committee recommendation for overall salary adjustments for MHSAA staff for 2005-06 as determined by the executive director. Adopted. ■

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ETHICS IN SPORTS

The following is excerpted from comments by MHSAA Executive Director John E. Roberts at the Olivet College "Ethics in Today's Society" program, March 16, 2005

What does it mean to be ethical and responsible in sports?

I won't speak for the professional level, which has a commercial goal involving adults. I won't speak for the intercollegiate level, which has the same goal in some sports (for example, Division I basketball and football) and goals more akin to school sports at other levels or in other sports of Division I. I won't speak for Olympic sports which, in some sports, have stooped to become about as amateur in their ethics as professional and Division I football and basketball. And I can't speak for the purely recreational level of sports.

I can only speak for **school** sports, interscholastic athletics, what we call "educational athletics."

School sports have rules – lots of them. We believe participation alone is not enough; we believe participation with standards is required. It is not participation alone that has value, but the standards we require for the privilege of participation that infuse participation with value. We believe if we raise the standards of eligibility and conduct, we raise the value of participation; and we also believe if we lower the standards, we lower the value.

School sports can't afford teams of auditors and investigators to assure rules are being followed. In school sports, we adhere to the principle of self-governance where, in most cases, schools discover their own violations, report them to opponents and the MHSAA office, and assess the prescribed penalties. In nine out of ten violations, that's what occurs.

Sometimes, of course, dishonorable people hide violations. Sometimes, even honorable people seek relief from penalties because they don't feel the penalty is fair or because the violation wasn't their fault.

These are some of the toughest days of my job.

Over my 19 years, the MHSAA has processed hundreds of cases of ineligible athletes participating in interscholastic athletic events. The vast majority of these cases have been self-discovered and self-reported, and the penalty of forfeiture was self-imposed. The MHSAA merely got a letter from the school indicating the error and providing a copy of the notices of forfeiture to opposing teams.

When the activity is at the varsity level, the stakes are higher than at the subvarsity level. When varsity football is involved, the stakes seem higher still because the cost of forfeiture might be loss of a place among the District qualifiers of the Football Playoffs.

The MHSAA has processed many cases involving varsity football over the years. They're virtually all self-discovered and self-reported violations. Sometimes, the penalty of forfeiture was appealed; and in all cases where the penalty of forfeiture was appealed, the penalty was upheld.

Usually the appeal was based on the fact that the violation was self-discovered, self-reported and committed by a player who made limited contributions in lopsided victories. And sometimes the people of the affected community argued that by not making an exception for their case, the MHSAA was (1) discouraging other schools from reporting their violations in the future; and (2) telling their kids that honesty doesn't pay. Let's examine these arguments.

By not making an exception, it was argued, the MHSAA was discouraging other schools from reporting their violations in the future; in other words, discouraging honesty. But it is the experience of the MHSAA's leadership that it is more likely, rather than less, that consistency of enforcement encourages self-reporting. That it promotes honesty.

It is more likely that I will report my violations and accept my forfeitures now if I know that you have reported your violations

and received forfeitures in the past, and that you will report your violations and receive forfeitures in the future. In other words, if I know you will receive the same result I receive, without uncertainty, I will step forward. I don't know if that's ethical and responsible behavior, but that's a fact of human nature.

The second argument advanced is that by not making an exception, the MHSAA is telling kids that honesty doesn't pay. Of course, if the community involved allows that to be the lesson learned, it certainly will be learned. But these situations are ripe for better lessons: that honesty is its own reward; that it isn't really honesty if there is some prize; that the true test of honesty is what a person does when no one is watching; and the truer test still is when it takes courage to be honest, when there is a cost. Not a prize for being honest, but a penalty.

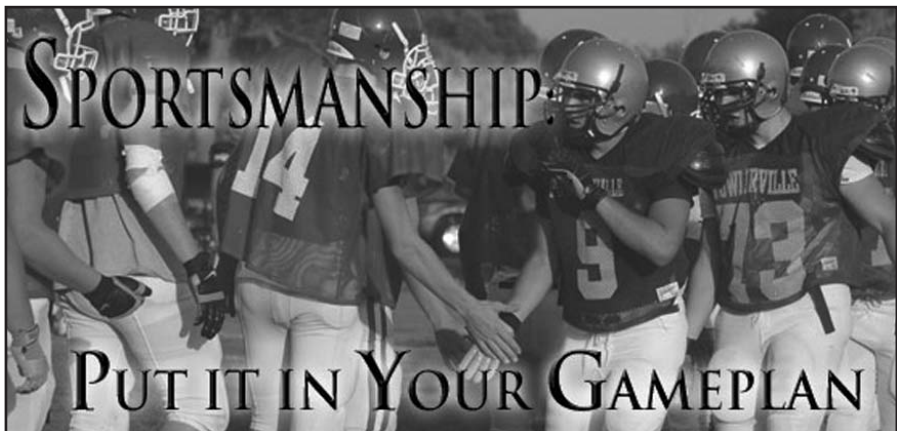
It doesn't take courage for administrators to report a violation when their team lost the game in which the ineligible student played, or it's on the subvarsity level, or even on the varsity level in most sports at most times. But it takes courage – and it's really ethical and responsible behavior – if the report will disqualify the team from the MHSAA tournament.

Ethical and responsible behavior sometimes comes with a prize. Just as often, ethical and responsible behavior comes at a price.

Fortunately, such controversies as these only happen a couple of times each year. But in school sports, the opportunity to demonstrate ethical and responsible behavior occurs in every school, every day, multiple times each day. At home weigh-ins in wrestling. In teaching ethical play in practice. In curtailing gamesmanship in games. In treating officials and opponents in a sportsmanlike way.

I believe that the quality of sportsmanship in our schools is linked to the quality of citizenship in our communities. Sportsmanship begins at home; we work on it in practice; it extends to the games; it reaches up into the crowd; it permeates the school halls and shopping malls; and it begins to infect society, for good or bad.

Ultimately, sportsmanship – ethical and responsible behavior – is the most important product of school sports. We are to teach it, preach it, practice it and promote it. We reward it a thousand times yearly at the MHSAA, and a thousand times daily it is quietly reinforced in our member schools, at least in the schools which realize what's at stake. ■



GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

I'LL TAKE THE FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS ANYTIME

My wife came home with the offer of some free tickets to see the Spartans basketball team take on Delaware State early this past season. Wow, free tickets, 20 bucks apiece, for that price well be so close to the court I'll probably have my knees sticking in Tom Izzo's back. What could be better, of course we'll take 'em.

It was while parking the van, I got my first inkling that maybe, just maybe things were going to be just a little different than my Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights I've become so accustomed to.

First off, I got hit with a \$7 parking fee. Well, the lot looked to be just kind of kiddie-corner from the Breslin Center, not too bad, but we ended up driving about half a mile before finding a place to park.

Once inside, we were directed to a flight of stairs – not the ones going down to court-side, but those you had to climb up. At the landing, a young usher told us to "go just about to the top and turn left, you'll see your seats."

No chance for an errant pass hitting me in the face up there in the nosebleed section, but it was still a Big Ten basketball game.

Finding our row, we settled in for the game. Knees pulled up to my chin to avoid bumping the lady in front, I scrunched into the seat. Next to me was a rather large gentleman who felt it was his constitutional right to take the armrest as well as all the legroom he desired. I began to think about the freedom I had at a Friday night game.

About halfway through the first period, I came to the conclusion the designer of stadium seating must have been just slightly taller than my 5th-grade son, with a backside about the width of a super model's.

The court seemed to be a long-distance phone call away, yet, amazingly, it didn't stop the people around us from loudly disagreeing with virtually every call the ref made.

With halftime approaching and neither team breaking 30 points, I thought about the games I had been to this fall and the kids I had gotten to know, whether it be under the Friday night lights of football season, or on

the basketball courts.

And while our headlines reflected on the star players of the game, it is always the kids who never receive the attention they deserved who catch my eye. These kids, many of them starters, know that when they play their final game of their senior year, it will be the last time they walk on the field or court wearing a team uniform. No college offer of a full-ride. But they show up for the two-a-day practices and try their best, and at the end of the season, they are still there, still contributing to the team.

Thinking back over the fall sports season, I can't help but remember the remarks of a coach whose team hadn't won a game for three years, yet he always told me how proud he was of the efforts of the boys on the field. I thought about the girl who played basketball wearing a knee brace to help a damaged knee stay together. I later learned she postponed surgery to play this season. Numerous times I saw no-name players get twisted ankles taped up and limp back into the game. I've seen young girls get slammed to the floor so hard that the thud echoes throughout the gymnasium, and they kept playing, because that's what they joined the team for, to contribute.

I've had athletic directors pull me back when an end sweep threatened to run over the old man with a camera, and a high school principal offer me his hat on a cold wet night, explaining that the hood on his coat would keep him warm and dry. I've gotten some good-natured teasing from parents, and have had others tell me how pleased they were to see their kid's picture in the paper. I fought back tears when I heard how a team gave the game ball to a young boy in the hospital.

As the sound of the buzzer signaled the start of the second half, I decided to sit back and enjoy the show for what it was, but for me, I'll be happy to get back to the "Friday night lights" of high school sports. I'll take the up close and personal relationships every time.

– Bill McLeod
DeWitt-Bath Review

SPORTSMANSHIP

SUNSHINE ON A CLOUDY DAY

This fall, at the 2004 Boys Golf Regional 29-4 and at the Division 4 Final, I was fortunate and pleased to witness several acts of good sportsmanship by members of the Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary team.

As athletic director at Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart Academy, I was observing competition on both days so my coach could be with our team. At the Regional, I was following three boys I had never met from different schools. A boy from MLS was in my group, and he immediately impressed me as a nice, polite kid. Throughout the day, his actions proved this to me repeatedly. He was positive and pleasant, even when he had a bad hole. He was supportive of the kids from other schools whom he had never met. When one of his opponents was discouraged and displaying a bad attitude, he offered motivating and encouraging comments to the player. He helped the others look for lost balls repeatedly.

The next week, I again volunteered as an observer at the Finals, which were played in less than ideal weather conditions. This week I didn't get a cart! I walked around in the cold, wind and rain with four kids whom I

was sure would not be very positive due to the conditions. How could they be? It was impossible to be comfortable. Once again, my group included a student from MLS, but not the same one I met at the Regional. His attitude was consistent with that of his teammate from the week before – he was one of the nicest high school kids I have come across as an adult. He helped others look for balls, and stayed positive and encouraging all day. I could barely move I was so cold and miserable, but he seemed just fine.

Compared to some poor displays of sportsmanship I witness being around young adults on a regular basis in school and at sporting events, it was refreshing to be around these two boys. It made my first experiences observing golf very memorable and worthwhile. They deserve recognition for their exemplary sportsmanship, and I hope I continue to witness such uplifting displays throughout the rest of my career in educational athletics.

– Megan Thayer
Athletic Director

Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart Academy

Winter Tournament Managers: Submit Sportsmanship Reports

The Good Sports Are Winners! Award, underwritten by Meemic Insurance, recognizes those schools displaying outstanding sportsmanship at selected MHSAA tournaments.

However, in order for schools to be duly recognized, tournament managers are required to submit report forms for the winter MHSAA postseason tournaments at all levels in the following sports: Boys Basketball, Girls Competitive Cheer, Ice Hockey, Girls Volleyball and Team Dual Wrestling.

Report forms can be found on the Recognition page of the MHSAA Web site, and should be submitted to this office immediately. Managers may submit the names of as many schools as they felt reached the high standard of good sportsmanship at their tournament site.

Beginning with Winter tournaments, Meemic Insurance will be providing all schools at the District and Regional levels of play being recognized with framed certificates, which will be hand-delivered to school athletic administrators. At the Finals level, Meemic will continue to present a crystal trophy and commemorative banner to schools selected for the sportsmanship award.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

SPORTS-RELATED CONCUSSIONS

Sports-related concussions have become an increasing health and safety issue across a wide range of sports at the professional, semi-professional and college levels, and high schools are no exception. While concussions are often an unintended result of participation, it is an injury that nevertheless requires careful identification and management to avoid unnecessary long-term consequences. Formal concussion management programs began with the NFL in 1995, expanded to the NHL in 1997 and have since been implemented across numerous professional, semi-professional and collegiate programs. This same level of care and management is now being applied, perhaps most importantly, at the high school level.

- CDC estimates that there are approximately 300,000 sports concussions per year, most of which occur in high school athletics
- 85-90% of concussions do not involve loss of consciousness
- Concussions can occur without direct contact to the head
- Concussions are the second most reported injury in high school athletes behind only ankle injuries
- Only about half of high school football concussions are actually reported

In addition, recent research with high school athletes has demonstrated that:

- They are more symptomatic from mild concussion than previously believed
- Recovery times are prolonged compared to college athletes
- Second Impact Syndrome, an almost always fatal condition that results from unresolved injuries, has only been documented in teenage athletes

When concussions occur there is a general consensus that athletes who exhibit signs and symptoms of a concussion should not

return to play while they are symptomatic. Symptoms may include physical, cognitive or emotional issues and all symptoms should be resolved before an athlete is allowed to return to play.

Once symptoms have been determined by the treatment team to be resolved at rest, the athlete is allowed to begin the return to play process. Recommendations are that the athlete needs to remain symptom-free at each step of increasingly demanding physical activity, which culminates in game play. Each step usually occurs on a separate day and any return of symptoms halts further progression until the activity can be completed without symptoms.

RETURN TO PLAY GUIDELINES

1. No activity
2. Light aerobic activity
(stationary cycling)
3. Sport-specific training
(running in soccer, skating in hockey)
4. Non-contact practice
5. Full contact practice
6. Game play

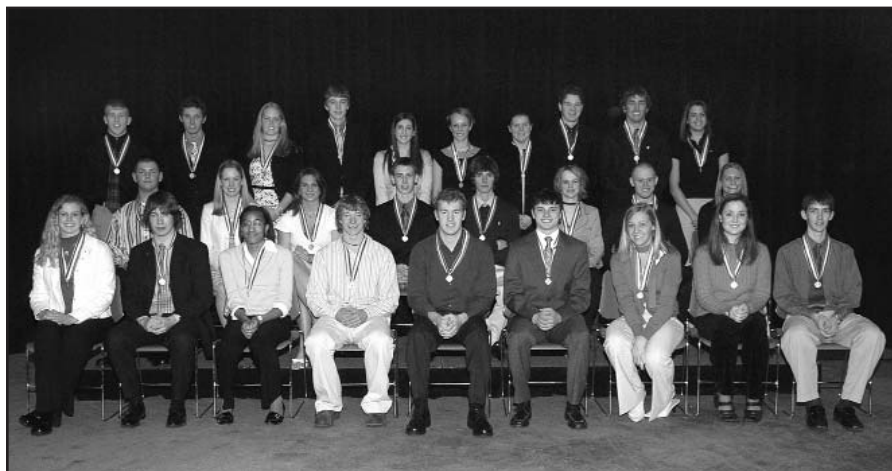
The goal of any concussion treatment protocol should be to return athletes to play as quickly and as safely as possible. The truly disruptive situations typically arise when a player is allowed to return to play too soon and their injury is compounded by further collisions and impacts. It is the cumulative effects of unresolved concussions that need to be avoided to provide the safest and best athletic experience for the student-athlete.

– Michael Czarnota, Ph.D.
Farmington Hills

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2004-05 SCHOLAR-ATHLETE RECIPIENTS HONORED

In ceremonies at halftime of the 2005 MHSAA Boys Basketball Tournament Class C Final on March 19 at the Breslin Center in East Lansing, 28 students were honored as the 2004-05 recipients of the Association's Scholar-Athlete Award, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. Following the game, the group enjoyed a reception with their families, friends and MHSAA staff in recognition of their achievement.



Gary Shook, Otsego

Front Row (L to R): Christina Ashley Maertens, Birmingham Seaholm, Girls Basketball; **Jason Victor Hawley**, Temperance Bedford, Boys Cross Country; **Kelly Nicole Sampson**, Detroit Renaissance, Girls Cross Country; **Steve Short**, Kingsford, Football; **Ross Osgood**, Delton Kellogg, Boys Golf; **Mark Weber**, Grand Rapids Catholic Central, Boys Soccer; **Emily Weslosky**, Troy Athens, Girls Swimming & Diving; **Jenny Armstrong**, Harbor Springs, Girls Tennis; **Nikolas Burkhart**, Pellston, Boys Basketball; **Philip J. McDonald**, Saginaw Heritage, Boys Bowling; **Amanda Louise Winn**, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern, Girls Competitive Cheer; **Calie E. Thompson**, Trenton, Girls Gymnastics; **Kris Young**, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Ice Hockey; **Brady Donnelly**, Harbor Springs, Boys Skiing; **Sarah Conkle**, Bellaire, Girls Skiing; **Charles Joshua Holmes**, Alma, Boys Swimming & Diving; **Stephanie Booms**, Marysville, Girls Volleyball; **Ben Wales**, Otsego, Wrestling; **Jason Allan Sosnowski**, White Lake Lakeland, Baseball; **Megan Elizabeth Carter**, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Girls Golf; **David W. Dindoffer**, Grosse Pointe South, Boys Lacrosse; **Lauren Gaer**, Birmingham Marian, Girls Lacrosse; **Kimberly Oberski**, Port Huron, Girls Soccer; **Emily Blair**, Harper Woods Regina, Softball; **William Robert Lloyd**, White Lake Lakeland, Boys Tennis; **Jameson F. Lamie**, Hart, Boys Track & Field; **Lauren Bennett**, Birmingham Marian, Girls Track & Field. Not Pictured: **Grace H. Williams**, Sandusky, Girls Bowling.

DETROIT PERSHING HONORED AS BOYS BASKETBALL “LEGENDS”

In an effort to promote educational athletics by showcasing some of the great teams of past years, the Michigan High School Athletic Association instituted a program called “Legends Of The Games” in 1997. This year, 1967 and 1970 Detroit Pershing boys basketball teams were honored at halftime of the Class A Boys Basketball Final on March 19. The following story was written by MHSAA historian Ron Pesch.

The story of Detroit Pershing High School's 1967 and 1970 basketball seasons are striking illustrations of the magic of high school basketball. One is a tale of the expected: a team with budding superstars that, once it got out of its own backyard, was expected to win it all and then delivered. The second is a chronicle of the unexpected: a team of promise that stole a crown for its departing coach. Both are stories of kids playing ball in an era of racial tension for a coach who believed that his job involved more than just athletics. In his eyes, it was essential to prepare his students for a world that often only saw skin color.

Peppered with an amazing array of talent, the 1967 Doughboys had the size, strength and the ability to overpower opponents. The team roared out of the starting gate with their eyes focused on the finish line – an MHSAA title. In the eyes of their coach, Will Robinson, the only team capable of stopping Pershing was the Doughboys themselves.

“Mr. Robinson put that team together to his liking, I believe,” said Ralph Simpson, a 6-5 junior transfer from Southeastern whose father had also played for Robinson in the 40s. “We had a great team.”

Along with Simpson, who would go on to star as a pro in the American Basketball Association before finishing his career in the National Basketball Association, the Doughboys boasted 6-8 high school All-American Spencer Haywood. At age 19, Haywood would anchor the Gold medal team in the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City, then star at the University of Detroit before jumping into professional ball before his college eligibility had elapsed. Haywood's decision to leave college early altered the college and professional landscape, necessitating a clause commonly referred to as the “Hardship” rule in the years to follow.

His decision was a prudent one. His pro career began with Rookie of the Year and MVP honors during his single season in the ABA, followed by 12 years in the NBA where he would earn four trips to the All-Star game and one NBA championship ring.

Still, the team was far from a two-man squad. The Doughboys also featured 6-7 senior Jim Connally, who later played at Bowling Green, Wiley Davis Jr., a guard who joined Haywood at U of D, Granville Cook, later a player at Eastern Michigan, as well as regulars Lamarr Franklin and Eric Witzke. Waiting in the wings, were 5-11 guard Marvin Lane and 6-0 sophomore John Lockard.

“We had a bunch of guys that could dunk the ball,” noted Lane, who quarterbacked the Pershing football team and would later play major league baseball for the Detroit Tigers. “I believe five guys on that team ultimately played professional sports.”

“In our case, the whole team had a demeanor that we took on,” said Lockard. “Spencer would say, ‘Tear it down,’ and we would practice power dunks. We wanted to intimidate. To be honest, I think most of the opponents were beat before the game started. We would run through our pregame drills and look back to see the opponents, lined up, watching us.”

“We did tear it down once, and it wasn't because we hung on the rim” recalled Haywood, laughing about the incident. “It was a dunk in warm-ups and delayed the game for about an hour. We wanted to put the fear in you.”

Robinson knew he had a special team in the '67 squad. As with all his teams, he continued to emphasize the importance of discipline and hard work. He did his best to keep his players occupied and out of trouble late into the evenings. Players were expected to play more than

one sport during the school year. There was no time for girlfriends, and certainly no slacking in the classroom. Education was the name of the game. Sports might provide an avenue to continue one's education, but it was not the only avenue available. He preached those values throughout his career.

A squad with this much talent presented its own set of problems. Perhaps the biggest challenge for Robinson involved keeping the team humble and focused for four quarters of basketball. He received some assistance from the prep writer Hal Schram of the *Detroit Free Press*, a.k.a The Swami.

Detroit Northwestern – not Pershing – carried the Swami's cherished No. 1 ranking in the weekly prep poll throughout the regular season. Featuring Curtis Jones, the team's leading scorer and a playground legend in later years, and all-city basketball selection, John Mayberry, (another future Major League Baseball player), Northwestern backed it up with a 63-61 victory over the No. 3 ranked Doughboys in a city league championship matchup of the undefeated. Jones nailed the game-winner with a shot from the top of the key before a sold-out crowd at Osborn High School. The gym seated just under 1,000, but a metro Detroit television audience numbered thousands more.

"That loss did something to our team. It lit a fire under us," said Simpson, who scored 19 points in that contest. "We absolutely knew it was going to be a tight ball game. We knew Jones real well. He was small, but a great one."

"We didn't play at our maximum," stated Haywood, who finished with 18 points and 14 rebounds. "Afterward, I made up my mind that regardless of what it would take, there were not going to be any other letdowns. We were going to do what ever it took."

As if it were scripted, Northwestern and Pershing met again in the opening round of the MHSAA Regionals. As Pershing promised, the result differed.

Both Haywood and Simpson scored 29 points, while Cook added 14 as the Doughboys downed Northwestern, 77-71, before 1,000 fans at Detroit Redford, in another locally televised game.

Following the win, Pershing cruised all the way into the Semifinals, as 15 players saw action in the team's 89-59 trouncing of Warren Fitzgerald in the Quarterfinals at Eastern Michigan.

Two nights later, Haywood hit 35 points, Simpson 23 and Connally 14 in an 84-78 win over Detroit Catholic Central in the Semifinals, setting up the title game with Flint Central.

The Indians went in with the intent of stopping Haywood, and in doing so, they helped Simpson into the record books. Haywood spent the night ripping down rebounds and feeding passes to Simpson. The budding superstar overwhelmed the Indians with a Finals record 43 points in the 90-66 win.

"One superstar helped make another here Saturday night," proclaimed Schram in account of the game the next day.

The final margin was somewhat deceptive. With just under six minutes to play, the Doughboys clung to a six-point lead before exploding, led by Simpson's 14 fourth-quarter points.

"My thought was if you come after me, I'll just throw it out to Ralph," recalled Haywood, who despite being double and triple teamed, still finished with 24 points including 14-18 shooting from the free throw line. "I was the captain. After that loss to Northwestern, we decided that if a guy got hot, we would go to him. No ego. What was incredible is that Ralph's shots never hit the rim. They were beautiful shots.

"It was a huge growing spurt for me," continued Haywood. "I came into the season with All-American honors (as a junior) and started the season with certain expectations, but I learned to accept what was happening. After that Northwestern loss, I would do whatever it took to win. We were not going to lose. Never again."

It was the first PSL school to win an MHSAA title since the league rejoined the

Association in 1962, following 31 years of sponsoring its own championships. The achievement meant the world to many of Robinson's former players, as well as the alumni of the other Detroit schools. It was the realization of a long-standing dream for those who had been denied the same chance during their playing days.

For Robinson, who earlier in the day became the first African-American to receive the Michigan High School Coaches Association Coach of the Year award, it was his first MHSAA title, but it would not be his last.

During the 1970 season, after 28 years of service to the youth of the Detroit Public Schools, Robinson had accepted the head coaching position at Illinois State University. Named the first black head coach of a Division I school, Robinson would head off to the world of big-time college athletics. His departure would come with the end of the Pershing's 1970 basketball season

While Robinson had every hope of going out a winner, few expected much from the Doughboys, who had missed out on the Detroit Public School League playoffs with an 8-4 regular-season record. Mid-year graduation of their top two players, Paul Seal and Walt Williamson, (both destined for the gridiron at the University of Michigan) had altered the makeup of the team. This, combined with the fact that Pershing's bracket of MHSAA tournament included No 1-ranked, undefeated Ferndale, seemed to insure an early exit from the tournament.

With the departure of Seal and Williamson, Robinson had turned to sophomore forward Bob "Bubbles" Hawkins and junior center Calvin Harper. If nothing else, it would provide seasoning for the two young ballplayers.

Instead, the team responded with stellar teamwork and managed to snake their way through the District and into the Regionals, where the Doughboys knocked off Southfield, 71-58, to set the stage for a Regional title game with Ferndale.

Hawkins scored 39 points while Harper pulled down 17 rebounds and added 19 points in a stunning 90-88 upset of the Eagles. Trailing 68-52, Ferndale tied the game with 3:30 to play, but the Pershing family united to emerge victorious.

With the win, the pairings on the Pershing side of the bracket favored a return to the Finals by the Doughboys.

In the other bracket, Pontiac Central, the state's second ranked team, had roared through the preliminary rounds to a Quarterfinal showdown No. 3 Detroit Kettering, the PSL champ. The clash featured a match up between Pontiac's Campy Russell and Kettering's Lindsay Hairston, two of the top ballplayers in the nation, and drew a crowd of 12,700 to Crisler Arena in Ann Arbor. Pontiac Central won, 76-73, and after clearing the huge hurdle few expected problems for the Chiefs as they continued their march to the Class A crown.

Pershing downed Dearborn Fordson in the Quarterfinal round, then knocked off Midland in Semifinals on Friday, 82-71. Despite the win, according to point guard Mike Schwendemann, the team's mood was quiet after the contest.

"The starters all knew that we did not play that well," recalled Schwendemann. "At the team meeting, coach made us all aware that we were not that good and the Final would be much tougher."

The 1970 season marked the end of, for the time being, the three-week tournament format which culminated with the Finals at Jenison Field House. In 1971, the Semifinal and Final rounds were split over two weekends, with Semifinals played at various sites on Saturday, followed by the Finals at Crisler Arena the following Saturday.

Following the team meeting that Friday, Robinson had Assistant Coach John Parker gather his top six players and have them pack their clothes. They were to spend the night in a dormitory at MSU with Ralph Simpson, who was now playing for the Spartans. Robinson wanted no distractions for his team on the night before his final game.

“Coach did not want us up all night in the hotel, running to other rooms and not getting proper rest,” recounted Schwendemann, recalling Simpson's explanation for their relocation.

“He did not come to Lansing to lose his last game,” continued Schwendemann. “Coach had a saying, 'Almost isn't right,' and he lived this saying everyday. If you played for Will Robinson, you'd better believe in the saying as well.”

On game day, Robinson, who was being inducted to Michigan High School Coaches Association's Hall of Fame, spoke to the crowd of 500 gathered for the banquet.

“I know we're the underdog,” he stated in reference to the title game. “I know few think we can win it...but I've got a feeling.”

To the amazement of all involved, in his final high school contest, Robinson and his Doughboys pulled off one of the greatest upsets in Finals history, 86-81 over Pontiac Central. Senior guard Phil Paige, who scored 13 of his 19 points in the second quarter, helped Pershing rebound from an early 10-4 deficit for a 39-34 lead at the half.

The margin had dwindled to two points, 76-74, with 2:02 to play, when Hawkins nailed both ends of a one-and-one free throw situation. Hawkins added a tip-in seconds later for an 80-74 Doughboy lead. Bubbles finished with 28 points, and Harper's workmanlike 24 points from the inside helped seal the win. The junior delivered 11 short-range field goals, including a series of easy layups and tip-ins from the low post. Darrell Jeter, pulled up from the JV in the second semester, came off the bench to add 13 points and 11 rebounds. Russell led the Chiefs with 23 points before fouling out with 18 seconds to play.

After 28 seasons at the helm, Robinson's final prep game represented perhaps his single greatest coaching effort. With two MHSAA crowns in nine years of competition, he began his next adventure. ■

2005 Boys Basketball Legends of the Games



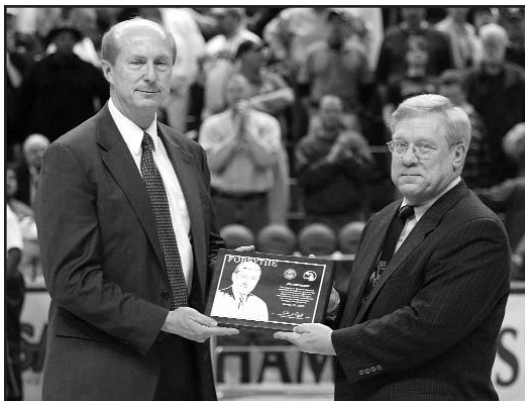
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Players and coaches from the 1967 and 1970 Detroit Pershing championship teams were reunited in East Lansing on March 19 to receive the MHSAA Legends of the Games honors. Coach Will Robinson – the mastermind behind those teams and one of the legendary coaches in Michigan prep basketball history – stands behind the 1967 trophy.

FELDKAMP RECEIVES FORSYTHE AWARD

One of the driving forces in high school athletic administration of the past decade, **Jim Feldkamp**, the recently retired citywide athletic director for Troy Public Schools, is the recipient of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Charles E. Forsythe Award for 2005. He is shown (left) receiving the award from MHSAA Representative Council President Paul Ellinger at the Boys Basketball Finals on March 19 in East Lansing.

This annual award is in its 28th year of existence and is named after former MHSAA Executive Director



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Charles E. Forsythe, the Association's first full time and longest-serving chief executive. One or two recipients are selected each year by the MHSAA Representative Council, based on an individual's outstanding contribution to the interscholastic athletics community.

After a one-year stint as a coach and physical education instructor at Romeo, Feldkamp moved on to the Anchor Bay school district, beginning in 1971 as an elementary, middle school and high school physical education instructor. He also coached varsity boys basketball for 14 years, subvarsity baseball teams for five years, and was the athletic director at the high school.

In 1985, Feldkamp became the director of health, physical education and athletics for the West Bloomfield School District for a four-year period.

The move to the Troy School District as citywide athletic administrator came in 1988, where Feldkamp oversaw athletics and physical education programs for two high schools and four middle schools, and became even more involved on the statewide athletic scene.

Locally, he led the expansion of athletic offerings in the Troy schools through the introduction of an intramural middle school program, and the launching of 14 high school teams.

On a regional and statewide basis, Feldkamp served as an officer of three conferences, on the board of directors of a conference athletic administrators association, and began a role of leadership in the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.

Working with the MIAAA, Feldkamp was on that organization's board for 14 years and served as its president during the 1999-2000 school year. He co-chaired a program to recognize schools with exemplary athletic programs, and was a coordinator and presenter for numerous workshops, and that group's liaison to the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.

Feldkamp has also contributed to numerous MHSAA committees; presented at Association workshops on athletic administration, coaches education and sportsmanship; and served as a tournament manager for numerous postseason tournaments.

Feldkamp earned his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Eastern Michigan University; and a Educational Specialist's Degree from Wayne State University, where he has also served as an adjunct instructor.

"The leadership Jim Feldkamp provided the educational athletic community in his career was truly extraordinary," said John E. "Jack" Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA. "His accomplishments through physical education curricula during the school day, and extracurricular athletics after school hours helped develop outstanding young people in outstanding athletic programs for outstanding schools, from which those communities truly benefited. When you think of someone with outstanding lifetime service to educational athletics and someone truly worthy of the Charles E. Forsythe Award, it is Jim Feldkamp." ■

MIAAA HONORS AWARD WINNERS

Michigan's professional organization of school athletic directors, the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA) recently honored several administrators in Traverse City on March 21, 2005, at the annual MIAAA Mid-Winter Conference attended by more than 500 athletic directors.

SEMELSBERGER NAMED A.D. OF THE YEAR

The MIAAA selected Ken Semelsberger of Port Huron High School as its Athletic Director of the Year. Semelsberger has been at Port Huron High School for 27 years, serving as the Assistant Principal/Athletic Director for the past 23. Semelsberger, a Wayne State University graduate with a master's degree from the same school, began his career in 1969 as a teacher and coach at his alma mater, Servite High School. Upon moving to Port Huron High School, he taught history and physical education, and coached football, basketball, softball and baseball before taking on his present position.

Respected throughout the state, Semelsberger has been honored within the interscholastic educational community in numerous ways. In 2001 he was named Regional Athletic Director of the Year, elected MIAAA President and inducted into the MHSCA Hall of Fame. In addition, Semelsberger was inducted into the Catholic League Hall of Fame in 1981, named the *Port Huron Times Herald* Football Coach of the Year in 1982 and selected to coach in the MHSFCA East-West All-Star Game in 2000. In 2003 the MHSAA awarded Semelsberger the Forsythe Award, representing his years of outstanding and distinctive service to Michigan interscholastic athletic programs. Ken and his wife of 35 years, Margaret, have three children: Kevin, Keith and Michelle.

"Ken has established the reputation as an athletic administrator who has coaches, athletes, students, staff and parents actively involved in good sportsmanship, fair play, cooperation and high academic and moral character expectations for everyone," said H. Ron Wollen, principal at Port Huron High School.

William D. Kimball, superintendent of the Port Huron School District, added, "Ken is extremely dedicated to student involvement and always encourages students. He is truly a person that leads by example and willingly involves himself with students, staff and parents."

WERKEMA, WALDO ARE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

Russ Waldo and Roberta Werkema were honored with the Jack Johnson Distinguished Service Award for 2004-2005.

Waldo is the owner of Visual Sports Network of Michigan (VSN), a photography company that services high schools across the state. VSN has provided photographic services at the annual MIAAA awards banquet since 1990 and has been a vendor at the Mid-Winter Conference for 20 consecutive years.

Werkema is the Convention Services Manager at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa in Acme, Mich., where she has worked diligently with the Convention Committee of the MIAAA to ensure the success of the annual Mid-Winter Conference. She has played a vital role in the organization of that event since 1988 and has been an integral part of many of the improvements made in the conference itinerary.

MARSH RECEIVES AWARD OF MERIT

Steve Marsh, who retired from Midland Public Schools in 1995, has remained active the MIAAA by leading the Life Membership Committee, just one of the reasons he is honored with this year's Award of Merit. A graduate of Midland High School, Marsh went on to receive both a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degree from Central Michigan University. His teaching career began in Imlay City, where he served five years as both a teacher and coach. He then moved to Midland Bullock Creek for one year.

Marsh returned to his alma mater, Midland Public Schools, where he served the last 27 years of his career; the first nine as a

teacher, coach and athletic director at Jefferson Middle School and 19 as teacher, coach and athletic director at Midland High School.

Marsh has been affiliated with numerous professional groups, including the MEA, MHCA and MHFCA. He has also been extremely active in the MIAAA, serving as chairman of the Political Action Committee and Life Member Committee. He is currently a member of the Exemplary School Athletic Program Committee, Conference Program Committee and also serves on the Five State Exchange Committee.

Among his numerous awards are: 1990 MIAAA Regional AD of the Year, MHSAA Bush Award in 1994, the Lloyd Osborn Award for service and leadership to Midland sports and community in 1992. He was inducted into the Midland County Sports Hall of Fame as a sports administrator in 1995.

"Even in his retirement, Steve works tirelessly in whatever voluntary role he accepts. He is very methodical in his approach and pays meticulous attention to the details. For these reasons, regardless of his role, one can rest assured that Steve will make a quality contribution," said Phil Bedford, Coordinator of Health, Physical Education and Athletics for Midland Public Schools.

DOSS RECEIVES SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Dr. Gary Doss is the recipient of the MIAAA's Special Recognition Award for his significant contributions to interscholastic sports.

Prior to coming to Michigan, Dr. Doss served as a Sports Medicine Coordinator for the Missouri State High School Athletic Association. High school athletics is a passion of Gary's. Since his arrival in the Port Huron area in 1983, Dr. Doss has been involved with the high school athletic programs both at Port Huron and Port Huron Northern high schools. During his 21-year span, Dr. Doss has provided countless free sport physicals for Port Huron athletes as well as providing medical support for all home football games of both high schools. Dr. Doss continually donates his time and

office to all Port Huron athletes in need, and also provides the coaches of Port Huron area schools with countless hours of conditioning seminars.

His kindness has not gone unnoticed by the community and his peers, as he was given the "Friend of Kids" award by the Port Huron School District, and the Community Service Award for St. Clair County from the Michigan State Medical Society.

"Dr. Doss is truly a friend of kids," said Ken Semelsberger, assistant principal and athletic director at Port Huron High School. "He gives freely of his time and expertise to help coaches and student athletes."

Gordon D. Jamison, executive director of programs and services for the school district added, "We are very fortunate to have a man like Dr. Doss in our community. He volunteers his time because he loves kids, values the importance of athletics and has a desire to give something back to the community in which he lives."

REGIONAL AWARDS GO TO 14

The MIAAA also honored 14 administrators as Regional Athletic Directors of the Year.

They are: Region 1 - Rick Ledy, St. Ignace Lasalle; Region 2 - John Horigan, Cadillac; Region 3 - Edward Miller, Mason County Eastern; Region 4 - Tom Dykema, Grand Rapids South Christian; Region 5 - Mike Messner, Constantine; Region 6 - Tim Jenkins, Tekonsha; Region 7 - Jamie Gent, Haslett; Region 8 - Ellen Pugh, Ogemaw Heights; Region 9 - Deb VanKuiken, Holly; Region 10 - Chris Schneider, East Detroit; Region 11 - Dave Yarbrough, Walled Lake; Region 12 - Dan Edmunds, Taylor; Region 13 - Tim Kluka, Allen Park Cabrini; Region 14 - Jim Lilley, Pontiac.

The MIAAA is a 46-year old association with nearly 700 members serving as athletic administrators in numerous high schools and junior/middle highs throughout the state. Partnered with the MHSAA, the MIAAA works to promote the educational value of interscholastic athletics and the role of athletic directors. ■

2004-05 WINTER COACH EJECTION LISTING

City	School	Coach	Sport
Ann Arbor	Huron HS	Marcus Edmondson	Boys Basketball
Ann Arbor	Pioneer HS	Michael Machesky	Boys Basketball
Belding	Belding Area HS	John Carlson	Boys Basketball
Breckenridge	Breckenridge HS	Denny Farkas	Wrestling
Breckenridge	Breckenridge HS	Barry Thomas	Wrestling
Center Line	Center Line HS	Jim Nelson	Boys Basketball
Croswell	Croswell-Lexington HS	Ryan McNichol	Boys Basketball
Dansville	Dansville HS	Jim McNally	Boys Basketball
Dearborn Heights	Riverside Middle School	Maurice Brantley	Boys Basketball
Detroit	Holy Redeemer HS	Jamar Whitfield	Wrestling
Dowagiac	Dowagiac Union HS	Greg Blomgren	Boys Basketball
Farwell	Farwell Area HS	Mark Herron	Boys Basketball
Flint	Whittier Middle School	Leonard Robinson	Boys Basketball
Grand Blanc	Grand Blanc Middle School	Art McGuff	Boys Basketball
Grosse Pointe	Grosse Pointe North HS	Joe Pantaleo	Wrestling
Hamilton	Hamilton HS	Gregg Stoel	Wrestling
Harper Woods	Harper Woods HS	Craig White	Boys Basketball
Harrison Township	L'Anse Creuse HS	Coach Pique	Ice Hockey
Harrison Township	L'Anse Creuse HS	Keith Weiland	Wrestling
Hopkins	Hopkins HS	Joel Eding	Wrestling
Howell	Howell HS	Ken Samples	Boys Basketball
Lapeer	Lapeer East HS	Brian Mc Donald	Ice Hockey
Livonia	Adlai E Stevenson HS	Corey Stretter	Wrestling
Livonia	Adlai E Stevenson HS	Dan Vaughn	Wrestling
Macomb	Dakota HS	Art Droski	Wrestling
Marine City	Marine City HS	Ron Glodich	Boys Basketball
Midland	Bullock Creek HS	Nick Wardell	Wrestling
Mt Clemens	Mt Clemens HS	Jackie Jock	Volleyball
Olivet	Olivet HS	Vince Morrison	Boys Basketball
Sanford	Meridian HS	Mitch Bohn	Boys Basketball
Sault Ste Marie	Sault Area HS	Doug LaPrade	Ice Hockey
Three Oaks	River Valley HS	Travis Dafoe	Boys Basketball
Waldron	Waldron HS	Mark Long	Boys Basketball
West Branch	Ogemaw Heights HS	Jeff Miller	Boys Basketball
White Cloud	White Cloud JHS	John Arnold	Boys Basketball
Whitmore Lake	Whitmore Lake HS	Reeder Singler	Volleyball

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SCHOOLS WITH THREE OR MORE OFFICIALS REPORTS — Winter 2004-05

School	City	No. of Reports
Lahser HS	Bloomfield Hills	4
L'Anse Creuse HS	Harrison Township	4
Walled Lake Western HS	Walled Lake	4
Divine Child HS	Dearborn	3
DeWitt HS	DeWitt	3
Ferndale HS	Ferndale	3
Grandville HS	Grandville	3
Holt HS	Holt	3
Bishop Foley HS	Madison Heights	3
Marine City HS	Marine City	3
Olivet HS	Olivet	3

OFFICIALS REPORTS SUMMARY FOR WINTER 2004-05

Sport	Concern	Praise	Player Ejection	Coach Ejection	Other Ejection	Taunting
Boys Basketball	97	21	67	20	1	0
Boys Swimming	2	0	2	0	0	0
Ice Hockey	102	6	128	3	0	0
Volleyball	5	8	1	2	0	0
Wrestling	78	10	55	11	1	1
Total	284	45	253	36	2	1

Distribution of Reports

Reports of Concern	No. of Schools	Reports of Praise	No. of Schools
1	150	1	43
2	49	2	1
3	8		
4	3		

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 season of 2004-05, the following schools have failed to rate any officials:

Girls Basketball

Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner
Armada
Battle Creek Harper Creek
Burton St. Thomas More
Carsonville-Port Sanilac
Clinton Twp. Clintondale
Coleman
Detroit Allen Academy
Detroit School of Ind. Arts
Detroit Winans Academy of
 Performing Arts
Detroit University Prep
Ferndale
Flint Carman-Ainsworth
East Grand Rapids
Hamtramck
Hillman
Academy of Inkster
Kalamazoo Central
Kalamazoo Loy Norrix
Kent City
Lansing Christian
Litchfield
Macomb Lutheran North
Howardsville Christian
Muskegon Reeths-Puffer
New Lothrop
Pentwater
Pickford
Pottersville
Rockford

Sault Ste. Marie
St. Ignace
Taylor Light and Life Chr.
Warren Macomb Christian
Waterford Mott
Wyoming Lee

Football

Ann Arbor Central Academy
Battle Creek Harper Creek
Birmingham Seaholm
Brooklyn Columbia Central
Dansville
DeTour
Detroit Frederick Douglass
Flat Rock
Flint Beecher
Flint Carman-Ainsworth
Harrison Twp L'Anse Creuse
Howell
Lansing Eastern
Southfield Lathrup
Litchfield
Madison Hts. Bishop Foley
Monroe
Owendale-Gagetown
Southfield
Waterford Mt. Zion Christ.

Boys Soccer

Battle Creek Central
Battle Creek Harper Creek
Beaver Island
Berrien Springs
Plymouth
Detroit Chadsey
Ovid-Elsie
Fowlerville
Frankenmuth
East Grand Rapids
Grosse Pointe South
Jenison
Kalamazoo Central
Lansing Christian
Southfield Lathrup
Lowell
Manistee
Northville
Novi Franklin Road Chr.
Otsego Baptist Academy
Parma Western
Royal Oak Kimball
St. Joseph Lake Mich. Cath.
Three Rivers
Traverse City West
Waterford Mott
Wyoming Tri-unity Christ.
Ypsilanti Lincoln
Ypsilanti

COMPETITIVE CHEER COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, March 16, 2005

Members Present:

Kelly Bailey, Hudson
Jim Conway, Mt. Pleasant
Mike MacKenzie, Warren (MASSP)
Stephanie Brosky, Troy (CCCAM)
Denise Gordon, Bad Axe
Pam Ingles, Allegan
Liz Kazik, Grosse Ile
Jack Kramer, Houghton Lake
Wendy Lemons, Whitmore Lake
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Heather Prentice, Climax
Debra Rambow, DeWitt

Member Absent:

Jeani VanHecke, St. Clair

Guests:

Jann Stahr, Flat Rock
James Gentz, Wayne

Staff Members Present:

Kathy Westdorp (Recorder)
Debbie Waddell

Project Manager:

Suzanne Martin

PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE

The 2004-2005 MHSAA Competitive Cheer Committee is a standing sport committee which meets annually to develop recommendations to the Representative Council and the MHSAA staff regarding policies and procedures associated with the MHSAA Competitive Cheer tournament. The make up of this committee represents a variety of administrative, coaching and officiating positions.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Committee minutes from the 2004 meeting were reviewed and information was received as to the proposals that were approved and/or tabled by the Representative Council in May, 2004. There was a request to change the meeting date of this standing committee to late January or early February which would allow school administrators, coaches, and judges adequate time to consider proposals and provide information and opinions to the Representative Council. Another request was made to conduct detailed rule and Manual discussions prior to this Committee Meeting with the purpose of recommending the rule and Manual changes to this committee in January or February.

Proposals that had been tabled in May 2004 were reviewed. One such proposal involved a change in the methodology of judging Round 2 required skills when competitors vary in number and the required skills vary in value.

In an effort to seek current comparison data, during the 2004-05 season, a group of

judges volunteered to experiment with recommended changes and report their findings to this Committee. After a review of the comparison data, the Cheer Committee felt that there were not enough coaches and judges throughout Michigan who understood the proposal for any major change to occur at this time. The Committee did agree that it was important to change the scale that was used in Round 2 from a 14 point scale to a ten point scale. A recommendation to the Representative Council is reflected within these minutes.

The Cheer Committee also requested that the various judges' associations continue to experiment with the factors involved in Round 2 skills and determine if there is a multiplier that is consistent with the current value scale of skills. Representatives of different judges' associations who were present at the meeting agreed to continue working with the data.

Other items that had been tabled in May were reviewed and the outcomes of the Committee's recommendations are reflected in these minutes. One such discussion included an earlier recommendation to the Representative Council to place all Class A and B teams in three equal divisions and the C/D teams as the fourth division. A survey was sent to schools that offered Competitive Cheer which was returned with a definitive response to reclassify in this manner.

However, after the Cheer Committee reviewed the tremendous growth in Competitive Cheer from 2003-04 to 2004-05, a new recommendation was proposed which

is reflected within the minutes. The 2004-05 growth that occurred is as follows: 57 to 66 Class A teams; 59 to 64 Class B teams; and 28 to 50 Class C/D teams. This new growth, especially in Class C/D, was the impetus for the new proposal.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a review of rule requests made by individual coaches, the Competitive Cheer Coaches Association of Michigan and cheer judges associations.

REQUESTED CHANGES IN THE COMPETITIVE CHEER MANUAL

1. Include within the uniform rule:
 - a. Nylons, pantyhose or leotards cannot be worn in Round 3.
 - b. Socks are required and must be of the same approximate ankle/leg height and of the same color.
 - c. Uniforms shall not expose any part of a participant's midriff. It is recommended that a body suit is worn underneath the uniform.
2. Value changes requested:
 - a. A mountain climber will receive 4 flair points and 1 variety point.
 - b. A tuck, pike or layout Arabian will be valued at 5 points per competitor in Round 3.
 - c. An extension (feet apart) transitioned to a cupie (feet together) will receive 4 flair points.
 - d. A flyer with one leg in the hands of the bases and is pushed up to an extension (one leg extension) will receive 14 difficulty points.
3. Other rule changes requested:
 - a. Allow Junior High/Middle School teams to perform forward and backward rolls to receive credit in team tumbling.
 - b. Require Junior High/Middle School teams to execute the Precision Drill including the footwork as prescribed to high school teams.
 - c. Allow Junior High/Middle Schools teams to perform the mountain climber, twist-up and floor-up to extensions.
 - d. Include in the written description of the Round 2 skills that the near arm cartwheels, far arm cartwheels and the round off must be performed with the torso facing the judges when in the inverted position.
4. Additional discussion occurred on several other rules and the foundations behind the rules. Although discussed, there was no action taken.
5. A requested rule proposal was tabled which involved a discussion of whether tumbling with full twists should be listed in the full twist/360 flair choreography category.
6. Additional dialogue occurred regarding the necessity of providing coaches and judges with more educational opportunities. A series of regional sites has currently been established for educational and informational meetings with athletic directors and cheer coaches. Cheer judges will also be represented on the MHSAA Officials Review Committee.
7. Changes were approved in the necessary edits of the Competitive Cheer Manual which gave further clarity in understanding the Manual.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Beginning in 2006-07 and due to the high number of schools that are adding Competitive Cheer, the Competitive Cheer Committee recommends placing cheer teams in four (4) equal divisions for MHSAA tournament series competition (13-0).
2. Because of safety concerns, the Competitive Cheer Committee recommends an assessment of a 14 point safety judge penalty in Round 1 when one or more team members perform the wrong jump for either required jump (13-0).

3. As there is already a 2 person differential that is permitted, the Competitive Cheer Committee recommends that a 35 point safety judge penalty no longer be assessed for an illegal "hole" in the formation (10-3).
4. Beginning with the 2005-06 season and due to the large crowds at the Competitive Cheer Finals venue, the Competitive Cheer Committee recommends that the start times at the Finals are rotated on an annual basis (13-0).
5. Beginning with the 2005-06 season, the Competitive Cheer Committee recom-
6. To provide additional clarity to the scoring system in the 2005-06 season, the Competitive Cheer Committee recommends requiring cheer judges to evaluate the five required skills in Round 2 on a ten point scale. In addition, the Committee requests the approval and use of a Round 2 score sheet in which a multiplier will be used to calculate the score of the skills performed (13-0). ■

SWIMMING & DIVING COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, March 22, 2005

Members Present:

Tom Belco, Kalamazoo
 Butch Briggs, Grand Rapids (MISCA)
 Sue Calvo, Swartz Creek
 Judy Dennis, Alpena
 Tiffany Donegan, East Lansing
 John Dudley, Ypsilanti (Advisory)
 Tim Eastman, Kalamazoo
 Mary Ann Egnatuk, Albion
 John Krimmel, Dundee
 Ellen Pugh, West Branch
 Ashley Seidl, Berkley
 Mike Sharrow, Algonac (MASSP)
 Dave Smith, Warren

Wendy Smith, Flint
 Janis Stahr, Flat Rock (Official)
 Mike Venos, Bloomfield Hills
 Jenni Wilkening, Ann Arbor

Members Absent:

Michelle Caie, Commerce
 Jamie Gent, Haslett (MIAAAA)
 LeRoy Hackley, Byron Center
 Catherine Stevens, Kentwood

Staff Member Present:

Gina Mazzolini (Recorder)

The 2004-2005 Swimming and Diving Committee met in the MHSAA office on March 22, 2005. The committee was reminded of its responsibility and of the process for rule changes. After a brief welcome and introductions, the following topics were addressed.

THREE-PLAYER REGULATION

The committee proposed a modification to the "three-player" regulation that would allow a high school coach to work with a non-school program that does not exclusively include or benefit students from his/her school and is not to strengthen the school program, but to allow opportunities for both coaches and athletes.

THREE EQUAL DIVISIONS

The committee proposed to divide Lower Peninsula Boys and Girls Swimming into

three equal divisions. In addition, the committee proposed a modification to start times if a facility needed flexibility. The following is the recommended format:

- Diving** - begin at noon on Friday
- Swimming** - begin at 5 p.m. on Friday
- Saturday** - begin the meet at 2 p.m.

DIVING QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

The committee proposed adding another opportunity for advancing divers to the Regional Meet. A conference/league would be allowed additional divers based on returning divers from their league that placed in the top 16 at the Final, the previous year. For example, if a league had three returning divers from the previous Final Meet top 16, that league would receive three spots in addition to the number they receive because of the schools which entered into diving.

FIVE MEET RULE

To clarify the rule which allows a diver to advance to Regionals if he/she places ahead of all divers from opposing schools in at least five meets. The committee established the following criteria:

1. The diver is legally entered in the event.
2. The diver performs all six dives.
3. Each dive is officially scored. This would count as a win whether or not the opposing team had divers

BOYS AND GIRLS REGIONAL DIVING MEET HOSTS

The committee's preferences for Regional Diving Meet hosts is as follows:

1. Ann Arbor-Pioneer High School
2. TBA
3. East Kentwood High School
4. Cranbrook-Kingswood High School
5. Haslett High School
6. East Grand Rapids High School

SELECTION OF FINAL SITES

The committee affirmed the following criteria for selection of Finals facilities:

1. Fast pool
2. Eight lanes
3. Deck space for participants
4. Spectator seating

MHSAA staff will finalize the selection of host sites for the 2005-06 Final Meets based on their willingness to host the events according to the policies and procedures established by the MHSAA. The committee ranked its preferences for 2005-06 as follows:

GIRLS: Division 1 - Eastern Michigan University; Division 2 - Oakland University
 BOYS: Division 1 - University of Michigan; Division 2 - Eastern Michigan University

The Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association indicated its willingness to provide a list of high schools to serve as Final sites if satisfactory arrangements are not reached with other facilities.

CREATE QUALIFYING TIME STANDARD COMMITTEE

The committee discussed the need to create a separate committee to establish qualifying times for the Final Meet for the next school year.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Allow a high school coach to work with a non-school program that does not exclusively include or benefit students from his/her school. The rationale is not to strengthen the school program, but to allow opportunities for both coaches and athletes (11-2-2).
2. Divide L.P. boys and girls swimming into three equal divisions (12-2-1).
3. Add another opportunity for advancing divers to the Regional Meet. A conference/league would be allowed additional divers based on returning divers from their league, that placed in the top 16 at the Final, the previous year (16-0).
4. Create a separate committee to establish qualifying times for the next school year (15-0). ■

2005-06 BOYS & GIRLS QUALIFYING TIMES				
EVENT	GIRLS D1	GIRLS D2	BOYS D1	BOYS D2
200 MED. RELAY	1:57.99	2:02.59	1:44.59	1:48.19
200 FREESTYLE	2:01.89	2:06.59	1:49.59	1:54.99
200 IND. MEDLEY	2:18.99	2:23.19	2:04.99	2:11.99
50 FREESTYLE	:25.79	:26.29	:22.79	:23.39
100 BUTTERFLY	1:02.99	1:05.19	:55.79	:58.39
100 FREESTYLE	:56.19	:57.59	:49.89	:51.59
500 FREESTYLE	5:28.19	5:37.99	4:59.39	5:12.99
200 FREE RELAY	1:44.99	1:47.99	1:32.99	1:35.79
100 BACKSTROKE	1:03.99	1:05.99	:57.19	:59.99
100 BREASTSTROKE	1:11.59	1:13.99	1:03.99	1:06.39
400 FREE RELAY	3:51.59	3:58.99	3:25.59	3:31.59

BOWLING COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, March 16, 2005

Members Present:

Brian Bannasch, Rogers City
Tim Bauer, Bay City
Scott Bennett, Flint (BCAM)
Tom Braun, Grand Ledge
Harry Burkey, Grosse Pointe Woods
Carl Doornbos, Rockford
Rudy Godefroidt, Hemlock
Greg Guntow, Dearborn
Sue Hutchings, Marshall
Judy Jaeger, Livonia
Larry Jaynes, South Lyon
Dave Kowalski, Bay City
Vicki Kowalski, Farmington
Tracy Long, Flint
Jim Pellarito, Wyoming

Fred Ringrose, South Lyon
Randy Shank, Sterling Heights (Advisory)
Tom Stockton, Sterling Heights
Ron Tomasoni, Iron Mountain

Members Absent:

Tom Hardy, Traverse City
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Rich Burdis, Flushing
Lyle McElhiney, Clio

Staff Members Present:

Randy Allen (Recorder)
Andy Frushour
Amanda Hoover

PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE

The MHSAA bowling Committee is a standing committee which meets annually to develop recommendations to the Representative Council and the MHSAA staff regarding policies and procedures associated with the MHSAA Bowling tournament. The makeup of the committee represents coaches, athletic administrators and tournament officials.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The committee reviewed the 2005 Finals. General satisfaction was expressed with even bigger crowds in attendance. Adjustments to the time schedule and new procedures in the paddock helped facilitate the management of teams and individuals. The tournament committee will consider further time adjustments for 2006 to improve the management of teams and spectators. Practice session procedures will be modified for more clarity to schools and coaches. It was suggested a lane condition different from the regular season be established for the Finals. This will be reviewed with the Finals host and MHSAA. Shuttles to nearby lots will be added for 2006 to better manage parking pressures.

Regional tournament operations were reviewed. Managers will continue to establish start times based on the number of teams & individuals at their regionals. Lane rotations and lane assignment procedures will be

standardized in the regional managers manual. It was agreed that dress codes and restrictions for students also be applied to coaches. Continued efforts will be made to create as much separation as possible between spectators and the bowlers area. A regional managers meeting will be held in January 2006 to review all procedures and improve consistency between sites.

A suggested guideline for regular-season competition formats will be developed, but leagues and conferences will retain the option of having their own formats. A coaches manual will be developed and supplied to all bowling schools and posted on-line. The MHSAA will continue to work with the Bowling Centers Association of Michigan and host schools to restrict alcohol sales during high school competition.

Rules meetings will again be conducted for coaches in 2005-06, including presentations at coaches association meetings. More guidelines on sportsmanship will be developed as it relates to cheering, fan conduct and rules infractions. National playing rules for high school competition are being developed by High School Bowling USA with input from several state associations including Michigan.

The committee recognized the contributions of the Bowling Centers Association of Michigan and the outstanding cooperation of Sunnybrook Lanes as Finals host.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Adjust the first round of the team Finals to a "qualifier" round to determine subsequent pairings. Quarterfinal pairings will be based on the first round total pinfall (18-0).
2. Make the first round qualifying format of the Team Finals to consist of two regular games and two Baker games (11-7).
3. Modify the quarterfinal, semifinal and Final round of the Team Finals format to consist of six Baker games and one regular game (15-3).
4. Establish the order of games in team matches to be regular game first, Baker games second (18-0).
5. Conduct team Finals Baker match games on alternating lanes (18-0).
6. Conduct MHSAA tournament in three equal divisions for the 2005-06 season (18-0).

Rationale: Most growth is occurring in larger schools, making the current three-class format top heavy in A & B schools. Equal divisions will balance schools in each division and balance the number of schools in the regionals as well.

7. Limit tournament rosters to eight bowlers for 2005-06 Regionals and Finals (18-0).
8. Allow 24 dates of competition for 2005-06 season (currently 20), and eliminate the restriction of five days of competition over 14 days, retain limit of three dates of competition per week (18-0).

Rationale: Rather than request exemptions for non-school junior leagues, this change would allow these events to be conducted and counted as school days of competition.

9. Allow UP bowling schools to begin practice and first contest one week early (18-0).

Rationale: Due to the distances UP schools have to travel, all matches are conducted on Saturdays as multi-school competitions instead of meets during the week. This allows UP schools to have adequate tryout time and Saturdays to complete their schedule.

10. Conduct 2006 Finals at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights. Research new Finals sites for 2007 (18-0). ■



Shawn D. Ellis, Detroit

The MHSAA Boys and Girls Bowling Finals took place at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights for the second consecutive year in March. The sport is growing rapidly among MHSAA member schools.

2005 BASEBALL QUARTERFINAL, SEMIFINAL AND FINAL TOURNAMENT MASTER DRAW

June 14, 17-18

Semis and Finals at Bailey Park, Battle Creek

Note: Home team determined by coin flip at all tournament levels

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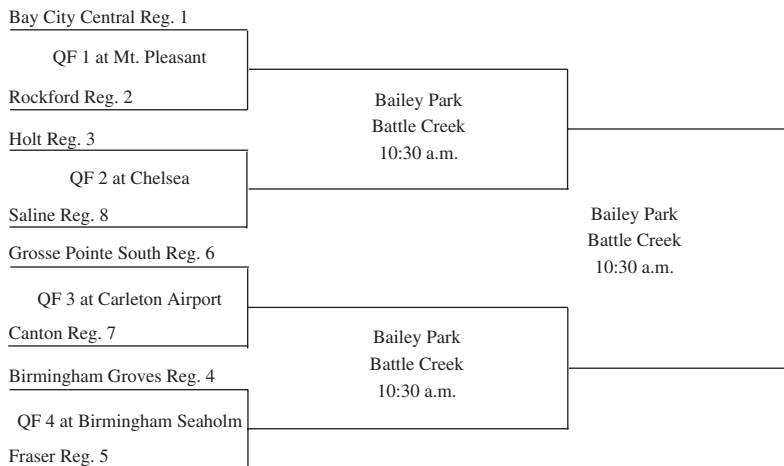
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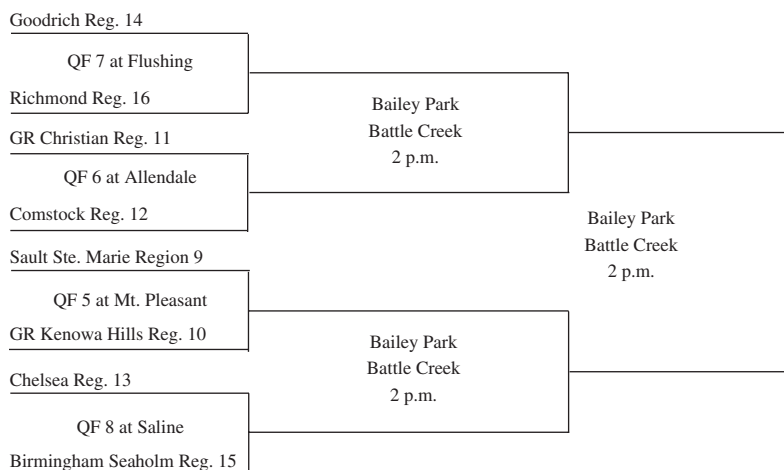
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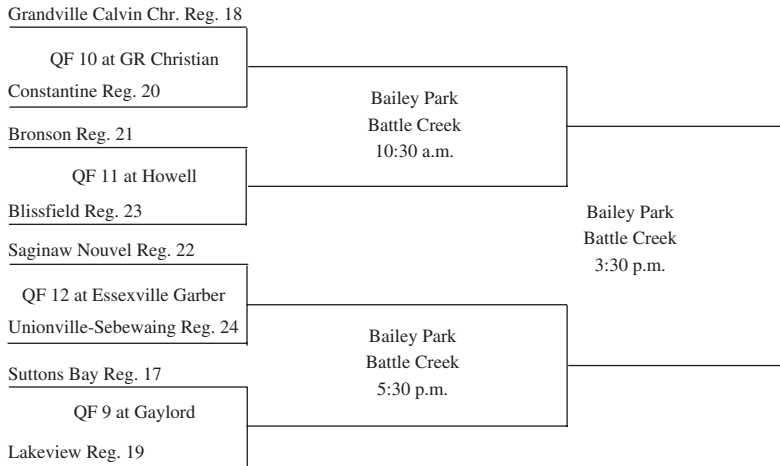
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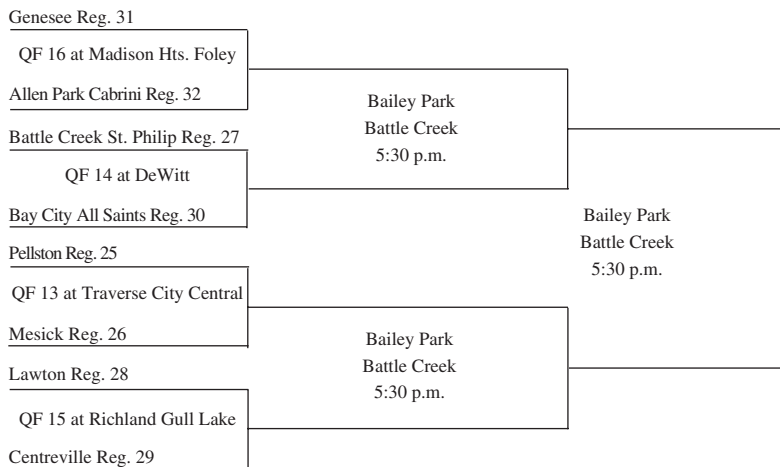
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DIVISION 4



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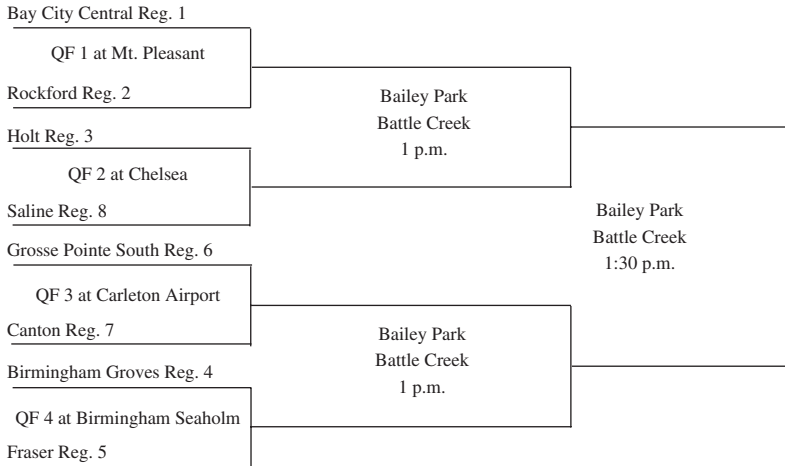
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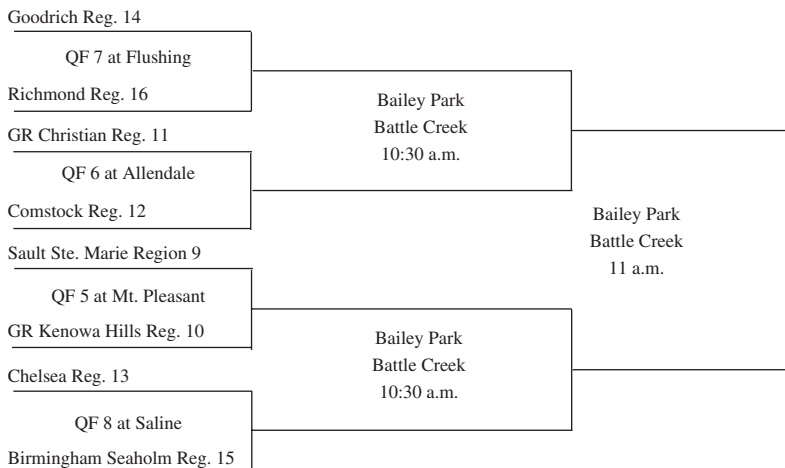
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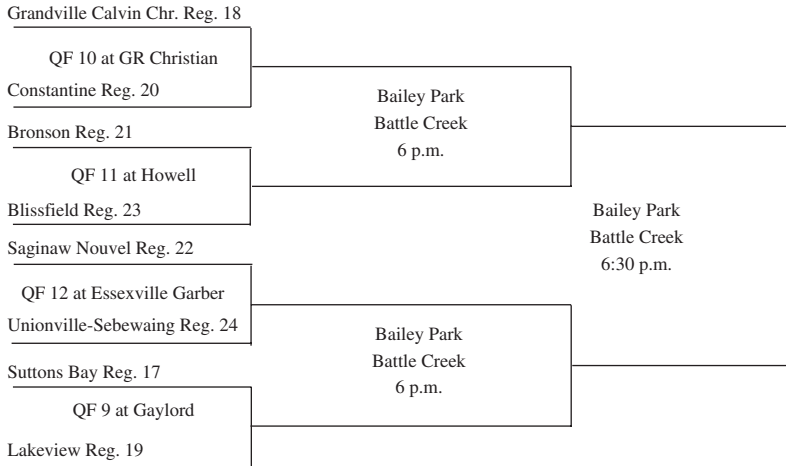
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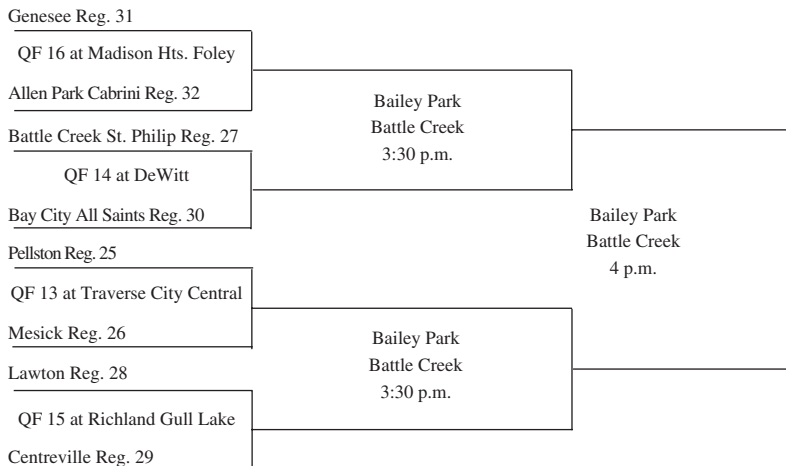
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