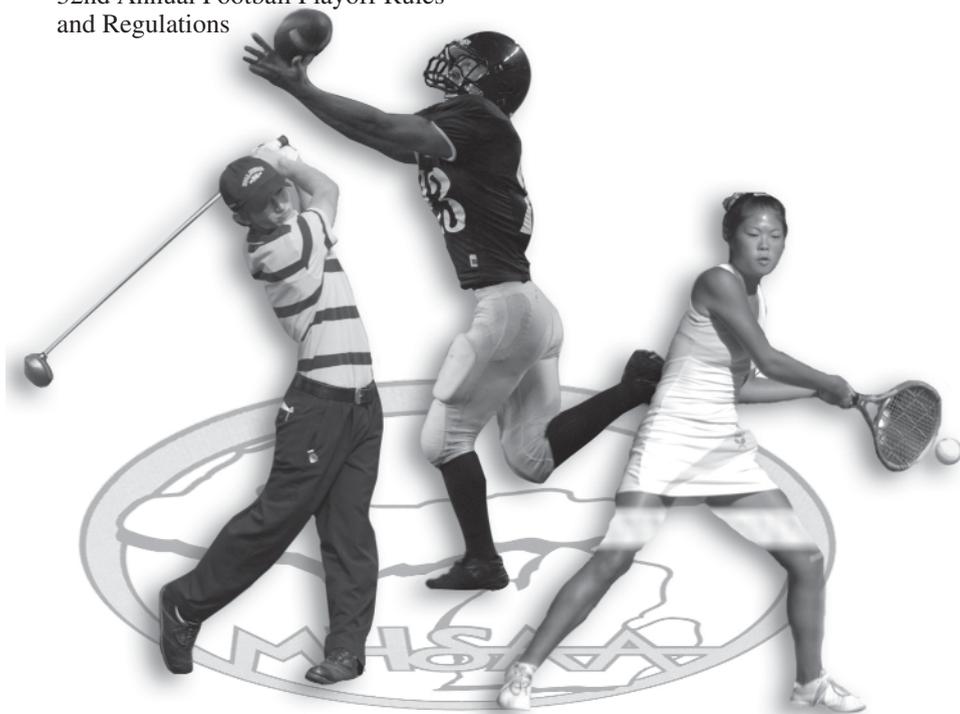




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ON THE COVER

The 2006-07 school year is underway, as student-athletes, coaches and athletic administrators have returned to schools across the state for another exciting year of interscholastic athletics. Highlighting the Fall Finals schedule are Football, Girls Tennis in both peninsulas, and Lower Peninsula Boys Golf.

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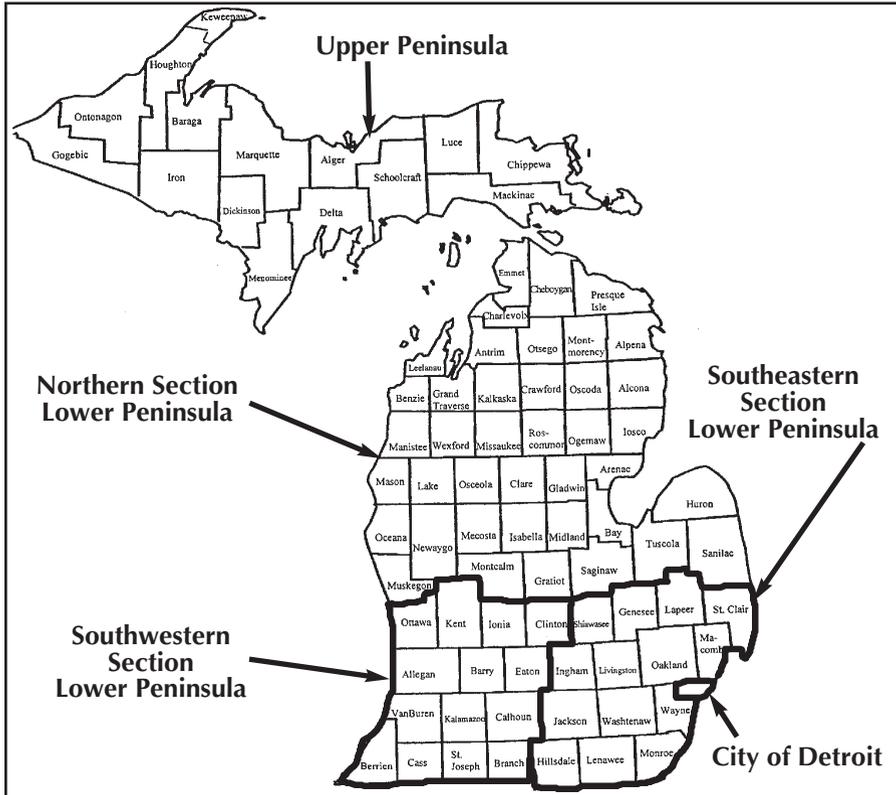
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REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AND UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Ballots to be Sent to Schools August 31, 2006

MAP OF REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL SECTIONS



Ballots for Representative Council elections will be mailed to principals of member schools from the MHSAA office Aug. 31, 2006. The ballots will be due back in the MHSAA office Sept. 14, 2006.

Eight positions for membership on the Representative Council will be up for election this fall. Vacancies for two-year terms beginning December 2006 will occur as follows: Class A-B Northern Section L.P., Southwestern Section L.P. and Southeastern Section L.P.; Class C-D Upper Peninsula and Northern Section L.P.; Statewide At-Large; Junior High/Middle School, elected on a statewide basis; and Private and Parochial High Schools.

In addition to the above named Representative Council positions, there are two Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee positions to be voted in September. A representative of the Class D schools and an Athletic Coach will be elected by the principals of the Upper Peninsula schools.

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

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

Following the due date of Sept. 14, 2006, the Board of Canvassers as provided in Article IV of the Constitution of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, will meet and declare the winners for the various vacancies.

In accordance with the approved nomination and election procedures, listed candidates have submitted their desire to run for a position by March 15, 2006. They have included an approval to serve from their respective Superintendent or Principal and have certified their qualifications to run for the office which they seek. No write-ins will be possible because each candidate must be approved by March 15 in order to run for a position on the Representative Council.

Following are the declared candidates and the vacancies which will occur in December 2006:

**REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL
CANDIDATES FOR
SEPTEMBER 2006 ELECTION**

Northern Section, Lower Peninsula - Class A and B Schools — Peter Ryan, CMAA, Athletic Director, Saginaw Township Community Schools

Southwestern Section, Lower Peninsula - Class A and B Schools — Fred Smith, CMAA, Athletic Director, Kalamazoo-Comstock High School

Southeastern Section, Lower Peninsula - Class A and B Schools — Eric C. Federico, Superintendent, Gibraltar School District

Upper Peninsula - Class C and D Schools — James Derocher, Superintendent, Negaunee Public Schools

Northern Section, Lower Peninsula - Class C and D Schools — William D. Newkirk, Superintendent, Sanford-Meridian Public Schools

Statewide At-Large — Rod Bragg, Faculty Member/Coach, Gaylord-St. Mary Cathedral School; Scott C. Grimes, Principal, Grand Haven High School; Nick Kocsis, Faculty Member/Coach, Zeeland East High School; Cheri L. Meier, Principal, Ionia Middle School

Junior High/Middle Schools — David Baldus, Faculty Member, Fremont Middle School; Keith Eldred, Dean of Students, Williamston Middle School

Private and Parochial High Schools — Vic Michaels, Director of Physical Education & Athletics, Archdiocese of Detroit

**UPPER PENINSULA
ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

Athletic Coach — David Duncan, Athletic Director/Basketball Coach, Cedarville High School; Bob Madigan, Faculty Member/Coach, Norway High School; Paul Polfus, Basketball Coach, Carney-Nadeau High School

Class D Schools — Joseph Reddinger, Athletic Director/Football Coach, Felch North Dickinson High School ■

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to make all personnel, telephone and
address revisions necessary for the
2006-07 school year

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

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Lewiston, May 7-9, 2006

Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan
Keith Eldred, Williamston
William Newkirk, Meridian
Renee Bird, Tawas City
Jim Derocher, Negaunee
Ken Dietz, Hartford
Lafayette Evans, Detroit
Eric Federico, Gibraltar
Dan Flynn, Escanaba
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Leroy Hackley, Jenison
Karen Leinaar, Benzonia
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Linda Myers, Morley
Fred Procter, Beverly Hills
Pete Ryan, Saginaw
Randy Salisbury, Britton
Fred Smith, Kalamazoo (May 8 & 9)
Roberta Stanley, Lansing (May 7 & 8)

Also Present:

Ed Sikorski, Ann Arbor (May 7 & 8)
Jim Thelen, Lansing (May 7 & 8)

Staff Members Present:

Randy Allen (May 7 & 8)
Nate Hampton
John Johnson
Gina Mazzolini
Tom Minter
Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts (Recorder)
Mark Uyl
Kathy Westdorp
Karen Yonkers

Accounts of Meetings - Motion by Randy Salisbury, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the minutes of the Representative Council Meeting of March 24, 2006; and the Executive Committee Meeting minutes of March 22-23, March 23, and April 25, 2006. Adopted.

Dan Flynn, with assistance from Jim Derocher, provided an oral report of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee Meeting held in Escanaba on April 28, 2006, and meeting minutes were provided.

PRESENTATIONS

The position statements of the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association were available for the Council's review.

Designated representatives of the Michigan High School Coaches Association, Michigan High School Football Coaches Association, the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association and the Michigan High School Wrestling Coaches Association

addressed the Council regarding several agenda items, as well as other matters pertinent to their sports.

A delegation of the Traverse City Area Public Schools made a presentation on behalf of the school district's appeal of the 3,500-student enrollment limit on cooperative programs.

REPORTS

Legislation – The executive director distributed a report from the association's legislative liaisons and highlighted the status of House Bills 5903 and 5904 (accelerated education), House Bills 5972 and 5973 (assaults at athletic events), House Bills 4118, 4594 and 4596 (steroids), and Public Act 84 of 2006 (criminal history checks).

Litigation – Attorney Edmund Sikorski provided brief status reports of the same two lawsuits on which he reported in March. There has been no new litigation involving the MHSAA during the past two school years. Mr. Sikorski and the executive direc-

tor both reported on a meeting of state high school association legal counsel in Indianapolis in April.

The executive director outlined the comprehensive strategy which the MHSAA has developed and worked to both avoid and respond to legislative and judicial challenges. The goal of each strategy is the same, which is to preserve local schools' authority to regulate themselves in the area of extracurricular athletics, consistent with the "Ten Basic Beliefs for Interscholastic Athletics in Michigan" which were again provided to Council members.

Contingency policies to be enacted if changes of MHSAA tournament dates are required as a result of federal litigation were provided to Council members as they had been approved by the Representative Council during its meetings May 1-3, 2005. Several Council members expressed concern that schools have not also maintained contingency plans, and it was requested that staff emphasize through leagues and conferences the need for schools to do so until the litigation is successfully completed.

Administration – The executive director reported that MHSAA membership during the 2005-06 school year was 762 high schools and 818 junior high/middle schools as of April 1, 2006. This compares to 765 and 831, respectively, as of April 1, 2005.

Eligibility advancement applications were received and approved for 16 students during the 2005-06 school year, the same as in both 2003-04 and 2004-05, which is the lowest since this provision was first established for the 1987-88 school year. The record high was 94 applications during the 1991-92 school year.

It was reported that 246 **Educational Transfer Forms** were processed for the 2005-06 school year through April 6, 2006, an increase of four over 2004-05. Public school to public school transfers continue to be the most common (171), and the divorce exception (#8) continues to be the most frequent reason (156) for the Educational Transfer Form to be used.

Travel Forms for Out-of-State Practice were filed by a record 95 schools for the 2005-06 school year, reflecting that the Representative Council's ideas and the staff's efforts to improve reporting have been suc-

cessful and should be continued to assure fuller compliance with this requirement that was first established in 1994-95.

The nine **Update Meetings** of September and October 2005 were attended by 1,148 persons. The schedule of eight Update Meetings for 2006 was presented.

A summation of **mailings** from the MHSAA office to Representative Council members during 2005-06 was provided.

A listing of **violations** by schools and officials between April 11, 2005 and April 10, 2006 indicated that the total number of violations for the year was average. It appears that in spite of turnover among administrators, but because of the convenience of technology, the association may be headed toward a time of fewer administrative/paperwork violations.

The associate director described the **Athletic Director In-Service programs** conducted by the MHSAA during 2005-06, reporting that the previous year's record attendance of 557 was surpassed by 80. The schedule for the fall of 2006 was presented and the three sessions for first-year Athletic Director Orientation were emphasized.

Assistant Director Kathy Westdorp reported that 44 sessions of the **Coaches Advancement Program** have been conducted with 10 more scheduled for May and June, in the most aggressive year of coaches' education in the history of the Michigan High School Athletic Association. She cited the high attendance and the high percentage of attendees who completed the requirements for beginning or intermediate certification; and she identified the schools which have sent the most coaches through the Coaches Advancement Program. Ms. Westdorp described advancements in curriculum development and training of presenters.

It was noted that the MHSAA, along with the Institute for the Study of Youth Sports at Michigan State University, are key participants in the National Coaching Educator's Conference June 15-17, 2006 in Lansing.

Assistant Director Mark Uyl reported that **officials' registrations** for 2005-06 will finish slightly ahead of the 12,003 registered during 2004-05. He noted that 2,000 officials have already renewed their registrations online for 2006-07.

Another benefit of technology is reflected

in the fact that there is an approximately 90 percent decrease in the number of member schools failing to rate any officials for the spring season.

Officials Reports for the spring 2005, fall 2005, and winter 2005-06 seasons were reviewed, revealing some increase in negative reports that may result from the fact that the Officials Report Form is now available to officials online.

Criminal history checks will be performed on all MHSAA registered officials by June 30, 2006. Consistent with societal averages, the association is finding that approximately 10 percent of potential registrants have had at least one conviction of any kind; and of those, approximately 12 percent have had multiple convictions. Of the officials with criminal convictions, the association revoked the registration privileges of six percent because of the nature of the offense and/or frequency of offenses. The association uses multiple sources to conduct these checks, including the Michigan Public Sex Offender Registry and the Michigan State Police ICHAT system, but the MHSAA does not require fingerprinting except for those officials who are trying to demonstrate that the systems being utilized by the MHSAA have identified a false positive, which has occurred in approximately five percent of cases. The MHSAA's procedures include the opportunity for officials to respond to findings before registration is denied or suspended.

The executive director reported on the association's first effort to host leadership of other **youth sports organizations** in Michigan. That meeting occurred on April 5, 2006, and focused on the recruitment and education of coaches and officials. A follow-up meeting is in planning and is expected to address sportsmanship and the role of parents.

Sportsmanship efforts during 2005-06 revolved around mini-grants to schools, districts and leagues, totaling \$7,073 to date. During 2006-07, the MHSAA will coordinate regional Sportsmanship Summits on Oct. 30 in Grand Rapids, Nov. 1 in Gaylord, Nov. 6 in Lansing, and Nov. 8 in Warren (especially for the junior high/middle school level).

The MHSAA has been selected as one of

four states to participate in a steroid and drug prevention education program funded by a \$1 million grant from Sports Illustrated to the creators of the ATLAS and ATHENA programs at the Center for Health Promotion Research at Oregon Health and Science University. There are two major components:

- (1) The MHSAA will partner with *Sports Illustrated* and OHSU to select four high schools to receive \$25,000 worth of training and program materials to implement the ATLAS and ATHENA programs with their sports teams during the 2006-07 school year. A one-day training seminar will be provided for the chosen schools.
- (2) On Nov. 9, 2006, the MHSAA will host a day-long conference with the assistance of *Sports Illustrated* and OHSU that will feature both national and local speakers on topics of steroid education, general drug prevention education and healthy nutritional alternatives for high school athletes.

The Council discussed at length its concerns for the directions of the National Federation of State High School Associations with respect to national-scope competition. Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Pete Ryan, to affirm the existing policies of the Michigan High School Athletic Association with respect to interstate travel, national tournaments and all-star contests and to express opposition to the directions of the National Federation of State High School Associations, as well as its decision-making processes for determining those directions. Adopted.

Letters were signed to the leadership of the Michigan Association of School Boards, the Michigan Association of School Administrators, the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals and the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, in each case requesting increased focus of their national counterparts on the actions of the National Federation that contribute to the kinds of excesses cited by the National Association of State Boards of Education in 2005.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS

As of April 5, 2006, there were 197 cooperative program agreements for high schools (an increase of 12 over the previous year) and 53 cooperative program agreements for junior high/middle schools (an increase of five). Additional programs had been approved by Executive Committee at its meetings on April 25 and May 6. The most frequent sports involved in cooperative programs at the high school level are ice hockey, boys swimming & diving, girls swimming & diving, football and gymnastics. At the junior high/middle school level, the sports most frequently involved in cooperative programs are boys and girls track & field, wrestling and football.

In May 2002, the Representative Council limited the enrollment of cooperative programs at 3,500 students, providing two exceptions: (1) for cooperative programs in sports not previously sponsored by the schools involved – they could be approved for a maximum of three years; and (2) for cooperative programs in existence prior to Aug. 1, 2002 – they could continue to operate through the 2005-06 school year. The Council was given a status report of those cooperative programs that have existed since 2002 under exception (2). Of 28 programs, all but five have confirmed details that will bring their programs into compliance with the 3,500-student limit. Three of those programs involve the Traverse City Area Public Schools: in girls gymnastics, girls swimming & diving and boys swimming & diving.

During the Executive Committee Meeting on March 22-23, 2006, it was requested by the school district that Regulation I, Section 1(F) be waived for both boys and girls swimming & diving so that the cooperative programs involving Traverse City West, Traverse City Central and Traverse City-St. Francis High Schools could continue beyond the 2005-06 school year even though the combined enrollment for MHSAA purposes for 2006-07 would be 3,918 students. The school district's request for waiver cited lack of funding and facilities as the reasons why compliance with the 2002 rule change had not been achieved.

The Executive Committee denied both requests for waiver and notified the schools that, in each case, the schools may come into

compliance by forming a second team on its own at either Traverse City West or Traverse City Central High School or splitting evenly the enrollment of St. Francis to contribute to the program at each of the other schools. It was also recommended that the schools consider Interpretation 204 to continue involvement of all student-athletes (competing on two or three teams) who would be eligible to qualify for the MHSAA Swimming & Diving Meets as representatives of the school at which they are actually enrolled or have a cooperative program involving their school that is in compliance with the 3,500-student limit. On April 25, the school district asked that the request for waiver proceed to the Representative Council.

Appearing before the Representative Council were the superintendent for the Traverse City Area Public Schools, the athletic directors of both Traverse City West and Traverse City Central High Schools, a parent, and the district athletic director who was the group's spokesperson. The Representative Council was provided a draft timeline, revised 4/10/06, describing a capital campaign plan that, if successful, would lead to groundbreaking in May of 2007 for a facility that would include a swimming pool adequate for administration of at least one high school swimming & diving program in each season, fall and winter.

Council members described the various options the district has to comply with the 3,500-student limit, and Council members noted that several other schools had utilized the options that the Traverse City Area Public Schools had so far not taken.

Council members expressed concern that there had been little or no progress regarding facility development in the four years that had transpired since the Council's action in May of 2002, and that the recently revised plans remained indefinite. Neither the site nor funding sources was firm. Not only had construction not begun, there was no definite commitment to begin; and completion could not be predicted with adequate certainty. The Council could find little similarity between this situation and the only other situation where waiver had been granted for the 2006-07 school year only where a new pool is under construction and will be open for the 2007-08 school year.

It was noted that the Council's action in 2002 does not mean students cannot participate; in fact, there is the opportunity that more students can participate on two teams than on one combined team. The Council's decision in these matters cannot be predicated on guaranteeing a level of success to teams; but the decisions have adequately balanced the goals of increasing participation and promoting competitive equity. Given the options available to the district, that are being utilized by other districts, the 3,500-student limit does not fail to serve the purpose for which it is intended and its enforcement does not work such an undue hardship on the appealing schools or their students that it overrides the interests of other schools and students in the uniform application of rules.

Motion by Randy Salisbury, supported by Linda Myers, to deny the schools' request to waive for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years the 3,500-student limitation adopted in 2002 for full effect in the 2006-07 school year. Adopted.

OLD BUSINESS

Due Process Procedures – The association has two kinds of procedures to assure due process for its constituents. One is found in the MHSAA Constitution, Article VII, Section 4(E), which describes how requests to waive MHSAA regulations proceed to the Executive Committee and to the Representative Council. These procedures may only be changed by amendment to the MHSAA Constitution, requiring a two-thirds majority of voting schools.

The association also has due process which occurs after there is an allegation of a violation by a member school or official. The *MHSAA Handbook* outlines the procedures for investigations and the manner in which appeals of penalties are brought to the Executive Committee and Representative Council. These procedures have been under review during 2005-06 and a draft of the proposed revisions to this due process procedure was presented to the Representative Council at its meeting in March. Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Scott Grimes, to approve the proposed revisions, with the addition that notification of appeal may not be by email. Adopted.

Out-of-Season Coaching – In May of

2005, the Representative Council directed the staff to continue the study and constituent-wide discussion of out-of-season coaching rules and related matters, focusing especially on open gyms, conditioning programs and curriculum courses with interscholastic athletics as subject matter. In March, an outline of proposed revisions was provided to the Representative Council which addressed these areas of Council focus. For this meeting, the Council received the same outline, as well as specific *Handbook* wording for the substantive changes as well as editorial changes which would be adopted in the consent package.

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by William Newkirk, to approve the implementation of a preseason down time, effective June 1, 2007, the essence of which would read as follows: "Beginning Aug. 1 for all fall sports, March 1 for all spring sports and 14 calendar days prior to the earliest start of practice for each winter sport, no open gyms which involve that sport shall occur at the school or be sponsored elsewhere by the school; and no competition between groups that resemble school teams (more than three students of grades 7-12 of the district) may occur at any location with any of that school district's personnel present." Adopted.

Motion by Eric Federico, supported by Jim Derocher, to approve the proposal regarding curriculum courses, effective June 1, 2007, consistent with the following language: "Interscholastic athletics are extracurricular and may not be part of any curriculum. If classes contain no content specific to an MHSAA tournament sport, they are allowed. If any subject matter specific to any MHSAA tournament sport is taught to students, instruction to every student during any trimester or semester shall include nearly equal attention to at least three different topics such as other sports, lifesaving, water safety instruction, CPR, officiating, sportsmanship and first aid, as well as fitness, general weight training and conditioning. Classes must be open to all students." Adopted.

Motion by Eric Federico, supported by Scott Grimes, to approve a summer dead period effective June 1, 2007, consistent with the following language: "Member schools shall designate a minimum of seven consecu-

tive calendar days during the summer when school is not in session and prior to Aug. 1 when open gyms and conditioning programs (including weight training) are not permitted to be conducted on school premises or sponsored by the school at other facilities. None of the 15 or 7 days of competition permitted in a coach's presence with more than three or seven players shall occur during this dead period. Coaches may not provide coaching instruction to any students from the district in which they coach during this period, except that non-school, organized baseball and softball practices or competitions regularly scheduled throughout the summer with school coaches and students from the same district may continue without interruption (e.g., American Legion)." Adopted.

REGULATIONS

Regulations I through V of the *MHSAA Handbook* and their Interpretations were submitted for review by the Representative Council, which added significantly to the editorial revisions.

Motion by Jim Derocher, supported by Randy Salisbury, to approve the consent package of miscellaneous changes for the purpose of organization, clarity or updating and to incorporate changes or Interpretations previously adopted by the Representative Council. Adopted.

Regulation I, Section 9(A) – Motion by William Newkirk, supported by Linda Myers, to approve the following as an addition after 2005-06 *Handbook* Interpretation 64: "The change of schools under Exception 1 is permitted with immediate eligibility only one time in grades 9-12 when the circumstances are those of a student who has moved out of state with one or more parents, enrolled in a high school there while attending a specialized sports academy, and then returned to live in Michigan." Adopted.

Regulation I, Section 12 – Motion by Keith Eldred, supported by Scott Grimes, to approve the following addition between 2005-06 *Handbook* Interpretations 124 and 125: "Prizes to team members who raise the most money through team fundraising efforts, which involve athletes or their parents only, are subject to Section 11 – Awards: No cash or negotiable certificate; maximum value of \$25." Adopted.

Regulation II, Section 3 – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by William Newkirk, to approve the following:

1. Rewrite the first sentence of 2005-06 *Handbook* Interpretation 161 as follows: "Neither faculty nor nonfaculty coaches may receive compensation for interscholastic coaching duties except through the school, and such compensation shall not exceed predetermined payments and limitations which are commensurate with classroom teachers' schedules for supplementary assignments."
2. Add the following to 2005-06 *Handbook* Interpretation 161: "e. Compensation (directly or indirectly from any source) which exceeds the existing payment schedules for coaches."

Adopted.

Regulation II, Section 14(B) – Motion by William Newkirk, supported by Ken Dietz, to approve the following rewrite of Section 14(B) and the inclusion of two additional Interpretations:

- "1. No school may distribute live video – or grant on a complimentary or fee basis to either a profit or nonprofit entity the rights to distribute live video – of any interscholastic event in which any MHSAA member school is a participant in any MHSAA tournament sport.
- "2. A member school may not participate in a contest in which the video is distributed live by any entity (school or other) in any such sport.
- "3. Delayed distribution of events involving any MHSAA member school in any MHSAA tournament sport may begin after 11:30 p.m. (Eastern time zone) on the day of the contest.
- "4. Video of MHSAA postseason tournament contests may be distributed according to policies and procedures established by the MHSAA for its tournaments.
- "_. Distribution of live video involves any medium currently available or not yet developed; and includes, but is not limited to, the following: over-the-air television, cable television,

satellite television, Internet, wireless devices.

“_. Available video from a single outlet (highlights) of an event exceeding three minutes in length is subject to the delayed distribution timeline.”

Adopted.

MEMBER CONCERNS

The Kensington Valley Conference recommended that the MHSAA consider additional ideas to discourage transfers between schools for athletic reasons, including implementing the transfer rule prior to a student's first enrollment in the 9th grade and lengthening the period of ineligibility from one semester to two semesters under the transfer regulation. No motion was made.

At the request of the Wolverine Conference, the Representative Council reviewed Regulation II, Section 10(A) 13. Motion by Ken Dietz, supported by Karen Leinaar, to revise this regulation so that in the league championship meet involving more than eight schools, a player may play in a fourth match if the player has not played in more than six sets in the first three rounds and the fourth match would complete the tournament (as permitted at the MHSAA Regionals and Finals). Adopted.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Assistant Director Gina Mazzolini, who serves on the Board of Directors for the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel, described a convergence of factors that has brought student exchange programs under closer scrutiny by the federal government and may ultimately affect the role of the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel and regulations of the MHSAA regarding the athletic eligibility of students who have been placed in member schools through CSJET-listed programs. It was indicated that this report is an early warning of the possibility that portions of the *MHSAA Handbook* related to foreign student eligibility may need revision prior to the 2007-08 school year.

JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Motion by Keith Eldred, supported by Vic Michaels, to approve the Junior High/Middle School Committee recommen-

ation to add an Interpretation to the *MHSAA Handbook* under Regulation III, Section 1 that defines the process for requesting sixth grade participation waivers from the Executive Committee and describes the purpose and general criteria. Adopted.

Motion by Eric Federico, supported by Pete Ryan, to approve the Junior High/Middle School recommendation to clarify the weekly and biweekly contest limitations for junior high/middle school volleyball as follows: “Teams and individuals may participate in a maximum of three days of competition per week, but only two may be on a day or night before a school day; and teams and individuals shall be limited to five days of competition during any 14-day period Monday through Sunday.” Adopted.

CLASSIFICATION

The Council reviewed the Classification Summary for 2006-07 and the MHSAA Tournament Classification Policy outlined in the 2005-06 *Handbook* on page 91. Also reviewed were the MHSAA tournament reclassification proposals related to four sports.

Motion by Keith Eldred, supported by Dan Flynn, to approve the reclassification of the **Girls Competitive Cheer Tournament** into four equal divisions, effective with the 2006-07 school year. Adopted.

Motion by Scott Grimes, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the recommendations of the **Ski Committee and Classification Committee** to reclassify the MHSAA Alpine Ski Tournament from Class A and Class B-C-D to two equal divisions, effective with the 2006-07 school year. Adopted.

Motion by Fred Procter, supported by Dan Flynn, to table the proposal to reclassify the **Girls and Boys Swimming & Diving Tournaments** from two to three equal divisions. It was noted that the advocates for three equal divisions have failed to meet the Council's requirement of providing the MHSAA with a qualifying system that will guarantee a much smaller field of qualifiers at each of three Final Tournaments than had qualified previously to the two-division Finals, and that they have failed to adequately support a plan prepared by staff. It is intended that this matter will be taken up from the

table when the staff (not coaches) has developed qualifying times for each event of a tournament divided in three equal divisions based on actual performances in the boys and girls Finals of 2006, understanding that the goal is to restrict the field in each event at each of three Division Finals to numbers significantly less than have been entered in each event of the two-Division Finals in recent years. Adopted.

Motion by William Newkirk, supported by Vic Michaels, to not approve the Volleyball Committee recommendation to reclassify the MHSAA **Girls Volleyball Tournament** from four traditional classes to four equal divisions. Adopted (no change).

OFFICIALS

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Karen Leinaar, to not approve the Officials Review Committee recommendation to allow member schools to rate an official one time for each contest an official works for that school during a season. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Randy Salisbury, supported by Lafayette Evans, to approve the Officials Review Committee recommendation to provide all officials their quartile rank within their zone, as well as statewide, by sport, when the MHSAA supplies officials with the data from each rating year. Adopted.

Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Jim Derocher, to approve the MHSAA Observation Standards and Feedback Form and to make these available for use of local associations beginning in the summer of 2006. Adopted.

Motion by Dan Flynn, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the Officials Review Committee recommendation to add awards during the annual Officials' Awards & Alumni Banquet for officials in their 45th and 50th years of registration. Adopted.

Assistant Director Mark Uyl provided a brief update on registration and tournament reciprocity for out-of-state officials, citing the differing policies of neighboring state high school associations.

COMMITTEES

The Council was supplied with a description of MHSAA committees, a copy of the MHSAA Sport Committee Guide, a review

of the committee appointment procedures adopted by the Representative Council in May of 1987, a list of those who had identified themselves as candidates for committees in 2006-07, a list of schools not represented on any committees for the past five years, and a list of those who had declined committee appointments in 2005-06. Council members were encouraged to submit nominations for committees, making special efforts to provide nominations from principals, small schools, females and minorities, and any school which has not been represented in recent years. The staff will compile the suggestions and submit them to the Executive Committee for review and appointment by the Executive Committee in August. Names of committee members selected to serve during the 2006-07 school year will be published in the November 2006 *Bulletin*. The only exceptions are those committees involving the selection of tournament officials and award recipients.

The executive director informed the Council that staff will prepare for the December Council Meeting some ideas to improve the makeup and notification procedures for MHSAA committees.

Motion by Scott Grimes, supported by Fred Smith, to approve the establishment of a corporately-sponsored Student Advisory Council to assist in the MHSAA's ongoing efforts to promote a student-centered, educationally focused interscholastic athletic program in MHSAA member schools. Adopted.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Baseball/Softball – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Pete Ryan, to approve the Baseball/Softball Committee recommendation for the following MHSAA tournament policy: "If a game is called prior to completion of any full inning, after the fifth inning, the game shall become a suspended game if the visiting team has scored one or more runs to tie the score or take the lead and the home team has not retaken the lead. When the game is resumed on another day, the game will be completed pursuant to all rules." Adopted.

Motion by Ken Dietz, supported by Eric Federico, to not approve at this time the Baseball/Softball Committee recommendation to schedule the Regional Tournament for

the second Thursday following Memorial Day. Adopted (no change). This matter is to be a part of the MHSAA's comprehensive examination of season starting dates and MHSAA tournament schedules.

Basketball – Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Lafayette Evans, to not approve the Basketball Committee recommendation to expand the current regular season to include the option of a non-counted tournament of not more than two games that will allow member schools the opportunity to participate in an additional tournament series during the regular season. Adopted (no change).

The Council discussed irregularities in the markings of the coaching box and in enforcement of rules related to the coaching box. Several members asked that these topics be emphasized at rules meetings and Athletic Director In-Service programs throughout the remainder of 2006.

Motion by Jim Derocher, supported by Pete Ryan, to authorize the Executive Committee to approve venues for the Girls Basketball Semifinals and Finals during the 2007-08 and 2008-09 school years. Adopted.

Bowling – Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the Bowling Committee recommendation to conduct the MHSAA Finals at three separate sites in 2006-07 and expand from four to six Regionals in each Division, with the top three teams and top ten individuals advancing from each Regional to the Finals. Adopted.

Motion by William Newkirk, supported by Eric Federico, to approve the Bowling Committee recommendation to change the order of the Finals events to the team championship on Friday and the singles championships on Saturday. Adopted.

Motion by Ken Dietz, supported by Scott Grimes, to approve the Bowling Committee recommendation to change the Baker qualifying format at the Regional level and first round of the Finals to three regular games and six Baker games. Adopted.

Motion by Leroy Hackley, supported by Fred Smith, to approve the Bowling Committee recommendation to prohibit practice or warm-ups on separate lanes for substitute bowlers at Regional Tournaments. Adopted.

Motion by Ken Dietz, supported by Fred Procter, to not approve the Bowling Committee recommendation to adjust the substitution rule in order to eliminate the allowance for mid-frame substitution in both Baker and regular games in the MHSAA tournament and in regular season competition. Adopted (no change).

Girls Competitive Cheer – Motion by Jim Derocher, supported by Pete Ryan, to take the following action regarding subcommittee and full committee recommendations for competition and safety rule changes:

1. Approve the recommendation to allow safety judges to determine when a collapsed skill or stunt fall occurs independently, thus allowing the 2.0 execution deduction taken by cheer judges to no longer require the safety judge's assessment of a seven-point penalty.
2. Return to committee the recommendation to allow a high school flyer to pass through an inverted position for an entrance, transition or dismount.
3. For junior high/middle school competition, require all stunts at or above shoulder level (including an elevator) to have a spotter.
4. For junior high/middle schools, change the requirement for an extension to be performed with two bases and two spotters rather than the current requirement of three spotters.

Adopted.

Motion by Leroy Hackley, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the following Competitive Cheer Committee recommendations for corrections/additions in the 2006-07 Competitive Cheer Manual:

1. Require Round 1 sheets to be turned in similarly to Round 2 and Round 3 score sheets and require coaches to submit the jumps on the score sheets.
2. Require all round sheets to be turned in by 4 p.m. the day prior to competition (or otherwise specified by the host school). Any changes must be completed one hour prior to the meet and given to the host management (minimum of five copies) for perusal by the panel. If score sheets are not submitted by the time designated the

prior day, or changes are not completed one hour prior to the meet, a 15-point penalty will be assessed to the coach of the team.

3. Specify that hair devices, shoes, etc., that fall/hit the mat shall only be penalized if they are stepped on or otherwise present a safety hazard.
4. Specify that corrections shall be made by the judges panel (without penalty) if the coach writes in the difficulty multiplier incorrectly in Round 2.
5. Require score sheets to be posted on the MHSAA Web site in formats that will allow coaches the capability of completing the information on their computers.
6. Expand the junior high/middle school section of the Competitive Cheer Manual, give it a more prominent place within the manual and include safety sheets for the junior high/middle school cheer programs that are specific to junior high/middle school cheer.

Adopted.

Motion by William Newkirk, supported by Eric Federico, to table the Competitive Cheer Committee recommendation to include a competitor multiplier in Round 2 which would balance the risk of entering more participants in the round. Adopted.

Motion by Ken Dietz, supported by Lafayette Evans, to approve the Competitive Cheer Committee recommendation to require judges to wear a black and white uniform rather than a navy and white uniform. Adopted for the 2007-08 school year.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Dan Flynn, to approve the Competitive Cheer Committee recommendation to require schools to rate judges through the same system as utilized in all other rated sports beginning in 2006-07. Adopted.

Cross Country/Track & Field – Motion by Fred Procter, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the Cross Country/Track & Field Committee recommendation to score and award medals for eight places (currently six) at Track & Field Regional competitions. Adopted.

Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Dan Flynn, to not approve at this time and in

the currently proposed format the Cross Country/Track & Field Committee recommendation to conduct a team tournament in track & field. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Randy Salisbury, to not approve at this time and in the currently proposed format the Cross Country/Track & Field Committee recommendation to conduct a two-day Individual Finals in track & field on Friday and Saturday using Eastern Michigan University as the Finals site and four area high schools for preliminaries and Semifinals. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Leroy Hackley, supported by Dan Flynn, to approve the Cross Country/Track & Field Committee recommendation to alternate the gender for track running events and cross country races based on the calendar year rather than the school year so that girls track and cross country events will be run first in odd years and boys track & field and cross country events will be run first in even years. Adopted.

Football – Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Fred Procter, to adopt the Football Committee recommendation for the following tournament policy: “Once qualifying teams are publicized Selection Sunday (Oct. 22, 2006), if it is discovered that a qualifying team used an ineligible player during the regular season and the forfeiture of that game(s) would have caused that qualifying team to not qualify, that team will be withdrawn from the Playoffs but no team will replace it. That team’s scheduled Predistrict opponent will receive a ‘bye’ and advance in the bracket. If it is discovered that a non-qualifying team used an ineligible player, no changes will be made in qualifying teams, their seeding or home and away designations.” Adopted.

Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Scott Grimes, to not approve the Football Committee recommendation to change from the current District and Regional format to a format that allows the first place seed in each Regional to play the eighth place seed in each Regional, the second place seed to play the seventh place seed, etc., eliminating the current Predistrict and District match-ups. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Jim Derocher, supported by Randy Salisbury, that the MHSAA include in its current study of starting dates and

MHSAA tournament dates for all sports specific attention to football practice requirements, considering the policies of other athletic organizations and the input of coaches and administrators of MHSAA member schools as well as the field of sports medicine. Adopted.

Golf – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Linda Myers, to approve the Golf Committee recommendation to eliminate blackout dates for practice rounds on the weekdays prior to the Boys and Girls Finals. Defeated.

Girls Gymnastics – Motion by William Newkirk, supported by Dan Flynn, to not approve the Girls Gymnastics Committee recommendation to add a fifth Regional for the 2006-07 tournament. Adopted (no change).

Ice Hockey – Motion by Eric Federico, supported by Pete Ryan, to pursue but not require college facilities or other neutral sites for all 12 MHSAA Quarterfinal games. Adopted.

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by William Newkirk, to not approve the Ice Hockey Committee recommendation to adopt seeding procedures for the Preregional level of the MHSAA Ice Hockey Tournament. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Fred Procter, supported by Vic Michaels, to not approve the Ice Hockey Committee recommendation to allow leagues and conferences to use the National Federation's optional 17-minute period for regular season games. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Pete Ryan, to approve the Ice Hockey Committee recommendation to change the MHSAA goal differential rule from the current ten goals to eight goals for all regular season and MHSAA tournament games. Adopted.

Motion by Dan Flynn, supported by Eric Federico, to not approve the Ice Hockey Committee recommendation to establish a rotation schedule so that all Divisions occupy all time schedules for Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Final rounds of the MHSAA tournament. Adopted (no change).

Boys Lacrosse – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Dan Flynn, to table until it has been considered by committees for other sports the Boys Lacrosse

Committee recommendation to require that open gyms not only offer but must actually have a diversity of activities taking place. Adopted.

Girls Lacrosse – Motion by Fred Smith, supported by William Newkirk, to approve the Girls Lacrosse Committee recommendation to allow a team to participate in three multi-team tournaments, beginning with the 2006-07 season (total limit of 18 contests remains). Adopted.

Alpine Skiing – Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Karen Leinaar, to not approve the Alpine Skiing Committee recommendation to advance four teams of each gender from the Regional to the Final Tournament. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Dan Flynn, to approve the following waiver procedure: "If a student has been a member of the high school ski team since the earliest practice within the MHSAA season – including dry land training, classroom preparation and on-hill practice – but has not skied in four high school meets due to injury, illness or family tragedy (not ineligibility under MHSAA rules or school action for academic or discipline reasons), an administrator of that school may make a written request to the MHSAA for that student to participate in the MHSAA tournament. The request must describe the student's involvement with the team and the reason he/she does not have four starts. The student's name must have been included previously on the Master Eligibility List. If the MHSAA administrator in charge of alpine skiing and the executive director or his/her designate concur that this is a reasonable request, the school may allow this student to participate in the MHSAA tournament. The request must be received by Noon of the last business day prior to the MHSAA meet." Adopted.

Soccer – Motion by Randy Salisbury, supported by Eric Federico, to approve the Soccer Committee recommendations to (1) require the goal differential rule for all regular season varsity soccer games, with the margin for enactment of the rule to be eight rather than the current ten at or after halftime; and (2) continue this as an option for non-varsity games, but if used, require the margin of eight goals at or after halftime. Adopted (MHSAA tournaments would use this eight-

goal differential).

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Lafayette Evans, to approve the Soccer Committee recommendation that, pursuant to the new National Federation soccer rule changes, define the “immediate surroundings” of a soccer field to include the locker rooms and parking areas and the areas between the field and the locker rooms and the parking areas. Adopted.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Bill Newkirk, to not approve the Soccer Committee recommendation to reclassify the MHSAA Boys and Girls Soccer Tournaments into four equal divisions (eliminating the 20 percent provision for Division 4), to follow the normal course for classification proposals, including a survey of schools and review by the Classification Committee. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Vic Michaels, to not approve the Soccer Committee recommendation to authorize the Executive Committee to consider waiver of the regulation that prohibits coaches from officiating an out-of-season soccer game that may involve more than three players from their school district, but to approve in the alternative an additional portion of 2005-06 *Handbook* Interpretation 216 which reads: “A coach who is also a registered official may officiate an athletic event in which more than three players from the district in grades 7-12 are participating out of season during the school year provided that the coach/official working the athletic event was assigned by an independent agent or organization and the contest is a random assignment for the official or the result of a random tournament progression. In general, coaches shall not officiate when it is known in advance that they will encounter more than three players from the school district for which they coach.” Adopted.

Motion by Scott Grimes, supported by Dan Flynn, to not approve at this time the Soccer Committee recommendation to require District and Regional Final games to begin at 3 p.m. if they are scheduled on a national educational testing date and the starting time cannot be agreed upon by both competing schools and the host school. Adopted (no change). This matter is to be a part of the MHSAA’s comprehensive exami-

nation of season starting dates and MHSAA tournament schedules.

Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Ken Dietz, to approve the Soccer Committee recommendation to use the penalty kick shootout method to determine a winner at the MHSAA Finals if the score is tied after regulation and overtime periods. Adopted.

Motion by Jim Derocher, supported by Vic Michaels, to not approve the Soccer Committee recommendation to require all MHSAA District Tournament games and all regular season varsity games to be officiated by three officials. Adopted (no change).

Swimming & Diving – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Randy Salisbury, to not approve, at least until there is more experience with the voluntary annual meetings, the Swimming & Diving Committee recommendation to make attendance mandatory at the preseason rule meetings. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Eric Federico, supported by Scott Grimes, to approve the Swimming & Diving Committee recommendation to add in diving a conference meet qualifying spot equal to the number of returning MHSAA Final Meet scorers in that conference. Adopted.

Motion by Fred Procter, supported by Fred Smith, to approve the Swimming & Diving Committee recommendation to change the season limitations from 16 contests to 17 days of competition. Adopted.

Tennis – Motion by William Newkirk, supported by Pete Ryan, to approve the Tennis Committee recommendation to change the season limitations from 16 contests to 16 days of competition. Adopted.

Motion by William Newkirk, supported by Dan Flynn, to not approve, at least until there is more experience with voluntary meetings, the Tennis Committee recommendation to require a biannual mandatory Tennis Coaches Rules Meeting, thus eliminating the voluntary annual meetings for this sport. Adopted (no change).

Volleyball – Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Karen Leinaar, to not approve the Volleyball Committee recommendation to allow coaches to stand at the sideline during the entire match, but to follow the new National Federation rule which allows coaches to stand only during dead balls and only in

the Libero replacement zone. Adopted.

Motion by William Newkirk, supported by Vic Michaels, to approve an experiment with a rule modification that would allow the Libero to serve in one position in each game, pursuant to National Federation guidelines for this experiment. Adopted. (Use of the Libero remains voluntary as does the option to participate in the experiment which would allow the Libero to serve.)

Wrestling – Motion by Randy Salisbury, supported by Dan Flynn, to not approve at this time the Wrestling Committee recommendation to establish the Monday following Thanksgiving as the first allowed date for all winter sports practice while keeping the current season-ending tournament dates. Adopted (no change). This proposal from the Wrestling Committee will be considered as a part of the comprehensive study of season start and MHSAA tournament dates.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by William Newkirk, to not approve the Wrestling Committee recommendation for seeding in the MHSAA Team Tournament. Adopted (no change).

Assistant Director Mark Uyl updated the Council on girls only wrestling.

Playing Rule Adoptions – The Council was provided a summary of previously approved MHSAA adoptions of National Federation playing rules which will be printed in one complete and comprehensive location in the 2006-07 *Handbook* as well as in the *Officials Guidebook*.

Master Eligibility List – Motion by Renee Bird, supported by Pete Ryan, to remove from the Master Eligibility List the column which designates varsity, JV, freshman and 7th/8th grade levels. Adopted.

The Council had a lengthy discussion of irregularities that are likely occurring in MHSAA member schools with respect to the timeliness with which Master Eligibility Lists are prepared and the signature requirements. There were concerns that the use of ineligible as well as uninsured student-athletes could be occurring with increased frequency since the relaxation of requirements first to submit Master Eligibility Lists to the MHSAA office, and then to exchange eligibility lists prior to competition with opponents. The burdens of those earlier requirements may be lessened now by the advance-

ments in technology.

Motion by Renee Bird, supported by Karen Leinaar, that the staff coordinate the preparation of proposals regarding Master Eligibility List requirements and delivery systems, utilizing input from Athletic Director In-Service programs, for presentation to the Executive Committee this fall and to the Representative Council in December. Adopted.

OPERATIONS

Calendar – The Council engaged in a long discussion of schools' concerns for Michigan Merit Exam test dates which, coupled with the later start of academic classes in the fall, are creating issues not only for students involved in interscholastic athletics but also in the speech, music, debate, vocational education and many other important school-related programs such as the science Olympiad. This discussion provided additional foundation for the comprehensive study that is underway at the MHSAA regarding season start and tournament dates throughout the school year.

Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Jim Derocher, to approve the seven-year calendar of MHSAA events, amended by an earlier action of the Representative Council relative to the Girls Competitive Cheer Finals, and to approve the contingency calendar if further judicial proceedings require a change in MHSAA tournament dates. Adopted.

Meeting Expenses – Motion by William Newkirk, supported by Dan Flynn, to approve the expenses for this meeting as follows: the specified hotel rate, the IRS stipulated amounts for meals, and a 30 cents per mile mileage allowance, round-trip. Adopted.

Future Meetings – The next meeting of the Representative Council is Dec. 1, 2006, at the MHSAA office in East Lansing.

The March meeting of the Representative Council will be March 23, 2007, at the MHSAA office.

Motion by Eric Federico, supported by Pete Ryan, that the Treetops Resort at Gaylord be the first choice for holding the Representative Council Meeting in May of both 2007 and 2008, with the Grand Traverse Resort as the second choice, if necessary, for 2007. Adopted.

Allen W. Bush Awards – Council members were invited to vote for up to three candidates of five presented, screened from a larger list by the MHSAA Awards Committee. Those who receive the most votes will be notified in May and honored at events important to them during the fall of 2006 or early in 2007. The recipients will be featured in the August Bulletin of the MHSAA.

Women in Sports Leadership Award – Council members were invited to vote for one candidate from among the four presented, screened from a larger list by the MHSAA Awards Committee. The person who receives the most votes will be notified in May and honored during the Girls Basketball Finals at the Breslin Student

Events Center on Dec. 2, 2006.

Finance – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Eric Federico, to approve the Finance Committee recommendation to eliminate \$4 tickets at MHSAA events in order to facilitate the admissions process for local tournament administration. Adopted.

Motion by Dan Flynn, supported by Vic Michaels, to approve the 2006-07 revenue and expense budgets of \$8,978,000 and \$8,943,368, respectively, and a capital improvements budget that would result in reductions to cash of \$6,968. Adopted. ■

**Athletic Directors
and Football
Coaches:
Online Score
Reporting
Mandatory in 2006**



For the first time, the MHSAA is requiring all football schools to report game results after each week's game. Each football school will receive a username and password which will allow it to assign someone the duty of logging onto the MHSAA Web site **WITHIN ONE HOUR of the completion of the game** to input the game's score. Once the score is entered, the appropriate MHSAA football team pages will automatically update, as well as a page featuring results of all games played that day.

The Football Playoff Points page will also automatically update each week, but it will not be official until all scores from all football playing schools are reported. Thus, it is vital that schools designate a responsible person to complete this important task during the season.

We are excited about this new feature and we know you, your coaches, your school, your parents and your fans will enjoy the new information, too.

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Are Those Received In Writing*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Lewiston, May 6, 2006

Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan
Keith Eldred, Williamston
William Newkirk, Meridian
Dan Flynn, Escanaba
Eric Federico, Gibraltar

Staff Member Present:

Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

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

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

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

A determination of undue hardship is a matter addressed to the discretion of the

Executive Committee within the educational philosophy and secondary role of voluntary extracurricular competitive athletics in the academic environment. The Executive Committee will avoid making exceptions that would create precedent that effectively changes a rule without Representative Council action or local board of education adoption, which would exceed Executive Committee authority. The Executive Committee is not authorized to grant waiver based on alleged or actual differences between schools based on "environment," demographics, curriculum or extracurricular offerings.

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, as well as policies, procedures and schedules of MHSAA tournaments, is a choice schools make locally when they consider their option of MHSAA membership. Consistent with rulings of the Attorney General and Michigan Supreme Court, schools are not bound by the decisions of the Executive Committee, but the association may limit participation in the postseason tournaments it sponsors to those schools which choose to apply rules and penalties as promulgated by the MHSAA and adopted by each member school's board of education. The MHSAA exercises no independent authority over schools or students.

Regulation 1, Section 1[F] – An update of the summary of schools' actions to comply with the 3,500-student enrollment limit for cooperative programs was provided to the Executive Committee. In all but five situations, schools had met the April 21 deadline for clarifying the actions they were taking to comply; and for those five situations, the

Executive Committee determined for the purpose of MHSAA tournament classifications to be posted by May 15, 2006:

- A. Unless other plans which comply with the 3,500-student limit are confirmed by Troy Public Schools, separate teams will be listed in the 2007 MHSAA Ice Hockey Tournament for Troy and Troy-Athens High Schools;
- B. Unless other plans which comply with the 3,500-student limit are confirmed by Northville and Novi High Schools, separate teams will be listed in the 2007 MHSAA Girls Gymnastics Tournament;
- C. Unless other plans are confirmed by Traverse City Public Schools or other actions are required as a result of the school district's May 7 appeal to the Representative Council, separate teams will be listed for Traverse City Central and Traverse City West High Schools in MHSAA tournaments for girls gymnastics, girls swimming & diving and boys swimming & diving in 2006-07.

**Cooperative Program Renewals
(Regulation I, Section 1[F]) –**

- A. Pursuant to instructions from the Representative Council, MHSAA staff presented information on the Cooperative Team Renewal Forms so far received for cooperative programs that involve Class A and B schools or three or more schools of any size. To date, materials have been submitted from 63 teams in cooperative programs, including conference approvals when appropriate. Nine of those renewal forms were handed out to the Executive Committee for special review (bold-face):
 1. **Bay City-Central and Auburn-Bay City Western in Ice Hockey**
 2. Bellaire, Central Lake and Alba in Boys Soccer
 3. Benzonia-Benzie Central and Frankfort in Boys and Girls Skiing
 4. **Beverly Hills-Groves and Birmingham-Seaholm in Girls Gymnastics and Ice Hockey**

5. **Birmingham-Seaholm and Beverly Hills-Groves in Boys and Girls Lacrosse**
6. Bloomfield Hills-Andover and Bloomfield Hills-Lahser in Boys Lacrosse
7. Bloomfield Hills-Lahser and Bloomfield Hills-Andover in Girls Lacrosse
8. Byron Center, Caledonia and Grand Rapids-South Christian in Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving
9. **Escanaba, Gladstone and Bark River-Harris in Ice Hockey**
10. Essexville-Garber, Bay City-John Glenn, Bay City-All Saints Central and Pinconning in Ice Hockey
11. Fair Haven-Anchor Bay and Algonac in Girls Swimming & Diving
12. **Farmington and Farmington Hills-Harrison in Boys and Girls Bowling**
13. Flint-Kearsley and Davison in Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving
14. Grand Rapids-Central and Grand Rapids-Creston in Girls Swimming & Diving
15. Grand Rapids-Creston and Grand Rapids-Central in Boys Swimming & Diving
16. Grand Rapids-Union and Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills in Ice Hockey
17. Grandville and Grand Rapids-Kenowa Hills in Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving
18. Houghton, Hancock and Painesdale-Jeffers in Boys and Girls Skiing
19. Jackson and Grass Lake in Girls Gymnastics
20. Jackson, Jackson-Lumen Christi and Napoleon in Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving
21. **Kingsford, Iron Mountain and Norway in Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving**
22. **Kingsford, Iron Mountain, Norway and Felch-North Dickinson in Ice Hockey**

23. Lansing-Waverly and Lansing-Catholic Central in Girls Lacrosse and Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving
 24. Manistee, Manistee Catholic Central and Bear Lake in Boys Skiing
 25. Maple City-Glen Lake, Lake Leelanau-St. Mary, Leland and Suttons Bay in Boys and Girls Skiing
 26. Mattawan and Kalamazoo-Hackett Catholic Central in Boys Swimming & Diving
 27. Mattawan and Kalamazoo Christian in Girls Lacrosse
 28. Middleville-Thornapple Kellogg and Hastings in Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving
 29. Midland and Midland-Dow in Girls Gymnastics
 30. **Negaunee, Ishpeming, Ishpeming-Westwood, Gwinn and Republic-Michigamme in Ice Hockey**
 31. Ortonville-Brandon and Oxford in Boys and Girls Skiing
 32. Painesdale-Jeffers, Chassell and Ironwood-L. L. Wright in Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving
 33. Parma-Western, Concord and Springport in Girls Gymnastics
 34. **Redford Union and Redford-Thurston in Ice Hockey**
 35. Rochester-Adams and Rochester Hills-Stoney Creek in Boys and Girls Skiing, Boys Swimming & Diving and Girls Gymnastics
 36. Rochester Hills-Rochester and Rochester Hills-Stoney Creek in Boys and Girls Skiing and Boys Swimming & Diving
 37. Taylor-Kennedy and Taylor-Truman in Boys Swimming & Diving
 38. Taylor-Truman and Taylor-Kennedy in Girls Swimming & Diving
 39. Traverse City-St. Francis, Kalkaska, Elk Rapids and Suttons Bay in Ice Hockey
 40. Vassar and Millington in Girls Gymnastics
 41. Waterford Kettering and Waterford Mott in Boys and Girls Lacrosse and Boys and Girls Skiing
 42. Wayland Union, Byron Center, Hopkins and Middleville-Thornapple Kellogg in Ice Hockey
 43. White Lake-Lakeland and Highland-Milford in Boys and Girls Lacrosse
- The Executive Committee approved these renewals for two years.
- B. Pursuant to instructions of the Representative Council in 1997, the Executive Committee must review Cooperative Team Renewal Forms for cooperative agreements in **girls soccer** where the combined enrollment exceeds the maximum for Class B. These programs were established before 250 schools had sponsored girls soccer. The agreement between Lathrup Village—Southfield-Lathrup and Southfield High Schools was due to be reviewed this year under this allowance. However, this agreement was in excess of 3,500 students and has been dissolved because no students from Southfield High School participated in 2005-06. The team did not have enough participants this spring and opted out of the 2006 Girls Soccer Tournament. In 2006-07, a stand-alone team at Lathrup Village—Southfield-Lathrup High School is anticipated.
 - C. Pursuant to instructions of the Representative Council in 2002, the Executive Committee must review Cooperative Team Renewal Forms for cooperative agreements in girls golf where the combined enrollment exceeds the maximum for Class B. These programs were established before 250 schools had sponsored girls golf. The agreement among Farmington Hills-Harrison, North Farmington and Farmington High Schools was due to be reviewed this year and has been submitted. This program was in excess of the 3,500-student enrollment cap and has reformed in order to comply by establishing a new stand-alone team

at Farmington High School (1,427) and establishing a cooperative program among Farmington Hills-North Farmington (1,383) and Harrison (1,106) High Schools. A renewal form was submitted for this new agreement which, while under the 3,500-student enrollment cap, required Executive Committee review; and it was approved.

- D. In May 2002, the Representative Council capped the enrollment of cooperative programs at 3,500 students except that if none of the schools involved in a proposed cooperative agreement sponsored the sport at any level on an interscholastic basis during the previous school year, then the 3,500-student enrollment cap may be waived by the Executive Committee. However, the cooperative agreements may not exist beyond three school years. With the addition of girls and boys lacrosse as MHSAA tournament sports for the first time in 2004-05, new cooperative programs in excess of the 3,500-student enrollment cap were approved by the Executive Committee (six in boys lacrosse, two in girls lacrosse). Renewal forms have been requested from all programs but are for one year only. Based on 2006-07 enrollment figures, it appears that the following cooperative programs will be in their final season as cooperative teams in the 2006-07 school year. Those in boldface have submitted their one-year renewal forms.

Girls Lacrosse:

Farmington Hills-North
Farmington, Farmington
and Harrison (3,916)
Rochester Hills-Rochester,
Rochester Hills-Stoney Creek
and Rochester-Adams (4,077)

Boys Lacrosse:

Canton-Salem, Canton and Canton-
Plymouth (5,777)
Commerce-Walled Lake Central,
Walled Lake Western & Walled

Lake Central (4,816)
Farmington Hills- Harrison,
Farmington Hills-North Farmington
and Farmington (3,916)

Lansing-Waverly, Grand Ledge,
Lansing-Catholic Central and
Olivet (3,886)

Rochester-Adams, Rochester Hills-
Rochester and Rochester Hills-
Stoney Creek (4,077)

Shelby Township-Utica Eisenhower,
Sterling Heights-Utica Ford II,
Sterling Heights-Utica Stevenson
and Utica (9,274)

In addition to approving the one-year renewals, the Executive Committee determined that the schools involved would be required to notify the MHSAA at the time (February/March 2007) that they submit their Enrollment Declaration Forms for 2007-08 how they will comply with the 3,500-student limit for the 2007-08 school year.

Caseville High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request was made to waive the enrollment regulation to permit 8th-grade students to participate on the high school team at Caseville High School even though its enrollment is in excess of 100 students: 109 for 2005-06, 108 students reported for 2006-07 with an actual current enrollment of 104. There are 22 special education students included in 2005-06. In 2003-04, cooperative programs were formed in boys soccer and boys and girls track & field with Owendale-Gagetown (enrollment 80). Caseville does not count non-traditional students. The school has had to cancel varsity sports due to lack of participants in the past and has concerns for track and baseball participation. Students do not play spring sports so they can get a jump on summer jobs.

Noting how specifically and recently the 100-student maximum has been reviewed by the Representative Council, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Waterford Kettering and Waterford Mott High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - A request was made to waive the April 15 deadline for submission of an application for the addition of girls swimming & diving to a cooperative program that already exists between these two schools of the same

district in boys and girls skiing and boys and girls lacrosse. Neither school has sponsored swimming & diving previously. The Waterford Schools are completing construction of a new competitive swimming pool scheduled to be open for the first time to begin the 2006-07 school year. The school cited Regulation I, Section 1, Interpretation 14 which establishes the April 15 deadline and states: "When one or more of the schools making application for a cooperative program is opened after the fall and winter deadline, application may be made until MHSAA tournament assignments are made for the sport(s) involved or Oct. 25, whichever occurs first." While the school is not being established for the first time, the facility needed to operate the sport is being opened for the first time. The combined enrollment for the two schools is 3,437 students, placing the team in the Division 1 tournament. An application to add boys swimming & diving to the cooperative agreement is anticipated by the Aug. 15, 2006 deadline for winter sports.

The Executive Committee granted the request to waive the fall sports cooperative agreement application deadline to not later than June 6, 2006.

Wyoming-Tri-unity Christian, Wyoming-The Potter's House Christian, Grand Rapids-NorthPointe Christian and Kentwood-West Michigan Lutheran High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - A request was made to waive the April 15 deadline for submission of an application for the addition of West Michigan Lutheran High School to a cooperative agreement that was approved by the Executive Committee on Feb. 22, 2006 between Tri-unity, The Potter's House and NorthPointe Christian High Schools in football; three schools which did not sponsor football previously. West Michigan Lutheran intended to join this agreement but did not as it was in the process of becoming an MHSAA member school and thought that it could join the cooperative program after the deadline and its membership materials were submitted in May 2006. The enrollment of the existing program is 620 students; West Michigan Lutheran's enrollment is projected to be 40 students.

The Executive Committee granted the request to waive the fall sports cooperative

agreement application deadline provided both that agreement and the school's request for membership are completed and can be accepted by the Executive Committee at its meeting June 12, 2006.

Ada-Forest Hills Eastern High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose father died in 2000 and mother died in 2004. The student attended Grand Rapids-Kenowa Hills High School for the 9th grade and is currently enrolled there in the 10th grade. The student's paternal grandparents have legal custody of the student and allowed him to reside with his maternal grandfather and continue to attend Kenowa Hills High School with an older brother. To begin the 2006-07 school year, the student will be moving into the residence of his paternal grandparents in the Forest Hills Eastern attendance area and enrolling at Forest Hills Eastern. The maternal grandfather no longer wants the student to live with him. The older brother who drove the student to school is graduating and moving away to college, and the paternal grandparents cannot provide transportation to Kenowa Hills.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Ada-Forest Hills Eastern High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a student who will be a 12th grader in 2006-07 and will be moving with his parents from Saginaw to a residence in the Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Central attendance area to begin the 2006-07 school year. The parents prefer enrolling at Forest Hills Eastern High School because its enrollment (735) and building size was closest to his prior school, Valley Lutheran High School (352). Forest Hills Central High School's enrollment is 1,296.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Canton-Salem High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who resided with her mother and previously attended Garden City High School before enrolling at Salem High School in January 2006 and

moved in with her boyfriend's parents. The student has participated in several junior varsity softball games, which the school will forfeit.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Hartland 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 previously attended Ypsilanti-Lincoln High School before enrolling on April 11, 2006 at Hartland High School. The student did not participate in an athletic scrimmage or game previously.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are actually conducted in the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Hartland High School.

Howell High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Perry High School and participated in football while residing with his grandfather, who is single and drives a truck for a living. The student's mother died in 2000 and the father's whereabouts are unknown. The grandfather's work route and schedule recently changed, causing supervision problems. The student has moved in with an uncle who resides in the Howell School District, enrolling at Howell High School on March 27, 2006.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Lansing-Sexton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended Lansing-Waverly High School before enrolling at Sexton on Nov. 30, 2005. The student participated in athletics at Waverly and has not changed residence.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Harbor Beach-Our Lady of Lake Huron and Harbor Beach-Zion Lutheran Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[C]) – On March 23, 2006, the Executive Committee tabled a request to waive the enrollment regulation to permit 6th-grade

students to participate with and against 7th- and 8th-grade students in a cooperative program between these two schools in boys and girls basketball. At the time of the request, the enrollment at Zion Lutheran was reported as 11 students. Zion Lutheran's enrollment is currently reported as 19 students. Our Lady of Lake Huron projects an enrollment of 33 junior high school students for the 2006-07 school year.

The Executive Committee granted the request to waive the enrollment regulation so that 6th graders may participate with and against 7th and 8th graders in boys and girls basketball during the 2006-07 school year.

Representative Council Eligibility – The Executive Committee reviewed revisions generated from discussions at the April 25 meeting regarding eligibility for election to or continuation of service on the Representative Council. Additional changes were made and the document was approved for submission to the Representative Council at its December meeting.

Upper Peninsula Wrestling – The Executive Committee authorized staff to send in May a survey to each school in the Upper Peninsula that sponsors wrestling, requesting that the superintendent, principal, athletic director and wrestling coach respond in a single vote on behalf of the school regarding dissolution of the MHSAA Upper Peninsula Individual Wrestling Tournament and permitting U.P. schools to compete in a unified tournament with Lower Peninsula schools. The survey results would be provided to the U.P. Athletic Committee for its September meeting and also in December to the Representative Council which has the ultimate authority to make the decision regarding MHSAA Wrestling Tournament structures, which will not be changed prior to the 2007-08 school year.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Monday, June 12, at 9 a.m.; Monday, Aug. 14, at 9 a.m.; Thursday, Sept. 7, at 9 a.m.; Monday, Sept. 25 (follows Annual Business Meeting/MASSP Conference in Traverse City); Tuesday, Oct., 17, at 9 a.m.; Monday, Nov. 13, at 9 a.m.; and Thursday, Nov. 30, at 8:30 a.m. (Representative Council meets following day). ■

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, June 12, 2006

Members Present:

Keith Eldred, Williamston
William Newkirk, Meridian
Dan Flynn, Escanaba
Ken Dietz, Hartford
Randy Salisbury, Britton

Staff Member Present:

Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

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

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

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

A determination of undue hardship is a matter addressed to the discretion of the

Executive Committee within the educational philosophy and secondary role of voluntary extracurricular competitive athletics in the academic environment. The Executive Committee will avoid making exceptions that would create precedent that effectively changes a rule without Representative Council action or local board of education adoption, which would exceed Executive Committee authority. The Executive Committee is not authorized to grant waiver based on alleged or actual differences between schools based on "environment," demographics, curriculum or extracurricular offerings.

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, as well as policies, procedures and schedules of MHSAA tournaments, is a choice schools make locally when they consider their option of MHSAA membership. Consistent with rulings of the Attorney General and Michigan Supreme Court, schools are not bound by the decisions of the Executive Committee, but the association may limit participation in the postseason tournaments it sponsors to those schools which choose to apply rules and penalties as promulgated by the MHSAA and adopted by each member school's board of education. The MHSAA exercises no independent authority over schools or students.

Student Advisory Council – The Executive Committee approved the first eight 11th-grade students selected to serve two-year terms on the MHSAA Student Advisory Council, and appointed Representative Council member Keith Eldred (Williamston) to serve as liaison to the SAC. Eight more students will be selected in late spring of

their 10th-grade year in 2007.

Cooperative Agreements in Excess of 3,500 Students – The Executive Committee reviewed a final report of actions by schools to comply with the May 2002 enrollment limit. In most cases, there will be additional teams established.

Cooperative Program Renewals (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) –

A. Pursuant to instructions from the Representative Council, MHSAA staff presented information on the Cooperative Team Renewal Forms so far received for cooperative programs that involve Class A and B schools or three or more schools of any size. Material was submitted from 14 cooperative teams and included conference approvals where appropriate. The Executive Committee approved the following renewals (the boldface programs received special scrutiny):

- (1) Battle Creek-Central and Battle Creek-St. Philip Catholic Central in Boys Swimming & Diving
- (2) Battle Creek-Central, Battle Creek-Pennfield and Battle Creek-St. Philip Catholic Central in Girls Swimming & Diving
- (3) Frankfort, Onekama and Bear Lake in Wrestling
- (4) **Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Central, Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern and Ada-Forest Hills Eastern in Boys Lacrosse**
- (5) Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern and Ada-Forest Hills Eastern in Ice Hockey and Girls Swimming & Diving
- (7) **Haslett and Williamston in Ice Hockey**
- (6) Grand Rapids-Kenowa Hills and Grandville in Girls Gymnastics
- (8) Lowell and Caledonia in Ice Hockey
- (9) Onekama, Bear Lake and Brethren in Girls Alpine Skiing
- (10) Painesdale-Jeffers, Chassell, Lake Linden-Hubbell, Dollar

Bay and Ontonagon in Ice Hockey

- (11) Port Huron Northern and Port Huron in Girls Swimming & Diving
 - (12) Wyoming-Godwin Heights, Wyoming Park, Wyoming-Rogers and Wyoming-Kelloggsville in Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving
- B. In May 2002, the Representative Council capped the enrollment of cooperative programs at 3,500 students except that if none of the schools involved in a proposed cooperative agreement sponsored the sport at any level on an interscholastic basis during the previous school year, then the 3,500 enrollment cap may be waived by the Executive Committee. However, the cooperative agreements may not exist beyond three school years. With the addition of girls and boys lacrosse as MHSAA tournament sports for the first time in 2004-05, new cooperative agreements in excess of the 3,500-student enrollment cap were approved by the Executive Committee (six in boys lacrosse, two in girls lacrosse). Renewal forms have been requested from all programs but are for one year only. Based on 2006-07 enrollment figures, it appears that the following cooperative programs will be in their final season as cooperative teams in the 2006-07 school year; those in boldface have submitted their one-year renewal forms or plan to comply with the enrollment limit sooner than 2007-08.

Girls Lacrosse:

Farmington Hills-North Farmington, Farmington and Farmington Hills-Harrison (3,916)
Rochester Hills-Rochester, Rochester Hills-Stoney Creek and Rochester-Adams (4,077)
(Previously reviewed on May 6, 2006)

Boys Lacrosse:

Canton-Salem, Canton and Canton-Plymouth (5,777)

Commerce-Walled Lake Northern, Walled Lake Western & Walled Lake Central (4,816) – two teams are planned for 2006-07 (configuration to be determined)

Farmington, Farmington Hills-Harrison and Farmington Hills-North Farmington (3,916)

Lansing-Waverly, Grand Ledge, Lansing-Catholic Central, Olivet and Williamston (4,540) (Previously reviewed on May 6, 2006)

Rochester-Adams, Rochester Hills-Rochester and Rochester Hills-Stoney Creek (4,077) (Previously reviewed on May 6, 2006)

Shelby Township-Utica Eisenhower, Sterling Heights-Utica Ford II and Sterling Heights-Utica Stevenson (9,274)

In addition to reviewing the one-year renewal requests, the Executive Committee determined on May 6, 2006 that schools must notify the MHSAA of their intentions for 2007-08 lacrosse at the time they submit their enrollment declaration form in February 2007. All schools were notified of this requirement in writing by mail on May 12, 2006.

Ada-Forest Hills Eastern, Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Central and Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of girls lacrosse to a cooperative agreement between these three schools of the same district which exists in boys lacrosse, boys swimming & diving, girls competitive cheer and girls gymnastics. The combined enrollment will be 3,014, placing the team in the Division 1 Girls Lacrosse Tournament. Forest Hills Eastern will be the primary school.

Waterford Mott and Waterford Kettering High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of boys and girls swimming & diving to a cooperative pro-

gram that already exists between these two schools of the same district in boys and girls alpine skiing and boys and girls lacrosse. Neither school has sponsored girls swimming & diving previously. The Waterford Schools have completed construction of a new competitive swimming pool scheduled to be open for the first time to begin the 2006-07 school year. Approval has been received from the Oakland Activities Conference. The school district stated that it hopes to sponsor separate teams at each school in the near future. The combined enrollment of the two schools is 3,437 students, placing both teams in the Division 1 tournaments.

Wyoming-Tri-unity Christian, Wyoming-The Potter's House Christian, Grand Rapids-NorthPointe Christian and Kentwood-West Michigan Lutheran High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of West Michigan Lutheran High School to a cooperative agreement that was approved by the Executive Committee on Feb. 22, 2006 between Tri-unity, The Potter's House and NorthPointe Christian High Schools in football – three schools which did not sponsor football previously. West Michigan Lutheran intended to join this agreement but did not as it was in the process of becoming an MHSAA member school and thought that it could join the cooperative program after the deadline and its membership materials were submitted in May 2006. Approval of the school's membership is reported later in these minutes. The enrollment of the existing program is 620 students; West Michigan Lutheran's enrollment is projected to be 40 students.

In preparation for the next three items, the Executive Committee reviewed the purposes of the eight-semester rule, including that it tends to create a sense of fair play by limiting the level of athletic experience and maturity of the players, thus creating a more even playing field for the competitors. It was noted that the absence of such a rule would lead to red-shirting of players. The rule is essential to preserving a philosophy that students attend school primarily for classroom education and only secondarily to participate in interscholastic athletics; it encourages student-athletes to graduate in four years; and without the rule, red-shirting abuses would

become common. The Executive Committee noted that the rule is essential to the functioning of the MHSAA and that it is basic to the administration of competitive athletics.

The Executive Committee recalled that when waivers have been granted in the past, the circumstances were narrow, primarily limited to cases in which the waiver was applied for well in advance of the expiration of the eight semesters and to cases in which students had been physically unable to attend school for a significant portion of a semester because of medical reasons or for such reasons had been limited to taking a small number of courses, which limitations would result in attending high school more than eight semesters in order to accumulate sufficient credit for graduation.

Ferndale High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) – A request to waive the maximum semesters of enrollment and competition portions of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a current 11th-grade student who completed six semesters of enrollment at Detroit-Mumford High School before enrolling at Ferndale High School at the beginning of the 2005-06 school year. The student had previously achieved good grades before a family conflict caused a decrease in school attendance and performance, causing the student, his sister and mother to move to Ferndale where he was ineligible for the first semester of the 2005-06 school year. The second semester of the 2005-06 school year was the student's eighth semester of high school, and he will be attending Ferndale High School again in 2006-07 in order to earn enough credits to graduate. The student has participated in three semesters of high school basketball. He turns 18 on Nov. 11, 2006.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver, noting that the documentation tended to demonstrate that the student had been enrolled previously in eight semesters, which would be the maximum opportunity afforded any student in any MHSAA member school with an enrollment of 100 students or more; the documentation tended to demonstrate that participation by this fifth-year senior might reduce the playing time of teammates who had met the essential eligibility requirements without exception and might affect the outcome of

contests in which all opposing players had met the essential eligibility requirements without exception; and that to allow a district to play a student in a fifth year would establish unfavorable precedent that could tend to establish unfair competitive advantages and undermine the confidence of the MHSAA membership that there will be a uniform set of essential eligibility requirements applied equally to all students and school districts.

Warren-Cousino High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) - A request to waive the maximum semesters of enrollment and competition portions of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a current 11th-grade student who completed six semesters of enrollment at Detroit-Martin Luther King High School before enrolling at Cousino High School to begin the 2005-06 school year. The student has grades posted on a transcript for work done in eight semesters since first enrolling in the 9th grade in the 2002-03 school year. The student's first participation in organized football was last fall on the junior varsity team. The student needs an additional semester to graduate due to financial and scheduling problems in the former school district and personal mistakes. The student will turn 18 on Oct. 26, 2006.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver, noting that the documentation tended to demonstrate that the student had been enrolled previously in eight semesters, which would be the maximum opportunity afforded any student in any MHSAA member school with an enrollment of 100 students or more; the documentation tended to demonstrate that participation by this fifth-year senior might reduce the playing time of teammates who had met the essential eligibility requirements without exception and might affect the outcome of contests in which all opposing players had met the essential eligibility requirements without exception; and that to allow a district to play a student in a fifth year would establish unfavorable precedent that could tend to establish unfair competitive advantages and undermine the confidence of the MHSAA membership that there will be a uniform set of essential eligibility requirements applied equally to all students and school districts.

Wayne Memorial High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) – A request to waive the maximum semesters of enrollment and competition portions of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a current 11th-grade student who is completing his eighth semester since first enrolling at Wayne Memorial High School for the 2002-03 school year, failing all but one class due to a previously undiagnosed medical condition. The student was then placed in the Beacon Special Education School for the 2003-04 school year (10th grade) and returned to Wayne Memorial for both the 2004-05 and 2005-06 school years. The student did not participate in athletics until 2004-05 and has played two seasons of football. The student turns 18 on Nov. 2, 2006.

Because application of the rule appears to serve the purposes intended by the rule in this instance, and does not perform an undue hardship on the student, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver. The Executive Committee noted that if this matter is to be resubmitted for further review, the application should include information regarding the student's current medical condition.

Suttons Bay High School (Regulation I, Section 8) – A request was made to waive the current semester record regulation and specifically the language of 2005-06 Handbook Interpretation 50 on behalf of three 9th-grade students who have been admitted to the Sci-Ma-Tech program at Traverse City Central High School. The students will continue to be enrolled at and graduate from Suttons Bay High School, which will give credit on their transcripts for the work done at Sci-Ma-Tech as permitted in Interpretation 50 for these courses not provided at Suttons Bay. The class schedule and travel time do not permit the students to take the Sci-Ma-Tech classes each morning in Traverse City and return to Suttons Bay for their foreign language courses which are also morning courses. Traverse City Central has agreed to allow the students to take their foreign language classes there and Suttons Bay would accept the credit for these courses which Suttons Bay High School does provide, in conflict with Interpretation 50.

The Executive Committee requested staff obtain more information to determine if these

students might be receiving sufficient credit on their Suttons Bay transcripts, without inclusion of the foreign language courses, to be eligible by rule.

Battle Creek-Harper Creek High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who began the 9th grade at Harper Creek in the fall of 2005 and then enrolled at Battle Creek-St. Philip Catholic Central High School on Feb. 13, 2006. The student felt she made the wrong decision to change schools and intends to return to Harper Creek to begin the 10th grade at the start of the 2006-07 school year. The student participated in basketball and volleyball at Harper Creek in the 9th grade. The student's mother cited tuition concerns, a wider range of academic choices, the closer location of Harper Creek High School to the student's home and the desire to be exposed to different curriculum.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Buchanan High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A request was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility in girls swimming & diving only for the first semester of the 2006-07 school year. The student previously attended Niles High School and participated in the girls swimming & diving cooperative program sponsored by Bridgman High School and five other high schools, including Niles and Buchanan. Support from Niles High School was received.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for girls swimming & diving only until the first day that classes are actually conducted at Buchanan High School in the second semester of the 2006-07 school year.

Burton-Genesee Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who currently attends Grand Blanc High School and will be enrolling as a 10th-grade student at Genesee Christian High School to begin the 2006-07 school year. The student has not previously participated in athletics. The school requested eligibility for subvarsity or varsity soccer.

The Executive Committee granted the

request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are actually conducted at Genesee Christian High School in the second semester of the 2006-07 school year.

Chesaning High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who previously attended Battle Creek-Pennfield High School, moving from divorced father to mother to begin the 2005-06 school year. Due to problems with the mother's husband (stepfather), the student was asked to leave his mother's home and reenrolled at Chesaning High School. The student, ineligible for the entire track season, never missed a practice and served in a managerial role.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Ferndale 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 first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Ferndale-University High School, a specialized automotive school of the district, where he did not participate in athletics. The student will be enrolling at Ferndale High School to begin the 2006-07 school year.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are actually conducted in the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Ferndale High School.

Flint—Carman-Ainsworth High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are held in the second semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended Detroit-Cooley High School while residing with his mother. The student did not participate in athletics. The student has moved to the Carman-Ainsworth district to live with his brother, enrolling March 23, 2006.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are actually conducted in the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Carman-Ainsworth High School.

Iron River-West Iron County High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Crystal Falls-Forest Park High School. The student intends to enroll at West Iron County to begin the 2006-07 school year because of difficulties he and his family experienced at the previous school related to an older brother. The student has participated in football previously.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Mackinaw City High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended St. Ignace-LaSalle High School before enrolling at Mackinaw City on March 7, 2006.

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

Mattawan High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who will be enrolling at Mattawan High School to begin the 2006-07 school year, residing with an aunt in the Mattawan School District. The student had previously attended Paw Paw in the custody of his mother. On May 11, 2006, the student was removed from the mother's custody. The mother and father were to attend counseling.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Wyandotte-Roosevelt 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 currently attends Riverview-Gabriel Richard High School and will be enrolling at Roosevelt to begin the 2006-07 school year. The student

participated in athletics previously. The father lost his job and could no longer afford tuition.

Citing the specific condition of this section (no previous participation), the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Zeeland East and Zeeland West High Schools (Regulation II, Section 11(H)) – Pursuant to 2005-06 Handbook Interpretation 217, a request was made to waive the three-player rule on behalf of the boys and girls swimming & diving coach of this cooperative program who is employed by West Michigan Swimmers, a USA Swimming and Diving club team as full-time coach of a team which trains at the Holland Community Aquatics Center. The coach is a retired teacher whose sole non-pension income is from coaching. The team is open to any students in the area. Of the 144 participants in grades 5-12, 103 are high school age from eight different school districts. There are 22 boys and 15 girls who are participants and are enrolled in the Zeeland Public Schools.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for the 2006-07 school year only.

Marquette-Father Marquette Middle School (Regulation III, Section 1) – A request was made to waive the enrollment regulation to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th- and 8th-grade students in boys and girls basketball, boys and girls cross country and boys and girls track & field in the 2006-07 school year. The middle school enrollment for grades 5-8 is 136 students. Waiver was granted for the 2005-06 school year.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for the sports identified only for the 2006-07 school year.

Owendale-Gagetown Junior High School (Regulation III, Section 1) – A request was made to waive the enrollment regulation to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th- and 8th-grade students in boys and girls basketball and girls volleyball for the 2006-07 school year. The Owendale-Gagetown High School enrollment is 80 students; there are 14 6th graders, 16 7th graders and 15 8th graders enrolled in the junior high school.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for the sports identified only for the 2006-07 school year.

Petoskey-St. Francis Xavier Middle School (Regulation III, Section 1) – A request was made to waive the enrollment regulation to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th- and 8th-grade students in all sports for the 2006-07 school year. The school will have 54 middle school students in 2006-07.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for the 2006-07 school year only.

Rock-Mid Peninsula Junior High School (Regulation III, Section 1) – A request was made to waive the enrollment regulation to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th- and 8th-grade students in boys and girls basketball and boys and girls track & field for the 2006-07 school year. The Mid Peninsula High School enrollment is 102 students; there are 37 junior high school students with an estimated 23 girls and seven boys who would participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for the sports identified only for the 2006-07 school year.

New Member Schools – Pursuant to the MHSAA Constitution adopted by member schools and according to procedures for MHSAA membership approved by the Representative Council on March 27, 1997, the Executive Committee approved membership for the following schools:

Coldwater-Pansophia Academy High School – On April 25, 2006, the Executive Committee approved a cooperative program with Tekonsha High School on the condition that Pansophia Academy High School's membership would be completed and accepted by the Executive Committee at its June 12, 2006 meeting. In existence since 1995, this is one of the original charter schools of Central Michigan University with a current enrollment of 92 high school students located in a K-12 building with a capacity for approximately 300 students. The school intends to sponsor girls and boys basketball as well as volleyball and is included on a completed application for a cooperative agreement with

Tekonsha High School in football for the 2006 season. If the 2007-08 Membership Resolution is received by Sept. 28, 2007, the school may participate for the first time in **2007-08 MHSAA tournaments in all sports (its students may participate in the 2006 Football Playoffs)** through the cooperative program, should it qualify).

Kentwood-West Michigan Lutheran High School – A completed application was received and approved earlier in these minutes for this school to join a cooperative program in football with Wyoming-Tri-unity, Wyoming-The Potter's House and Grand Rapids-NorthPointe Christian High Schools. This high school in its second year of operation with an enrollment of 20 students in grades 9 and 10. Next year the school will have four grades (9-12) and estimates an enrollment of 40-45 students. The school receives students from three local Lutheran grade schools and is governed by an elected school board. The school intends to sponsor girls and boys basketball, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross county, baseball, softball and boys and girls track & field. If the 2007-08 Membership Resolution is received by Sept. 28, 2007, the school may participate for the first time in 2007-08 MHSAA tournaments (its students may participate in the 2006 Football Playoffs through the cooperative program, should it qualify).

Regulation II, Section 3 (Coaches of Teams) – Executive Committee clarification was sought in the application of this regulation and specifically 2005-06 Handbook Interpretation 161 with respect to coaches who are compensated by the school but through a third party employing agent or are paid as a corporation created for the individual coach. Provided payment starts with the school and the amount ultimately received by the coach is not larger than the amount paid by the school, the coach may accept the school's payment through a third party.

Big Rapids-Crossroads Charter Academy – The Executive Committee reviewed a request for reconsideration of an

April 25, 2006 Executive Committee decision to not correct and lower the enrollment figures submitted by the school for 2006-07 classification.

The Executive Committee reviewed the published procedures, including deadlines and the well-established and often repeated policy to not lower enrollments for any reason after the deadline, and denied the request to lower the enrollment and change the MHSAA tournament classification in three sports.

Girls Basketball Finals Venue – The Executive Committee approved staff's actions regarding the site of 2007-08 and 2008-09 Girls Basketball Semifinals and Finals.

Upper Peninsula Tournaments – The Executive Committee discussed Upper Peninsula wrestling and other issues related to U.P. schools' participation in statewide MHSAA tournaments. The decision regarding U.P. wrestling will be referred to the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee for a recommendation in September and then to the Representative Council in December for a decision regarding wrestling after the 2006-07 season.

National Federation – The Executive Committee discussed decisions and decision-making processes of the National Federation of State High School Associations and ways to most effectively recall the Federation to the policies and procedures which, according to its Handbook and history, should control the Federation.

Trophies and Medals – The Executive Committee reviewed design alternatives for MHSAA trophies which would improve their durability as well as the accuracy of the depiction of state boundaries. The committee requested further refinements before approving any changes.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Monday, Aug. 14, at 9 a.m.; Thursday, Sept. 7, at 9 a.m.; Monday, Sept. 25 (follows Annual Business Meeting/MASSP Conference in Traverse City); Tuesday, Oct., 17, at 9 a.m.; Monday, Nov. 13, at 9 a.m.; and Thursday, Nov. 30, at 8:30 a.m. (Representative Council meets following day). ■

UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Bark River, April 27, 2006

Members Present:

James Derocher, Negaunee
Dan Flynn, Escanaba
Don Gustafson, St. Ignace
Paul Polfus, Carney-Nadeau
Joe Reddinger, North Dickinson
Catherine Shamion, Ewen
Tom Smith, Escanaba

Staff Members Present:

Nate Hampton (Recorder)

The Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee met in Bark River on Thursday, April 27, 2006, in conjunction with the Upper Peninsula Athletic Directors Annual Spring Meeting and Upper Peninsula Football Coaches Clinic.

The meeting was chaired by Jim Derocher of Negaunee. Following the welcome and introductions to meeting materials, the committee welcomed appearances by Coach Bob Madigan of Norway, Coach Chernick of West Iron County, and Coach Jamie Segorski of Escanaba presenting additional information and results of a survey designed to demonstrate the desires of the Upper Peninsula Wrestling coaches to participate in the Lower Peninsula Individual Wrestling Tournament.

The second appearance and presentation was made by Mr. Wayne Marshall, basketball official from Gladstone, sharing concerns for the selection and assignment of boys and girls basketball officials to all levels of the MHSAA Basketball Tournament.

ENROLLMENT LISTINGS FOR UPPER PENINSULA SCHOOLS

The committee reviewed the 2006-07 Enrollment Listings and Divisional List for all current member schools, but with particular interest to Upper Peninsula schools in the following sports: boys and girls swimming, boys wrestling, boys and girls tennis, boys and girls track and field, boys and girls golf, and boys and girls cross country.

WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Pursuant to the wrestling coaches presentation, the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee continued the longstanding discussion on the request for Upper Peninsula

wrestling schools to participate fully and exclusively in the Lower Peninsula Individual Wrestling Tournament.

This latest presentation by the wrestling coaches provided the committee with 13 affirmations from wrestling schools sharing support for the move to the Lower Peninsula Individual Tournament. However, during the presentation, it was noted that at least two of the letters of support were at least two years old and signed by administrators that are no longer in these positions. The committee noted the potential change in the administration support from a few to a possible majority request that the MHSAA survey all Upper Peninsula wrestling schools. This will be done before the end of this school year so that if there is positive support, the issue of inclusion may be brought before the Representative Council at the earliest possible meeting, and should that decision be positive, allow the Upper Peninsula inclusion as soon as possible.

GIRLS/BOYS BASKETBALL OFFICIAL SELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT

The committee received one communiqué and heard a presentation on this subject from veteran UP basketball official, Mr. Wayne Marshall of Gladstone. The concerns of several UP basketball officials include the use of officials that may not have met all of the stated criteria for selection; i.e., attended a current years rules meeting and have worked at least 10 varsity games. The committee listened and shared that the initial selections were made using only those officials that had met the stated criteria but, when declinations occur, there are instances when veteran officials are asked to work although lacking one or more of the stated criteria.

CLASS C AND D REGIONAL BASKETBALL VENUE

The committee discussed and selected the sites for Class C and D girls basketball Regionals; Class C will be hosted by Escanaba High School and Class D will be hosted by Michigan Technological University.

PROPOSAL FOR BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL DISTRICT 12 TOURNAMENT PLAY

Upper Peninsula committee member Dan Flynn of Escanaba presented the following proposal. This proposal would eliminate the possibility that two schools on either side of the bridge would travel across the bridge for a Final competition:

Principles of the Tournament Bracket – District 12

1. Tournament will be hosted at various sites based on the draw. Top line team will host. School on line #1 will serve as District 12 tournament manager.
2. Tournament byes will be placed on lines #4 and #8.
3. Tournament competition days:
 - a. Monday – Quarterfinal
 - b. Wednesday – Semifinal
 - c. Friday – Final
 - d. Saturday – Weather day
4. Cross bridge, if necessary, only once during Monday and Wednesday games.
5. Final game site location:
 - a. Top line team, if this team crossed the bridge.
 - b. Top line team, if both teams crossed the bridge.
 - c. Top line team, if both teams did not cross the bridge.
 - d. Bottom line team, if this team crossed the bridge and the top line team did not during this tournament.

SELECTION OF SITES FOR 2006 GIRLS BASKETBALL DISTRICT AND REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

The committee made the following selections:

Class A:

District 12 - TBA following proposal review.

Class B:

District 64 - Geographical arrangement with top line school determined by the draw being host.

Class C:

- District 93 - St. Ignace-LaSalle
- District 94 - Gwinn
- District 95 - Calumet
- District 96 - Iron River-West Iron County

Class D:

- District 123 - Cedarville
- District 124 - Rapid River
- District 125 - Powers-North Central
- District 126 - Republic-Michigamme
- District 127 - Ontonagon
- District 128 - Dollar Bay

Class C Region 24 - Escanaba

Class D Region 31 - Newberry

Class D Region 32 - Michigan Tech. Univ.

Class C Quarterfinal 12 - Cheboygan Area

Class D Quarterfinal 16 - Will follow preexisting formula below:

If the Regional # 31 winner is from the Upper Peninsula, the game will be played at Marquette High School.

If the Regional #31 winner is from the Lower Peninsula, the game will be played at Sault Ste. Marie-Sault Area High School.

OTHER DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- Regional Golf sites will be selected in September
- Football proposal by Michigan High School Football Coaches Association (discussion)
- Upper Peninsula Cross Country Final site – Houghton-MTU Ski Trials
- Regional Hockey site – (will be discussed and selected in September)
- Football officials will be selected by the Upper Peninsula committee

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee will be held in Escanaba on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2006, at 8:30 a.m. (Eastern daylight savings time). ■

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

KEEPING EDUCATIONAL ATHLETICS EDUCATIONAL

The following is an excerpt from the presentation by John E. (Jack) Roberts at the National Coaching Educators Conference June 17, 2006

In every corner of Michigan, at almost every crossroads of this state, young people are participating in school sports and their parents, other relatives, friends and neighbors are gathering to watch. This 100-year-old tradition continues with record high participation for the third straight year, even in a world of increasing distractions. High school sports not only survives, it often thrives; and it will continue to thrive if and only if it retains its focus – education – and preserves its soul – pure, amateur, local programming.

Many of you know from your coaching days that success in most sports that involve a ball requires keeping an eye on that ball. Good contact in baseball, softball, golf and tennis requires concentration on the ball. We teach receivers in football to look the ball all the way into their hands in order to make the catch. Volleyball players can neither set nor attack with consistent success unless they focus intently on the ball.

Success in school sports generally also requires that students keep their eye on another kind of ball – their school work – the academic ball. Screw up in class and you'll sit down during contests. That's how it usually is in school sports; and that's how it should always be in educational athletics.

Success in school sports also requires that athletic administrators be mindful of the academic needs that students have. Administrators must consider what we can do to assure that the interscholastic athletic program does not frustrate but actually helps facilitate education. That's the ball on which we administrators must always focus; and the question on which I wish to concentrate this morning in my comments to coaching educators is this: "How do we keep educational athletics educational?"

When we talk about "educational athletics," what do we mean? We mean, first of

all, athletics sponsored by educational institutions – schools. Of course, education can occur in non-school sports; but my role in life is school sports, and my assigned focus for today is school sports; and by educational athletics in this context, we mean athletic programs that support the educational mission of schools. Programs that enhance the educational efforts of schools. Athletic programs that are a tool to help schools reach and motivate students to stay in school, like school and even do better in school than they otherwise might.

By educational athletics, we also mean athletic programs that might have some inherent value in and of themselves in addition to what they do to enhance the academic performance of students and the educational environment of schools. Some value of an educational nature that is not found as readily or at all in other parts of the school day. For example, you can learn very much in a weight training program about yourself and certain techniques, but you may not learn what it means to be made a second team offensive guard rather than a first team running back in order to help a team be successful. That's the kind of lesson – and there are many others – which is found in the interscholastic athletic program that isn't found as readily or sometimes at all in other parts of the school experience.

However, it is a legal fact in this state and most others across the nation that interscholastic athletics are not part of the school curriculum. They are neither required courses nor non-required courses; neither core courses nor non-core courses; neither integral nor essential parts of the curriculum; not curricular, not even co-curricular, but extracurricular – outside the curriculum.

This is important to understand because it means students have no right to participate – it's a privilege. And that's important because it means we can make and enforce reasonable standards as a condition for students' participation. And that's important because it's in the standards we have for par-

ticipation that we give value to participation.

Generally, the higher the standards for participation, the greater the benefits of participation for students, their schools and our society. If we lower standards, we tend to lower the value of participation. If we raise standards, we tend to raise the value of participation for the participants, their schools and our communities.

To the extent that interscholastic athletics are educational in and of themselves and support the educational mission of schools, it is mostly the result of the standards established and maintained.

So the key is standards. The defining difference for educational athletics may be in standards. So what kind of standards do we mean?

We know that we do not have the resources of college programs, professional sports, the Olympics and others to match their standards in some respects, for example, officials training where so much more can be done because those organizations have so much more money and so many fewer officials to train. But, in other areas not so dependent on dollars, we must shine in school sports; we must have the very highest standards.

So in educational athletics, we mean standards like standards of **eligibility**, such as rules of enrollment, maximum age, maximum semesters, academic performance, amateur status, and the like. We mean standards for **competition**, from contest playing rules to day, week and season limitations. We mean standards of **conduct**, including requirements for citizenship in at least our school settings, and requirements of sportsmanship at least at our events. And the person who may have more effect on standards in school sports than any other person is the **coach**.

We believe coaches are the critical link in the educational process of educational athletics. No one higher up or lower down the organizational chart wields more influence. Good coaches can redeem the bad decisions that their administrators make; bad coaches can ruin the best decisions administrators ever make.

In this state, we believe in coaching education that is voluntary, at least on a school district by school district basis. If I were the superintendent of a school district, I would

require every coach to have some kind of continuing education every year. But I know from talking to superintendents across the state that they do not want anybody mandating to them what the education should be.

If coaching education were made mandatory for all coaches of MHSAA member schools, coaches education would get dumbed down. With the necessity of reaching all 25,000 or 30,000 coaches – with the diversity of their needs and the vastness of this state – we would be spread miles wide with a mere millimeter of depth.

Coaching education that keeps interscholastic athletics educational requires the hard work of designing and delivering – face to face and heart to heart – an interactive and inspiring curriculum. We want our coaches moved – emotionally changed – by coaches education. We want them inspired. We want them enthused. We want them to see young people differently when they finish one of our clinics. We want them to see themselves and their role as a coach differently.

A miles-wide, millimeter-deep program won't do it. Textbooks alone won't do it. The Internet alone won't do it. Standards alone won't do it. Certification alone won't do it. And sadly, where we are today with coaching education in Michigan, still won't do it. But we are not giving up. Heck, we've barely begun to fight.

Keeping educational athletics educational is a full-time fight for the hearts and minds of those involved, including our coaches – perhaps especially our coaches. It's countering the constant drumbeat of those who see school sports as the training ground for college and professional athletic careers. Who think about athletic scholarships to college more than academic scholarship in high school.

Who think national tournaments and televised high school athletic events do not add to the problem, do not add to the public missing the truth that local programs of the junior high/middle school, ninth grade, JV and varsity levels is really where the education of educational athletics takes place. In fact, that it's in the day-after-day practices more than the games of these local programs that the real, genuine, life-changing education takes place.

It's not found in national tournaments.

It's not found in television. It's not found in a lot of the recent trends that trouble a lot of people.

In early 2005, the National Association of State Boards of Education issued a report titled *Athletics in an Era of Reform* which stated: "The problems that have plagued college athletics – such as unscrupulous agents, mercenary coaches, questionable recruiting practices, and extravagant benefits bestowed on players – are now becoming more frequent at the high school level . . ."

Late last winter, a *Sports Illustrated* feature article was critical of national tournaments and television in high school basketball. The article said it was time to rethink the direction in which high school basketball was heading.

In Michigan, we rethought the direction years ago. In Michigan – for years – we've had tough rules to prohibit national tournaments and television. And in Michigan – just last month – our Representative Council reaffirmed those policies.

Michigan schools will not be seduced and they will not succumb. We will keep the nation's one-of-a-kind out-of-state travel limits that not only restrict MHSAA member schools to a maximum of 600 highways miles round-trip, but also prohibit MHSAA member schools from participating anywhere that schools from non-contiguous states have traveled in excess of that limit. In other words, Michigan schools will not play in national-scope tournaments, whether they are near or far.

We will keep the nation's one-of-a-kind prohibition against live commercial television

of regular season games in which MHSAA member schools are involved.

And we will keep the nation's one-of-a-kind coaches education program, the only one that is designed and delivered by a state high school association, face to face with coaches, anywhere and any time they gather, with as much focus on perspective and philosophy as important topics such as pedagogy and physiology.

We will preach, teach, practice and promote proper perspective to administrators, coaches, students, their parents, politicians, promoters and the sports media. No one will doubt where we stand, or what we stand for.

If educational athletics loses its focus in this state, it will not be for a lack of effort or for a lack of fight from the MHSAA and its member schools. We will pursue excellence without the excesses that threaten educational athletics in America. Keeping educational athletics educational requires this focus and this fight.

And in the world of coaching education – our focus this weekend – it requires people of passion to design the programs and deliver them face to face anywhere they are requested, and who turn out coaches who don't say after completing one of our clinics, "Boy, was that heavy; I'm not sure I can cut it." But instead, turn out coaches who at the end of one of our clinics says, "Wow, was that inspiring; I can't wait to get back to the kids."

That's our goal in Michigan. And that's the key to keeping educational athletics educational: to turn on coaches, not only to the best possible practices of their sport, but also the purest philosophies of sports. ■

Remember to visit

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to make all personnel, telephone and address revisions necessary for the 2006-07 school year.

Important: Update coaches contact information and grant permission for coaches to rate officials.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CALENDAR CONCERNS

Every May we hear it asked: “Where did the school year go?” That’s a common question when we immerse ourselves in our work.

But if it feels like the school year is speeding by faster than ever, it’s not just a feeling. It’s a fact: the school year is getting shorter. And it’s no mystery why.

State law delays public school classes to after the Labor Day weekend and local school leaders know the level of learning in June is less than it is in August. Moreover, their budgets are severely squeezed and fewer days means lower expenses, and there’s never an objection from teachers unions which gladly trade a few minutes a day for fewer school days each year. So the later start in the fall is not translating to a later finish in the spring.

Schools have had to abandon the objective of moving from 180 to 200 school days, and many are retreating toward 160 school days. And so the school year flies by.

As a result, the interscholastic athletic program – designed for the 200-school-day academic year – is now said to infringe upon summertime. In fact, it merely remains in the school year from which academics has retreated.

Nevertheless, one of the top, tough topics of school sports in 2006-07 is calendar concerns. Our considerations will include later start of academic classes in the fall, as well as Michigan Merit Exam dates and other standardized testing.

We will be reviewing not only the starting dates of fall sports (the shortest season), but the starting and ending dates of all sports in order to maintain equity between sports and between genders.

We will be examining football practice policies of other athletic organizations and the input of member school coaches and administrators, as well as the field of sports medicine.

Three MHSAA committees already have proposals on the table that relate to some of the larger issues before us.

- Baseball/Softball – Move Regionals from Saturday (often a national testing date) to the previous Thursday (will it become a busier school day?).
- Soccer – Schedule Regionals after 3 p.m. on Saturdays of standardized test dates, unless competing and host schools agree otherwise.
- Wrestling – Delay the start of all winter sports practices to the Monday after Thanksgiving (keeping the same dates for MHSAA tournaments).

During October, all MHSAA member schools will be surveyed for calendar information, including starting and ending dates for students and faculty, graduation dates, holidays and exam dates.

We will be listening to those who wish a later start to football and measuring their preference regarding a tough choice: Do you prefer changing the regular season from a maximum of nine games to eight or seven? Or do you prefer changing the MHSAA Playoffs from five weeks to four or three (256 teams to 128 or 64)?

It may help to listen to students who, in focus groups we’ve arranged for Michigan State University researchers, have not been bashful about telling us that seasons are too long.

Some improvements in our calendar are almost obvious – “no-brainers.” Others will be extremely difficult, and potentially divisive.

A preliminary report will be delivered to the Representative Council in December, and recommended actions will be discussed by the Council in March, possibly decided by the Council in May 2007. ■

STUDENT FOCUS

LISTENING TO STUDENT-ATHLETES KEEPS MHSAA STUDENT CENTERED, EDUCATION FOCUSED

On two previous occasions this space has been used to convey what we have heard when we listened to students, specifically to what the MHSAA scholar-athletes have written in essays or said to the executive director face to face in private conversations (see May 2001 and 2003 *Bulletins*).

More recently we used a more scientific approach to our listening by arranging for researchers with the Institute for the Study of Youth Sports at Michigan State University to conduct focus group discussions with the Scholar-Athlete Award recipients of 2004 and 2005.

Results from the most recent focus groups are not unlike the previous input we have received.

For example, we continue to learn that, for the students involved, sports is not about winning; it's about relationships: friends. In fact, we continue to see that it's three "Fs" that are most important in sports for these kids who get nearly all "As" in the classroom: Friends, Fun and Fitness.

And we continue to discover from listening to student-athletes that what they dislike most about the interscholastic athletic program is its all-consuming nature. The fatigue of the late nights, long seasons and year-round demands.

And while it may not be true of all student-athletes, it is clear from our scholar-athletes that they believe there is too much emphasis on sports in their schools, and too much emphasis on winning in school sports. They dislike the special treatment afforded athletes in their schools.

Beginning in the summer of 2006, the MHSAA has taken its listening to a new level by the appointment of a Student Advisory Council. Eight eleventh graders were appointed in June to two-year terms; eight more eleventh graders will be appointed in the late spring of 2007.

This 16-member group will meet at least four times annually to help the MHSAA plan its Sportsmanship Summits, Captains Clinics, Women in Sports Leadership Conferences and other student-centered initiatives the MHSAA has been delivering to schools and their students in ever-increasing ways over the past two decades. They will help to advise MHSAA leaders to assure that that what we do is student centered and education focused.

The MHSAA has always been a listening organization (see especially May 1993 and Sept./Oct. 1995 *Bulletins*), extraordinarily accessible to a diverse constituency. Individual coaches are in the majority on all MHSAA sport committees. Athletic Director In-Service programs provide for lengthy two-way exchange on multiple occasions at multiple sites year-round. Representatives of the state organizations of coaches, athletic directors and principals serve on all MHSAA sport committees. The MHSAA Representative Council consists of coaches, officials, athletic directors, principals, superintendents, teachers and a school board member.

Now the Student Advisory Council assures student-athletes themselves have an additional and more formal way to provide input to the MHSAA. ■

Scholar-Athlete Award Materials Available Online

Application materials and background information for the MHSAA-Farm Bureau Insurance Scholar-Athlete Award are available via the MHSAA Web site.

The deadline for the 2006-07 competition is December 1, 2006. Schools must submit all of its applications in one packet. All application materials must be delivered to the MHSAA by the end of the business day on December 1. Applications that arrive after the deadline will not be considered.

If you have any questions, visit the Scholar-Athlete page on the MHSAA Web site, or contact Andy Frushour in the MHSAA office at afrushour@mhsaa.com.

GUEST EDITORIAL

PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

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*The following is excerpted from the
above research work*

One of several reasons to offer sports in school is to teach young people values, skills and habits that will make them more active, engaged and responsible citizens. Past evidence on the civic effects of sports is mixed, but points to some potential positive civic effects. This fact sheet uses recent data – the 2002 National Youth Survey of Civic Engagement – to identify some important positive relationships.

Generally, we find that on some dimensions of civic engagement, such as voting, volunteering and news attentiveness, youth who are involved in sports report higher average levels of civic engagement than their counterparts who do not participate in sports. It could be the case that people who choose to participate in sports also tend to choose to participate in politics and civic affairs, and sports is not the reason for their civic engagement. However, the relationship between sports and civic engagement remains even when we statistically control for the other factors that were measured in the survey. **That result suggests, although it does not prove, that sports has positive civic effects for many young people.**

It is clear that 18-25-year-olds who participated in sports activities while in high school were more likely than non-participants to have:

- Volunteered *
- Volunteered regularly *
- Worked to solve a community problem
- Participated in a run/walk/ride charity fundraiser event

- Registered to vote *
- Voted in 2000 *
- Boycotted a product or service
- Felt comfortable about making a statement in a public meeting *
- Watched the news closely (especially sports news) *

*On these indicators, the differences between sports participants and non-participants are statistically significant.

Among young women, those who have participated in sports are more likely to be engaged in volunteering, regular volunteering, registering to vote, voting in 2000, feeling comfortable making a public statement, following the news, and boycotting than young women who did not participate in sports. Among young men, a similar pattern is evident, except that young men who participated in sports are no more or less likely to boycott a product than those who did not participate in sports while in high school. In the area of news attentiveness, young male sports participants indicated a greater interest in following the news, particularly sports news, than their female sports counterparts or their male non-sports counterparts.

Youth who participated in sports were more likely to volunteer and volunteer regularly, even once observable factors were controlled. Specifically, sports youth were more likely to volunteer by 11 percentage points (32 percent versus 21 percent) when making an unadjusted comparison of volunteering rates. However, once observable factors are controlled, the difference in volunteering rates is still a statistically significant six percentage points (24 percent versus 18

percent). While we cannot attribute the adjusted difference entirely to sports participation, it is likely that sports participants are engaging in a higher volunteering level than their non-sports counterparts, and some of this difference is due to the effect of sports participation.

Young people involved in sports in high school were more likely to be registered to vote and vote in the 2000 election than non-sports youth.

Generally, sports involvement seems to have little significant impact on activities associated with indicators of “political voice” (various ways of making one’s opinion known). However, in two measures of political voice, there are slight positive relationships with sports participation. Sports youth are eight percentage points more likely to say they feel comfortable making a public statement than no-sports youth, even once observable factors are controlled. In contrast, sports participants are less likely to say they signed an email petition, once other factors are controlled, than non-sports youth.

Sports youth are more likely to say they watch the news than their non-sports counter-

parts. This is especially true of sports news, though in the area of political news, sports youth are still more likely to say they watch closely more so than their non-sports counterparts. This is true once observable factors are controlled. In the case of attentiveness to general news, controlling for observable factors does little to reduce the difference between sports and non-sports participants. ■

CIRCLE (The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement) promotes research on the civic and political engagement of Americans between the ages of 15 and 25. Although CIRCLE conducts and funds research, not practice, the projects that we support have practical implications for those who work to increase young peoples’ engagement in politics and civic life. CIRCLE is also a clearinghouse for relevant information and scholarship. CIRCLE was founded in 2001 with a generous grant from The Pew Charitable Trusts and is now also funded by Carnegie Corporation of New York. It is based in the University of Maryland’s School of Public Policy.

MHSAA Staff Profile

MARK UYL LEADS WITH EXPERIENCE

(Note: This is the seventh in a series of MHSAA staff profiles)

At a youthful age but with extensive experience, Mark Uyl joined the MHSAA staff in January of 2004 to assure leadership of the association’s services to officials and to be the administrator of MHSAA programs in baseball, cross country and wrestling.

He had already been an MHSAA registered official in at least three sports every year since 1992 when he graduated from Calvin College in 1996. He was a classroom teacher and coach at Thornapple Kellogg High School in Middleville for four years, then athletic director at Caledonia during 2000-01 when he completed his Masters degree at Grand Valley State University; and then he returned to Thornapple Kellogg as athletic director until joining the MHSAA staff.

Mark’s officiating career is now limited to baseball, but his skills show no limitations as he receives invitations to work Division I baseball games and tournaments across the eastern third of the United States.

“Mark brought instant credibility with both athletic directors and officials,” says MHSAA Executive Director John E. (Jack) Roberts; “but he continues to impress everyone that his professional skills and warm, personable approach will make a lasting impact on high school athletics in Michigan.”



GUEST EDITORIAL

THE COLLEGE ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP PSYCHOSIS

Years ago, there was a book written by John Keats entitled, *The Sheepskin Psychosis*. The premise of the book was that we had become a society that attached the worth of an individual and whether they had the chance for success based on their receiving a college degree – hence, *The Sheepskin Psychosis*. It is an excellent book and explains how we can take a very worthy goal and get it completely out of perspective.

It makes me wonder if the late Mr. Keats were walking around with us in this world called interscholastic athletics, whether the next book might be entitled, *The College Athletic Scholarship Psychosis*. It appears more and more that the subject of the "college athletic scholarship" is a common theme in our dialogue with each other about sports. There are people making a pretty good living who deal everyday in the world of college athletic prospects. It is a pretty good guess that the founders of college athletics never pictured the kinds of things that we see everyday in this regard. It is not hard to imagine then why it is a common theme for parents - not only when they are talking to high school coaches and administrators, but when their children are six and seven years of age. I can remember a baseball coach relating a story to me about alternating a senior catcher and a sophomore catcher every other game and the concern of the senior player's parents that it was going to cost their son a college scholarship if the scouts couldn't see him every day - oh, yeah, the senior was hitting under .200.

In the same manner as Mr. Keats did with *The Sheepskin Psychosis*, we should first analyze the facts. We know them - fewer than two percent of student-athletes participating in high school athletics will receive athletic scholarships. However, it is a pretty safe bet that many of the people we are talking to on a daily basis aren't quite as aware of the facts and we may have failed in our ability to communicate the message. From infor-

mation furnished by the NCAA, here are a few statistics: There are 157,500 high school seniors playing boy's basketball and there are 4,500 NCAA freshman roster positions. There are 130,500 high school seniors playing girl's basketball and there are 4,100 freshman roster positions. There are 281,000 high school seniors playing football and there are 16,200 NCAA freshman roster positions.

To just help us understand how the ladder continues to move, how about these: Of 3,500 NCAA senior men's basketball players, there are 44 drafted. Of 3,200 NCAA seniors playing women's basketball, there are 32 drafted. Of 12,600 NCAA seniors playing football, there are 250 drafted. You can go on and on with all the sports and you see the same figures – actually some get a little worse while a few, like ice hockey, get a little better.

I recently ran into a young man in his early 30s that I watched play youth league baseball who is now coaching youth league ball and trying to make a difference. He said that he was trying to get it like it was when he played. At that time, there were about 15 to 20 games in the community in 10-12 year old play with a tournament at the end of the year for all the teams in the league - no all-star team and no advancement. He remembered that as being a pretty neat experience. Remember, this was 10-12-year-olds. He is now coaching in the same community with parents who have 7-8 year old travel teams with kids playing 60 to 80 games and pitchers pitching from the stretch position and runners leading off the base at the nine-year old level. He stated that he felt like he was constantly ramming his head against a brick wall and when he asked the parents and leaders, "Why are we doing it like this?" - are you ready for this one - "It's what you have to do to get to the next level."

Maybe that's the book that all of us need to start writing – "The College Athletic Scholarship Psychosis" and the "Gotta Get to

the Next Level Psychosis." Some would say that it is a losing battle. I would contend that there are no better people to help bring the balance about than high school teachers, coaches, and administrators. Who is in a better position?

Before we decide whether we are going to take on the role, we have to make sure that we are not part of the problem and are walking the talk. It is pretty easy to get caught up in the same mentality and even be the ones talking to student-athletes and their parents in this same overemphasis. We probably exacerbate the situation when we stop school and have assemblies for one or two kids to sign a college athletic scholarship in front of the student body. Wouldn't it be really nice to one year see an assembly with a couple of students signing full-ride academic scholarships? We all know that there are more of those than there are athletic scholarships. We need to constantly remind ourselves and the students with whom we have the privilege of impacting in some small way as a coach, teacher, or administrator that the real goals are not college scholarships, state championships, "the ring," etc. - surely, we realize this is wrong. The fun of the game is the process - the journey - the trip. The goal should be making people a little better at the end than they were at the beginning in this

avenue we call high school athletics. It really is our purpose.

If all of us in our small ways can help everyone from our children to our grandchildren to our friends grasp that the real purpose is just to enjoy the moment, whether it's 6-8 year olds or high school, then we have helped the cause. If we can help educate people around us about the "college athletic scholarship psychosis" and the "gotta take it to the next level psychosis." then we have helped the cause. The athletic experience, no matter what the level, can be and should be a pretty special time, but notice that the verbs are not "will be" and "is" - there are no guarantees and more than a few young people have had a had experience through the vehicle called athletics. The balance has to begin with us and we have to walk the talk. This is probably why everyone it was different when everyone used to coach two or three or sometimes even four sports and why one principal had a rule that every head coach had to be an assistant coach in another sport - that's another subject for another day.

*– Ronnie Carter
Executive Director
Tennessee Secondary
Schools Athletic Association*

BASKETBALL COACHES BOXES MUST BE MARKED

As the second year of the expanded basketball coaching box approaches, it is important for schools to have their courts marked accordingly. A properly marked coaching box will eliminate the temptation for coaches to wander, and relieves game officials from the task of guessing at measurements and laying down tape.

NFHS Rule 1, Section 13, ART. 2 states: "The area shall be bounded by a line 28 feet from the end line, the sideline, a line no more than 14 feet from the 28-foot line toward the end line, and the team bench. These lines shall be located off the court and be 2 inches wide."

The MHSAA has adopted the 14-foot coaching box and will continue to review unsporting conduct on the sidelines. **Markings must be on the floor. This is a rule, not an experiment.** Officials are required to enforce the rule to the letter and intent of the rule.

REVIEWING THE REGULATIONS

“DUE PROCESS” REVIEWED

The MHSAA has two kinds of procedures to assure due process for its constituents.

One is found in the MHSAA Constitution, Article VII, Section 4(E), which describes how requests to waive MHSAA regulations proceed to the Executive Committee and to the Representative Council. These procedures may only be changed by amendment to the MHSAA Constitution, requiring a two-thirds majority of voting schools.

During 2004-05, there were 436 requests made by member schools for the Executive Committee to waive regulations. Of those, 139 were denied and only one of those was appealed to the Representative Council. None resulted in litigation.

It is apparent from the lack of appeals, litigation and proposals to amend these procedures that member schools and their constituents usually feel they have been treated well by staff in providing *Handbook* answers and fairly by the Executive Committee during waiver procedures.

The MHSAA also has a due process which occurs after there is an allegation of a violation by a member school or official. The

MHSAA Handbook (page 21-23) outlines the procedures for investigations and the manner in which appeals of penalties are brought to the Executive Committee and Representative Council.

These procedures were revised slightly by the Representative Council in May as a result of a study initiated by MHSAA staff one year ago. The changes achieve these objectives:

- (a) Clarify 14 and 30 days notice as calendar days.
- (b) Clarify that written notice is not email.
- (c) Clarify that the officially designated representative of the school must be the superintendent, principal or athletic director.

In addition, the new procedures state that any designate of the executive director who conducted the investigation may be in attendance and may address the Executive Committee or Representative Council and the appealing party if present; but both the designate(s) and the appellant(s) shall be excused for the Executive Committee's or Representative Council's deliberations. ■

ELIGIBILITY ADVANCEMENT REMINDERS

School administrators, counselors and coaches are reminded to present advanced eligibility opportunities to over-age junior high/middle school students. MHSAA Regulations prohibit seventh and eighth-grade students who become 15 years of age before Sept. 1 to participate in interscholastic sports competition at their respective grade level. The same is true of 16-year-old 9th-graders in a 10-12 grade high school system if their birthday occurs before Sept. 1.

If the local school administration and parents can agree and arrange, these over-age students can be advanced athletically and participate in the 9-12 program, even if it is in a separate building.

The students will be limited to four years of high school eligibility and must maintain the requirement to be passing work in at least four full-credit courses.

Eligibility Advancement Application forms are available on the MHSAA Web site at mhsaa.com and are also included in the *MHSAA Handbook*, page 118. ■

OFFICIALS SERVICES

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AFFIRMS RATING PROCEDURES FOR OFFICIALS

The MHSAA Representative Council affirmed that schools are to submit one rating for each official that works a contest during a season. If an official would work multiple contests in the same sport for one school during a season, the school shall continue to submit only one rating for that official. This one rating should be a summary of that official's work over the observed multiple contests during that season.

The Representative Council considered a proposal from the Officials Review committee that would have required schools to rate an official each time the official worked a contest for that school during a season. By

affirming the current regulation, officials are encouraged to continue working contests for as many different schools as possible during a season rather work numerous contests for only a few schools.

During 2005-2006, member schools were required to transmit all officials ratings to the MHSAA online. As a result, schools submitted a record number of 174,358 officials ratings to the MHSAA. An additional positive affect was that only nine schools (0.16%) failed to rate officials during the 2005-2006 school year, compared to 335 schools (5.92%) that failed to rate officials during the 2004-2005 school year. ■

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 winter and spring seasons of 2005-06, the following schools have failed to rate any officials:

Boys Basketball

Auburn Hills-Greater Life Academy
Detroit School of Industrial Arts
Flint-The Valley School

Ice Hockey

None

Volleyball

Auburn Hills-Greater Life Academy

Wrestling

None

Baseball

Detroit Community

Girls Soccer

None

Softball

None

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ONLINE RATINGS

The MHSAA is pleased to offer online ratings availability to our member high schools and junior high/middle schools. Athletic directors can now log on to password-protected sections of our Web site to submit officials ratings. Additionally, athletic directors have the option to assign passwords to their coaches to rate officials.

TO ACCESS THE ONLINE RATINGS SYSTEM:

1. Click on the *School Login* link in the lower left-hand side of the mhsaa.com home page
2. Enter your school ID and password to access the "MHSAA School Services" Web page.
3. Click the red *Enter Officials Ratings* link in the middle of the page. To learn how to enter ratings, click the Help link in the upper right-hand section of the "MHSAA Officials Ratings Center" Web page to access up to date instructions.

Athletic directors have the option to provide their coaches the ability to add officials ratings. Once logged on to the "MHSAA School Services" Web Page:

1. Click the *Update Your Coaches' Information* link.
2. Click the corresponding *Edit* link found in the right-hand column of the table row containing the sport you wish to select.
3. Check the box to allow the coach in the rated sport to enter ratings online.
4. Enter a password for the coach.
5. Re-enter the same password (to verify).
6. Notify your coach of her/his access. Coaches should use the two or three character sports code + the school ID for a login ID. For example, Brighton High School's Girls Basketball Coach would use GBB1016 for a login ID (GBB for girls basketball and 1016 for Brighton's school ID). For Baseball, BA1016 would be the login ID. The password assigned by the athletic director should then be used. Below is a list of pre-fixes for your school's sport codes.

Baseball	BA
Boys Basketball	BBB
Boys Lacrosse	BL
Boys Soccer	BSO
Football	FB
Girls Basketball	GBB
Girls Competitive Cheer	CC
Girls Lacrosse	GL
Girls Soccer	GSO
Ice Hockey	IH
Softball	SB
Volleyball	VB
Wrestling	WR

Login instructions for coaches can be downloaded from the "MHSAA Officials Ratings Center" Web page. Coaches cannot approve online ratings. That responsibility remains with the athletic director. Once the ratings are entered by the coach, she/he can click on a link to notify the A.D. that they have submitted ratings for approval. If you have not provided a valid email address, please update your profile on our Web site to enable an efficient transfer of information.

UPDATE MEETINGS FOLLOW A.D. IN-SERVICES AT SELECT SITES IN 2006

Athletic Director In-Service Programs, Update Meetings and mandatory new AD meetings will be sponsored by the MHSAA throughout the fall. Again this year, at five statewide locations, the Athletic Director In-Service program will be held in conjunction with the annual Update Meeting.

Registration forms appear on the next two pages of this *Bulletin*, but the preferred method is to download the forms from the Administrator page of mhsaa.com.

**2006 MHSAA ATHLETIC DIRECTOR IN-SERVICE AND UPDATE MEETINGS
REGISTRATION FORM**

Athletic Director In-Service Programs and Update Meetings will be sponsored by the MHSAA throughout the school year at five statewide locations.

The Update meetings will present current issues, rules, regulations, future plans, and pertinent Representative Council matters. SUPERINTENDENTS, PRINCIPALS, ATHLETIC DIRECTORS AND SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS should attend the meetings each year. The Athletic Director In-Services will focus on rules, regulations, frequently asked questions, time-saving tips, and round table discussions. It is expected that all member school athletic directors attend an In-Service and an Update Meeting each fall.

If you plan to attend one or more of the meetings, please complete the reservation form and return it with payment **no later than one week prior** to that meeting to **Mandi Hoover, MHSAA, 1661 Ramblewood Dr., East Lansing, MI, 48823.**

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

School: _____ **School I.D. Number:** _____

School Address: _____ **City:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

◆ *List those attending both AD In-Service and Update Meeting:*

◆ *List those attending AD In-Service only:*

◆ *List those attending Update Meeting only:*

◆ **Please complete the appropriate boxes below. Lunch is served at Update Meetings Only. Combined AD In-Service/Update Meeting times: AD In-Service 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon, all Update Meetings start at 12 noon.**

Meeting	AD In-Service Only (\$10)	Update Only (\$18)	Both (\$25)
1. Wed, Oct. 4 – Kalamazoo, Pine West	# _____ Total \$ _____	# _____ Total \$ _____	# _____ Total \$ _____
2. Mon, Oct. 9 – Comstock Park, English Hills Country Club	# _____ Total \$ _____	# _____ Total \$ _____	# _____ Total \$ _____
3. Wed, Oct. 11 – Frankenmuth Zehnder's	# _____ Total \$ _____	# _____ Total \$ _____	# _____ Total \$ _____
4. Mon, Oct. 16 – Gaylord, Hidden Valley Otsego Club	# _____ Total \$ _____	# _____ Total \$ _____	# _____ Total \$ _____
5. Wed, Oct. 18 – Lansing, Holiday Inn West	# _____ Total \$ _____	# _____ Total \$ _____	# _____ Total \$ _____

◆ **The following are Update Meetings only not in conjunction with an AD In-Service Meeting. Lunch will be served (except Marquette).**

6. Wed, Oct. 25 – Warren, De Carlos Conference Center (12 noon – 2 p.m.)	Update (\$18) # _____ Total \$ _____
7. Fri, Oct. 27 – Marquette (no fee)	UP A.D.'s Meeting

◆ **This meeting occurs at the MASSP Fall Conference. There is a complimentary breakfast followed by the MHSAA Annual Business Meeting and Update Meeting.**

8. Mon, Sept. 25 – Traverse City, Grand Traverse Resort	Update MASSP
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2006 - New Athletic Director Orientation Program Advance Registration Preferred

By Representative Council Action effective with the 2006-07 school year, attendance is **required** for 1st year Athletic Directors and athletic directors at new MHSAA member schools. Consult the 2006-07 MHSAA Handbook (page 71) Regulation II, Section 15. The requirement may be waived for a new athletic director who has served in a member high school as an athletic director for at least one school year of the previous five.

New AD Orientation **Session I** (two possible dates - preferred for new ADs)

Thursday, August 10 – MHSAA Office (8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)

or

Tuesday, August 22 – MHSAA Office (8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)

New AD Orientation **Session II** (Content differs from August programs)

Tuesday, November 21 – MHSAA Office (8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)

The cost of the New Athletic Director Orientation is \$20 per program. August and November programs are separate programs with new material covered in November. Registration material for these events will be available on mhsaa.com and the August *Bulletin*.

Name: _____

School: _____ School ID: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: (W) _____ Phone: (other) _____

Please mail at least 10 days in advance with \$20 registration fee to:

**Mandi Hoover, MHSAA
1661 Ramblewood Dr
East Lansing, MI 48823
Phone: 517-332-5046**

2006-07 MICHIGAN MERIT EXAM DATES

(held during the school day)

Tuesday, March 13 – ACT

Wednesday, March 14 – WorkKeys® + Michigan Math

March 14-21 – Michigan Science and Social Studies (not weekends)

Tuesday, March 27 – ACT Makeup

Wednesday, March 28 – WorkKeys® + Michigan Math Makeup

March 28-April 5 – Michigan Science and Social Studies Makeup (not weekends)

The established dates (not the makeup dates) are simultaneous with some MHSAA tournaments:

Boys Basketball Regionals – March 13-17

Girls Volleyball Quarterfinals – March 13

Girls Volleyball Semifinals – March 15 & 16

Boys Basketball Quarterfinals - March 20

2006-07 NATIONAL TESTING DATES ADMINISTRATION - COUNSELORS - COACHES

Please advise students of the 2006-07 test date schedule. Your students should be aware of athletic tournament dates and should attempt to schedule their respective test date away from tournament dates of the sport or sports in which they are interested and participate. Following are test dates for 2007 and dates where tournaments would create conflict.

ACT ASSESSMENT DATES

CONFLICTS

October 28, 2006 . . . LP Cross Country Regionals; Boys Soccer Regionals; Football Pre-Districts
 December 9, 2006None
 February 10, 2007None
 April 14, 2007None
**June 9, 2007Boys and Girls Lacrosse Finals; Baseball Regionals;
 Girls Soccer Regionals; Softball Regionals**

SAT TESTING DATES

CONFLICTS

October 14, 2006LP Boys Golf Regionals
November 4, 2006LP Cross Country Finals; Boys Soccer Finals; Football Districts
December 2, 2006Girls Basketball Finals
 January 27, 2007None
**March 10, 2007LP Individual Wrestling Finals; Girls Competitive Cheer Finals;
 LP Boys Swimming & Diving Finals; Girls Gymnastics Finals;
 Ice Hockey Finals; Volleyball Regionals; Boys Basketball Districts**
 May 5, 2007None
**June 2, 2007LP Girls Golf Finals; LP Boys Tennis Finals; LP & UP Track & Field Finals;
 Boys and Girls Lacrosse Regionals; Baseball Districts; Softball Districts; Girls Soccer Districts**

AP EXAM DATES

CONFLICTS

May 7-11, 14-18, 2007None

(Advanced Placement Exams are administered over a five-day period for each subject)



**COACHES
ADVANCEMENT
PROGRAM**

2006-07 Overview

CAP 1	6 Hours
2 hours:	Coaches Make the Difference: MHSAA Philosophy & Regulations
2 hours:	Effective Instruction: The Coach as Teacher
2 hours:	Sports Medicine and First Aid
CAP 2	6 Hours
2 hours:	Effective Communication: Characteristics of Coaches Who Are Great Communicators
2 hours:	Legal Issues in School Sports: A Game Plan to Meet Legal Needs
2 hours:	Psychology of Coaching
CAP 3	6 Hours
2 ½ hours:	Additional Coaching Responsibilities: Becoming Aware of Your Resources
2 hours:	Effectively Working with Parents
1 ½ hours:	The Coach as a Performer: Managing Your Time & Energy Level
CAP 4	6 Hours
2 hours:	Teaching Technical and Tactical Skills
2 ½ hours:	Strength and Conditioning: Designing Your Program
1 ½ hours:	Preparing for Success
CAP 5	6 Hours
2 hours:	Healthy Living
2 hours:	Controlling Emotions In Pressure Situations
2 hours:	Resolving Conflicts in Athletics
CAP 6	6 Hours
6-Hour Conference:	Current Issues and Topics in Educational Athletics

Coaches Advancement Program Certification

CAP Beginning Certification	= 12 hours
CAP Intermediate Certification	= 18 hours
CAP Advanced Certification	= 24 hours
CAP Masters Certification	= 30 hours
CAP Masters Elite Certification	= 36 hours

Certification would occur after the first 12 hours with subsequent increments of 6 hours for a total of 36 hours available. Additional units could be written and received after the first 36 hours have been completed.

Check mhsaa.com for schedule and enrollment form.



ENROLLMENT FORM

Please complete and mail to Mandi Hoover, MHSAA, 1661 Ramblewood Dr., East Lansing, MI 48823

- Registration is \$60 per level and includes instruction, binder and refreshments.
- CAP Beginning Certification is achieved after completing CAP1 and CAP2; additional certification occurs after completion of subsequent levels.
- Payment must be received with registration form. (Make checks and money orders payable to MHSAA)
- No refunds will be issued. Money paid can be transferred to another program.

Name: _____ Gender: F M
(Print name exactly as you would want it to appear on certificate)

Home Street Address) _____

(City) _____ (Zip) _____ Email: _____

Phone—Work (____) _____ Home (____) _____

(School & School ID No.) _____ (Amount enclosed) _____

<small>(Level)</small>	<small>(Date)</small>	<small>(Site)</small>

Date of Birth (for insurance): ____/____/____

Years of Coaching Experience: _____

Sport(s) you coach: _____

Do you coach boys or girls? B G Level you coach: JH FR JV V
(circle all that apply) (circle all that apply)

Are you a faculty member of the school district where you coach? Y N

Why are you attending this Coaches Education program? _____

2006-07 Schedule Appears on "Coaches" Page at mhsaa.com

REVIEWING THE REGULATIONS

OPT-OUT PROCEDURES

In March 2004, the MHSAA Representative Council took action to help schools save time and resources by eliminating the “pre internet” tradition of completing an entry blank for each sport team entering a MHSAA postseason tournament. Tournament assignments continue to be posted in advance on mhsaa.com and similar to last year, a **TOURNAMENT NOTIFICATION FORM (TNF)** is sent to each member school athletic director in the fall, winter and spring. The **TOURNAMENT NOTIFICATION FORM (TNF)** is based on a prior year’s participation or earlier notice given to the MHSAA. The **TNF** also includes the first-round tournament site and manager information for each sport.

There are three important requirements which fall on the same deadline (the “opt-out due date”) for participation in MHSAA Tournaments:

1. Schools must notify the tournament manager if they **DO NOT** intend to participate (to “opt out”) as noted on the TNF by the stated opt-out date.
2. Schools must notify the MHSAA if they **DO NOT** intend to participate (to “opt out”) as noted on the TNF by the stated opt-out date.
3. Schools which plan to participate in the MHSAA Tournament must submit an accurate roster and MHSAA Eligibility List to the tournament manager by the same opt-out due date. In some sports, electronic entries must also be submitted to the manager by this same opt-out due date.

All school teams will have the same responsibility to meet the requirements of participation by the opt-out date. Schools which fail to withdraw or submit materials in a timely manner face the same penalties as in prior years. These penalties include late fees payable to the tournament host schools and possible removal from future MHSAA tournaments.

Athletic directors and coaches are reminded that the Master Eligibility List is the official listing of those students who are eligible to participate in a MHSAA tournament. While rosters may be updated with eligible athletes prior to the actual start of a tournament, an eligibility list must be accurate and include all those who may participate. ■

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS:

IF YOU ARE NOT SPONSORING A SPORT – EVEN FOR ONE SEASON – PLEASE NOTIFY THE MHSAA IN WRITING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Notices to comply with rules meeting attendance, official ratings, and other correspondence continue until we are notified that you did not, or will not, sponsor a team.

MASTER ELIGIBILITY LISTS

"SCHOOLS SHALL PREPARE a Master Eligibility List (Form-1 or its equivalent) of all students eligible for that sport under the provisions of the Regulations, including current semester record. Additions to the squad should be duly added. Current copies of the Master Eligibility List are to be available to competing schools upon request and must be submitted by the opt-out due date to the manager at the entry level of each MHSAA Tournament to which a school is assigned." (Regulation II, Section 4 *MHSAA Handbook*)

In 1997 the MHSAA eliminated the requirement that schools submit eligibility lists to the MHSAA Offices. **Mailing or faxing eligibility lists to the MHSAA is unnecessary** – send eligibility lists to tournament managers with other required material to fulfill tournament entry requirements. Be sure to include any students who may be eligible for that tournament, such as JV players who may be "brought up." One list per sport – not separate Freshman, JV and Varsity lists – is considered most efficient for this purpose.

Preparing the forms in advance of scrimmages or contests helps schools to ensure that only eligible students enter competitions. See Regulation II, Section 4 for the complete

regulation and interpretations. Administrators, support staff and coaches should use great caution and not just "fill out the form." The preparation of accurate and up to date eligibility lists remains a critical responsibility intended to ensure that all students participating on teams are eligible. "Eligible" means in compliance with several MHSAA and individual member school regulations including enrollment, age, current and previous semester academic minimums as well as the transfer rule. It is intended to be one last "double-check" seeking to prevent an ineligible student from participating in a scrimmage or contest. When in doubt, school administrators should contact the MHSAA for a written interpretation before a student competes.

The MHSAA Catastrophic Accident Excess Medical Insurance coverage and many school insurance coverage plans are extended only to students who are eligible and listed on an up-to-date eligibility list. To ensure that all your athletes are afforded the maximum protection available under the MHSAA's Catastrophic Insurance plan, your school must be able to show that the students were listed on their school's Master Eligibility List in that sport for that season. ■

NEW MASTER ELIGIBILITY LIST (FORM 1) NO LONGER REQUIRES PLAYING LEVEL OF STUDENT-ATHLETES

In May 2006 the Representative Council changed the Eligibility List to eliminate the column designating varsity, JV or freshman. Schools should prepare one form per sport listing all eligible high school or junior high/middle school students who are on the team in that sport. Eligibility lists should be prepared in advance of the season. Forms are not to be sent to the MHSAA Office unless requested and must be available upon the request of an opponent. Eligibility Lists are sent to MHSAA Tournament Managers prior to each tournament with other required information by the opt-out due date for that sport.

Find this form under Forms and Graphics at mhsaa.com

Teams Practicing Out-of-State Required to Submit Out-of-State Travel Form

The tradition of taking a team on a "spring trip" for practice only is a separate issue from sanctioning a competition (see Sanction guidelines on next page). Any school which conducts practice sessions out of state at a site more than 600 miles round-trip must submit to the MHSAA office a Travel Form for Out-of-State Practice at least 30 days in advance of departure. This does not allow schools to compete in a scrimmage, practice or competition with a team from another school.

The following interpretation was adopted at the May 2004 Representative Council meeting and became effective for the 2004-05 school year:

"When a school-sponsored team, or group of students which resembles the school team, intends to conduct practice

sessions out of state at a site more than 600 highway miles round-trip from that school, the Travel Form for Out-of-State Practice is required. For the purpose of this Section, it shall be considered a practice for a school team if a school coach in that sport is present with any number of players from that school's team, other than his/her family members."

MHSAA catastrophic insurance does not cover such events.

The form can be found on page 119 of the *Handbook* or on the MHSAA Web site. Pursuant to action of the Representative Council in May 2003, all schools which complete this form will be listed in the *MHSAA Bulletin* at the end of the school year.

A list of schools which completed the form in 2005-06 appears below.

Schools Submitting Out-of-State Travel Forms for 2005-06

<p style="text-align: center;">FALL</p> <p>Girls Swimming and Diving Holt</p>	<p>Eaton Rapids Essexville-Garber Farmington Grand Rapids Catholic Central Grandville Hamilton Holland Jackson Monroe Jefferson Lake Odessa Lakewood Lansing Waverly Madison Heights Lamphere Lansing Catholic Central Lansing Christian Harbor Springs Light and Life Okemos Ovid-Elsie Portland Saline Sand Creek Petersburg-Summerfield Southfield Christian Sparta St. Louis Tecumseh Howard City Tri-County Union City</p>	<p>Whitehall Wyoming Park Zeeland</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">WINTER</p> <p>Skiing Detroit Country Day Grand Rapids West Catholic Manistee</p> <p>Boys Swimming and Diving BH Cranbrook-Kingswood</p>	<p>Golf Greenville</p> <p>Lacrosse Detroit Country Day (Girls) Tecumseh (Boys) Troy Athens</p>	<p>Softball Alma New Baltimore Anchor Bay Bath Bellevue Big Rapids Brighton Caledonia Chelsea Coldwater Coopersville Eaton Rapids Farmington Frankfort Flint Kearsley</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SPRING</p> <p>Baseball Adrian Benzie Central Cedar Springs Charlevoix Chelsea Clinton Coldwater Coopersville BH Cranbrook-Kingswood DeWitt Dexter East Kentwood</p>	<p></p>	<p></p>

Grand Rapids Catholic Central
Grandville
GP Woods University Liggett
Hamilton
Hartland
Highland-Milford
Holland
Howard City Tri-County
Jenison
St. Joseph Lake Mich. Catholic
Lansing Everett

Harbor Springs Light and Life
Lowell
Maple City Gen Lake
Martin
Montrose
Petoskey
Rockford
Sault Ste. Marie
Southfield Christian
Saginaw Swan Valley
Temperance Bedford

Troy Athens
Unionville-Sebewaing
Wyoming Park

Boys Tennis
Essexville-Garber
GR NorthPointe Christian
Portland
Whitehall

Sanctioning Procedures

The *MHSAA Handbook*, Regulation II, Sections 5 and 6 lists requirements for competitions which are hosted by non-member entities, involve teams or individuals from another state or are held out of the state. Depending on the situation, the following actions should be taken:

1. No action by MHSAA – Competition held in Michigan, conducted by member schools, needs no MHSAA approval. All such meets shall use MHSAA registered officials and rules of competition adopted by the MHSAA for that sport.
2. Approval by the MHSAA – Any meet or tournament with three or more teams held within Michigan for Michigan schools and sponsored by a non-member school or organization must be approved by the MHSAA prior to the contest.

The non-member school/organization must submit in writing the terms and conditions of the competition. The sponsors must assure that the competition will be conducted in accordance with MHSAA eligibility regulations, using MHSAA registered officials and rules of competition adopted by the MHSAA for that sport.
3. Sanction by State Association – Interstate competition, which is sponsored by a member school and involves three or more schools from border states, must be sanctioned by the state association of the host school, as well as the respective association of the state or states of participating schools.

The sanction form is on page 104 of the *Handbook*, and on the NFHS Web site (nfhs.org). The application must be received by the state association at least 30 calendar days before the event.

4. Sanction by the NFHS –
 - A. Any interstate competition involving two or more schools which is cosponsored by or titled in the name of an organization outside the high school community (e.g. a university, shoe company, etc.), in addition to being sponsored by a member school, shall require sanction by the NFHS office.
 - B. Schools must also receive NFHS sanction and state association sanction when:
 - (1) More than eight schools, at least one of which is from a state that does not border the host state; or
 - (2) Five or more states, at least one of which does not border the host state.
- * Whenever an event requires NFHS approval, there is a \$100 fee made payable to the NFHS. This payment must be sent along with the request for sanction to the state association office. The host school or the organization that is hosting the event should submit the request submitted to the state association office at least 90 days before the event to avoid being charged a late fee.

REGISTER ALL NONFACULTY COACHES BEFORE THEY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITIES

The *MHSAA Handbook* requires that any coach who is not an administrator or a member of the regular teaching staff of the school district must be registered by the school with the MHSAA. The requirement pertains to all nonfaculty coaches, full-time or part-time, paid or volunteer.

The regulation states, "The person responsible for the immediate training or coaching of a secondary school athletic team SHOULD be a member of the regular teaching staff of the school district. If a non-faculty member is used (paid or volunteer), that person must be registered by the school with the MHSAA on a form provided for that purpose BEFORE assuming any coaching duties. A non-faculty member coach must be at least eighteen (18) years of age and not a current high school student.

"NOTE: The Representative Council URGES that all schools strive to the standard that only qualified faculty members are used as head coaches of interscholastic athletic teams, and that all non-faculty coaches complete the MHSAA's Coaches Advancement Program (CAP) or equivalent program. It should be the goal of every member school to require coaching education for every coach, every year."

There are two ways to fulfill the registration requirement:

1. The easiest way to register nonfaculty varsity head coaches is online at mhsaa.com, as you provide School Directory information. Click on "School Login" on the left-hand nav bar.
2. Forms for registering other nonfaculty coaches may be requested from the MHSAA or may be found on pages 116-117 of the *MHSAA Handbook* for 2006-07. You may copy and enlarge as necessary. The forms – one for high school, the other for the junior high/middle school level – may also be downloaded from the MHSAA Web site at mhsaa.com. Forms may be submitted throughout the school year as nonfaculty coaches are assigned. Many schools submit forms just prior to each season: fall, winter and spring. ■

SUMMARY OF MHSAA NONFACULTY COACHES

This listing enumerates only the coaches identified through the nonfaculty coach form

1980-81	2,172 SHS (404) 166 JHS (62)	1989-90	8,193 SHS (630) 621 JHS (147)	1997-98	7,913 SHS (476) 294 JHS (69)
1981-82	2,455 SHS 176 JHS	1990-91	8,693 SHS (628) 562 JHS (144)	1998-99	9,643 SHS (601) 246 JHS (86)
1982-83	2,748 SHS 172 JHS	1991-92	8,326 SHS (570) 395 JHS (99)	1999-00	11,571 SHS (657) 1,562 JHS (326)
1983-84	3,276 SHS (441) 191 JHS (59)	1992-93	7,677 SHS (578) 406 JHS (84)	2000-01	8,486 SHS (452) 1,376 JHS (270)
1984-85	3,495 SHS (442) 225 JHS (71)	1993-94	7,328 SHS (509) 340 JHS (75)	2001-02	9,808 SHS (547) 1,233 JHS (249)
1985-86	3,834 SHS (450) 204 JHS (60)	1994-95	8,695 SHS (559) 392 JHS (94)	2002-03	6,807 SHS (339) 1,016 JHS (174)
1986-87	3,611 SHS (410) 208 JHS (51)	1995-96	8,742 SHS (555) 445 JHS (99)	2003-04	6,683 SHS (321) 897 JHS (160)
1987-88	4,410 SHS (454) 198 JHS (60)	1995-96	8,326 SHS (524) 345 JHS (72)	2004-05	6,690 (HS 337) 818 (JHS 141)
1988-89	5,320 SHS (492) 222 JHS (55)	1996-97	8,326 SHS (524) 345 JHS (72)	2005-06	6,045 (HS 286) 716 (JHS 132)

NOTE: Beginning in 2002-03 new internal procedures of the MHSAA eliminated duplicates that might have inflated figures in previous years. The number in parentheses indicates the number of schools with nonfaculty coaches.

HEALTH & SAFETY

HYDRATION & HEAT ILLNESS

Heat-related deaths and illness are preventable, yet annually many people are affected by heat related illness. According to the Centers for Disease Control, from 1979 to 1999, excessive heat exposure caused 8,015 deaths in the United States. During this period, more people in this country died from extreme heat than from hurricanes, lightning, tornadoes, floods, and earthquakes combined. In 2001, 300 deaths were caused by excessive heat exposure.

Athletes are at risk for heat-related illness when their bodies are unable to properly cool themselves during physical activity. The risk of heat illness increases with rising temperatures and rising humidity. The body normally cools itself by sweating. But under some conditions, sweating just isn't enough, causing an athlete's body temperature to rise rapidly.

Several factors affect the body's ability to cool itself, such as:

- Weather: when the humidity is high, sweat will not evaporate as quickly, preventing the body from releasing heat quickly.
- Age: children have lower sweat rates, higher heat production, and require more time to acclimate to heat.
- Larger athletes: more mass means more energy production and body heat. Fewer sweat glands per surface area, along with additional fat, insulates the body and keep heat internalized.
- Restrictive clothes and gear limits heat evaporation and increases insulation.
- History of heat illness

Other conditions related to risk include obesity, fever, dehydration, heart disease, mental illness, poor circulation, sunburn, and prescription drug and alcohol use.

Because heat-related deaths are preventable, it is vital coaches are aware of who is at the greatest risk and what actions can be

taken to prevent a heat-related illness or death.

Prevention Tips:

- Drink plenty of fluids. Be sure your athletes increase their fluid intake, regardless of activity level during hot or humid weather.
- Choose lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.
- If you must be outdoors, try to limit your practices to morning and evening hours. Try to rest often in shady areas.
- If your athletes are not accustomed to exercising in a hot environment, start slowly and pick up the pace gradually.
- Allow your athletes to adjust to the environment. An athlete's tolerance for heat will improve over time, if you limit their physical activity until they become accustomed to the heat.
- No or little acclimation to heat. High intensity training in hot humid environments without allowing the body a period of adjustment is a common cause of heat illness.

Hydration Tips for Coaches:

- Don't wait until they are thirsty to drink. During heavy exercise in a hot environment, it is recommended drinking two to four glasses (16-32 ounces) of cool fluids each hour. Avoid liquids that contain alcohol, or large amounts of sugar—these actually cause you to lose more body fluid. Also avoid very cold drinks, because they can cause stomach cramps.
- Record your athlete's body weight before and after activity. Compare your athlete's pre-activity body weight to his or her post-activity body weight. If post-activity weight is less than pre-activity weight, your athlete is not drinking enough fluids

while active. A loss of as little as 1 percent of body weight can cause a decrease in performance. Because studies have proven that children replace less of their fluid losses when drinking water, you may want to offer a flavored sports drink to increase the amount of fluid your child consumes. One pound of body weight equals 16 oz. of water.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR HEAT ILLNESS

Dehydration

Dehydration occurs when the body loses too much fluid. Dehydration impairs athletic performance whenever body fluid level falls below 98% of normal. The primary cause of dehydration is sweat loss, an essential body process which facilitates the release of body heat into the environment. When athletes don't replace what they lose in sweat, the physiological function of the body's heat management system is compromised, placing both the athletes' performance and physical well-being at risk.

Heat Exhaustion

This is a serious form of heat illness, but not as severe as heat stroke.

Heat Stroke

The most severe heat-related illness, heat stroke can permanently impair or kill an untreated athlete. Symptoms are similar to heat exhaustion, plus hyperthermia (high body temperature) whereby the core body temperature can be higher than 105.8 degrees. This can lead to conditions such as convulsions, heart attacks, coma, stroke, liver and kidney damage, or blood clots in the lung. If an athlete is not immediately immersed in ice water, he/she can die or suffer permanent physical damage. ■

For more information contact Kelly Koralewski, Henry Ford Health System Center for Athletic Medicine 313-972-4167

HFHS is the MHSAA's year-round corporate partner in promoting health and safety in school sports.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

DEHYDRATION

- Thirst
- Fatigue
- Irritability
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Muscle Cramps
- Loss of Performance

HEAT EXHAUSTION

- Dizziness
- Headache
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Weakness
- Rapid Pulse
- Cold, clammy skin

HEAT STROKE

- *Medical Emergency*
- Irrational Behavior
- Drowsiness
- Nausea
- Hot, dry skin
- Confused or disoriented
- Dangerously high temperature

ACTION TO TAKE

DEHYDRATION

- Re-hydrate
- Stop activity

HEAT EXHAUSTION

- Replace fluids (re-hydration is critical)
- Rest in a cool, shaded area until all symptoms have passed.
- If dizziness continues, lie the athlete down, elevate their legs, and seek medical attention.

HEAT STROKE

- Get out of sun and seek immediate medical attention. This is an emergency, call 911.
- Cool immediately using ice baths, ice bags, or whatever is available for you to use.

**REMEMBER: Athletes can still be experiencing heat stroke even if most symptoms are absent. Seek medical attention immediately at the first sign of serious or unusual symptoms.*

REVIEWING THE REGULATIONS

YEARLY RULES MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUIRED FOR COACHES IN MOST SPORTS

2006-07 marks the third year that head coaches who fail to attend a rules meeting are required to pass an examination (70%). The MHSAA will mail two notices and tests to the school. A non-responding coach will not be allowed to coach in the MHSAA tournament that season. As a result of much staff due diligence, very few coaches have been denied the privilege to coach in their tournament. Athletic Directors are asked to notify the MHSAAA if you are not sponsoring a sport - even for just one season - so we can stop trying to get your coach to take a test or attend a rules meeting. **Please do not ignore rules meeting notices or exams - notify the MHSAA as soon as you are aware that you will not be sponsoring a sport.**

If you are a head coach reading this chances are you attended your required rules meeting - if you are an AD who has yet to hire a coach for a sport whose rules meeting is around the corner you are reminded that regardless of these personnel matters someone must represent your school at required rules meetings. If a school fails to have a representative in attendance at required rules meetings for two consecutive years then that school's team WILL NOT be allowed to enter the tournament. Unfortunately this penalty has affected more than one school team in recent history.

ADs, coaches, officials and colleagues of head coaches, **please help spread the word about these two significant requirements.** Rules meetings attendance is required in ALL sports with the exception of bowling, tennis, swimming & diving and golf where attendance is voluntary but strongly encouraged by schools and the MHSAA. It is especially important that first year coaches attend.

1. The head coach must attend or pass a test within two mailings or he/she can not coach in the tournament. Instead a school administrator shall attend to supervise competitors.
2. A school who fails to have any representative at a rules meeting for two consecutive years can not enter a team in the MHSAA tournament in that sport.

Rules meetings are efficient, informative and located statewide. Meetings are scheduled in proportion to the number of officials and schools sponsoring the sport. Coaches, ought to know by now that attendance is both beneficial whether required or voluntary and absence can involve some severe penalties. More than just playing rules critical tournament procedures and MHSAA regulations are covered in these preseason meeting. ■

MARCY WESTON EARNS NASO AWARD

Central Michigan University Senior Associate Athletic Director Marcy Weston received the 2006 National Association of Sports Officials Mel Narol Medallion Award for her lifelong contributions to the betterment of the sports officiating profession.

Weston, a long-time mentor, trainer and interpreter at the high school level statewide, is the NCAA national coordinator of women's basketball officials. She was instrumental in developing the women's basketball officiating improvement program, as well as helping to write and maintain the rules of women's college basketball for years.



LEGAL ASPECTS

PUBLIC ACT 215 of 2006

Sec. 1318.

- (1) The board of a school district or board of directors of a public school academy shall ensure that its policies concerning a pupil's eligibility for participation in interscholastic athletics include use of a performance-enhancing substance by the pupil as a violation that will affect a pupil's eligibility, as determined by the board or board of directors. The governing body of a nonpublic school is encouraged to adopt an eligibility policy that meets the requirements of this section.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, the Department of Community Health shall develop, periodically update and make available to school districts, public school academies and nonpublic schools a list of performance-enhancing substances. The Department of Community Health shall base the list on the list of banned drugs contained in Bylaw 31.2.3.1 of the Bylaws of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

This act, which took effect with its signing by the Governor in late June, reflects the nationwide concern for cheating in professional sports and the hope that performance-enhancing drugs will negatively affect neither the integrity of contests nor the health of participants in school sports of Michigan.

The law requires all public school districts, if they haven't done so already, to include in their local codes of conduct that possession or use of any National Collegiate Athletic Association banned drug is not permitted and shall subject the student to the same penalties that the school district has established for possession/use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs.

Michigan's Department of Community Health is to maintain a list of banned substances based on the policies of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Lists of substances banned by the NCAA can be found quickly by Googling "NCAA banned substances" or "WADA banned drugs."

NCAA Banned-Drug Classes 2006-007

The NCAA list of banned-drug classes is subject to change by the NCAA Executive Committee. Contact NCAA education services or www.ncaa.org/health-safety for the current list. The term "related compounds" comprises substances that are included in the class by their pharmacological action and/or chemical structure. **No substance belonging to the prohibited class may be used, regardless of whether it is specifically listed as an example.**

Many nutritional/dietary supplements contain NCAA banned substances. In addition, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) does not strictly regulate the supplement industry; therefore purity and safety of nutritional dietary supplements cannot be guaranteed. Impure supplements may lead to a positive NCAA drug test. The use of supplements is at the student-athlete's own risk. Student-athletes should contact their institution's team physician or athletic trainer for further information.

The list for 2006-07 follows on the following pages.

NCAA Banned-Drug Classes 2006-07

Bylaw 31.2.3. Banned Drugs The following is a list of banned-drug classes, with examples of substances under each class:

(a) Stimulants:

amiphenazole	methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA, ecstasy)
amphelamine	melhylphenidate
bemignde	nikethamide
benzphetamine	pemoline
bromantan	pentetrazol
caffeine1 (guarana)	phendimetrazine
chlorphentermine	phenmetrazine
cocaine	phentermine
cropropamide	phenylpropanolamine (ppa)
crothetamide	picrotoxine
diethylpropion	pipradol
dimethylamphetamine	prolintane
doxapram	strychnine
ephedrine (ephedra, ma huang)	synephrine (citrus aurantium, zhi shi, bitter orange)
ethamivan	and related compounds.
ethylamphetamine	The following stimulants are not banned:
fencamfamine	phenylephrine
meclofenoxate	pseudoephedrine
methamphetamine	

(b) Anabolic Agents:
anabolic steroids

androstenediol	methyltestosterone
androstenedione	nandralone
boldenone	norandrostenediol
clostebol	norandrostenedione
dehydrochlormethyltestosterone	norethandrolone
dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA)	oxandrolone
dihydrotestosterone (DHT)	oxymesterone
dromostan clone	oxymetholone
epitrenbolone	stanozolol
fluoxymesterone	testosterone2
gestrinone	tetrahydrogestrinone (THG)
mesterolone	trenbolone

and related compounds

other anabolic agents

methandienone	methenolone	clenbu
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(c) Substances Barred for Specific Sports:

Rifle:

alcohol	pindolol
atenolol	propranolol
metoprolol	timolol
nadolol	and related compounds

(d) Diuretics:

acetazolamide	hydrochlorothiazide
bendraflurnethiazide	hydroflumethiazide (Continued, next page)

NCAA Banned-Drug Classes 2006-07

benzhiazide	msthyclothiazide
bumetanide	metolazone
chlorothiazide	polythiazide
chlorthalidone	quinethazone
ethacrynic acid	spironolactone (canrenone)
flumethiazide	triamterene
furosemide	trichlormelthiazide

and related compounds

(e) Street Drugs:

heroin	telrahydrocannabinol
marijuana ³	(THC) ³

(f) Peptide Hormones and Analogues:

corticotrophn (ACTH)
human chorionic gonadotrophin (hCG)
luleinizing hormone (LH)
growth hormone(HGH, somatotrophin)
insulin like growth hormone (IGF-1)

All the respective releasing factors of the above-mentioned substances also are banned:

erythropoietin (EPO) sermorelin
darbeopelin

(g) Definitions of positive depends on the following:

- 1 for caffeine—if the concentration in urine exceeds 15 microg rams/ml.
- 2 for testosterone—if the administration of testosterone or use of any other manipulation has the result of increasing the ratio of the total concentration of testosterone to that of epitestosterone in the urine to greater than 6:1, unless there is evidence that this ratio is due to a physiological or palhological condition.
- 3 for marijuana and THC—if the concentration in the urine of THC metabolite exceeds 15 nanograms/ml.

31.2.3.4.1 Drugs and Procedures Subject to Restrictions.

The use of the following drugs and/or procedures is subject to certain restrictions and may or may not be permissible, depending on limitations expressed in these guidelines and/or quantities of these substances used; (Revised: 8/15/89)

(a) Blood Doping. The practice of blood doping (the intravenous injection of whole blood, packed red blood cells or blood substitutes) is prohibited, and any evidence confirming use will be cause for action consistent with that taken for a positive drug test. (Revised: 8/15/89,5/4/92)

(b) Local Anesthetics. The Executive Committee will permit the limited use of local anesthetics under the following conditions:

- (1) That procaine, xylocaine, carbocaine or any other local anesthetic may be used, but not cocaine; (Revised: 12/9/91, 5/6/93)
- (2) That only local or topical injections can be used (i.e., intravenous injections are not permitted); and
- (3) That use is medically justified only when permitting the athlete to continue the competition without potential risk to his or her health.

(c) Manipulation of Urine Samples. The Executive Committee bans the use of substances and methods that alter the integrity and/or validity of urine samples provided during NCAA drug testing. Examples of banned methods are catheterization, urine substitution and/or tampering or modification of renal excretion by the use of diuretics, probenecid, bromantan or related compounds, and epitestosterone administration. (Revised: 8/15/69, 6/17/92, 7/22/97)

(d) Beta 2 Agonists. The use of beta 2 agonists is permitted by inhalation only. (Adopted: 3/13/93)

(e) Additional Analysis. Drug screening for select nonbanned substances may be conducted for nonpunitive purposes. (Revised:8/15/89)

REVIEWING THE REGULATIONS

FUNDRAISING CLARIFICATIONS

One of the more recent additions to the *MHSAA Handbook* is a clearly written statement on the amateur status of high school and junior high middle/school athletes that is a good foundation for avoiding violations of this long standing rule:

Eligibility for interscholastic athletics at MHSAA member schools is limited to amateurs, meaning those student-athletes who have not received gifts of material or money and have not received other valuable considerations, including special considerations for loans, because of athletic performance or potential. Treatment of or privileges received by athletes or their families that are not provided or available to all students violate the principles of amateurism in interscholastic athletics.

One addition hot off the MHSAA presses in the 2006-07 *Handbook* is a new Interpretation 125 and a re-written Interpretation 122 approved by the Representative Council. These additions help to clear the blurry line between amateur status and athletes involved in fund raising.

A student can not accept a camp scholarship from the camp sponsor or promoter. The payment of fees to attend specialized sport camps can only come from the student's parents, grandparents or siblings, from school approved fund raisers or from community or service groups and may not be provided on the basis of athletic ability or potential. School district **general funds** may not be used for out-of season specialized camps. A student may accept in kind up to \$200 per sport per year for entry fees to out-of season camps or competitions. (Sept. through Aug.) from **approved school fund raisers**.

Interpretation 122 clarifies that students may engage in fundraising either as an individual or as part of a group to pay costs to attend camps, clinics, exchange programs or competitions but the funds raised must be in the form of checks made out to the school or organization sponsoring the camp. Neither cash nor checks payable to the student or his family are allowed. Further, Interpretation 122 describes fundraising as financial support from more than one person involving small contributions from many persons versus large contributions from a few people.

Another and perhaps more common form of fundraising among athletes is the team fundraiser for uniforms or equipment with incentives or awards that may be won by an

athlete or his/her family for selling the most candy or discount cards. Interpretation 125 clarifies that when a fundraiser is strictly a school sports function then the award rule applies. In other words if the sale of discount cards is not school wide, but just being sold by athletes or the families of one or all athletic teams, then no award for top seller or money raiser can be in the form of cash or negotiable certificate and no symbolic award can exceed the \$25 limit. If the fundraiser is school wide, open to all students and includes non-athletes, then the awards restrictions do not apply.

Some teams fundraise for their uniforms and some teams keep their uniform or warm up at the end of the season. It does not matter if the uniform was purchased by the school or if a school fundraiser occurred to purchase these items - they are the property of the school and considered in the athletic department inventory. If a school wishes a student to retain their uniform or jersey at seasons end they may sell it back to the athlete at **fair (current) market value**. Can a local business or parent purchase school uniforms and then give them to the students? No, they may donate or give the jerseys to the school, who can sell them at the seasons end for fair market value.

Along these same lines, some local business or sporting goods stores will offer "team or athlete only discounts" for shoes or other personal sports wear items. These discounts are being afforded because the student is on a sports team and this is special consideration received by athletes that is not available to be received by others. A discount or special privilege on shoes must be made available to all students from a school not just the basketball team. This may be better business: everyone who wants to buy a certain shoe may do so from the retailer offering the discount to **all** students and not restricted to just the athletes.

As many schools weather the current school financial storm with pay-to-participate programs, we remind schools and others that athletic ability or potential may **not** be factored into the reduction or waiver of pay-to-participate fees. The payment by another of this fee is valuable consideration and may only be waived or reduced for **non-athletic** financial reasons. Schools and booster clubs should insulate themselves by using non-athletic criteria such as the federal school lunch qualification or create non-athletic boards who will determine when awards are appropriate based on financial need. ■

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS PARTICIPATION NUMBERS AGAIN AT ALL-TIME HIGH IN 2005-06

After setting a record for the second straight year and topping the 300,000 mark for the first time during 2004-05, the Michigan High School Athletic Association dubbed the 2005-06 athletic school year as a “Celebration of Participation.” The participation figures for last year give even more reason to celebrate.

For the third straight year, all-time records in high school sports participation in Michigan were set. MHSAA member schools report that 313,589 participants took part in the Association’s postseason tournament sports, surpassing last year’s record of 304,568.

Both girls and boys participation were at all-time highs. This year, there were 131,662 girls taking part in high school sports, topping last year’s mark of 127,890; and the boy’s figure of 181,927 passed last year’s record of 176,678. The totals count students once for each sport in which he or she participates, meaning students who are multiple-sport athletes are counted more than once.

Records for participation were set in 14 sports – seven in each gender. Football’s total of 46,447 topped the 2002-03 figure of 44,480, and continues to be the most popular sport for boys. Girls volleyball hit a participation all-time high in 2005-06 with 21,919, breaking the old mark of 21,678 set during 2002-03; and continues to be the most popular sport for girls in Michigan.

2005-06 Sports Participation

The following summaries indicate participation in MHSAA tournament sports for 2005-06.

(A) The first number is the number of schools reporting sponsorship on the Sports Participation Survey. The second number indicates the total number of participating schools in MHSAA tournaments, including the number of additional schools participating in the sport through cooperative programs, as of May 27, 2006. The third number indicates the number of schools that had girls playing on teams consisting primarily of boys.

(B) The second number indicates the number of additional girls playing on teams consisting primarily of boys and entered in boys competition.

Sport	BOYS & GIRLS TEAMS		GIRLS ONLY TEAMS	
	Schools (A)	Participants	Schools (A)	Participants (B)
Baseball	648/655/2	19,423	-	/7
Basketball	741/0/3	24,418	717/721	20,604/6
Bowling	249/244/3	2,879	234/238	2,308/10
Competitive Cheer	-	-	250/243	6,000
Cross Country	576/605/3	7,865	564/585	6,976/15
Football - 11 player	635/647/37	46,447	-	/42
Golf	566/570/65	7,854	314/320	3,713/100
Gymnastics	-	-	92	872
Ice Hockey	233/231/9	4,064	16	238/19
Lacrosse	81/86	3,328	51/50	1,515
Skiing-Alpine	91/98/3	915	88/100	703/4
Soccer	472/466/38	14,793	426/419	13,972/144
Softball-Fast Pitch	-	-	637/634	17,132
Swimming & Diving	257/266/7	5,047	273/276	6,910/56
Tennis	356/356/15	8,789	351/347	9,671/104
Track & Field-Outdoor	650/656/1	24,322	646/652	18,655/12
Volleyball	-	-	713/708	21,919
Wrestling	467/478/117	11,783	-	/193

MHSAA TOURNAMENT BALL AGREEMENTS

The “Official Ball” adoptions for seven MHSAA tournament sports will continue with the same manufacturers for 2006-07 as in the past year.

Baden Sports is the “Official Volleyball” of the MHSAA Semifinals and Finals. It's the second year of a five-year agreement with Baden that began last year and will continue through the 2009-2010 school year. The MHSAA receives an annual cash payment and complimentary Baden LEXUM® volleyballs for use at the Semifinals and Finals.

In both girls and boys basketball, the MHSAA is in the second year of a 5 year agreement with Rawlings as the “Official Basketball” of the MHSAA Semifinals and Finals tournaments. The agreement will be in effect through the 2009-2010 school year. Rawlings will provide an annual cash payment and complimentary product to the MHSAA for the Semifinals and Finals. In addition, COMPMICH and COMPMICH285 basketballs with the MHSAA logo will be available for purchase by schools through distributors.

Rawlings was also renewed as the “Official Tournament Baseball” for all levels of the MHSAA postseason last year. The agreement covers five years and will run through the 2009-2010 school year. The MHSAA will receive an annual cash payment and Rawlings will provide baseballs to host schools for all levels of the tournament as well as baseballs for the MHSAA Semifinals and Finals.

In softball, Wilson Sports was renewed last year as the “Official Tournament Softball” for all levels of postseason play. The renewal agreement also runs for five years through the 2009-2010 school year. The MHSAA will receive an annual cash payment and Wilson will provide softballs to host schools for all levels of the tournament as well as softballs for the MHSAA Semifinals and Finals.

The MHSAA is pleased to announce a new 5-year agreement with Brine as the “Official Ball” of the MHSAA Soccer Semifinals. Brine has been the Official Soccer Ball of the MHSAA Semifinals and Finals the past four years. The new agreement starts with the 2006-07 school year and will run through the 2010-2011 school year. The MHSAA receives an annual cash payment and complimentary Brine soccer balls for all Semifinal and Finals games.

Each sport in which the MHSAA has a ball adoption is as follows with manufacturer, length of agreement and level of tournament use.

Girls & Boys Basketball - Rawlings -Second year of a five-year agreement running through 2009-2010, Rawlings COMPMICH and COMPMICH285 used at MHSAA Semifinals and Finals

Baseball – Rawlings - Second year of a five-year agreement running through 2009-2010, Rawlings baseballs will be used and provided at all tournament levels.

Softball – Wilson - Second year of a five-year agreement running through 2009-2010, Wilson softballs (.47 COR, 375 compression) will be used and provided at all tournament levels.

Volleyball – Baden - Second year of a five-year agreement running through 2009-2010, Baden LEXUM® ball will be used at MHSAA Semifinals and Finals

Girls & Boys Soccer – Brine - First year of a new five year agreement running through the 2001-2011 school year. Brine soccer balls will be used at MHSAA Semifinals and Finals.

32nd ANNUAL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Rules and Regulations

Introduction

The 32nd Annual MHSAA Football Playoff Series will be played Oct. 27-28, Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 18 and 24-25, 2006. It is the responsibility of each competing school to be familiar with the rules and regulations that follow.

The Representative Council has attempted to set up financial allowances for competing team expenses and for schools hosting playoff games. It should be kept in mind that participation in MHSAA tournaments is voluntary and that total expenses of teams are not guaranteed. Cooperation of all schools will assure an equitable return of funds to both entertaining and competing schools and will enable the MHSAA to continue services to member schools and promote meets and tournaments in all sports.

Scoring System

(1) Playoff points are earned as follows and are figured only on the basis of games played:

- 80 points if you defeat a Class A team;
- 64 points if you defeat a Class B team;
- 48 points if you defeat a Class C team;
- 32 points if you defeat a Class D team.
- 40 points if you tie a Class A team;
- 32 points if you tie a Class B team;
- 24 points if you tie a Class C team;
- 16 points if you tie a Class D team;

All varsity football games involving MHSAA member schools must result in a win or loss. Varsity games ending regulation play in a tie score must be decided by the MHSAA-approved overtime procedures. Subvarsity games **will not** use the tie-breaking procedure.

(2) Bonus points are earned as follows and are figured only on the basis of games played:

- 8 bonus points are earned for each game one of the opponents you defeated wins.
- 4 bonus points are earned for each game one of the opponents you defeated ties.
- 4 bonus points are earned for each game one of the opponents you tied wins.
- 1 bonus point is earned for each game

one of the opponents you tied ties.

1 bonus point is awarded when an opponent who defeated you wins. (No points for your defeat to the opponent.)

(3) Add the playoff points and write as a fraction. The sum of the playoff points is the numerator and the number of games played is the denominator.

(4) Add the bonus points for each opponent separately and write as a fraction. The bonus points of the opposing team are the numerator and the number of games played by that opponent is the denominator. Then add these two fractions for total. (When adding the fractions reduce to a decimal number correct to the nearest thousandth (92.888 will become 92.889) to determine the playoff average.)

(5) Varsity games only are to be counted. Non-varsity games are not recorded.

(6) *Schools may continue to choose to play at any higher classification in football, but must do so by April 15. Enrollment figures for schools opting to play in a higher classification will be set at the midpoint enrollment for the higher classification. Playoff points will be based on the higher classification.*

(7) Out-of-state opponents are classified on the basis of Michigan classification.

(8) The number of points a team scores against an opponent has no bearing on the playoff point system.

(9) **MHSAA Handbook policies on inclement weather (lightning and tornado specifically) shall be followed. The game resumption delays may be extended by host schools as a special tournament policy superseding the game time and delay schedules used for regular season.** Games cancelled because of acts of God or emergency closing of facilities will not be counted unless they are rescheduled and played before Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006. All games contracted before Sept. 29, 2006 and played before Oct. 22, 2006 will count toward the playoffs even though the game may not have been reported to the MHSAA.

(10) Students who transfer from one school to another and are eligible immedi-

ately under one or more of the exceptions of the transfer rule and eligible under all other regulations, are eligible for MHSAA tournaments only if they are enrolled in the new school (actual attendance in one or more classes and on the official records of the school) prior to Oct. 1 (fall sports).

Eligibility lists shall be treated the same as during the regular season as in Regulation II, Section 4.

(11) Games forfeited for reasons including but not limited to:

- 1) Use of an ineligible player
- 2) Refusal to play for any reason will be recorded as a win for the aggrieved school and a loss for the offending school. All playoff and bonus points will be awarded even if the game was not played.
- 3) If a member school forfeits a varsity football contest and it is alleged by the opposing school that the forfeit is for reasons other than the health or risk issues or other compelling circumstances, but rather to avoid competition, the forfeiting school principal, athletic director and coach must appear before the Executive Committee to show cause why other sanctions should not be applied to the forfeiting school.

(12) Prearranged league games will be figured into the scoring if designated prior to Sept. 29. Games played after Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006 will not be figured into the 2006 playoff scoring. Leagues and conferences engaged in crossover matchups must submit to the MHSAA office prior to the start of the regular season, the exact method of matching teams in crossover games.

(13) Out-of-state games played before the selection of Pre-District qualifiers will be limited to a maximum of nine (9) games. Whenever a Michigan school or a school playing a Michigan team appears on the schedule of an out-of-state team after the ninth date on that schedule the last game(s) which does not otherwise contribute bonus points to a Michigan school shall be deleted from the schedule.

(14) Out-of-state schools playing more than nine games continuing beyond Michigan's final regular season date, will

not have those final game/games bonus points counted for Michigan playoff standings.

(15) Schools may play the same opponent twice during the season and receive separate playoff and bonus point totals for each game.

(16) Schools are responsible for reporting weekly win/loss records to the MHSAA. Also, schools are responsible for knowing their playoff total and average score. If a discrepancy occurs, the MHSAA is to be notified by the aggrieved school before 4:30 p.m. Thursday of that week. Changes made after 4:30 p.m. Thursday may not be reflected in the next release of team standings.

(17) After the fourth week of competition football averages as determined by MHSAA computer will be released not later than each Wednesday. It is the intention of the MHSAA to publish names of schools in position to qualify for the playoffs by their team record and/or playoff average. School enrollments and number of scheduled games will be included in the report.

(18) Once qualifying teams are publicized Selection Sunday (Oct. 22, 2006), if it is discovered that a qualifying team used an ineligible player during the regular season and the forfeiture of that game(s) would have caused that qualifying team to not qualify, that team will be withdrawn from the Playoffs but no team will replace it. That team's scheduled Pre-District opponent will receive a 'bye' and advance in the bracket. If it is discovered that a non-qualifying team used an ineligible player, no changes will be made in qualifying teams, their seeding or home and away designations.

Reporting Procedure
Beginning with the 2006 football season each home team will enter their own win/loss on the MHSAA Web site as soon as possible following the game. It is necessary to have every score.

Selection Process

There will be 256 teams selected to participate in a five-week playoff in eight separate divisions. A minimum of seven games

must be played to be declared a qualifier. Qualifiers will be selected as follows:

(1) All schools finishing with six or more wins playing a nine-game schedule, and schools with five or more wins playing an eight or seven-game schedule will qualify automatically for participation in the football playoffs.

(2) Additional qualifiers to make up a field of 256 teams will be selected from a pool of teams with 5-4 and 4-4 or 4-3 records based on their respective highest final playoff averages. Representation will come as equally as possible from Classes A, B, C and D and the selection will proceed from the largest class through the smallest.

(3) If the original field of qualifiers includes more than 256 teams, the field will be reduced to that number using the lowest playoff point averages selected as equally as possible from each of the four classes proceeding from the smallest class through the largest.

(4) Divisional alignments - On "Selection Sunday" the 256 qualifying schools will be listed by enrollment, largest to smallest. The largest 32 schools will be placed in Division 1, the next largest 32 schools will be placed in Division 2, etc. through eight equal-sized divisions of 32 schools each.

If there is a tie for the final position in any division, the team with the higher playoff point average will be placed in the higher division. If both teams have the same playoff point average, the tie will be broken with a coin toss by MHSAA staff.

Pre-District and District Pairings And Game Hosts

(1) On "Selection Sunday" each division of 32 schools will be divided into four geographic regions of eight schools each. Each of the four regions will be divided into two Districts of four schools each. Using playoff point averages, teams will be seeded within each District to determine opponents and hosts. The highest average team will host the fourth highest seed, and the school with the second highest average will host the third highest seed.

(2) If two or more qualifying teams finish with identical point averages within a District, the tie will be broken as follows:

- (a) If the tied teams played each other, the winner will receive the higher ranking.
- (b) If a tie still exists, the wins of your opponents will be totaled and divided by the total games played and the higher percentage will be selected for the higher ranking.
- (c) If a tie still exists, the team will be selected by a coin toss conducted by the MHSAA staff in the East Lansing office.

(3) Changes in home and away designations and opponents within a Pre-District may be made no later than 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 23, if they are the result of MHSAA clerical error.

(4) In the second week of playoffs the Pre-District winner with the highest playoff average will host the District championship game.

(5) When the distance between competing schools is within 75 miles, the host school will determine the day and time of game. Games may be played at 7 or 7:30 p.m. Friday, 1 p.m. Saturday afternoon or 7 or 7:30 p.m. Saturday. If the distance between schools is over 75 miles, agreement as to date and time must be made by both schools. If agreement is not reached, the game must be played Saturday afternoon.

(6) An alternate site mutually agreed upon by the principals of the competing schools may be used at any time.

(7) Schools listed as being on a probationary status with no hosting or reimbursement privileges may not host any level of competition and will not receive any share of competition receipts or reimbursement for participation.

Regional Game Hosts

(1) Regional championship games will be hosted by the District winner with the highest regular season playoff average. If both teams have the same average, the tie will be broken by the published tiebreaker procedure.

(2) Game times will be determined on the same basis as Pre-District and District games.

(3) The MHSAA will determine Regional sites whenever travel for one of the competing schools exceeds 200 miles one way.

General Regulations

(1) The 10-yard line overtime rule outlined in the Football Rules Book will be in effect for all varsity, regular season, and playoff games. The Point Differential Rule will be in effect during regular season and playoffs.

(2) There is to be no practice on game fields the week prior to Pre-District, District, Regional, Semifinal and Final games (unless approved by the MHSAA). Host schools are exempt from this regulation. Qualifiers may not practice in Ford Field once the playoff teams have been determined.

(3) Per Representative Council action in May of 2004, roster limits for all levels of the football playoffs have been removed. A maximum of seven (7) school coaches and four (4) managers/statisticians will be permitted in the team boxes during all playoff games. All persons not in uniform and on the side line must have a pass. Head coaches must be mindful of sideline control issues that will be officiated to the spirit and letter of the rule. All substitutes must be in the same color and design legal uniform.

(4) A maximum of four (4) Pre-District, District, Regional, and Semifinal **SCOUTING PASSES** will be given to competing schools for the game played in the opposite bracket of their division.

(5) Each competing school is to present three (3) legal game **BALLS** of its choice to the referee thirty minutes before the game. It is the school's responsibility to obtain the balls immediately following the game.

(6) Schools are to make their own arrangements for **SHOES** to be worn on artificial turf. Those managers may be able to assist with arrangements upon request.

(7) **Cheerleaders** – A maximum of 12 cheerleaders in uniform, including mascots, will be admitted and a maximum of 12 may lead cheers from the field. Schools with more than 12 varsity cheerleaders during the regular season may include those cheerleaders during the playoffs, but sub-varsity cheerleaders may not be brought up for the postseason games. Cheer squads shall follow either the MHSAA **Cheerleading Guidelines** or the guidelines approved by their local school district for regular cheerleading, whichever is more restrictive &

limiting. Local school districts are **RESPONSIBLE** for enforcing restrictions which are more limiting than the MHSAA guidelines. All cheer squads shall adhere to all guidelines provided by the tournament manager. Representative Council action in May of 2004 prohibits tunnels for players by spectators, bands or others (but not cheerleaders) at any location and any level of MHSAA tournament play.

(8) Schools should furnish their own **TEAM PHYSICIAN**. The host manager, however, is required to have medical personnel on duty and to secure emergency ambulance service if possible. Schools are to notify the MHSAA if they do not have a physician for the Final game.

(9) Host schools may not conduct 50-50 drawings or special raffles at MHSAA tournament games.

(10) Merchandise sold at playoff sites must be from an approved MHSAA vendor.

(11) **Imaging devices, including cell phones and cameras of any kind, are not to be used in locker rooms during MHSAA tournaments.**

Tobacco and Alcohol Policy

For coaches and officials at all MHSAA tournaments, use of tobacco products of any kind within sight of players and spectators and use of alcohol during a contest or at any time before it on the day of the contest is prohibited.

Enforcement

Tobacco – It is not intended that a violation of the tobacco policy should lead to immediate ejection of a coach. He or she should be reminded of the policy and reported to his or her school administration after the contest. Only if the coach is unwilling to comply promptly should he or she be disqualified from coaching at the event.

Officials should be reminded of the tobacco policy and reported in writing by the tournament manager to the MHSAA.

Alcohol – Historically, officials promptly disqualified coaches, and tournament managers immediately replaced officials who were under the influence of alcohol; and no change in such procedures is intended by these policies.

Game Time

Pre-District and District Games – See preceding page, "Game Hosts" (No. 4).

Regional Games – See preceding page, "Regional Game Hosts."

Semifinal Games – The games will be played Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. as pre-determined. At sites where two games are scheduled, game times will be 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., with separate admissions for each game. If local conditions allow, game management may schedule consecutive games with one admission of \$7. Semifinal games scheduled for the Superior Dome in Marquette may be played on either Friday night or on Saturday morning/afternoon as necessary.

Final Games – All Final games will be played at Ford Field on two separate days. Friday's schedule is as follows: the Division 8 game will be played at 10 a.m.; Division 2 at 1 p.m.; Division 6 at 4:30 p.m., and Division 4 at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday the same schedule will be followed for Divisions 7, 1, 5 and 3.

Uniforms

(All dark and light jersey colors may be switched if mutually agreed upon by the two competing teams.)

Pre-District and District Games – Home teams (teams with the highest playoff average) are to wear dark colored jerseys and the visiting team light colored jerseys.

Regional Games – Home teams are to wear dark colored jerseys and the visiting team light colored jerseys.

Semifinal Games – Home teams (teams from Regionals No. 1 & 3) are to wear dark colored jerseys; visiting teams are to wear light colored jerseys.

Final Games – Winners at the Semifinal level from the Region 1 & 2 games will be home teams and wear dark colored jerseys. Winners from the Semifinal Region 3 & 4 games will be the visitors and will wear light colored jerseys.

Pregame – Public Address Announcer and Timers

The host Pre-District, District, Regional, Semifinal, and Final management will select the P.A. announcers and timers.

Pregame Time Schedule (to go on clock):

- 24 minutes before kickoff – start clock (place 20 minutes on clock)
- 20-minute mark – coin toss
- 7-minute mark – National Anthem (teams are to cease warm-up activities)
- 00 minute mark – Introductions (kickoff team will be introduced first) kickoff immediately after introductions

Pregame and Halftime

Entertainment for all Playoff Games

Participation by school bands is optional. If the participating schools do not have a band the MHSAA will determine the pre-game and halftime entertainment at the Finals. The following will prevail if both bands desire to participate.

Pregame – Bands from schools designated "home" teams may play the National Anthem. If they prefer not to play, the "visiting" team band may play.

Halftime – Bands from schools designated "visitors" may perform the first seven (7) minutes of the half. The "home team" band may perform the second seven (7) minutes of the half. Time allotted includes entering and leaving the field. Bands must be off the field at least three minutes before the start of the second half.

Schools may use pompon routines, choral or other school groups if they wish, but the maximum time allotted for their school is seven minutes. Local management is not to be expected to furnish risers, backdrops, etc. If a school chooses not to perform, the opposing school may use their allotted time (not to exceed 14 minutes). If a specific announcer is required for the halftime show, arrangements must be made the preceding week with managers of Pre-District, District, Regional and Semifinal game sites. Schools competing in the Finals must make arrangements with the MHSAA office.

Trophies and Medals

Districts and Regionals – A trophy will be awarded to the winning team at each District and Regional Playoff game. In addition, 50 medals will be awarded to each winning team. For those teams with more than 50 players additional medals may be purchased through the MHSAA office at the competing team's expense. Please contact the MHSAA for further information.

Finals – Trophies will be awarded to the winner and runner-up schools in each division after the Final game; 50 medals will be awarded to each winning and runner-up team in each division. For those teams with more than 50 players additional medals may be purchased through the MHSAA office at the competing team's expense. Please contact **the MHSAA** for further information. Members of the MHSAA Representative Council will make award presentations.

Officials

The Football Officials Assignment Committee will assign officials to all football playoff games. Officials selected to work Pre-District and District games will receive \$45 per game, plus 15 cents per mile round trip from official's home city to game city (\$8 minimum mileage). Regional game officials will be paid \$50 plus mileage (\$8 minimum mileage). Semifinal and Final game officials will receive \$55 per game plus 15 cents per mile round trip from officials home city to game city (\$8 minimum mileage).

Coin Toss – At 20 minutes prior to game time, the officials will call team captains together for the coin toss. Visiting team captain will call first.

Chain Crew – The home management is to select a **four-person chain crew**. The fourth person is to manage the spot of the ball and the placement of the clips for on-field measurements. It is recommended that registered officials should work the yardage chains; however, local management may use their home crew if they have been regulars in that capacity. If possible, the crew is to be in full officials' uniform and will be reimbursed \$15 per individual, per game (no mileage).

Officials – Are not to be involved with any microphone hook-ups, TV or radio interviews – no exceptions.

Timeouts – All timeouts are not to be less than 70 seconds in length. This includes breaks between quarters and after scoring plays.

Program

Host schools during the first four rounds of playoffs will provide their own programs.

Finals Program

Teams qualifying for Semifinals competition are required to prepare and submit the Finals Program Information kit to be received in the MHSAA office by Nov. 13, for use in the souvenir programs produced for the Finals. Information forms can be found on the MHSAA Web site, **mhsaa.com**. Schools advancing to the Finals shall provide a statistical data update to the MHSAA by Nov. 19.

Press, Radio, and Television

All requests for press space are to be directed to the game manager (MHSAA for Final games). **Radio and television requests for all games are to be directed to the MHSAA.** Managers are not to permit broadcasts without MHSAA clearance .

Videotaping or Filming

Competing Schools – Per Representative Council action in May of, unless other arrangements are mutually agreed upon, as a last resort, each school will make available by 9 a.m. on Monday in the office of its school principal the required film or videotape for the “exchange.” Teams will exchange videos/films of their final two games prior to competition by 9 a.m. Monday following “Selection Sunday” unless both schools agree on another arrangement. The procedure of exchanging videos/films of the two previous games played prior to the scheduled playoff game will continue throughout the tournament. Schools refusing to cooperate will be reported to the MHSAA. A competing school desiring to videotape or film a Pre-District, District, Regional, Semifinal and/or Final Football Playoff game must receive permission to reserve space in the press box from the tournament manager. Films of losing teams in the playoffs taken at the Pre-District, District, Regional or Semifinal games may not be used for scouting purposes by winning teams in the opposite bracket. Schools wishing to videotape/film games **at other sites** may do so without securing advanced permission but must film from the stands or spectator standing area if press box space is not available. End zone filming is permitted by competing teams, but not if it requires the use of non-permanent struc-

tures such as hoists, bucket trucks, scaffolding or other machines or devices; The film/tape is not to be used to second-guess decisions made by game officials and may not be sold, rented, or loaned for commercial purposes.

Media Taping/Filming – The filming/taping of MHSAA events must be cleared through the Michigan High School Athletic Association. Members of the media may, without paying a fee, arrange with local tournament managers to take clips of MHSAA events for public showing. Under no condition may an entire athletic event be filmed or taped for showing without advance clearance through the MHSAA and the local tournament manager.

Spectator Videotaping/Filming for all Football Playoff Games – Spectators may videotape games without prior consent of the tournament manager with the understanding that the tape/film may not be sold, leased, borrowed, or rented for commercial purposes. The tournament manager should not permit spectators to interfere with the view of other spectators or news media personnel covering the games.

Live Television & Radio Coverage – No radio or television origination is permitted at any site until application has been made through the MHSAA, fee paid and authorization given by the MHSAA through the tournament manager.

Delayed Television – Arrangements for tape-delayed broadcasts must be made through the MHSAA office and only one origination will be allowed at a tournament site. A fee is required for each football game at each site. Contact the MHSAA office for additional information.

Finals Television – The Finals of the MHSAA Football Playoffs will be televised statewide by FOX Sports Detroit.

Finals Press Conference

At the conclusion of each championship game at Ford Field, each head coach will be required to attend a press conference to meet with the media covering the contest. Coaches may bring up to three players to the press conference.

Pre-District, District, Regional and Semifinals Tickets & Passes

All tickets for Pre-District and District games are \$5. All tickets for single-session Regional games are \$5. At sites where multiple Regional games are held and a single admission is charged, tickets will be priced at \$6 each. All tickets for single-session Semifinal games are \$6. At neutral sites where multiple Semifinal games are held and a single admission is charged, tickets will be priced at \$7 each. Each competing school at the Pre-District, District, Regional and Semifinals may purchase an allotment of tickets, not to exceed 40 percent of the stadium capacity, from the host manager. Each competing school will receive 10 game passes from the manager to be used for crowd management purposes. Band members in full uniform representing competing schools will be admitted without charge. No passes will be honored including league passes, coaches' passes, etc.

Final Games – Tickets & Passes

All tickets for Final games will be \$10 per day that will not include the cost of parking in Ford Field lots. The ticket holder will be admitted to all four games that day. Pass-outs, however, will not be given at any time during the day. A separate admission will be required each time an individual enters the stadium. Each competing school will receive 10 passes to be used for crowd management purposes. There will be no sale of reserved seats for Final games.

Meeting for Representatives of Schools Competing in Finals

A meeting for finalist school principals, athletic directors or other designated school representatives will be held at the offices of the MHSAA on Sunday following Semifinal games (Nov. 19) at 10 a.m. Final games and band procedures at Ford Field will be reviewed, passes distributed, housing, meals and other arrangements will be discussed.

Tickets will be available at this meeting. Schools are encouraged to bring a check for the number of advanced game tickets they wish to purchase. **Per Representative Council action in May, member schools will retain 50¢ per ticket sold in advance**

sale. Complete ticket sharing information will be included in the formal financial forms supplied to each team competing in the Finals.

Finances (Host Schools)

MHSAA member schools may not charge a rental fee for MHSAA tournaments over and above the following:

- (1) Host schools will be reimbursed by the MHSAA for all necessary and reasonable expenses incurred in hosting games.
- (2) In addition, the following stipends will be granted to schools which host playoff games whether they are competing schools or neutral sites:

Pre-District – 33 percent of net receipts or \$300 minimum for both host and visiting schools

District – 10 percent of net receipts or \$300 minimum

Regional – 10 percent of net receipts of \$400 minimum

Semifinal – 10 percent of net receipts or \$500 minimum

Finances – Travel Expenses

Each competing team traveling to a tournament site (not Pre-Districts) will receive a reimbursement fee plus mileage from school city to game city. Allowances are as follows:

One-way mileage

- 051 - 100 miles - \$4 per mile
- 101 - 150 miles - \$6 per mile
- 151 - 250 miles - \$8 per mile
- 251 - 350 miles - \$10 per mile
- 351 miles & over- \$12 per mile

Reimbursement Fees

Pre-District	\$300
(or 33% of net gate receipts)	
District	\$300
Regional	\$400
Semifinal	\$500
Final	\$750

Mileage is 50 miles deductible; therefore, teams competing at a site less than 50 miles away will not receive mileage. Example: Team A competes at a site 60 miles from its home city. Team A will receive \$40 for mileage.

Overnight Lodging Fees

A stipend of \$500 will be paid in all rounds of the playoffs to teams which are required by distance and/or schedule to have an overnight stay which is approved by MHSAA staff.

Parking and Concessions

The MHSAA discourages charging for the parking of cars and other vehicles at Football Playoff sites. If directed parking is necessary, schools may charge for the service. It is recommended that the price for such service be \$1 for all vehicles unless the customary charge during the regular season is higher. In no event shall parking charges exceed \$2 per vehicle.

If parking fees are assessed, it is not acceptable to list expenses for parking attendants as a game management expenditure.

Concessions will be operated for profit by host school management.

The average charge for Finals parking in the Ford Field area will be a minimum of \$6. ■

Online Score Reporting Mandatory in 2006

For the first time, the MHSAA is requiring all football schools to report game results after each week's game. Each football school will receive a username and password which will allow it to assign someone the duty of logging onto the MHSAA Web site **WITHIN ONE HOUR of the completion of the game** to input the game's score. Once the score is entered, the appropriate MHSAA football team pages will automatically update, as well as a page featuring results of all games played that day.

The Football Playoff Points page will also automatically update each week, but it will not be official until all scores from all football playing schools are reported. Thus, it is vital that schools designate a responsible person to complete this important task during the season.

MHSAA 2006 SEMIFINAL FOOTBALL GAMES

All games will be played on Sat., Nov. 18, 2006. Game times will be 1 p.m. unless one site is scheduled for two games. In that event, there will be two separate sessions at 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. or a double header at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Assignments to Semifinal sites will be made by the MHSAA staff following the completion of Regional Championship games. A public release will be made Monday morning, Nov. 20, 2006.

Home teams (teams from Regions 1-3 are to wear dark jerseys; visiting teams from Regions 2-4 are to wear light jerseys.

FORMULA FOR ALL DIVISIONS (SEMIFINAL GAMES)

Class	Regional Home/Visitor
ALL	1 vs. 2
ALL	3 vs. 4

SEMIFINAL SITES

The MHSAA has made preliminary arrangements to host Semifinal games at favorable sites throughout the state. Although the need to secure sites for 16 games makes it impossible to provide all-weather surfaces in each case, the MHSAA will select quality fields made available by cooperating high schools and colleges. Actual assignment of games to sites will be made after Regional competition has been completed and matchups are known. Although geography will be taken into consideration in assigning games, field quality and weather will also be factors in final selection.

Facilities that will be considered include the following: Ada Forest Hills Eastern HS, Alma College*, Birmingham Groves HS*, Birmingham Seaholm HS*, Cadillac HS, Caledonia HS*, Cheboygan HS, Clare HS, Clarkston HS*, Clinton Township Chippewa Valley HS, Coopersville HS*, Ferndale HS, Ferris State University*, Gaylord HS, Gibraltar Carlson HS*, Grand Rapids Houseman Field*, Hamtramck*, Haslett HS, Howell HS*, Jackson HS*, Jenison HS*, East Kentwood HS, Lansing Everett HS, Lansing Sexton HS, Macomb Dakota HS*, Marshall HS, Midland Dow HS*, Mt. Pleasant HS, Northern Michigan University-Superior Dome*, Port Huron HS, Portland HS, St. Clair HS*, South Lyon HS, West Bloomfield HS*, White Lake Lakeland HS, Wyandotte Roosevelt HS*, and Zeeland East HS*.

* = *Artificial Turf Field*

2006 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

Friday-Saturday, November 24-25, 2006
(All games at Ford Field, Detroit, Michigan)

	Division	Time	Manager
Friday, November 24	8	10 a.m.	MHSAA Staff
	2	1 p.m.	
	6	4:30 p.m.	
	4	7:30 p.m.	
	Division	Time	Manager
Saturday, November 25	7	10 a.m.	MHSAA Staff
	1	1 p.m.	
	5	4:30 p.m.	
	3	7:30 p.m.	

Semifinal winners from Regions 1 and 2 will be home teams and wear dark colored jerseys. Winners from Semifinal Regions 3 and 4 games will be visitors and will wear light colored jerseys.

2006-07 COUNCIL ADVISORY LIST OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

The Council on Standards for International Educational Travel has published the list of approved educational exchange programs for the 2006-07 school year. For immediate eligibility, an exchange student must be in one of the programs listed below and meet all other eligibility requirements for student-athletes. All listings are “Full” unless otherwise noted.

Organization

4-H International Programs Committee
Abbey Road Overseas Programs
Academic Foundation for International Cultural Exchange - *Provisional*
Adventures in Real Communication
AFS-USA
American Academic and Cultural Exchange, Inc.
American Councils for International Education (ACTR/ACCELS)
American Cultural Exchange Service
American Institute for Foreign Study Foundation (AYA)
American Intercultural Student Exchange
Amicus International Student Exchange
Amigos de las Americas
ASA International
Aspect Foundation
ASSE International Student Exchange Programs
American Secondary Schools for International Students and Teachers (ASSIST)
Association for Teen-Age Diplomats
AYUSA International
Azumano International
Center for Cultural Interchange
Children's International Summer Villages
Council for Educational Travel, USA
Council on International Educational Exchange
Cultural Academic Student Exchange, Inc.
Cultural Homestay International
DM Discoveries
Education Travel & Culture
Educational and Cultural Interactions
Educational Resource Development Trust (ERDT/SHARE!)
EF Foundation for Foreign Study
Face The World Foundation
F.L.A.G.
Forte International Exchange Association
The Foundation for Academic Cultural Exchange
Foundation for Intercultural Travel

The Foundation for Worldwide International Student Exchange
Global Insights
Global Outreach
Global World International Foundation
International Cultural Exchange Services
International Experience USA
International Fellowship
International Student Exchange
IntoEdVentures
The Laurasian Institution - **Provisional**
Learning and Achievement Foundation - **Provisional**
Musiker Discovery Programs
Nacel Open Door
NorthWest Student Exchange
NW Services PEACE Program
Organization for Cultural Exchange Among Nations (OCEAN)
Pacific Intercultural Exchange
PAX - Program of Academic Exchange
Peace4Kids, Inc. Promoting Educational and Cultural Enrichment - **Provisional**
Quest International
Reflections International
Rotary Ohio-Erie Youth Exchange Program
Rocky Mountain Rotary Youth Exchange
Rotary California-Nevada International
Rotary Central States Youth Exchange Program - **Conditional**
Rotary District 5950/5960 Youth Exchange Foundation
Rotary District 6650 Youth Exchange Program - **Provisional**
Rotary District 7120 Youth Exchange Program
Rotary District 7150 Youth Exchange Program
Rotary ESSEX (Eastern States Exchange)
Rotary International District 7890 Youth Exchange
South Central Rotary Youth Exchange
School Year Abroad
STS Foundation
Student American International
Terra Lingua USA
The Traveling School
United Studies Student Exchange
World Experience
World Heritage
World Link
Youth For Understanding USA (YFU USA)

For more information on CSIET please contact:

Phone: 703-739-9050; E-mail: mailbox@csiet.org; Web site: www.csiet.org

2006 COACH EJECTION LISTING — SPRING

City	School	Coach	Sport
Auburn Hills	Avondale HS	Dave Muczynski	Girls Soccer
Benton Harbor	Benton Harbor HS	Louis Harvey	Baseball
Birmingham	Seaholm HS	Sean Garvey	Girls Soccer
Birmingham	Seaholm HS	Frank Pollina	B- Lacrosse
Bloomingtondale	Bloomingtondale HS	Geral Wright	Baseball
Brooklyn	Columbia Central HS	Kevin Miller	Softball
Canton	Plymouth HS	Val Canfield	Softball
Clare	Clare HS	Mark Yenkel	Baseball
Commerce	Walled Lake Northern HS	Roger Breeding	Baseball
Corunna	Corunna HS	Brent Mowinski	Softball
Eau Claire	Eau Claire HS	Anthony Peak	Baseball
Farmington	Farmington HS	Dennis Hermani	Baseball
Farmington Hills	Harrison HS	Anthony Faletti	Baseball
Farwell	Farwell Area HS	Tom Whitfield	Baseball
Flint	Flint Southwestern HS	Ernest Moore	Softball
Fowlerville	Fowlerville HS	Mike Brown	Baseball
Grand Rapids	Forest Hills Northern HS	Erwin VanElst	Girls Soccer
Grand Rapids	Northview HS	Tim Roberts	Baseball
Grand Rapids	West Catholic HS	Greg Post	Baseball
Harper Woods	Harper Woods HS	Robert Cardinal	Baseball
Harper Woods	Harper Woods HS	DeAndre Cooper	Baseball
Hemlock	Hemlock HS	Rod McKibin	Softball
Hillman	Hillman HS	Lonny Kent	Baseball
Hudsonville	Hudsonville HS	Dave VanNoord	Baseball
Ida	Ida HS	Dawn Forter	Softball
Jenison	Jenison HS	Gary Cook	Baseball
Kalamazoo	Comstock HS	Larry Grueter	Girls Soccer
Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo Central HS	Josh Ross	Girls Soccer
Lansing	Waverly HS	Raz Villereal	Softball
Lincoln Park	Lincoln Park HS	Bobby Marten	Baseball
Marquette	Marquette HS	Rick Schewmin	Softball
Marquette	Marquette HS	Molly Wales	Softball
Mendon	Mendon HS	Dave Cook	Softball
Monroe	St Mary Catholic Central HS	Jon LaBeau	Softball
Monroe	St Mary Catholic Central HS	Joe Neidinger	Baseball
Muskegon	Muskegon HS	Kreg Podein	Softball
Muskegon	Orchard View HS	Dawn Cady	Girls Soccer
Muskegon	Orchard View HS	Ed Macheta	Baseball
Napoleon	Napoleon HS	Kody Naylor	Baseball
Newaygo	Newaygo HS	Max Huntoon	Baseball
Northville	Northville HS	Jim Fox	Softball
Novi	Detroit Catholic Central HS	Mark Falvo	Baseball
Plainwell	Plainwell HS	Brian Huberty	Softball
Plainwell	Plainwell HS	Chad Wiseman	Girls Soccer
Port Huron	Port Huron HS	Ryan Mullins	Baseball
Quincy	Quincy HS	Jeff Craig	Baseball
Riverview	Riverview Community HS	Sam Oliver	Baseball
Rockford	Rockford HS	Casey Dunham	Softball
Saline	Saline HS	Scott Stull	Baseball
Saranac	Saranac HS	Todd Chipman	Softball
Shelby	Shelby HS	Brian Plummer	Softball
Shelby Township	Utica Eisenhower HS	Mark Fortune	B- Lacrosse
Shelby Township	Utica Eisenhower HS	Ken Ronse	B- Lacrosse

South Lyon	South Lyon HS	Lance Seigwald	Baseball
St Clair Shores	Lakeview HS	Jim Glovac	Baseball
Traverse City	Traverse City Central HS	Wendy Richmond	Girls Soccer
Troy	Troy HS	Matt Jantz	B- Lacrosse
Troy	Troy HS	Towbey Kassa	B-Lacrosse
Walled Lake	Walled Lake Western HS	Brad Scheck	Baseball
Waterford	Our Lady Of The Lakes HS	Steve Troy	Softball
Waterford	Waterford Mott HS	Randy Hudson	Softball
Watervliet	Watervliet HS	Aaron Hyska	Baseball
West Bloomfield	West Bloomfield HS	Nick Latra	Baseball
West Bloomfield	West Bloomfield HS	Eric Pierce	Baseball
West Branch	Ogemaw Heights HS	Darryl Keeton	Baseball
Williamston	Williamston HS	Brad Van Sickler	Baseball
Williamston	Williamston HS	Steve VanderLaan	Softball
Wyandotte	Roosevelt HS	Chris Meeks	Softball
Wyoming	Lee HS	Lee Vasquez	Softball
Wyoming	Wyoming Park HS	Romer Carrasco	Girls Soccer

OFFICIALS REPORTS SUMMARY FOR SPRING 2006

Sport	Concern	Praise	P-Eject	C-Eject	O-Eject	Taunting
Baseball	119	12	77	34	6	1
Boys Lacrosse	36	0	27	5	0	1
Boys Track	2	0	1	0	0	0
Girls Lacrosse	6	0	6	0	0	0
Girls Soccer	56	5	28	9	1	2
Girls Track	1	0	0	0	0	0
Softball	37	8	7	22	1	

Rpts./Concern	Distribution of Reports		No. of Schools
	No. of Schools	Rpts./Praise	
1	142	1	25
2	40		
3	9		
4	2		

CODE: P = Player C = Coach O = Other

OFFICIALS REPORTS, 3 OR MORE—Spring 2006

School Name	City	Count
St Mary Catholic Central HS	Monroe	4
Lincoln HS	Ypsilanti	4
Seaholm HS	Birmingham	3
Eau Claire HS	Eau Claire	3
Howell HS	Howell	3
Waverly HS	Lansing	3
Mattawan HS	Mattawan	3
Orchard View HS	Muskegon	3
Wyoming Park HS	Wyoming	3

MHSAA CLASSIFICATION BY SPORT — 2006-07

Reflects cooperative programs and options to play in larger classifications or divisions as of July 11, 2006

Sports Utilizing Traditional Classifications

Traditional Classifications for 2006-07		
Class	Enrollment Range	Maximum No. of Schools
A	1,053 and Above	190
B	508 - 1,052	190
C	245 – 507	190
D	244 and Below	190

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

SPORT		A	B	C	D	
BASKETBALL	Girls	186	189	185	161	
	Boys	188	188	189	178	
FOOTBALL		188	189	174	69	a.
GYMNASTICS		55	11	1	0	
VOLLEYBALL		186	187	179	159	

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

Sports Utilizing “Equal Divisions”

SPORT		1	2	3	4	
BASEBALL		161	162	161	162	
BOWLING	-Girls	76	81	78	--	
	-Boys	79	79	79	--	
COMPETITIVE CHEER	Girls	57	58	58	58	
CROSS COUNTRY	- Girls	136	141	134	136	
	- Boys	141	142	140	144	
GOLF	- Girls	92	93	93	--	
	- Boys	130	131	130	131	b.
ICE HOCKEY		57	58	58	--	
LACROSSE	- Girls	19	20	--	--	
	- Boys	32	33	--	--	
SKIING	- Girls	38	39	--	--	
	- Boys	39	40	--	--	
SOCCER	- Girls	110	110	111	--	c.
	- Boys	121	122	121	91	b,c

SOFTBALL	161	163	160	151
SWIMMING - Girls	115	115	--	--
- Boys	108	108	--	--
TENNIS - Girls	83	83	84	84
- Boys	85	85	85	85
TRACK - Girls	146	152	149	148
- Boys	150	150	150	151
WRESTLING (Team)	116	116	117	117

b. *Litigation could change this*

c. *20% of all schools in Division 4; Remaining 80% divided equally among Divisions 1, 2 and 3. These numbers would be reduced by the elimination of UP schools unless the Federal Court order requiring the MHSAA to offer separate UP Soccer Tournaments in the fall for girls and spring for boys is overturned*

Upper Peninsula Tournaments

SPORT	Division	No. of Schools	Enrollment Range
*Swimming (Boys & Girls)	1	10G 10B	1,463-362G 1,463-362B
*Individual Wrestling	1	18	1,307-156
**Cross Country (Boys & Girls)	1	10B 10G	1,307-400
	2	10B 10G	394-286
	3	12B 13G	211-50
**Track & Field (Boys & Girls)	1	11B 11G	1,307-431
	2	12B 12G	400-286
	3	25B 25G	244-28
**Golf (Boys & Girls)	1	10B 11G	1,307-431
	2	9B 11G	400-286
	3	22B 20G	244-28/73
***Tennis --Girls (Fall)	1	6	1,307-503
	2	7	446-101
--Boys (Spring)	1	6	1,307-503
	2	7	446-101

Divisions are set as follows:

* Swimming, individual wrestling: All schools one Division.

**Cross country, track and golf: Class A, B & C schools are combined and divided into two nearly equal Divisions. Class D is its own Division. If Federal Courts require the LP Boys Golf Tournament in the spring, then 4 more schools will play in the UP Boys Golf Tournament (11-12-22).

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

NOTE: UP Schools Participate Statewide in all Other Tournaments

STATUS OF CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

*Schools which have exercised the option to play in a higher class for 2006-07
Traditionally Classified Sports*

City/School	Sport(s)	From Class:	To Class:	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Lansing-Sexton	GBB, FB	B	A	Fall 2006	4/15/08
	BBB, VB			Winter 06-07	8/15/08
Livonia-Ladywood	GBB	B	A	Fall 2006	4/15/08
North Branch	VB	B	A	Winter 05-06	8/15/07
Orchard Lake-St. Mary's	FB	B	A	Fall 2005	4/15/07
	BBB			Winter 96-97	8/15/06

IN WRESTLING (Winter)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Algonac	3	2	Winter 99-00	8/15/06
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	2	1	Winter 02-03	8/15/06
East Lansing	2	1	Winter 98-99	8/15/06
Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Winter 99-00	8/15/07
Saginaw	2	1	Winter 97-98	8/15/06
Shelby	4	3	Winter 05-06	8/15/07

IN GIRLS TENNIS (Fall)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Grand Rapids-Forest Hills N.	3	2	Fall 2006	4/15/08
Grosse Ile	4	3	Fall 2002	4/15/07
Holland	2	1	Fall 2006	4/15/08
Lansing-Sexton	3	1	Fall 2006	4/15/08
Midland-H. H. Dow	2	1	Fall 1999	4/15/07
Mt. Clemens	4	3	Fall 2004	4/15/07
Pinckney (2007-08)	2	1	Fall 2007	4/15/09
Richmond	4	3	Fall 2001	4/15/07
St. Johns	3	1	Fall 1999	4/15/07

IN BOYS TENNIS (Spring)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Beverly Hills-Det. Country Day	4	3	Spring 1999	10/15/06
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	2	1	Spring 2000	10/15/06
Lansing-Sexton	3	1	Spring 2007	10/15/09
Mt. Clemens	4	3	Spring 2006	10/15/07
Mt. Pleasant	2	1	Spring 2006	10/15/07
Pinckney	2	1	Spring 2007	10/15/09
St. Johns	3	1	Spring 2004	10/15/09

IN BOYS CROSS COUNTRY (Fall)

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

IN GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY (Fall)

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

IN ICE HOCKEY (Winter)

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

IN BOYS GOLF (Fall)

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

IN GIRLS GOLF (Spring)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Spring 2007	10/15/08
Mt. Pleasant	2	1	Spring 2005	10/15/06

IN GIRLS SWIMMING (Fall)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Fall 2006	8/15/08

IN BOYS SWIMMING (Winter)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	2	1	Winter 02-03	8/15/05
Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Winter 06-07	8/15/08

IN BOYS SOCCER (Fall)

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

IN GIRLS SOCCER (Spring)

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

IN BASEBALL (Spring)

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

IN SOFTBALL (Spring)

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

IN BOYS LACROSSE (Spring)

From City/School	To Division	Division	Deadline for First Season	Cancellation
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	2	1	Spring 2005	10/15/06
Detroit-U of D Jesuit	2	1	Spring 2006	10/15/06
Novi-Detroit Catholic Central	2	1	Spring 2007	10/15/08

IN GIRLS LACROSSE (Spring)

From City/School	To Division	Division	Deadline for First Season	Cancellation
Grosse Pointe South	2	1	Spring 2005	10/15/06

IN BOYS TRACK & FIELD (Spring)

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

IN GIRLS TRACK & FIELD (Spring)

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

*Co-op Program

2006-07 ORDER FORM FOR MHSAA MATERIALS

Mail order to MHSAA, 1661 Ramblewood Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823.

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THIS ORDER.

Quantity		Total Cost
	BASEBALL (after Feb. 1)	
_____	Baseball Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00
_____	Baseball Umpires Manual (2007 & 2008)	@ \$10.00
_____	Baseball Case Book	@ \$ 8.00
	BASKETBALL (after Aug. 1)	
_____	Basketball Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00
_____	Basketball Case Book	@ \$ 8.00
_____	Basketball Simplified and Illustrated Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00
_____	Basketball Officials Manual (2005-07)	@ \$10.00
_____	Basketball Handbook (2006-08).....	@ \$10.00
	COMPETITIVE CHEER (after Sept. 1)	
_____	Competitive Cheer Rules & Regulations Manual (2006-07)	@ \$ 7.00
	FOOTBALL (after Aug. 1)	
_____	Football Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00
_____	Football Case Book	@ \$ 8.00
_____	Football Simplified and Illustrated Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00
_____	Football Officials Manual (2006 & 2007)	@ \$10.00
	GYMNASTICS (after Sept. 1)	
_____	Girls Gymnastic Rules Book & Manual (2006-08)	@ \$12.00
	ICE HOCKEY (after Oct. 1)	
_____	Ice Hockey Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00
	LACROSSE (after Feb. 1)	
_____	Lacrosse Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00
	SOCCER (after Aug. 1)	
_____	Soccer Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00
	SOFTBALL (after Feb. 1)	
_____	Softball Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00
_____	Softball Umpires Manual (2006 & 2007)	@ \$10.00
_____	Softball Case Book	@ \$ 8.00
	SWIMMING & DIVING (after Aug. 1)	
_____	Swimming & Diving Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00
	TRACK (after Feb. 1)	
_____	Track & Field Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00
_____	Track & Field Case Book	@ \$ 8.00
_____	Track & Field Manual (2007 & 2008)	@ \$10.00
	VOLLEYBALL (after Oct. 1)	
_____	Volleyball Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00
_____	Volleyball Case Book & Manual	@ \$10.00
	WRESTLING (after Oct. 1)	
_____	Wrestling Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00
_____	Wrestling Case Book & Manual	@ \$10.00
	OTHER PUBLICATIONS	
_____	Court & Field Diagram Guide	@ \$12.00
_____	NFHS Statisticians' Manual	@ \$ 8.00
_____	2006-07 School Directory	@ \$10.00
_____	2006-07 Officials Directory	@ \$10.00
_____	2006-07 MHSAA HANDBOOK	@ \$10.00
_____	BULLETIN Subscription	@ \$15.00

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ALL ORDERS. Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

MAIL TO: (type or print) Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Signature: _____

– Use of this form expires July 1, 2007 –

REQUESTS FOR RULE/REGULATION INTERPRETATIONS/RULINGS

The MHSAA executive staff member in charge of a sport (see "Whom to Contact") is responsible for answering inquiries regarding playing rules, tournament policies and the applications of *MHSAA Handbook* Regulations II and IV for that sport.

Responses to general questions regarding athletic eligibility (Regulations I and III) may be provided by any MHSAA executive staff member; but questions regarding the eligibility of a specific student **must be placed in writing by a school administrator to the executive director**. Staff is instructed not to respond by telephone or e-mail to any questions regarding the eligibility of a specific individual if the answer is not provided for in the specific language of the *Handbook* regulation or interpretation or *Bulletin* clarification or update.

Because information provided to staff by telephone may be incomplete, inaccurate or misunderstood, responses by staff are not binding until information has been placed in writing and verified.

WHOM TO CONTACT AT THE MHSAA

The following list of subjects and the MHSAA staff persons responsible for them is provided to assist persons who call the MHSAA office with questions or concerns. Asking for a specific person will help the phone receptionists serve callers more efficiently.

Subject	Staff
Advertising	Frushour
Athletic Director In-Service	Rashid
Registration	Hoover
Athletic Equity Committee	Hampton
Awards (Forsythe/Bush/Norris/WISL)	Allen/Hoover
Baseball:	
Tournament	Uyl/Stokes
Rules	Uyl/Allen
Basketball:	
Tournament	Hampton/Stokes
Rules	Hampton/Minter
Bowling	Allen/Hoover
Bulletin	Kaminski
Calendar	Minter
Captain's Clinics	Osters
CHAMPS Clinics	Johnson
Classification	Roberts/Kinder
Coaches:	
Education	Westdorp
Guidebook	Westdorp
Registration	Hoover
Nonfaculty Registration	Lohman
Committees	Rashid/Stokes
Competitive Cheer	Westdorp/Waddell
Cooperative Programs	Rashid/Yonkers
Cross Country	Uyl/Lohman
Educational Transfer Forms	Rashid/Waddell
Eligibility Advancement	Allen/Hoover
Eligibility Questions	Rashid/Allen/Hampton/Mazzolini/Uyl
Executive Committee	Roberts/Rashid/Yonkers
Finance	Roberts/Minter/LaClear
Football:	
Playoffs	Hampton/Stokes
Rules	Hampton/Minter
Schedules/Open Dates	Stokes
Foreign Exchange Programs	Mazzolini
Games Wanted	Kaminski
Golf	Allen/Waddell
Gymnastics	Westdorp/Waddell
Handbook	Rashid
Host Availability Forms	Waddell
Ice Hockey	Allen/Stokes
Information Systems	Bihn
Insurance	Minter
Interstate Meets	Mazzolini
Investigations	Rashid
Junior High/Middle Schools	Allen
Lacrosse:	
Boys Tournament	Rashid/Westdorp/Hoover
Girls Tournament	Westdorp/Rashid/Hoover
Boys Rules	Rashid/Westdorp
Girls Rules	Westdorp/Rashid
League/Conference Meetings	Hampton
Registration	Hoover
Legacy Officials	Uyl/Verellen
Legends of the Games	Johnson
Legislation	Rashid/Johnson/Minter
Litigation	Rashid/Johnson/Minter
Medi	Johnson/Frushour
Mentor	Kaminski/Frushour
Merchandise	Johnson
Officials:	
Criminal History Checks	Uyl/Verellen
Directory	Uyl
Game Reports	Uyl
Guidebook	Uyl

Meetings	Uyl/Verellen	Sportsmanship	Frushour
Ratings	VanDerMoere	Good Sports Are Winners! Awards	Hoover
Registration	VanDerMoere/Verellen	Student Advisory Council	Frushour
Officials for Kids	Osters	Student Leadership Grants	Frushour
Out-Of-State Travel	Mazzolini	Supplies	Kinder
Printing	Kaminski/Minter	Swimming & Diving	Mazzolini/Lohman
Programs (Tournaments)	Kaminski/Johnson	Television	Johnson
Publicity	Johnson/Frushour	Tennis	Mazzolini/Lohman
Radio	Johnson	Tickets & Tags	Verellen
Broadcast Applications	VanDerMoere	Track & Field	Hampton/Lohman
Records (MHSAA/National)	Johnson	Trophies & Medals	Rashid/Lohman
Representative Council	Roberts/Yonkers	Update Meetings	Yonkers
Sanctioning	Mazzolini	Registration	Hoover
Scholar-Athlete Program	Frushour	Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee	
School Directory	Kinder		Hampton/Waddell
Skiing	Mazzolini/Lohman	Volleyball	Mazzolini/Stokes
Soccer:		Web Site	Kaminski/Frushour/Bihn
Tournaments	Minter/Hoover	Weight Monitoring	Uyl/Lohman
Rules	Minter	Women in Sports Leadership	
Softball:		Conference/Grants	Westdorp
Tournament	Allen/Stokes	Registration	Hoover
Rules	Allen/Uyl	Wrestling	Uyl/Lohman
Sponsorships	Frushour	Weight Monitoring	Uyl/Lohman
Sports Participation Survey	Kinder		

GIRLS SOCCER TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS SELECTION COMMITTEE

East Lansing, April 26, 2006

Members Present:

Gary Carson, Almont
 Bob Dowd, Troy
 Ken Fletcher, Kalamazoo
 Scott Huckaby, Hudsonville
 Carl Latora, Portage
 Al Martus, Goodrich
 Stacey Punzal, Novi
 Lynn Rosenbrook, Temperance
 Rick Schmidt, Holt
 Meg Seng, Ann Arbor
 Brenda Sequin, Hart
 Andy Valdmanis, Traverse City

Members Absent:

Brian Banda, Grayling
 Jen Barker, Livonia
 Chris Clark, Grosse Pointe
 Jeff Cook, North Muskegon
 Colleen Greuter, Kalamazoo
 Rebecca Herd, Harrison Twp.
 Keith Miller, Hudsonville
 Tom Miller, Midland
 Brent Sorg, Williamston
 Catherine Stevens, Kentwood
 Barb Thorburn, Ypsilanti

Staff Members Present:

Mandi Hoover
 Tom Minter (Recorder)

The committee members introduced themselves and were reminded of the functions of the various MHSAA committees and of their relationship to the MHSAA.

The standards and qualifications for assignment to the various levels of the tournament were reviewed. The submitting of schedules of contests to be worked by the officials was stressed as a condition of

assignments to these contests.

There are 1,312 registered soccer officials. There were 648 Officials who went to a rules meeting available to be assigned.

District Managers assigned a minimum of 192 officials to District Final games.

The committee made 192 assignments to 48 Regional Games, 8 Semifinal and 4 Finals. ■

GIRLS BASKETBALL SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, May 17, 2006

Members Present:

- Mitch Bohn, Sanford
- Tony Burton, Brown City
- Pete Bush, Cedar Springs
- Mike Colletta, Belleville
- Ken Dietz, Hartford
- Tim Genson, Scottville
- Leroy Hackley, Jenison
- Bob Herm, Clawson
- Barry Hobrla, Lowell
- Kris Isom, Adrian
- Doug Johnson, Coldwater
- Jean LaClair, Bronson
- Vic Michaels, Detroit
- John Norton, Bridgman
- Ellen Pugh, West Branch
- Jan Sanders, Warren
- Al Schrauben, Portland
- Cindy Short, Lansing
- Terri-Lee Smith, Indian River
- Arnetta Thompson, Grand Rapids

- Gregg Wagner, Port Huron
- Christian Wilson, Gaylord
- Brian Zdanowski, Greenville

Members Absent:

- John Brown, Berrien Springs
- Russell Davis, Jackson
- Lafayette Evans, Detroit
- Jamie Foster, Flint
- Antie Hardy, New Haven
- Laurie Kohout, Flint
- Sean Maloney, Dearborn Heights
- Sheryl Mox, Potterville
- Jeff Pitman, Mason
- Rick Schmidt, Holt
- Sid Wright, Ypsilanti

Staff Members Present:

- Nate Hampton
- Sharla Stokes (Recorder)

After the welcome and introductions, the committee was reminded of its responsibility and reviewed the accepted criteria for selecting 2006 hosts for the MHSAA Girls Basketball Tournament contests.

Drawings were conducted for District qualifiers to Regional Tournament competition as well as Semifinal bracket placement in all classes.

**Four Team Regional:
Tournament Advance Master Draw**

- 2nd Lowest District No.
- Highest District No.
- Lowest District No.
- 2nd Highest District No.

Semifinal Bracket Placement in All Classes:

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Class C	Class D
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Winner of Quarterfinal # 2 will play the winner of Quarterfinal # 4.

The committee then selected Quarterfinal, Regional, and District Centers in all classes except schools located in the Upper Peninsula.

The committee discussed a proposal from the UP Athletic Committee member, Mr. Dan Flynn, for boys and girls basketball District 12 tournament play. ■

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, May 17, 2006

Members Present:

Jack Anderson, Portland
Craig Atkins, New Lothrop
Kevin Baller, Cheboygan
Perry Baranic, Caro
Sue Barthold, Kentwood
Jeff Bisel, Bay City
Jake Boss, Lansing
Pete Bush, Cedar Springs
Stephanie Caruso, Detroit
Russ Collins, St Clair Shores
Ken Dietz, Hartford
Tom Durbin, Hudson
Tim Gensen, Scottville
Kirk Glassel, Parma
Bob Guse, Eau Claire
Erik Harrelson, Bath
Kay Johnson, Morenci
Ted McIntyre, Mt Pleasant
Terry Newton, Battle Creek
Tim O'Rourke, Midland
Teri Reyburn, DeWitt

Cheri Ritz, Wayland
Jim Sanford, Stevensville
Bob Scurfield, Midland
Ken Semelsberger, Port Huron
Randy Spangler, Coldwater
Dave VanNord, Hudsonville
Wayne Welton, Chelsea

Members Absent:

Vicki Blanchard, Houghton Lake
Gary Boyce, Grand Ledge
Bruce Dickey, Midland
R.J. Guizzetti, Riverview
Tom Willette, Canton

Staff Members Present:

Randy Allen
Tom Minter
Mark Uyl
Faye Verellen
Jamie VanDerMoere

The Committee was presented with the entire list of approved officials in Baseball who had completed availability forms at the MHSAA rules meeting in the spring of 2006. Assignments were made for the tournament on the basis of recommendations and availability of the officials.

TOURNAMENT INVITATIONS

All officials selected at each tournament level were sent "Tournament Invitation" forms from the MHSAA. Officials were assigned to work two or more games per tournament. Baseball Tournament Qualification Requirements for officials were not suspended in any case because sufficient officials were available. All officials assigned attended a 2005-2006 rules interpretation meeting.

OFFICIALS AVAILABILITY

Approximately 788 baseball officials and 808 softball officials indicated their availability for Lower Peninsula Tournament assignments. Of this number, Regional assignments for officials totaled 192; 112 officials were selected to work the first-round games (Quarterfinals); 28 officials will be selected to work the Semifinal/Final Games from the 70 recommendations. ■

GIRLS LACROSSE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, May 10, 2006

Members Present:

Sue Calvo, Swartz Creek
Judy Hehs, Bloomfield Hills
Rob Holder, Troy
Betsy Kreston, Flint
Greg Michaels, Lakeland
Ken Mohny, Mattawan
Mike Neuman, Grand Rapids
Melinda Saylor, Bloomfield Hills
Rick Schmidt, Holt

Keith Vree, Rockford

Members Absent:

Mike Mehall, Farmington (GLCA)
Jim Szur, Bloomfield Hills

Staff Member Present:

Kathy Vruggink Westdorp (Recorder)

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Girls Lacrosse Committee, which currently meets twice annually, reviewed its responsibilities as a standing sports committee and the process of making recommendations to MHSAA staff and the MHSAA Representative Council. The Girls Lacrosse Committee's function is to also assist with the assignment of tournament officials.

TRANSITION

Committee meeting minutes from the January 26, 2006 Girls Lacrosse Meeting were reviewed and further recommendations included that MHSAA assistance continue to be provided with girls and boys lacrosse schedules in the 2006-07 school year. In specific, a meeting will be held at the MHSAA Offices on Friday, October 13, 2006 to assist with the completion of non-league schedules. This meeting was held in 2005 with resounding success. Committee members indicated that the networking was worthy and that in the transition of the program, this meeting was necessary in completion of the schedule. A suggestion was made to have two separate meetings on the same date to allow the athletic administrator the capability of scheduling both girls and boys lacrosse in a single day, but in two overlapping meetings.

The posted Lacrosse Participating School Team Information and the Tournament Managers Material was also again reviewed and the Committee adopted both documents for the 2006 season.

2006 GIRLS LACROSSE TOURNAMENT

Thirty-nine teams will participate in the Girls Lacrosse Tournament that concludes at Bloomfield Hills Lahser on Saturday, June 10, 2006. There are 19 teams in Division 1 and 20 teams in Division 2. In an effort to allow spectators the option to attend both the boys and girls lacrosse contests, the girls Division 1 Finals are scheduled for 2 p.m. and Division 2 Finals are scheduled for 5 p.m. at Bloomfield Lahser High School. Boys lacrosse is scheduled at Birmingham Seahom at 3 p.m. (Division 2) and 6 p.m. (Division 1). Additional information regarding the lacrosse tournament is found on www.mhsaa.com.

ASSIGNMENT OF TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

The committee's function over this transitional period is to assist with the assignment of tournament officials. Ratings were made available in girls lacrosse for the first time this year. Currently there are 79 officials who are registered in girls lacrosse and great progress has been made in terms of the recruitment, registration and training of girls lacrosse officials. This continues to be a priority of the committee members and the MHSAA.

The girls lacrosse committee members offered input on the selection of tournament officials for regional semi-finals, regional finals, semi-finals, and finals. Officials who were in attendance at the MHSAA Girls

Lacrosse Rules Meetings were eligible for tournament assignment. Official's schedules were perused and officials were selected for tournaments. Girls lacrosse officials were notified of their assignment on Friday, May 12, 2006 and are expected to contact the tournament host and the MHSAA if they are unable to accept an assignment.

2006-07 PLANNING AND PREPARATION

The status of the three year experimentation allowance given by the MHSAA Representative Council was reviewed. This included the allowance for a Tier III Developmental Post Season Tournament and the provision for co-ops to exist over the 3500 cap for a maximum of the three year period. This three year experimentation will conclude after the 2006-07 lacrosse season. Two girls lacrosse cooperative programs are currently over the 3500 cap and have been notified to provide a plan for the 2007-08 girls lacrosse season.

Emphasis remains on the need to give assistance to schools regarding the enforcement of regular season policies that leagues normally follow regarding schedules and the assignment of officials, as well as promoting lacrosse within existing local conferences. Committee members remain committed to providing assistance in establishing new local lacrosse leagues and local officials associations for the 2006-07 school year.

In addition, a review of the tournament schedule will be ongoing and will continue throughout the 2006-07 school year. With girls lacrosse as an emerging sport, there will be many forthcoming changes that may occur with additional new teams becoming a part of the MHSAA Tournament. The Opt Out date for the 2007 season will be changed to assist schools with the regional draw. The Opt Out date for lacrosse next year is Wednesday, May 2, 2007.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGES TO THE NATIONAL FEDERATION

A request made by a member school to change the goals for girls lacrosse was discussed. The proposal was to place the goals no more than 80 yards apart and no less than 100 yards apart (instead of no more than 90

yards apart and no less than 100 yards apart.) This, by rule, would match the goals for boys lacrosse and allow for fewer lines to be placed on the field and might eliminate confusion on the part of players, coaches and officials. Some committee members indicated that this would cut down on the passing in the girls game by shortening the field and that the hard boundaries of the game already were a recently changed rule. The request was discussed by the committee and was not advanced to the National Federation for consideration.

LACROSSE RULES AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 2006-07

The lacrosse rules meeting schedule was discussed and a request was made to add one additional rules meeting to the schedule to allow for officials who register late and/or coaches who are appointed late to a coaching position. The MHSAA staff will review the schedule and place another date on the schedule to facilitate the request.

Lacrosse Committee meeting dates will be Thursday, January 25, 2007 and Wednesday, May 9, 2007. With affirmation of the meeting dates, there was additional discussion as to how individuals are placed on MHSAA Committees and the two year length of their term.

EDUCATION

There was a desire to make certain that the education of new coaches and officials remained a priority in girls lacrosse. This year, several girls lacrosse coaches were in attendance at a MHSAA Coaches Advancement Program held in Farmington, Michigan. Future efforts may include coupling a MHSAA Coaches Advancement Program with a Lacrosse Coaches Association Clinic to assist new coaches.

Another strong recommendation from the committee was to place a veteran official with a protégé official to assist with the rules and regulations of lacrosse. In addition, there was a request that assignors of girls lacrosse use a program to increase internet access by schools to an official's assignment. This request will be reviewed with registered assignors during the MHSAA Assignor's Meeting. ■

BOYS LACROSSE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, May 10, 2006

Members Present:

Greg Brynaert, Romeo
Rick DeBlasio, East Grand Rapids
Bob Dowd, Troy
Larry Edlund, Portage
Aaron Frank, Birmingham
Shawn Grady, Okemos
Mike Jolly, Warren
John Kenney, Beverley Hills (BCLA)

Ed Maloney, Ann Arbor
Roger Pattee, Detroit Public Schools

Members Absent:

Rich Kimball, Jackson
Tom Mecsey, Bloomfield Hills

Staff Member Present:

Tom Rashid (Recorder)

The minutes of the Jan 25, 2006 meeting were reviewed as was the previously approved late season seeding criteria. It was noted that Representative Council tabled the lacrosse committee's recommendation that out of season open gyms be required to have a variety of activities actually occurring rather than just being offered (May 8, 2006).

THREE-YEAR EXPERIMENT AND COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS IN EXCESS OF 3500 STUDENTS

In May of 2004 the Representative Council established the boys lacrosse tournament committee and permitted a three year window to experiment with seeding teams (2005-2007) as has been the practice of lacrosse in previous years and with a Tier III Developmental Tournament which has not been played in two years as all teams chose to enter the MHSAA Tournament. The six cooperative teams in excess of the 3500 student enrollment limit were also reviewed. It was noted that the Executive Committee directed that these teams inform the MHSAA of their intentions for 2007-08 and beyond at the same time they submit their enrollment declaration form in Feb 2007. A reminder notice will be sent to these teams this spring.

The overall tournament seeding procedures and results appear to have been well received in their second year. The committee discussed further adjustments. Some members will be meeting informally in the months ahead to suggest other improvements that would include some changes and additions to the criteria used for late season seeding. The committee will discuss the improvements in Jan. 2007.

2006 TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

The late season Regional alignments for Division 1, Regions 1-4 and Division 2,

Regions 5-8 were seeded based upon the predetermined criteria from No. 1 seed to No. 7-9 seed depending on the number of teams in each region. Preliminary recommendations were submitted and laxpower.com consulted. The pairings will be on mhsaa.com within a few days, are final and not subject to appeal. In 2006 semifinal pairings by regional numbers will be as follows: Division 1, Regional 1 vs. 4; 2 vs. 3, in Division 2, Regional 5 vs. 6 and 7 vs. 8.

OFFICIALS

Committee members were presented with two lists of MHSAA registered officials: 83 officials who had attended a rules meeting and 43 tournament eligible officials who had met all additional requirements including three hours of continuing education, completed an MHSAA written examination and submitted a schedule. The official ratings and number of rating submitted for each official in 2005-06 were also presented. A total of 143 boys lacrosse officials have registered with the MHSAA; 56 officials completed MHSAA sponsored training in the 2005-06 school year. A motion was made and supported to recommend to the Representative Council that beginning in the 2006-07 school year the written examination be eliminated as a requirement and continuing education be required only of officials in their first or second year of MHSAA registration in lacrosse. Adopted.

The committee selected 24 officials for regional finals, 16 semifinal officials and 8 final officials to the 2006 tournament. Three field officials will be assigned to each semifinal and final game as well as an alternate official who will also serve as the Chief Bench Official. Two officials will be assigned per game for the regional semifinal and three officials per game for the regional

final. Officials for the first round at the home site will be the responsibility of the home school, which will be the top team and higher seed on the bracket.

The growth of local officials association remains a priority as lacrosse begins to follow the best practices of other MHSAA sports. It was hoped that at least three local associations could exist in the near future, one in western Michigan and a two from the Metro Detroit area (southeast) towards Flint.

2006 TOURNAMENT PLANNING

The committee was given a copy of the Participating School Tournament Information and the Tournament Managers Material that was first sent to the committee at the end of March and available on mhsaa.com. No changes were proposed to the documents as presented and no negatives surfaced with regard to the changes to tournament dates that were approved by the Representative Council in December 2005.

The Lacrosse finals for both boys and girls will be played on Sat. June 10, 2006 at separate sites within a few miles of each other in Oakland County at alternating times. The boys final will be at Birmingham Seaholm H.S. (Div. 2 at 3 p.m., Div 1 at 6 p.m.) The Boys Coaches Association and Seaholm Booster Club will host a hospitality room for all MHSAA boys lacrosse coaches and officials at the final site (non transferable credentials will be sent by the MHSAA to Coaches Association members and MHSAA registered officials). Warrior Lacrosse will be the official ball supplier for both boys and girls lacrosse. As in other MHSAA sports, only those vendors approved in advance by the MHSAA office will have exhibit space at MHSAA finals. The girls finals will be at Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School (Div. 1 at 2 p.m., Girls Div 2 at 5 p.m.).

2006-07 PLANNING AND POINTS OF EMPHASIS

The committee discussed the need for continuation of the efforts to assist with regular season scheduling and determined that a second Administrative and Scheduling Meeting take place at the MHSAA on Friday, October 13, 2006. Times will be alternated with girls lacrosse so one athletic director could schedule both boys and girls contests. It was also recommended that a list of schools that sponsor sub varsity and junior

high middle school lacrosse be made available. The Administrative and Scheduling meeting will be to assist with the completion of non-league schedules. Athletic directors and boys lacrosse coaches will be invited to this meeting in preparation for the 2006 lacrosse season. Leagues are again encouraged to have their league schedules completed prior to the meeting on Oct.13, 2006. Four more schools have sponsored lacrosse in 2006-07 than in 2005-06 bringing the total to 65 teams and 87 schools. Many leagues have made lacrosse a league sport. The Capital Areas Activities Conference anticipates sponsoring lacrosse as a league sport in 2006-07.

The schedule and locations of the 2006-07 combined boys and girls lacrosse rules meetings were presented including the possible addition of a meeting in the Grand Rapids area: Wed. Jan 31, 2007, at Birmingham Seaholm, Thurs. Feb 8, 2007, at Warren DeLaSalle and Thurs. Feb 22, 2007, at East Grand Rapids High School. The final meeting will be at the MHSAA Offices in East Lansing on March 26, 2007. The opt out due date for boys and girls lacrosse should be earlier than in past years and will be moved one week to May 2, 2007.

JUNIOR HIGH MIDDLE SCHOOLS

There was consensus that the Limitations on Competition as outlined for many middle school sports in Regulation IV, Section 10 should be extended to lacrosse. Limitations should be considered with a view toward what is current practice in lacrosse and other sports and then advanced to the Junior High Middle School Committee after circulation among the Lacrosse Committee. Suggestions for appropriate limitations will be sought from members and presented for review in the 2006-07 school year.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Change the requirement that to be eligible for officiating the 2006-07 MHSAA Boys lacrosse tournament that officials register with the MHSAA, attend a rules meeting and submit a schedule/availability. Only officials in their first two years of MHSAA registration must complete three hours of continuing education to be eligible for the tournament. The mechanics/rules test will be optional (10-0). ■

MHSAA COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS

In any sport, two or more member high schools whose combined enrollment does not exceed the maximum for Class B may conduct, with the approval of the Executive Committee, a Cooperative Program in the specific sports for which application has been made and approval has been granted.

Two or more member high schools whose combined enrollment does not exceed 3,500 students may conduct, with the approval of the Executive Committee, a Cooperative Program in the following specific sports (sponsored by 250 or fewer schools) for which application has been made and approval has been granted: boys bowling, girls bowling, girls competitive cheer, girls gymnastics, ice hockey, boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse, boys skiing, girls skiing, boys swimming & diving, and girls swimming & diving.

If none of the schools involved in a proposed cooperative agreement sponsored the sport at any level on an interscholastic basis during the previous school year, then the 3,500 maximum enrollment may be waived by the Executive Committee. However, the cooperative agreement may not exist beyond three school years.

A complete list of high school and junior high/middle school cooperative programs as of July 15, 2006 begins below. ■

APPROVED COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS HIGH SCHOOLS

Primary School	Partner(s)	Last Approval	Renewal
(B) Ada-Forest Hills Eastern Girls Lacrosse	Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Central, Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern	6/12/2006	5/1/2006
(C) Allen Park-Cabrini (3) Ice Hockey	Melvindale	8/13/2003	5/1/2005
(C) Ann Arbor-Greenhills (2) Boys Swimming	Ann Arbor-Rudolf Steiner School	11/19/1997	5/1/2005
(C) Bath (3) Wrestling	Laingsburg	8/28/2002	5/1/2006
(A) Battle Creek-Central (1) Girls Golf	Battle Creek-Pennfield	10/23/1997	5/1/2005
(A) Battle Creek-Central (1) Boys Swimming	Battle Creek-St Philip Catholic Central	5/5/1996	5/1/2006
(A) Battle Creek-Central (1) Girls Swimming	Battle Creek-St Philip Catholic Central, Battle Creek-Pennfield	5/5/1996	5/1/2006
(D) Battle Creek-St Philip Catholic Central (4) Baseball (4) Boys Golf (4) Boys Soccer (4) Boys Track (4) Boys Cross Country (4) Football (4) Girls Soccer (4) Girls Track (4) Girls Cross Country (4) Softball	Battle Creek-Calhoun Christian School	4/20/2005	5/1/2005
(A) Bay City-Central (1) Ice Hockey	Auburn-Bay City Western	8/13/1996	5/1/2006

Primary School	Partner(s)	Approval	Last Renewal
(D) Bear Lake (4) Boys Cross Country (4) Girls Cross Country	Onekama	4/30/1988 4/30/1988	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(D) Bellaire (4) Baseball (4) Boys Track (4) Girls Track	Alba	11/17/2000 11/17/1998 11/17/1998	5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(D) Bellaire (2) Boys Skiing (2) Girls Skiing	Central Lake, Mancelona	9/11/1997 9/11/1997	5/1/2005 5/1/2005
(D) Benton Harbor-Countryside Academy (4) Wrestling	St Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic	9/19/2005	5/1/2005
(B) Benzonia-Benzie Central (2) Boys Skiing (2) Girls Skiing	Frankfort	9/8/2004 9/8/2004	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Beverly Hills-Wylie E Groves Gymnastics (1) Ice Hockey	Birmingham-Seaholm	8/28/2002 6/10/1992	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Birmingham-Seaholm (1) Boys Lacrosse (1) Girls Lacrosse	Beverly Hills-Wylie E Groves	11/10/2004 11/10/2004	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Bloomfield Hills-Andover (1) Boys Lacrosse	Bloomfield Hills-Lahser	6/9/2004	5/1/2006
(A) Bloomfield Hills-Lahser (1) Girls Lacrosse (1) Ice Hockey	Bloomfield Hills-Andover	6/9/2004 8/18/1999	5/1/2006 5/1/2005
(C) Boyne City (3) Boys Track (3) Girls Track	Boyne Falls	5/8/1991 5/8/1991	5/1/2005 5/1/2005
(C) Brethren (3) Boys Golf	Bear Lake	5/5/1996	5/1/2006
(C) Bridgman (1) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Swimming	Three Oaks-River Valley, St Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic, Stevensville-Lakeshore, Niles, Buchanan	4/15/1993 4/15/1993	5/1/2005 5/1/2005
(D) Britton-Macon (4) Baseball (4) Boys Golf (4) Boys Track (4) Boys Cross Country (3) Football (4) Girls Track (4) Girls Cross Country (4) Softball	Deerfield	10/13/1994 2/25/1999 4/15/1993 4/17/2002 4/15/1993 4/15/1993 4/17/2002 10/13/1994	5/1/2006 5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2006 5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(D) Burton-Valley Christian Academy (4) Baseball	Flint-Michigan School For The Deaf	12/31/2000	5/1/2006
(B) Byron Center (1) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Swimming	Grand Rapids-South Christian, Caledonia	5/19/2000 5/19/2000	5/1/2006 5/1/2006

Primary School	Partner(s)	Approval	Last Renewal
(A) Canton-Salem (1) Boys Lacrosse	Canton, Canton-Plymouth	10/21/2004	5/1/2006
(B) Caro (2) Boys Swimming (2) Girls Swimming	Cass City	3/17/2005 3/17/2005	5/1/2005 5/1/2005
(D) Caseville (4) Boys Soccer (4) Boys Track (4) Girls Track	Owendale-Gagetown	4/16/2003 10/22/2003 10/22/2003	5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005
(B) Cass City Gymnastics	Caro	8/29/2001	5/1/2005
(D) Cedarville (4) Football	DeTour	4/20/2005	5/1/2005
(D) Central Lake (4) Boys Track (3) Football (4) Girls Track	Ellsworth Community	1/15/1997 5/8/1991 1/15/1997	5/1/2006 5/1/2005 5/1/2006
(C) Charlevoix (2) Boys Skiing	East Jordan	10/9/2002	5/1/2006
(D) Chassell Volleyball	Painesdale-Jeffers	9/10/1998	5/1/2006
(A) Commerce-Walled Lake Northern (1) Boys Lacrosse	Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Western	9/8/2004	5/1/2006
(D) Cooks-Big Bay de Noc (4) Boys Soccer	Rapid River	4/21/2004	5/1/2006
(A) Dearborn-Edsel Ford Gymnastics (1) Ice Hockey	Dearborn	6/6/1995 5/1/2000	5/1/2005 5/1/2006
(C) Detroit-Frederick Douglass (3) Football	Detroit City	4/20/2005	5/1/2005
(B) DeWitt (1) Ice Hockey	St Johns	8/3/2001	5/1/2005
(B) East Grand Rapids Gymnastics	Grand Rapids-Catholic Central, Caledonia	5/6/2006	5/1/2006
(C) East Jordan (2) Girls Skiing	Charlevoix	10/9/2002	5/1/2006
(B) Eaton Rapids (1) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Swimming	Charlotte	4/20/2005 4/20/2005	5/1/2005 5/1/2005
(D) Eben Junction-Superior Central (3) Baseball	Munising	11/9/2005	5/1/2005
(C) Ecorse (3) Football	Detroit-Charlotte Forten Academy	6/9/2004	5/1/2006
(D) Engadine (4) Football	Paradise-Whitefish Township	4/15/1997	5/1/2005
(A) Escanaba (1) Ice Hockey	Gladstone, Bark River-Harris	6/10/1992	5/1/2006
(B) Essexville-Garber (1) Ice Hockey	Bay City-All Saints Central, Bay City-John Glenn, Pinconning Area	8/28/2002	5/1/2006

Primary School	Partner(s)	Approval	Last Renewal
(A) Fair Haven-Anchor Bay (1) Girls Swimming	Algonac	4/21/2004	5/1/2006
(A) Farmington Gymnastics	Farmington Hills-North Farmington	3/30/1992	5/1/2006
(A) Farmington (1) Boys Bowling (1) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Bowling	Farmington Hills-Harrison	9/8/2004 8/18/1999 9/8/2004	5/1/2006 5/1/2005 5/1/2006
(A) Farmington Boys Lacrosse	Farmington Hills-Harrison, Farmington Hills-North	9/8/2006	5/1/2006
(A) Farmington Hills-North Farmington (1) Girls Golf (1) Ice Hockey	Farmington Hills-Harrison	9/17/1996 5/6/2006	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Farmington Hills-North Farmington (1) Girls Lacrosse	Farmington, Farmington Hills-Harrison	9/8/2004	5/1/2006
(B) Flat Rock (3) Wrestling	Wyandotte-Mt Carmel	10/21/2004	5/1/2006
(B) Flint Southwestern (1) Boys Swimming	Flint-Central	5/1/1993	5/1/2005
(C) Flint-Beecher (2) Wrestling	Flint-Hamady	9/17/2002	5/1/2006
(A) Flint-Carman-Ainsworth (1) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Swimming	Flushing	4/22/1999 4/22/1999	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Flint-Kearsley (1) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Swimming	Davison	4/30/1994 4/30/1994	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(D) Flint-The Valley School (4) Girls Soccer	Flint-Michigan School For The Deaf	9/29/2003	5/1/2005
(D) Frankfort (4) Wrestling	Onekama, Bear Lake	8/28/2002	5/1/2006
(D) Fremont-Providence Christian (3) Boys Soccer (4) Girls Soccer	White Cloud	5/25/2005 12/1/2005	5/1/2005 5/1/2005
(B) Gladwin (1) Ice Hockey	West Branch-Ogemaw Heights, Beaverton, Harrison Community	8/29/2001	5/1/2005
(C) Gobles Boys Soccer	Bloomingtondale	4/25/2006	5/1/2006
(A) Grand Ledge (1) Ice Hockey	Lansing-Waverly	6/6/1995	5/1/2005
(A) Grand Rapids-Central (1) Girls Swimming (1) Ice Hockey	Grand Rapids-Creston	4/21/2004 8/3/2001	5/1/2006 5/1/2005
(A) Grand Rapids-Creston (1) Boys Swimming	Grand Rapids-Central	8/16/2000	5/1/2006
(A) Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Central (1) Boys Lacrosse	Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern, Ada-Forest Hills	11/10/2004	5/1/2006

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(B) Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern (1) Girls Swimming (2) Ice Hockey	Ada-Forest Hills Eastern	4/21/2004 4/21/2004	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(B) Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern (1) Boys Swimming (1) Competitive Cheer Gymnastics	Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Central, Ada-Forest Hills	6/18/2003 6/9/1999 9/11/2003	5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005
(A) Grand Rapids-Kenowa Hills Gymnastics	Grandville	8/16/2000	5/1/2006
(C) Grand Rapids-NorthPointe Christian (4) Girls Tennis	Wyoming-Tri-unity Christian	4/25/2006	5/1/2006
(A) Grand Rapids-Northview (2) Ice Hockey	Comstock Park	4/18/2001	5/1/2005
(A) Grand Rapids-Union (1) Ice Hockey	Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills	10/9/2002	5/1/2006
(A) Grandville (1) Ice Hockey	Grandville-Calvin Christian	4/15/1993	5/1/2005
(A) Grandville (1) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Swimming	Grand Rapids-Kenowa Hills	8/16/2000 5/6/2000	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Grosse Pointe South Gymnastics	Grosse Pointe North	4/25/2006	5/1/2006
(C) Hancock (3) Football	Chassell	4/30/1994	5/1/2006
(C) Harbor Beach Community (3) Football	Port Hope Community	4/16/2003	5/1/2005
(C) Harbor Springs (2) Football	Alanson-Littlefield	5/7/1992	5/1/2005
(C) Hart (3) Boys Soccer (3) Football	Walkerville	4/25/2006 4/16/2003	5/1/2006 5/1/2005
(A) Hartland (1) Girls Swimming	Linden-Lake Fenton	4/25/2006	5/1/2006
(A) Hartland (1) Boys Swimming	Howell, Fowlerville	5/1/2004	5/1/2006
(B) Haslett (2) Ice Hockey	Williamston	8/16/2000	5/1/2006
(A) Highland-Milford Gymnastics	White Lake-Lakeland	5/6/2006	5/1/2006
(D) Hillsdale Academy (4) Boys Soccer	Hillsdale-Will Carleton Academy	8/29/2001	5/1/2005
(C) Houghton (2) Boys Skiing (2) Girls Skiing	Hancock, Painesdale-Jeffers	9/8/2004 9/8/2004	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(C) Houghton (2) Boys Swimming (2) Girls Swimming	Calumet, Hancock	5/6/1995 5/6/1995	5/1/2005 5/1/2005
(A) Howell (1) Girls Swimming	Fowlerville	3/22/2001	5/1/2005

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(A) Hudsonville (1) Ice Hockey	Allendale, Hudsonville-Unity Christian	9/29/2003	5/1/2005
(B) Hudsonville-Unity Christian (2) Boys Swimming	Grandville-Calvin Christian	6/15/2005	5/1/2005
(C) Iron River-West Iron County (1) Boys Cross Country (1) Girls Cross Country (3) Wrestling	Crystal Falls-Forest Park	4/25/2006 4/25/2006 6/10/1998	5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(C) Ironwood-Luther L Wright (2) Boys Skiing (2) Girls Skiing	Bessemer-AD Johnston, Wakefield-Marenisco	9/19/2005 9/19/2005	5/1/2005 5/1/2005
(C) Ishpeming (3) Wrestling	Ishpeming-Westwood	8/20/2004	5/1/2006
(C) Ishpeming (2) Boys Bowling (2) Boys Swimming (2) Girls Bowling (2) Girls Swimming	Negaunee	8/20/2004 6/10/1992 8/20/2004 6/10/1992	5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(C) Ishpeming (2) Boys Golf (2) Boys Tennis (2) Boys Track (2) Boys Cross Country (3) Football (2) Girls Golf (2) Girls Track (2) Girls Cross Country	Republic-Michigamme	10/21/2004 10/22/2003 10/21/2004 4/25/2006 6/10/1992 10/21/2004 10/21/2004 10/21/2004 4/25/2006	5/1/2006 5/1/2005 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Jackson Gymnastics	Grass Lake	4/30/1994	5/1/2006
(A) Jackson (1) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Swimming	Jackson-Lumen Christi, Napoleon	4/30/1994 4/30/1994	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Kalamazoo Central (1) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Swimming	Parchment, Kalamazoo-Comstock	6/6/1996 6/6/1996	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Kalamazoo-Loy Norrix (1) Ice Hockey	Kalamazoo Central, Kalamazoo-Hackett Catholic	8/18/1999	5/1/2005
(B) Kingsford (1) Boys Cross Country (1) Girls Cross Country (1) Girls Cross Country	Iron Mountain	6/10/1998 6/10/1998 6/10/1998	5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(B) Kingsford (2) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Swimming	Iron Mountain, Norway	9/17/2002 9/17/2002	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(B) Kingsford (1) Ice Hockey	Norway, Iron Mountain, Felch-North Dickinson	4/11/1996	5/1/2006
(D) Kinross-Maplewood Baptist Academy (4) Wrestling	Pickford	9/27/2004	5/1/2006
(C) Laingsburg (3) Boys Soccer (3) Girls Soccer	Bath	6/9/2004 6/9/2004	5/1/2006 5/1/2006

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(D) Lake Leelanau-St Mary (4) Boys Golf	Leland	4/25/2006	5/1/2006
(D) L'Anse (3) Ice Hockey	Baraga Area	3/21/1991	5/1/2005
(B) Lansing-Catholic Central (2) Football (3) Ice Hockey	Lansing Christian	3/23/2006 9/13/2000	5/1/2006 5/1/2005
(D) Lansing-New Covenant Christian (4) Boys Soccer	Holt-Central Lutheran	4/20/2005	5/1/2005
(A) Lansing-Waverly (1) Boys Swimming (2) Girls Lacrosse (1) Girls Swimming	Lansing-Catholic Central	4/15/1998 10/21/2004 4/15/1998	5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Lansing-Waverly (1) Boys Lacrosse	Grand Ledge, Lansing-Catholic Central, Olivet	10/21/2004	5/1/2006
(A) Lapeer East (1) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Swimming	Lapeer West	8/12/1997 6/9/1999	5/1/2005 5/1/2005
(D) Leland (4) Boys Soccer Volleyball	Lake Leelanau-St Mary	4/30/1988 4/30/1988	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Livonia-Adlai E Stevenson Gymnastics	Livonia-Franklin	3/23/2006	5/1/2006
(A) Livonia-Churchill Gymnastics	Livonia-Franklin	9/13/2000	5/1/2006
(B) Livonia-Ladywood (1) Girls Skiing	Bloomfield Hills-Academy Of The Sacred Heart	8/16/2000	5/1/2006
(A) Lowell (1) Ice Hockey	Caledonia	8/16/2000	5/1/2006
(B) Manistee (2) Girls Skiing (3) Wrestling	Manistee-Catholic Central	5/5/1996 9/13/2000	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(B) Manistee (2) Boys Skiing	Manistee-Catholic Central, Bear Lake	5/5/1996	5/1/2006
(D) Manistee-Catholic Central (4) Football	Freesoil-Free Soil	5/8/1991	5/1/2005
(C) Maple City-Glen Lake (3) Football	Leland	4/20/2005	5/1/2005
(C) Maple City-Glen Lake (2) Boys Skiing (2) Girls Skiing	Leland, Suttons Bay, Lake Leelanau-St Mary	4/30/1994 4/30/1994	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Mason (1) Ice Hockey	Eaton Rapids, Charlotte	9/19/2005	5/1/2005
(A) Mattawan (2) Girls Lacrosse	Kalamazoo Christian	10/21/2004	5/1/2006
(A) Mattawan (1) Boys Swimming	Kalamazoo-Hackett Catholic Central	9/13/2000 5/1/2006	
(C) Mesick (3) Football	Buckley	4/25/2006	5/1/2006

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(C) Middleton-Fulton (4) Wrestling	Fowler	6/5/2002	5/1/2006
(B) Middleville-Thornapple Kellogg (1) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Swimming	Hastings	6/9/2004 6/9/2004	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Midland Gymnastics	Midland-HH Dow	8/28/2002	5/1/2006
(C) Munising (3) Football	Eben Junction-Superior Central	4/20/2005	5/1/2005
(C) Muskegon Catholic Central (3) Ice Hockey	Spring Lake	6/18/2003	5/1/2005
(A) Muskegon-Reeths-Puffer (1) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Swimming	Muskegon	5/6/2006 5/6/2006	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Muskegon-Reeths-Puffer (1) Boys Skiing (1) Girls Skiing	Norton Shores-Mona Shores	8/19/2005 8/19/2005	5/1/2005 5/1/2005
(D) Muskegon-Western Michigan Christian (3) Boys Track (3) Girls Track	Muskegon Catholic Central	11/6/2002 11/6/2002	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(C) Negaunee Gymnastics	Ishpeming	8/12/1998	5/1/2006
(C) Negaunee (1) Ice Hockey	Ishpeming, Ishpeming-Westwood, Gwinn, Republic-Michigamme	8/12/1998	5/1/2006
(C) North Muskegon (2) Football	Muskegon-Western Michigan Christian	4/15/1998	5/1/2006
(A) Norton Shores-Mona Shores Gymnastics	Muskegon-Reeths-Puffer	8/18/1999	5/1/2005
(A) Norton Shores-Mona Shores (1) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Swimming	Muskegon	5/6/2006 5/6/2006	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(D) Onekama (2) Boys Skiing	Brethren	4/30/1988	5/1/2006
(D) Onekama (4) Boys Track (3) Football (4) Girls Track	Bear Lake	4/30/1988 4/30/1988 4/30/1988	5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(D) Onekama (2) Girls Skiing	Bear Lake, Brethren	4/30/1988	5/1/2006
(A) Ortonville-Brandon (1) Boys Skiing (1) Girls Skiing	Oxford	8/28/2002 8/28/2002	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(B) Otsego (2) Football	Otsego Baptist Academy	4/25/2006	5/1/2006
(D) Owendale-Gagetown (4) Football	Caseville	4/17/2002	5/1/2006
(D) Painesdale-Jeffers (2) Boys Swimming (2) Girls Swimming	Chassell, Ironwood-Luther L Wright	4/30/1988 4/30/1988	5/1/2006 5/1/2006

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(D) Painesdale-Jeffers (3) Ice Hockey	Chassell, Ontonagon Area, Dollar Bay, Lake Linden-Hubbell	4/30/1994	5/1/2006
(B) Parma-Western Gymnastics	Concord, Springport	4/30/1994	5/1/2006
(D) Pellston (3) Football	Mackinaw City	4/15/1993	5/1/2005
(D) Pentwater (4) Boys Cross Country (4) Girls Cross Country	Walkerville	4/20/2005 4/20/2005	5/1/2005 5/1/2005
(D) Pentwater (4) Girls Soccer (4) Softball	Hart-Lakeshore Public Academy	11/9/2005 11/9/2005	5/1/2005 5/1/2005
(D) Pickford (4) Baseball	Cedarville	10/21/2004	5/1/2006
(D) Pickford (4) Football	Kinross-Maplewood Baptist Academy	8/13/2003	5/1/2005
(A) Port Huron Northern (1) Girls Swimming	Port Huron	6/5/2002	5/1/2006
(A) Portage Northern Gymnastics	Portage Central	9/15/1993	5/1/2005
(D) Powers-North Central (4) Football	Carney-Nadeau	6/10/1998	5/1/2006
(D) Rapid River (3) Boys Cross Country (4) Football	Cooks-Big Bay de Noc	4/21/2004 4/21/2004	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Redford Union (1) Ice Hockey	Redford-Thurston	10/14/1998	5/1/2006
(A) Rochester Hills-Rochester (1) Boys Skiing (1) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Skiing Gymnastics	Rochester Hills-Stoney Creek	8/9/2002 8/9/2002 8/9/2002 8/9/2002	5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Rochester Hills-Rochester (1) Girls Lacrosse	Rochester-Adams, Rochester Hills-Stoney Creek	11/10/2004	5/1/2006
(A) Rochester-Adams (1) Boys Skiing (1) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Skiing Gymnastics	Rochester Hills-Stoney Creek	8/9/2002 8/9/2002 8/9/2002 8/9/2002	5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Rochester-Adams (1) Ice Hockey	Rochester Hills-Rochester	4/30/2005	5/1/2005
(A) Rochester-Adams (1) Boys Lacrosse	Rochester Hills-Rochester, Rochester Hills-Stoney Creek	11/10/2004	5/1/2006
(B) Royal Oak-Dondero Gymnastics	Royal Oak-Kimball	9/12/2001	5/1/2005
(A) Royal Oak-Kimball (1) Girls Golf	Royal Oak-Dondero	11/7/2001	5/1/2005

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(C) Royal Oak-Shrine Catholic (2) Girls Swimming	West Bloomfield-Jewish	Acad of Met Detroit 4/21/2004	5/1/2006
(C) Rudyard (2) Boys Swimming (2) Girls Swimming	St Ignace-La Salle	8/28/2002 8/28/2002	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(C) Saginaw-Valley Lutheran (3) Football	Saginaw Arts & Sciences Academy	6/18/2003	5/1/2005
(B) Sault Ste Marie-Sault Area (2) Boys Swimming (2) Girls Swimming	Pickford, Brimley Area	6/7/1994 6/7/1994	5/1/2005 5/1/2005
(A) Shelby Township-Utica Eisenhower (1) Boys Lacrosse	Sterling Heights-Utica Ford II, Sterling Heights-Utica Stevenson, Utica	11/10/2004	5/1/2006
(A) St Clair Shores-Lakeview (1) Ice Hockey	St Clair Shores-Lake Shore, St Clair Shores-South Lake	2/19/2003	5/1/2005
(C) St Ignace-La Salle (2) Boys Golf	Mackinaw City	4/22/1999	5/1/2005
(C) St Ignace-La Salle (4) Baseball	Mackinac Island	11/11/1996	5/1/2006
(D) St Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic (4) Football	Benton Harbor-Countryside Academy	4/20/2005	5/1/2005
(C) Suttons Bay (3) Boys Track (3) Football (3) Girls Track	Lake Leelanau-St Mary	5/7/1992 5/7/1992 5/7/1992	5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(C) Suttons Bay (3) Girls Soccer	Lake Leelanau-St Mary, Leland, Northport	10/23/1997	5/1/2005
(A) Taylor-John F Kennedy (1) Boys Swimming	Taylor-Truman	5/1/2004	5/1/2006
(D) Taylor-Light and Life Christian (4) Football	Wyandotte-Mt Carmel	4/25/2006	5/1/2006
(A) Taylor-Truman (1) Girls Swimming	Taylor-John F Kennedy	3/14/1996	5/1/2006
(D) Tekonsha (4) Football	Coldwater-Pansophia Academy	4/25/2006	5/1/2006
(A) Traverse City Central (1) Girls Swimming	Traverse City-St Francis	4/30/1994	5/1/2006
(A) Traverse City West (1) Girls Swimming	Traverse City-St Francis	8/21/2000	5/1/2006
(C) Traverse City-St Francis (2) Boys Skiing (2) Girls Skiing (4) Girls Soccer	Traverse City Christian School	9/15/1999 9/15/1999 11/6/2002	5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2006
(C) Traverse City-St Francis (1) Ice Hockey	Kalkaska, Elk Rapids, Suttons Bay	8/16/2000	5/1/2006
(B) Vassar Gymnastics	Millington	4/30/1994	5/1/2006

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(D) Wakefield-Marenisco (3) Boys Track (4) Football (3) Girls Track	Watersmeet	6/10/1998 4/30/1988 6/10/1998	5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(D) Walkerville (4) Boys Golf	Pentwater	4/20/2005	5/1/2005
(A) Walled Lake Central Gymnastics	Commerce-Walled Lake Northern	6/10/1992	5/1/2006
(A) Walled Lake Western Gymnastics	Commerce-Walled Lake Northern	5/6/2006 5/1/2006	
(A) Warren-Cousino (1) Ice Hockey	Warren Mott, Sterling Heights	6/18/2003	5/1/2005
(A) Waterford Kettering (1) Boys Lacrosse (1) Boys Skiing (1) Girls Lacrosse (1) Girls Skiing	Waterford Mott	10/21/2004 9/13/2000 10/21/2004 9/13/2000	5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Waterford Mott Boys Swimming Girls Swimming	Waterford Kettering	6/12/2006 6/12/2006	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(D) Waterford-Mt Zion Christian School (4) Football	Novi-Franklin Road Christian	4/25/2006	5/1/2006
(B) Wayland Union (1) Ice Hockey	Byron Center, Hopkins, Middleville-Thornapple	9/13/2000	5/1/2006
(A) White Lake-Lakeland (1) Boys Lacrosse (1) Girls Lacrosse	Highland-Milford	4/21/2004 4/21/2004	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(D) Wyandotte-Mt Carmel (3) Ice Hockey	Ecorse, Flat Rock, Romulus-Summit Academy North	6/6/1996	5/1/2005
(B) Wyoming-Godwin Heights (1) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Swimming	Wyoming-Kelloggsville, Wyoming-Rogers, Wyoming Lee	5/1/2004 4/15/1998	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(D) Wyoming-Tri-unity Christian (4) Baseball	Byron Center-Zion Christian	11/9/2005	5/1/2005
(D) Wyoming-Tri-unity Christian (4) Football	Grand Rapids-NorthPointe Christian, Wyoming-The Potter's House Christian, Kentwood-West Michigan	2/22/2006	5/1/2006
(B) Ypsilanti-Willow Run (1) Ice Hockey	Belleville	8/4/2004	5/1/2006
(B) Zeeland East (1) Boys Bowling (1) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Bowling (1) Girls Swimming	Zeeland West	5/4/2005 5/4/2005 5/4/2005 5/4/2005	5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005
(B) Zeeland West (2) Boys Lacrosse	Zeeland East	12/1/2005	5/1/2005

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Bear Lake Middle School	Onekama Middle School, Manistee-Catholic Central JHS		
Boys Cross Country		2/23/1994	5/1/2006
Girls Cross Country		2/23/1994	5/1/2006
Brighton-Maltby JHS	Brighton-St Patrick JHS		
Boys Track		8/2/2005	5/1/2005
Girls Track		8/2/2005	5/1/2005
Wrestling		8/2/2005	5/1/2005
Brighton-Maltby JHS	Brighton-Scranton Middle School		
Boys Cross Country		8/15/1990	5/1/2006
Girls Cross Country		8/15/1990	5/1/2006
Brighton-Maltby JHS	Brighton-Scranton Middle School, Brighton-St Patrick JHS		
Boys Swimming		8/15/1990	5/1/2006
Girls Swimming		8/15/1990	5/1/2006
Brighton-Scranton Middle School	Brighton-St Patrick JHS		
Boys Track		8/2/2005	5/1/2005
Girls Track		8/2/2005	5/1/2005
Wrestling		8/2/2005	5/1/2005
Britton-Macon Area School	Deerfield Middle School		
Football		4/25/2006	5/1/2006
Bronson JHS	Bronson-St Mary's Assumption School		
Boys Basketball		9/8/2004	5/1/2006
Boys Track		3/14/1996	5/1/2006
Football		8/10/1994	5/1/2006
Girls Basketball		9/15/1999	5/1/2005
Girls Track		3/14/1996	5/1/2006
Volleyball		9/15/1999	5/1/2005
Wrestling		8/10/1994	5/1/2006
Caledonia-Kraft Meadows Middle	Caledonia-Duncan Lake Middle School		
Boys Track		6/9/2004	5/1/2006
Boys Cross Country		6/9/2004	5/1/2006
Girls Track		6/9/2004	5/1/2006
Girls Cross Country		6/9/2004	5/1/2006
Wrestling		6/9/2004	5/1/2006
Centreville JHS	Sturgis-Nottawa Community School		
Boys Basketball		8/13/1992	5/1/2006
Boys Track		8/13/1992	5/1/2006
Football		8/13/1992	5/1/2006
Girls Basketball		8/13/1992	5/1/2006
Girls Track		8/13/1992	5/1/2006
Volleyball		8/13/1992	5/1/2006
East Martin Christian Middle School	Martin Middle School		
Boys Soccer		4/25/2006	5/1/2006
Girls Soccer		4/25/2006	5/1/2006
Eaton Rapids Middle School	Eaton Rapids-Island City Academy		
Boys Basketball		9/27/2004	5/1/2006
Boys Soccer		9/27/2004	5/1/2006
Boys Track		9/27/2004	5/1/2006

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Girls Basketball		9/27/2004	5/1/2006
Girls Soccer		9/27/2004	5/1/2006
Girls Track		9/27/2004	5/1/2006
Volleyball		8/2/2005	5/1/2005
Wrestling		8/2/2005	5/1/2005
Ellsworth JHS	Central Lake JHS		
Boys Track		9/10/1998	5/1/2006
Girls Track		9/10/1998	5/1/2006
Flint-Armstrong Middle School	Davison Middle School		
Boys Swimming		8/16/1995	5/1/2005
Girls Swimming		8/16/1995	5/1/2005
Fowler-Waldron Middle School	Fowler-Most Holy Trinity JHS		
Boys Basketball		8/14/1991	5/1/2005
Boys Track		1/22/2003	5/1/2005
Girls Basketball		8/14/1991	5/1/2005
Girls Track		1/22/2003	5/1/2005
Grand Haven-White Pines Middle School	Grand Haven-St Johns Lutheran JHS		
Boys Soccer		1/18/1991	5/1/2005
Boys Swimming		1/18/1991	5/1/2005
Boys Tennis		1/18/1991	5/1/2005
Boys Track		1/18/1991	5/1/2005
Football		1/18/1991	5/1/2005
Girls Soccer		1/18/1991	5/1/2005
Girls Swimming		1/18/1991	5/1/2005
Girls Tennis		1/18/1991	5/1/2005
Girls Track		1/18/1991	5/1/2005
Softball		1/18/1991	5/1/2005
Volleyball		1/18/1991	5/1/2005
Wrestling		1/18/1991	5/1/2005
Grand Ledge-Beagle Middle School	Grand Ledge-Hayes Middle School		
Boys Track		9/27/2004	5/1/2006
Boys Cross Country		9/27/2004	5/1/2006
Girls Track		9/27/2004	5/1/2006
Girls Cross Country		9/27/2004	5/1/2006
Wrestling		9/27/2004	5/1/2006
Hancock Middle School	Chassell Township Schools		
Football		8/16/2000	5/1/2006
Harbor Beach-Our Lady Of Lake Huron	Harbor Beach-Zion Lutheran School		
Boys Basketball		8/13/1992	5/1/2006
Girls Basketball		8/13/1992	5/1/2006
Highland Park-Liberty Middle School	Highland Park-Barber Focus School, Highland Park-Henry Ford Middle School		
Baseball		8/13/2003	5/1/2005
Boys Basketball		8/13/2003	5/1/2005
Boys Track		8/13/2003	5/1/2005
Football		8/13/2003	5/1/2005
Girls Basketball		8/13/2003	5/1/2005
Girls Track		8/13/2003	5/1/2005
Softball		8/13/2003	5/1/2005
Volleyball		8/13/2003	5/1/2005
Wrestling		8/13/2003	5/1/2005
Holland Christian Middle School	Zeeland Christian Middle School		
Boys Swimming		1/22/2003	5/1/2005

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Boys Cross Country		8/13/2003	5/1/2005
Football		8/13/2003	5/1/2005
Girls Swimming		8/13/2003	5/1/2005
Girls Cross Country		8/13/2003	5/1/2005
Holland Christian Middle School	Holland-Calvary JHS	1/22/2003	5/1/2005
Boys Swimming			
Holland East Middle School	Holland West Middle School		
Boys Track		5/3/1997	5/1/2005
Girls Track		5/3/1997	5/1/2005
Holland West Middle School	Holland East Middle School		
Boys Swimming		9/16/1992	5/1/2006
Girls Swimming		9/16/1992	5/1/2006
Wrestling		9/16/1992	5/1/2006
Holland-Harbor Lights School	Holland-Macatawa Bay School		
Boys Swimming		8/2/2005	5/1/2005
Boys Cross Country		8/2/2005	5/1/2005
Competitive Cheer		1/18/2006	5/1/2006
Girls Basketball		9/19/2005	5/1/2005
Girls Cross Country		8/2/2005	5/1/2005
Softball		1/18/2006	5/1/2006
Volleyball		1/18/2006	5/1/2006
Wrestling		8/2/2005	5/1/2005
Leland Middle School	Lake Leelanau-St Mary JHS		
Boys Soccer		9/13/2000	5/1/2006
Volleyball		12/2/1998	5/1/2006
Manistee Middle School	Manistee-Catholic Central JHS		
Wrestling		9/13/2000	5/1/2006
Manistee-Catholic Central JHS	Manistee-Trinity Lutheran JHS		
Boys Basketball		8/15/1990	5/1/2006
Girls Basketball		4/30/1996	5/1/2006
Manistee-Catholic Central JHS	FreeSoil-Free Soil JHS, Manistee-Trinity Lutheran JHS		
Football		8/13/1992	5/1/2006
Maple City-Glen Lake Middle School	Leland Middle School		
Football		4/20/2005	5/1/2005
Martin Middle School	East Martin Christian Middle School		
Boys Track		4/25/2006	5/1/2006
Football		4/25/2006	5/1/2006
Girls Track		4/25/2006	5/1/2006
Wrestling		4/25/2006	5/1/2006
Mesick Middle School	Buckley JHS		
Boys Track		12/31/1999	5/1/2005
Football		4/25/2006	5/1/2006
Girls Track		12/31/1999	5/1/2005
Muskegon-Bunker Middle School	Norton Shores-Mona Shores Middle School, Muskegon-Steele Middle School, Muskegon-Reeths-Puffer Middle		
Boys Swimming		6/6/2001	5/1/2005
Girls Swimming		6/6/2001	5/1/2005
New Boston-Renton JHS	New Boston-St Stephen JHS		
Boys Swimming		9/16/1992	5/1/2006
Boys Track		9/16/1992	5/1/2006
Football		9/16/1992	5/1/2006
Girls Basketball		9/16/1992	5/1/2006

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Girls Swimming		9/16/1992	5/1/2006
Girls Track		9/16/1992	5/1/2006
Wrestling		9/16/1992	5/1/2006
Norway-Vulcan Middle School	Norway-Holy Spirit Central School		
Boys Basketball		12/5/2002	5/1/2006
Boys Track		12/5/2002	5/1/2006
Girls Basketball		12/5/2002	5/1/2006
Girls Track		12/5/2002	5/1/2006
Oak Park-Norup International School	Berkley-Anderson Middle School		
Football		4/20/2005	5/1/2005
Okemos-Chippewa Middle School	Okemos-Kinawa Middle School		
Boys Track		11/17/1999	5/1/2005
Boys Cross Country		11/17/1999	5/1/2005
Girls Track		11/17/1999	5/1/2005
Girls Cross Country		11/17/1999	5/1/2005
Okemos-Kinawa Middle School	Okemos-Chippewa Middle School		
Wrestling		11/17/1999	5/1/2005
Onekama Middle School	Bear Lake Middle School		
Boys Track		2/23/1994	5/1/2006
Girls Track		2/23/1994	5/1/2006
Owendale-Gagetown JHS	Caseville JHS		
Football		1/18/2006	5/1/2006
Painesdale-Jeffers JHS	Atlantic Mine-EB Holman School		
Boys Basketball		12/31/1999	5/1/2005
Pellston Middle School	Mackinaw City JHS		
Football		6/9/1999	5/1/2005
Pentwater Middle School	Walkerville JHS		
Boys Cross Country		4/20/2005	5/1/2005
Girls Cross Country		4/20/2005	5/1/2005
Petoskey Middle School	Petoskey-St Francis Xavier JHS		
Boys Basketball		5/6/1995	5/1/2006
Boys Skiing		2/22/2006	5/1/2006
Boys Track		9/11/1991	5/1/2005
Boys Cross Country		5/6/1995	5/1/2006
Football		9/11/1991	5/1/2005
Girls Basketball		5/6/1995	5/1/2005
Girls Skiing		2/22/2006	5/1/2006
Girls Track		9/11/1991	5/1/2005
Girls Cross Country		5/6/1995	5/1/2006
Volleyball		9/11/1991	5/1/2005
Wrestling		9/11/1991	5/1/2005
Roseville JHS	Roseville-Eastland JHS		
Football		3/30/1992	5/1/2006
Wrestling		3/30/1992	5/1/2006
Royal Oak-Addams Middle School	Royal Oak-Keller Middle School		
Wrestling		9/13/2000	5/1/2006
South Haven-Baseline Middle School	South Haven-St Basil Catholic Middle School, South Haven-St Paul Lutheran MS		
Boys Basketball		10/14/1998	5/1/2006
Boys Track		10/14/1998	5/1/2006
Football		10/14/1998	5/1/2006
Girls Basketball		10/14/1998	5/1/2006

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Girls Track		10/14/1998	5/1/2006
Volleyball		10/14/1998	5/1/2006
Wrestling		10/14/1998	5/1/2006
Spring Lake Middle School	Spring Lake-St Mary's Catholic School		
Boys Swimming		8/11/1993	5/1/2005
Boys Track		8/11/1993	5/1/2005
Football		8/11/1993	5/1/2005
Girls Swimming		8/11/1993	5/1/2005
Girls Track		8/11/1993	5/1/2005
Volleyball		8/11/1993	5/1/2005
Wrestling		8/11/1993	5/1/2005
St Ignace Middle School	St Ignace-Gros Cap School		
Boys Basketball		11/10/1993	5/1/2005
Boys Track		11/10/1993	5/1/2005
Girls Basketball		11/10/1993	5/1/2005
Girls Track		11/10/1993	5/1/2005
Volleyball		11/10/1993	5/1/2005
Wrestling		11/10/1993	5/1/2005
St Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic MS	Benton Harbor-Countryside Charter School		
Football		4/20/2005	5/1/2005
Sturgis Middle School	Sturgis-Trinity Lutheran School		
Boys Tennis		5/2/1998	5/1/2006
Boys Track		12/12/1995	5/1/2005
Boys Cross Country		5/2/1998	5/1/2006
Girls Tennis		5/2/1998	5/1/2006
Girls Track		12/12/1995	5/1/2005
Girls Cross Country		5/2/1998	5/1/2006
Wrestling		12/12/1995	5/1/2005
Taylor-Hoover Middle School	Taylor-Brake Middle School, Taylor-West Middle School		
Boys Swimming		5/1/2004	5/1/2006
Girls Swimming		5/1/2004	5/1/2006
Tekonsha Middle School	-		
Football		4/25/2006	5/1/2006
Traverse City Christian School	Traverse City-Interlochen Pathfinder		
Boys Basketball		10/21/2004	5/1/2006
Boys Track		10/21/2004	5/1/2006
Boys Cross Country		10/21/2004	5/1/2006
Girls Basketball		10/21/2004	5/1/2006
Girls Track		10/21/2004	5/1/2006
Girls Cross Country		10/21/2004	5/1/2006
Volleyball		10/21/2004	5/1/2006
Vassar JHS	Richville-St Michael's Lutheran School		
Football		4/20/2005	5/1/2005
West Bloomfield-Abbott Middle School	West Bloomfield-Orchard Lake Middle School		
Boys Swimming		4/11/1996	5/1/2006
Boys Track		4/11/1996	5/1/2006
Boys Cross Country		4/11/1996	5/1/2006
Football		4/11/1996	5/1/2006
Girls Swimming		4/11/1996	5/1/2006
Girls Track		4/11/1996	5/1/2006
Girls Cross Country		4/11/1996	5/1/2006
Wyoming-Godwin Heights Middle School	Kentwood-Kelloggsville Middle School		
Boys Swimming		11/17/1998	5/1/2006

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QUICK REFERENCE CALENDAR

SPORT	FIRST PRACTICE DATE	FIRST CONTEST DATE	DAYS OR CONTESTS	OPT OUT DATE	DUE DATE OF RATINGS	MHSAA TOURNAMENT DATES				
						DISTRICTS	REGIONALS	QUARTER FINALS	SEMI FINALS	FINALS
FALL										
Basketball - Girls	Aug 14	Aug 28	20C	Oct 11	Dec 1	Nov 13-18	Nov 20-22	Nov 28	Nov 30 & Dec 1	Dec 2
Cross Country - LP	Aug 14	Aug 14	15D	Oct 11			Oct 27 or 28			Nov 4
Cross Country - UP	Aug 14	Aug 14	15D	Oct 6						Oct 21
Football	Aug 7	Aug 24	9C	N/A	Dec 1	Oct 27 or 28 & Nov 3 or 4	Nov 10 or 11		Nov 18	Nov 24-25
Golf - LP Boys	Aug 10	Aug 14	16D	Sep 22		Oct 5 or 6 or 7	Oct 12 or 13 or 14			Oct 20-21
Soccer - Boys	Aug 14	Aug 21	18C	Sep 27	Dec 1	Oct 16-21	Oct 24-28		Nov 1	Nov 4
Swimming - LP Girls	Aug 14	Aug 26	17D	Nov 13			Dive: Nov 14			Nov 17-18
Tennis - LP Girls	Aug 14	Aug 14	16D	Sep 27			Oct 12 or 13			Oct 20-21
Tennis - UP Girls	Aug 14	Aug 14	16D	Sep 22						Oct 5
WINTER										
Basketball - Boys	Nov 13	Dec 4	20C	Feb 7	Mar 23	Mar 5-10	Mar 13-17	Mar 20	Mar 22-23	Mar 24
Bowling - Boys & Girls	Nov 9-UP Nov 16-LP	Nov 25-UP Dec 2-LP	24D	Feb 9			Feb 23-24			Mar 2-3
Competitive Cheer	Nov 6	Nov 20	12D	Feb 16			Mar 3			Mar 9-10
Gymnastics	Oct 30	Nov 18	15D	Feb 23			Mar 3			Mar 9-10
Ice Hockey	Oct 30	Nov 13	24C	Feb 7	Mar 23		Feb 26-Mar 3	Mar 6-7	Mar 8-9	Mar 10
Skiing - Boys & Girls	Nov 13	Dec 9	15C	Feb 9			Feb 15 or 16			Feb 26
Swimming - LP Boys	Nov 20	Dec 2	17D	Mar 5			Dive: Mar 6			Mar 9-10
Swimming - UP Boys & Girls	Nov 6	Nov 18	17D	Feb 12						Feb 17
Volleyball	Nov 16	Dec 9	18D	Feb 7	Mar 23	Feb 27-Mar 1, & Mar 2 or 3	Mar 9 or 10	Mar 13	Mar 15-16	Mar 17
Wrestling - LP Indiv	Nov 13	Nov 29	16D	Feb 7	Mar 23	Feb 17	Feb 24	ALPHA WEIGH-IN		Mar 8-10
Wrestling - UP Indiv	Nov 13	Nov 29	16D	Feb 7	Mar 23					Feb 16-17
Wrestling - Team	Nov 13	Nov 29	16D	Feb 7	Mar 23	Feb 14 or 15	Feb 21	10/23/06 - 2/2/07		Mar 2-3
SPRING										
Baseball	Mar 12	Mar 12	56 G+D	May 9	May 25	May 29, Jun 1 or 2	Jun 9	Jun 12	Jun 15	Jun 16
Golf - LP Girls	Mar 12	Mar 15	16D	May 9			May 17 or 18 or 19 or 21			Jun 1-2
Golf - UP Boys & Girls	Mar 12	Mar 12	16D	May 18						Jun 1
Lacrosse - Boys & Girls	Mar 12	Mar 23	18C	May 2	May 25		May 17 - Jun 2		Jun 6	Jun 9
Soccer - Girls	Mar 12	Mar 19	18C	May 9	May 25	May 29 - Jun 2	Jun 5-9		Jun 13	Jun 16
Softball	Mar 12	Mar 12	56 G+D	May 9	May 25	May 29, Jun 1 or 2	Jun 9	Jun 12	Jun 15	Jun 16
Tennis - LP Boys	Mar 12	Mar 12	16D	May 9			May 17 or 18			Jun 1-2
Tennis - UP Boys	Mar 12	Mar 12	16D	May 18						May 31
Track & Field	Mar 12	Mar 12	18D	May 14-15			May 18-19			Jun 2



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NOMINATIONS FOR SPECIAL AWARDS

The MHSAA will continue to receive nominations for the Women in Sports Leadership Award, the Charles E. Forsythe Award, the Vern L. Norris Award, and the Allen W. Bush Awards. Conferences, officials associations, and individuals may nominate deserving candidates. Names submitted last year will continue as nominees in this year's selection process.

Nomination forms are online at mhsaa.com. Deadlines for nominations are October 15 for the WISL Award and for the Forsythe Award, Feb. 15 for the Norris Award, and April 1 for the Bush Awards.

Michiganders Fill Positions With NFHS

National Federation of State High School Association Committees are taking on a distinctive Great Lakes look this year, as Michiganders are prevalent among appointees.

In her third year of a four-year term as chairperson of the Volleyball Committee is MHSAA Assistant Directors **Gina Mazzolini**, while Assistant Director **Nate Hampton** is in his second year a four-year term as the Basketball Committee chairperson. Hampton also currently serves on the NFHS Football Committee. Assistant Director **Randy Allen** is a member of the Softball and Ice Hockey Rules Committees, while Assistant Director **Mark Uyl** begins a four-year term on the Baseball Rules Committee this year.

MHSAA Marketing and Special Programs Coordinator **Andy Frushour** serves on the NFHS Citizenship Committee.

Grosse Ile boys and girls soccer coach **Amy Rossow** enters her first year on the Soccer Rules Committee.

As the MHSAA enters its third year of Boys and Girls Lacrosse sponsorship, expertise in the state is plentiful. Jackson Northwest A.D. **Rich Kimball** and Detroit Country Day girls coach **Patricia Hayes** serve on the Boys and Girls Lacrosse Rules Committees, respectively, and **John Kenny**, Detroit Country Day boys coach, is the U.S. Lacrosse Representative to the Boys Lacrosse Committee.

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