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### ON THE COVER

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

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

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

### East Lansing, March 25, 2004

#### Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan  
Keith Eldred, Williamston  
William Newkirk, Meridian  
Dan Flynn, Escanaba  
Karen Leinaar, Benzonia

#### Staff Members Present:

Tom Rashid  
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

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

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

It is possible that some of the information presented as facts to the Executive Committee by school personnel and others may be inaccurate. However, to avoid constant repetition in these minutes of phrases such as "it was alleged" or "it was reported," no attempt is made in the introduction of each

waiver request to distinguish between truth, allegation, hearsay, opinion, summary or conclusion.

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 was cautioned to avoid making exceptions that would create precedent that effectively changes a rule without Representative Council action or local board of education adoption, which would exceed Executive Committee authority.

Students for whom waiver of a particular regulation is granted must be eligible in all respects under all other sections and interpretations of the regulations prior to their participation. Adoption of these regulations is a choice schools make locally when they consider their option of MHSAA membership. Consistent with rulings of the Attorney General and Michigan Supreme Court, schools are not bound by the decisions of the Executive Committee, but the association may limit participation in the post-season 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.

**Zeeland Public Schools (Regulation I, Section 1)** - The Zeeland Public Schools are transitioning into the opening of a second high school in the fall of 2005. At the present time, the district operates with one high school in two buildings. The new building (West) has half the district's 9th and 10th-graders, all 11th-graders and no 12th-graders; and there are separate subvarsity sports teams in some sports for these 9th and 10th-graders. The 11th-graders return to the Zeeland East building for their senior year in 2004-05.

The MHSAA is being asked if in 2005-06, the 15 or fewer 12th-grade students who have been housed in the West building and playing on East's varsity teams for two or more school years may have the option to play their senior varsity season at East High School even though they become enrolled in and are attending West High School in 2005-06.

The Executive Committee tabled the request pending receipt of the following additional information: the name of each student – with current building, grade in school and the sport(s) involved – who could potentially be included in this request, and the anticipated enrollment of each school in 2005-06.

**Jackson-Northwest High School (Regulation I, Section 7)** - A request to waive the previous semester record regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who has been in treatment since July 2003 for a medical condition. The student was home-bound and achieved grades in only two classes during the first semester of 2003-04 and is currently taking four courses.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Bay City-All Saints 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 a 9th-grade student who played football and attended Saginaw-Nouvel Catholic Central High School before enrolling at All Saints on Feb. 26, 2004.

Citing the specific condition that this waiver may not be granted for students who have previously participated in high school sports, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Bloomfield Hills-Lahser High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who began the 9th grade at Lahser High School in 2001-02. In the first semester of 2003-04 after being removed, along with a brother, from her parents' home and care due to allegations of abuse and neglect, the student was placed in a group home and attended Belleville High School. The student has recently been placed in another group home located in the Bloomfield Hills-Andover service area, but

the student reenrolled at Lahser on Jan. 5, 2004.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Chesaning High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who enrolled at Chesaning High School on Feb. 2, 2004, transferring from Owosso High School because of social conflicts or potential bullying incidents.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Dearborn 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 or earlier on behalf of a 9th-grade student who enrolled at Dearborn High School on March 2, 2004. The student has moved with one separated, but not divorced parent from the Robichaud High School District where he participated in freshmen basketball. The 91st school day of enrollment (Sept. 24, 2004) would result in the student missing five JV games. A request for eligibility earlier (Sept. 9, 2004) was also made so that only two JV games will be missed. The earlier request was based on rationale which included counting ten days of practice within the 90 days.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment commencing March 2, 2004, not counting non-school days (Sept. 24, 2004).

**Deckerville High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment on behalf of an 11th-grade student who enrolled at Deckerville on March 15, 2004, after attending Sandusky High School. The student resides in the Deckerville district. The student's grandparents are guardians of the student and are tired of the drive to Sandusky.

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

**Farmington Hills-Harrison High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who was enrolled at Portage Central and an 11th-grade

student formerly enrolled at Kalamazoo-Hackett Catholic Central who are undergoing treatment and residing at Rainbow Rehabilitation Center in Farmington Hills after suffering brain injuries resulting from serious auto accidents.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for both students.

**Fenton-Lake Fenton High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 9th-grade student who enrolled at Lake Fenton on Feb. 9, 2004. It was reported that the student was harassed and influenced by a senior girl at Flushing High School and changed schools for her own safety and protection.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Flint Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Lansing-Everett High School for two and one-half years until the second semester of 2003-04 when she moved from her mother's residence to her father's residence, enrolling at Flint Central on Jan. 27, 2004. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed educational transfer form was submitted, as was the birth certificate identifying both parents.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Flint-Powers Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment on behalf of an 11th-grade student who enrolled at Powers Catholic on March 3, 2004 for educational reasons.

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

**Grand Haven High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who started the 2003-04 school year at Grand Haven, enrolling at Traverse City East Junior High on Jan. 28, 2004 and residing with her divorced father until reenrolling at Grand Haven on Feb. 5, 2004. The student practiced with the team for four days and attended but did not participate in one compe-

tion before reenrolling at Grand Haven.

Citing the return to the same school after a very brief time away and that there had been no participation or scrimmages, the Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Harrison Township-L'Anse Creuse High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B & D])** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended L'Anse Creuse for his 9th-grade year through June 13, 2003. The student was then home schooled from Aug. 25, 2003 through March 2, 2004 when the student reenrolled at L'Anse Creuse short of the required 270 calendar day home school attendance requirement of Interpretation No. 73. (190 days from Aug 25 - March 2, 2004; 263 days from June 14 - March 2, 2004.) If immediate full eligibility is not granted, the school requests eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2003-04 school year. The student has not participated in interscholastic athletics since enrolling in 9th grade.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the student's 91st school day of enrollment commencing March 2, 2004, after which the student would be eligible at any level.

**Hazel Park High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to allow participation on the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2003-04 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who left Hazel Park on Nov. 10, 2003 to live with his mother and attend school in Tennessee. The student has returned to his brother's home in the Hazel Park district and reenrolled on Jan. 12, 2004. The student participated in athletics in the 9th and 10th grades.

Citing the specific condition that this waiver may not be granted for students who have previously participated in high school sports, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Hillsdale Academy (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Lenawee Christian High School before enrolling at

Hillsdale Academy on March 9, 2004.

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

**Kalamazoo-Hackett Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation No. 59 (closest nonpublic school) on behalf of an 11th-grade student who has attended Hackett since 9th grade. The student was in a serious auto accident and enrolled at Farmington High School while in a residential rehabilitation center in Farmington. The student, who has attended Catholic Schools for 11 years, will return to Hackett High School under exception No. 2 but lives closer to Kalamazoo Christian High School than to Hackett.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Kentwood-East Kentwood High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - At its Feb. 25, 2004 meeting, the Executive Committee denied a late request for waiver of the transfer regulation made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who, in the summer of 2003, moved with his family to California due to the father's job. The student changed schools in California due to drug activity at the school, became depressed and developed other mental health issues. The student returned to East Kentwood, enrolling on Feb. 20, 2004, and resides with his brother in the East Kentwood district. Additional information was submitted, including reasons for the return to East Kentwood without the parents, the age and status of the brother already residing in the district, and greater detail on the student's involvement at East Kentwood.

The Executive Committee found that there was a lack of outside documentation regarding both the issues at the California schools and the student's health concerns, noted that the issues of recruitment and college athletic scholarship opportunities are irrelevant, and denied the request for waiver.

**Manistee-Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Manistee-Catholic Central for 9th and 10th grades and attended Traverse City West High School for the first semester of the 2003-04

school year. The student reenrolled at Catholic Central on Jan. 16, 2004 and resides with a family who, based on court documents submitted, has limited guardianship of this student.

Noting that there was no response to the staff's request for additional information, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Michigan Center High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2003-04 school year on behalf of a 9th-grade student who transferred from Hanover-Horton in January 2004. The student has not participated in an MHSAA tournament sport since first enrolling in high school.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2003-04 school year.

**Michigan Center High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2003-04 school year on behalf of a 9th-grade student who transferred from Napoleon High School in January 2004. The student has not participated in an MHSAA tournament sport since first enrolling in high school.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2003-04 school year.

**Mt. Morris-E. A. Johnson High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who lived with her father and attended Sand Creek High School before enrolling in November 2003 at E. A. Johnson High School when she began residing with her mother. The parents never married. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was presented along with the student's birth certificate identifying the student's father.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Portage Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Schoolcraft schools all her life before

enrolling at Portage Central on Feb. 25, 2004 because of harassment at the former school and subsequent physical stress.

Because of a lack of independent documentation, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Saginaw-Arthur Hill High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Arthur Hill since the 9th grade until she enrolled at Saginaw-Heritage on Jan. 26, 2004 where she attended school for two days, had two snow days, and then reenrolled at Arthur Hill on Jan. 30, 2004.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Saginaw-Nouvel Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred from Saginaw-Arthur Hill on March 2, 2004. There was no change of residence.

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

**Saline High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student diagnosed with a depressive disorder who attended Saline Schools since grade one. He was taught at home in December 2003 and January 2004 and enrolled at Clinton High School from Jan. 19 to Feb. 9, 2004 in an attempt to escape psychological triggers of the disorder. After medication changes and therapy, the student felt strong enough to return to Saline High School on Feb. 9, 2004.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Sparta High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Sparta for nine years until his parents moved to Kent City where the student enrolled on Jan. 19, 2004. On Feb. 17, 2004, after 21 days, the student reenrolled at Sparta because a certain education program did not exist at Kent City.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Webberville High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Dearborn-Fordson High School until he moved in with another family and enrolled at Webberville on March 22, 2004. The student's father, who died in November, had prearranged for the student to live with this family. The student's mother was unable to maintain her own residence and lived for a short time with the student, a married sister and four others in an apartment in Dearborn prior to the student's move to Webberville.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Wyoming Park High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request was made to waive or interpret the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for a 9th-grade student who attended the first semester of 2003-04 at the district's alternative high school: Omega High School. The student then enrolled at Wyoming Park to start the second semester. Wyoming Park does not count non-traditional students.

The Executive Committee determined that the student is eligible by rule, and requested that the Representative Council consider and clarify other situations involving transfers from non-traditional programs.

**Dollar Bay Junior High School (Regulation III, Section 1[C])** - A request was made to waive the enrollment regulation to permit 6th-graders to participate with or against 7th and 8th-graders in track and field.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Farmington Hills-Hillel Day Middle School (Regulation III, Section 1[C])** - A late request was made to waive the enrollment regulation to permit 6th-graders to participate with or against 7th and 8th-graders in girls softball, boys tennis and girls soccer.

Citing the size of the student body, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Lacrosse and Cooperative Agreements** - The Executive Committee determined that Regulation I, Section 1(F) should be applied



to lacrosse teams that currently exist and resemble cooperative programs. Because lacrosse will be new to the MHSAA in 2004-05, any cooperative program that exceeds 3,500 students may make application and be approved for a maximum of three years (2004-05 through 2006-07) as a "new program," regardless of its pre-MHSAA history.

**Representative Council** - The Executive Committee reviewed the schedule and agenda for the March 26 meeting, and a draft agenda for the May 2-4 meeting.

**Next Meetings** - The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for: Wednesday, April 21, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing (followed by Finance Committee

Meeting); Saturday, May 1, at 6 p.m. in Thompsonville (followed by Representative Council Meetings May 2-4); Wednesday, June 9, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Thursday, Aug. 5, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Friday, Aug. 20, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Sept. 8, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Monday, Sept. 27, at 9 a.m. in Traverse City (following Annual Business Meeting/Update Meeting breakfast); Thursday, Oct. 21, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; and Thursday, Dec. 2, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing (Representative Council Meeting is Dec. 3). ■

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## MARCET RECEIVES FORSYTHE AWARD

**Marco Marcet** of Frankenmuth received the MHSAA's Charles E. Forsythe Award on March 27 at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing at halftime of the Boys Basketball Class A Final. He is shown here (left in photo) with MHSAA Representative Council President Paul Ellinger.

Frankenmuth High School had only been in operation a couple of years when Marcet arrived there in the fall of 1954 after brief teaching stints in Kingsley and Manton. But from that school year until the spring of 1988, as the school's first athletic director, he built a program based on being there for the kids.

Marcet was also Frankenmuth's first boys basketball and baseball coach, guiding the latter team to a 100-49 record over a 16-year period, a time when schools played only a fraction of the games each season compared to today, and the first MHSAA postseason tournament had yet to be played.

The annual award is in its 27th year of existence and is named after former MHSAA Executive Director Charles E. Forsythe, the Association's first full time and longest-serving chief executive. One or two recipients are selected each year by the MHSAA Representative Council, based on an individual's outstanding contribution to the interscholastic athletics community. ■



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# REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

## East Lansing, March 26, 2004

### Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan  
Keith Eldred, Williamston  
William Newkirk, Meridian  
Dan Flynn, Escanaba  
Jim Derocher, Negaunee  
Ken Dietz, Hartford  
Lafayette Evans, Detroit  
Eric Federico, Gibraltar  
Margra Grillo, Gladwin  
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven  
Leroy Hackley, Byron Center  
Karen Leinaar, Benzonia  
Kathy McGee, Flint  
Vic Michaels, Detroit  
Fred Procter, Beverly Hills  
Pete Ryan, Saginaw  
Randy Salisbury, Britton  
Michael Shibley, Rockford

### Member Absent:

Pam Wong, Lansing

### Also Present:

Russ Bailey, Ewen  
Paul Polfus, Carney  
Joe Reddinger, Felch  
Ed Sikorski, Ann Arbor  
Mike Hawks, Lansing  
Bill Zaagman, Lansing

### Staff Members Present:

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

President Paul Ellinger opened the meeting by welcoming Lafayette Evans and Leroy Hackley to their first meetings as Representative Council members, and the president also welcomed three members of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee, whose members are invited to attend this meeting on an annual basis.

**Accounts of Meetings** - Motion by Scott Grimes, supported by Randy Salisbury, to approve the minutes of the Representative Council Meeting of Dec. 5, 2003; the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings of Dec. 4, 2003, Jan. 21 and Feb. 25, 2004; and the minutes of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee Meeting of Jan. 16, 2004. Adopted.

### REPORTS

**Administration** - Randy Allen provided a brief overview of the first MHSAA Bowling Tournaments. The executive director shared information regarding the progress to notify schools of classifications and divisions for MHSAA tournaments in 2004-05.

**Legislation** - Mike Hawks and Bill Zaagman of Governmental Consultant

Services, Inc. reported on activity of the Michigan Legislature which might directly or indirectly affect interscholastic athletics. Discussion ensued regarding school funding.

**Litigation** - Attorney Edmund Sikorski provided the Representative Council with an oral report regarding the status of litigation in which the MHSAA has been involved. This included a positive report regarding a decision of the Michigan Court of Appeals that unenrolled students are not required to have the privilege of participation in extracurricular athletics.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Designated Receiver** - At its meeting June 18, 2003, the Executive Committee reviewed the idea, in use in several states, of having each school identify at the time of renewing its membership the single person (with phone, fax, e-mail and postal address) for receiving all MHSAA information: ballots, rule books, entry forms, rating forms, supplies, memos, etc. The Executive Committee recommended that the Representative Council adopt similar procedures for the MHSAA beginning in 2004-05.

At its Dec. 5, 2003 meeting, the Representative Council reviewed how such a policy is applied by the Missouri State High School Activities Association, and it reviewed a summary of Michigan's current mailing policies. It was noted that current policies might best serve the membership, but that the designated receiver concept might make e-mail communications more effective.

At the League/Conference Meeting on Feb. 18, there was more sentiment than not that all MHSAA mailings should be to the one person designated by the school to receive and respond to MHSAA matters.

In spite of a generally positive reaction to the designated receiver approach to MHSAA communications, it was reported that it was the staff's and Executive Committee's recommendation for the Council to take no action at this time. The designated receiver must be a 12-month employee, and with so much turnover and cutbacks in schools, the present might be a difficult time to implement this change effectively. Furthermore, the changeover would require significant resources from the Information Technology department of the MHSAA which might be better spent implementing the next item on the Council's agenda.

#### **Tournament Entry Procedures -**

Currently, the MHSAA uses a procedure where all schools are sent tournament entry materials and must take action to enter MHSAA postseason tournaments. Staff have developed and discussed with constituents an opposite process that would require schools to opt out of tournaments rather than to act to enter tournaments. It was discussed at the Dec. 5 Representative Council Meeting that the opt-out policy would reduce staff time as well as printing and mailing costs without a loss of effectiveness in communications and planning.

At the League/Conference Meeting on Feb. 18, it was suggested that if this new procedure is adopted, there should be a single opt-out date for all sports of each season (one for fall, one for winter and one for spring tournaments).

Motion by Dan Flynn, supported by Randy Salisbury, to implement the "opt-out" approach to MHSAA tournament participa-

tion for member schools beginning in 2004-05, through the following steps:

1. Each member school which is qualified for MHSAA postseason tournament participation will be entered in the MHSAA tournament for each sport based on previous participation.
2. Once, early each season (fall, winter and spring), those schools will be notified by the MHSAA office of their entry level tournament assignment for each sport in which they are entered.
3. This notification will indicate the date by which the school should exercise its option not to enter a particular tournament.
4. Schools will be required to submit eligibility lists and rosters, or the required electronic entries, to their assigned tournament managers by the filing due date.

Adopted. Staff was requested to send the seasonal notification to schools in the same red color that administrators have been accustomed to seeing for tournament entry materials in the past. It was noted that the late fee payable to tournament managers could still be required if schools are delinquent in submitting their eligibility lists and rosters to the local tournament managers.

**Coaches Examinations -** Regulation II, Section 8(B) requires that head coaches who do not attend a rules meeting for their sport must score 70% or better on a rules examination. The failure of schools to do this - even after three reminders - has been discussed by the Executive Committee (August 1999) and the Representative Council (December 1999, November 2000 and March 2001). The Council requested the MHSAA seek 100% compliance by persisting with schools in the same way that it does to receive Enrollment Declaration Forms.

At its June 18, 2003 meeting, the Executive Committee reviewed a staff member's report of the extensive MHSAA staff efforts and poor responses of many member schools last spring. The Executive Committee supported the staff's suggestions for increased efforts to communicate the meeting dates and the meeting/exam requirement for head coaches and asked the Representative Council to consider the policy

of barring from MHSAA tournament coaching for one or more contests those head coaches who fail to comply with the test requirement after one reminder mailing. It is the intent that coaches would be barred from coaching, at least in MHSAA tournaments, if they do not pass the test after two mailings. It was discussed at the Dec. 5, 2003 Council Meeting that the MHSAA adopt policies to bar coaches more quickly, but to continue to be reluctant to prohibit teams from tournament competition because of the inaction of their coaches.

At the League/Conference Meeting on Feb. 18, there was more sentiment than not that the Executive Committee's idea of barring coaches but not teams be implemented.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by William Newkirk, to prohibit from coaching in that season's MHSAA tournament any head coach who fails to attend a rules meeting for the sport involved and then does not pass the examination after two mailings; and to require an administrator of that school to be present with supervisory capacity over the school's competitors at that MHSAA tournament. Adopted. It was noted that the coach who is barred from coaching may not be present at the facility where the MHSAA tournament involving that coach's team is being held. It was also recommended that tournament managers be alerted when teams assigned to their venue have coaches barred from coaching pursuant to this action.

**Competitive Cheer** - The Representative Council reviewed for a second time and discussed a package of proposals developed by a study group in June which intends to address some of the factors which may be obstacles to the growth of competitive cheer in Michigan and which cause confusion or concern because the sport may be treated differently in a few respects than other sports in schools served and supported by the MHSAA.

The essence of the proposals is that if a school sponsors competitive cheer in the winter, then the activity of sideline cheerleading in fall, winter and spring should be regulated in the same way a school's activity in basketball and volleyball is controlled out of season: for example, sideline squads would not be able to compete in the fall or the spring; and sideline cheerleading squads could not

use school transportation or uniforms out of season.

The trigger for these applications of existing *Handbook* policies would be if a school sponsors competitive cheer in the winter. If a school does not sponsor competitive cheer in the winter, then sideline cheerleading squads may do whatever they please until it involves more than three competitions against other schools. When there are more than three competitions against other schools, then all the competition must be during the competitive cheer season and subject to *MHSAA Handbook* provisions.

Action on these proposals is scheduled for the Council's May meeting.

**Officials Background Checks** - At the Dec. 5, 2003 meeting of the Representative Council, MHSAA staff provided a report of its research into and experimentation with background checks on certain segments of registering MHSAA officials. The Council approved the MHSAA's moving in the direction of performing background checks on new officials in 2004-05 and on all officials in subsequent years, with the major details of these plans to be approved by the Executive Committee as finalized in January and February 2004.

Staff updated the Council on the implementation of policies and procedures and forms that will implement the Council's intent to provide background checks for all officials. These procedures were reviewed by legal counsel and many active officials, including leadership of approved local officials associations. There will be a different standard than schools use for background checks of teachers and coaches, but the standards for background checks for officials will tend to assure that the safety of participants and the reputation of school sports will not be jeopardized by the registration of persons with questionable backgrounds.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Lacrosse** - The Council was presented with the proposals for the first MHSAA Lacrosse Tournaments in 2005. These included the recommendations previously reviewed by Council from the Lacrosse Committee's meeting in November 2003, as well as a new group of recommendations from the Lacrosse Committee's meeting in

February of 2004. An additional meeting will be held March 30.

Motion by William Newkirk, supported by Dan Flynn, to approve the 11 proposals from the Lacrosse Committee (see page 423). Adopted.

The associate director reported on efforts to recruit and train additional lacrosse officials which have resulted in the training of 63 persons for boys lacrosse and 34 persons for girls lacrosse and the registration of 30 new boys lacrosse officials and 15 new girls lacrosse officials. Similar efforts will be repeated in the fall and winter of 2004.

**Vern L. Norris Award** - The Representative Council was presented with the four finalists for the Vern L. Norris Award who had been screened by the MHSAA Awards Committee from all nominees. The Council selected the recipient of the award, which will be presented at the Officials' Awards and Alumni Banquet on April 24, 2004.

**Women in Sports Leadership Award** - With the change to schedule the WISL Conference every other year so that minigrants can be provided to leagues and school districts to conduct more local events at more remote locations across the state, the forum for presenting the WISL Award will be missing every other year.

Motion by Randy Salisbury, supported by Kathy McGee, to present the award at the Girls Basketball Finals in those school years when the WISL Conference is not conducted. Adopted. The MHSAA will provide a reception and invite attendance by all previous award recipients.

**Meetings** - The Representative Council approved expenses for the March Council Meeting and the schedule for the May 2004 Council Meeting.

The Council approved expenses for the National Federation Summer Meeting July 2-5, 2004 in San Diego at the convention hotel room rate for up to five days, the specified meeting registration fee set by the National Federation, the IRS limit on per diem for up to five days, and the transportation limit not to exceed \$695.

**Buchanan High School (Regulation I, Section 9 and Regulation V, Section 4)** - On Feb. 6, 2004, it was discovered that a 10th-grade student who transferred from

Cassopolis to Buchanan High School on Nov. 17, 2004, had an older brother who remained at what is believed to be the former residence (grandmother's home) and continued to attend and play basketball for Cassopolis High School, thus not fulfilling the requirement of the transfer regulation that the "student move with the persons with whom he or she was living during his or her most recent previous high school enrollment." The school was informed of the requirement of forfeiture and withheld the student from further competition. On Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2004, the student's father reported that his 12th-grade son did not live with the family at the grandmother's home in Cassopolis but had lived with an aunt during that time. In subsequent material, it was reported that the student moved from the grandmother's house on or about Oct. 31, 2003 to the home of his aunt.

The school appealed the application of the transfer rule with respect to the language of exception No. 1: "A student moves . . . with the persons with whom he or she was living during his or her most recent previous high school enrollment (not summer school)," and the requirement of forfeiture. Principal William McBeth met with the Executive Committee to emphasize that the school is not contesting that the student's 12th-grade sibling lived with the family before its move from Cassopolis to Buchanan, but is arguing that the language of exception 1 is unclear and cannot be understood by reasonable school administrators to require the relocation of siblings as well as parents.

At its meeting Feb. 25, 2004, the Executive Committee noted the difference in the language of exception 1 of the transfer regulation ("persons") and the language of the other pertinent exceptions, e.g., 2, 8 and 12 ("parent or parents") implies more than parents in exception 1. As it did Sept. 29, 2003, the Executive Committee confirmed again that under exception 1, a complete change of residence of the persons with whom a student has been living includes even 18-year-old siblings. Therefore, the Executive Committee determined that the student is ineligible under the transfer regulation and that the contests in which he participated at Buchanan High School must be for-

feited.

The school appealed the Executive Committee's Feb. 25 decision to the full Representative Council, requesting that the Council interpret the regulation or waive it so that forfeiture is not required. It was the school's position that the language of the exception is not sufficiently clear that a reasonable administrator of a member school would be alerted that a complete family move requires a change of residence by siblings as well as parents as a condition for a student to be immediately eligible under exception 1.

Council members noted that the purpose of the requirement is to assure that students and their families have made a complete change of residence and have permanently vacated and will not return to the previous residence. School administrators have the obligation before permitting interscholastic participation by transferring students to assure not only that the family has fully established new residency but also completely vacated the former residence.

Council members observed that the student enrolled at Buchanan on the first day of practice for boys basketball for the 2003-04 season, that he commenced practice before most of the documentation was gathered to prove a new residence in Buchanan had been established, and that the student's change of

schools appeared to have the characteristics of school shopping by the family and an athletic-motivated transfer.

Some Council members were of the opinion that there may be other administrators who are unaware that a complete move normally requires a change of residence by the parents and all siblings and urged additional *Handbook* language as well as in-servicing on this point. However, it was acknowledged that the current language had existed for many years without concern or confusion that was known to have caused an ineligible student to participate.

Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Pete Ryan, to deny the request for waiver of the regulation, its current interpretation and the requirement of forfeits. Adopted.

**Finance Committee Report** - Motion by Kathy McGee, supported by Ken Dietz, to approve the Finance Committee recommendations for the overall salary adjustments for MHSAA staff for 2004-05 as determined by the executive director; and to approve in concept a plan for the post-retirement medical insurance assistance to FLSA-exempt employees who are executive staff administrators of the MHSAA, with the understanding that final documents will be reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee before implementation. Adopted. ■

## FINALS DATES FOR SPRING SPORTS

UP Boys Tennis	June 4
UP Boys and Girls Golf	June 4
LP Boys Tennis	June 4-5
LP Girls Golf	June 4-5
LP and UP Track & Field	June 5
Baseball	June 19
Softball	June 19
Girls Soccer	June 19

# PROPOSALS FOR FIRST MHSAA LACROSSE TOURNAMENT

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL FEBRUARY 2004

1. Boys and girls lacrosse shall be classified by dividing the sponsoring teams into two equal divisions by enrollment (Divisions 1 and 2) with the option for teams to play in a higher division.
2. A non-state championship Tier III Postseason Tournament should be offered for teams on a two-year basis between 2004 and 2007 with evaluation after 2007.
3. A Lacrosse Tournament Committee shall be appointed to select sites and tournament officials, and to place teams at Regional Tournament sites. Placement of teams at Regional sites shall be based on geography and season record/strength of program from previous and/or current season, with an evaluation conducted after the 2007 season.
4. The Final championship games will be played on Saturday, June 11, 2005.
5. Lacrosse shall follow MHSAA Regulation II, Section 11(G) e 1, applying the "three-player rule" out of season during the school year to lacrosse as it is to all other MHSAA sports. Under Section 11(G) 2, insert "Lacrosse (7)" after Soccer (7) on page 58 with reference to the number of athletes who may be coached by a school coach in the summer on 15 days of competition.
6. The travel limitations of Regulation II, Section 6 of 600 miles round-trip, except for teams in bordering states or provinces as stipulated in Interpretations No. 167-170 of the *Handbook*, was also adopted unanimously by the committee.

## PREVIOUS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL NOVEMBER 2003

1. First Practice: second Monday after March 1 (March 14, 2005), same as all spring sports. No number of required practices need be designated.
2. First Contest: 11 days after first practice (March 25, 2005), same as girls soccer.
3. Number of Scrimmages: 4, no more than 2 prior to first game, same as most sports.
4. Number of Contests: 18 days of competition, no more than one game per school day, no more than 3 games in one week. Adopt non-school day multi-team "reduced competition with shortened game time" concept as used in soccer.
5. Playing Rules: Adopt the playing rules used currently for interscholastic lacrosse.

Boys - National Federation of State High School Associations

Girls - United States Lacrosse (endorsed by NFHS)

The committee met again on Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. in the MHSAA Building.

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### TIME AGAIN FOR THAT TALK

If we wait long enough, the same topics will return to the media and to our agendas. The crescendo of concern about performance enhancing drugs, especially steroids, in professional sports, especially Major League Baseball, returns these topics to the minds of those who lead or simply care about inter-scholastic athletics.

In the late 1980s and early 1990s, the MHSAA staff and membership were talking a lot about steroids, and the MHSAA partnered with the WBA Ruster Foundation to conduct several conferences and to distribute literature.

Our conversations at that time within the community of educational athletics in Michigan revealed little sentiment for the MHSAA to promulgate a statewide rule which would bar participation by student-athletes who had been proven to have taken steroids. Among the reasons for the lack of support for new policy were the following:

- Policies and penalties related to drug use should remain the responsibility of local boards of education.
- Abuse of tobacco and alcohol is far more frequent and devastating to adolescents and therefore should be the first focus of educational and enforcement efforts.
- Classifications of steroids, the use of some for legitimate medical purposes, and the emergence of countless non-steroid performance enhancing substances invite a legal quagmire.

Since our discussions and actions of 15 years ago, the Michigan Legislature has passed two laws that may tend to discourage the use of performance enhancing substances:

- In 1990, Public Law 31 was enacted to require athletic service providers - including both educational and recreational athletic facilities - to post a notice

that warns that any person who knowingly uses or possesses an androgenic anabolic steroid violates Michigan law and is punishable by imprisonment and fine.

- A decade later, Public Law 187 was enacted which prohibits Michigan public school employees and volunteers from promoting or supplying dietary supplements which carry claims of enhanced athletic performance. The law covers Androstenedione, Creatine and any compound labeled as performance enhancing.

At worst, these laws have pushed the problem underground. At best, these laws have raised awareness and reduced both promotion and distribution of performance enhancing drugs and supplements.

There was a time when distributors of Creatine advertised in the publication of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association. Because of the outspoken criticism of leaders like University of Michigan Head Football Coach Lloyd Carr, and the tragic deaths of several college wrestlers across the country who mixed weight loss and Creatine, the popularity of this supplement has declined. And Public Law 187 makes it a crime for Creatine to be seen or even mentioned in high school locker rooms.

In spite of schools' reluctance to establish new statewide athletic policy 15 years ago and the progress that has occurred anyway since then, it is possible that the growing scandal in professional sports may be the "tipping point" for an increased role for the MHSAA in high school sports on this topic. I am neither recommending nor running from a greater role for the MHSAA.

However, I do want to hear from school administrators and coaches, and I intend to listen to student-athletes.

As the public service announcement says, talk is the anti-drug. Let's have an informed and unemotional talk about this topic. ■



## IT'S ABOUT TEAM!

### THE GREAT DEBATE

*(Editor's Note: The 2003-04 MHSAA Bulletins will include articles illustrating defining moments and/or the value and purpose of high school sports. Please submit articles or contributions to: Rob Kaminski, MHSAA-Bulletins, 1661 Ramblewood Dr., East Lansing, MI 48823, or e-mail to programs@mhsaa.com*

It was barely a blip on the weekly television schedule, but it caught my eye. C-SPAN was hosting a special called Trials of the New Century. The topic for the trial was "The Purpose of High School Varsity Sports." Mother Nature cooperated with a snowy day, so I hunkered down to tune in.

The format was simple. A representative from three different philosophies would make an opening statement. The three would then get to argue back and forth before making closing statements. A randomly selected jury of 15 people would then present a verdict, and we would know once and for all why we have varsity sports.

The three participants were straight from central casting, and they were labeled with names that hid their true identities but made it clear where they stood. WIN was decked out in Under Armour gear with a body sculpted by Rodin. He sat confidently in his chair and would speak first. LEARN wore a polo shirt with khaki pants and read through some papers as he prepared to speak next. Finally, FUN sat comfortably in his rumpled clothes, amiably talking with the others. He would speak third.

"Schools have varsity sports for one reason," said WIN. "That's to win. A varsity team is the top level for a sport at each school and it's a chance for the best to play the best. Everything that is done during varsity games and practices should be done to win each game. The freshman and junior varsity teams are to teach the kids about the sport and the game. The varsity level is for the best to shine through; that's why they keep score."

"Actually," began LEARN, "schools have varsity sports for one reason. That's to learn. Everything we do in school is to help us learn how to do things. Sports are an extension of school. They teach us how to perform the actual activity, but they also teach us much more. The most important is how to work together to accomplish a goal, but others include overcoming adversity, budgeting our time, and representing a larger body of people. There's a lot more to sports than just the final score."

"Those both sound good," said FUN, "but you are both missing the real reason we play – to have fun. High school sports are an extension of what we did when we were little and started playing on our driveway and in our backyard. There weren't any scoreboards, scouts or fans when I was playing football with my friends

at recess. We played because it was fun. It's still fun to head into battle at the varsity level with the same friends I practice and hang out with – it's just more organized now."

"You can still play in your backyard," said WIN. "But we're representing our school, and the best players in our school should play to win. If I am the best student in my physics class, I get the highest grade. That's how the world works. I may just be naturally smart or I may work really hard. What difference does it make how I got there? I've done the best, and I should be rewarded. We don't all get the same grade just because we all tried."

"But in your physics class, everyone in the class takes the same tests, right?" asked LEARN. "Just because you are the top student, you don't get 20 extra questions to prove yourself. All 30 kids get the same chance and the same amount of time."

"I get your point," said WIN. "Sports are different from school."

"Are they?" asked LEARN. "I have a mission statement from a high school in Michigan that says the high school community will provide opportunities for individuals



to develop skills that enable them to achieve their potential for the improvement of themselves and society. It certainly doesn't say anything about winning as many games as possible."

"There's no 'I' in team," smiled FUN. "I'm sure you've heard that before."

"But there is in win," snapped WIN. "And that's why we keep score and some of us put so much effort into the game."

"Some of you is the key phrase there," answered FUN. "The typical high school kid wants to play and then go and do other things. On my teams, the coaches' speeches are always shorter after we win, and most of us want to get out of there and do something else. It's the rare kid who stays after practice or a game to work on something; most of us only work out when it's scheduled or the coach makes us. What do you do after games, WIN."

"Well my dad always buys me KFC chicken strips, then my girlfriend and I head over to one the guy's houses. It's a tradition."

"Win or lose?"

"Yeah that's what a tradition is. You do it no matter what."

"I'm aware of that," continued FUN. "Most of us will play our final competitive, organized sport at the high school level. When we look back on our high school days, we're going to want to remember the fun memories. That's all we'll take with us."

"I want to take with me the experience of working as hard as I can toward a goal and seeing how far I can get," said WIN. "That's what school and fun are to me."

"You're both wrong," said LEARN. "You should take away from the experience something you learned, whether it includes the thrill of winning it all or the heartbreak of not doing it as well as you'd like. Along that road, you learn all kinds of things about yourself and other people, including teammates, opponents, coaches, family, and complete strangers in the stands."

"Just because you say I am wrong doesn't mean I am," laughed FUN. "Sports should simply be fun; that's why it's called playing the games."

"And playing to win is fun," said WIN. "At least at the highest level. That's why they invented frozen ponds and outdoor basketball courts."

With that the moderator gave the participants three minutes to prepare their closing statements. I was still unsure of my position, so I looked forward to the finale. Just as FUN prepared to speak my doorbell rang. I wondered who could be out on a snowy day.

As I ran upstairs, I saw eight of my high school students at my door. I opened it, excited that they wanted to shovel their old teacher's driveway to make sure he could get out.

"Hey, Mr. Moore," one of them said through her scarf. "We were just wondering ...do you want to go sledding?"

— Brian Moore, Ortonville Brandon HS teacher and varsity tennis and hockey coach

## GET YOUR RECORDS IN

Did one of your student-athletes, coaches or teams record an achievement that may rank among the best in your area last year? If so, the MHSAA wants to hear from you.

For an achievement to be published in the record book, member schools are required to submit the information, with appropriate documentation, to MHSAA historian Ron Pesch. Documentation could include the official stat sheet or scorebook from the event, as well as newspaper clippings indicating the feat.

You may use the *National Federation High School Sports Record Book* application which appears in the back of the *MHSAA Book of Champions*, or you may download the form from the "Forms & Graphics" page of the MHSAA Web site. If you have any questions, feel free to contact John Johnson at the MHSAA office, or Ron Pesch in Muskegon. Send all record applications to: Ron Pesch, 1317 Lakeshore Dr., Muskegon, MI 49441.

## LITIGATION & LEGISLATION

### COURT OF APPEALS DISMISSES HOME SCHOOLERS LAWSUIT

Early in 1999, the Michigan High School Athletic Association and six school districts were the targets of a lawsuit filed by several home schooling parents on behalf of their children. The complaint alleged that the MHSAA enrollment rule violated plaintiffs' free expression of religion.

On Jan. 22, 2002, a Washtenaw County circuit court dismissed the action; but plaintiffs appealed. On March 2, 2004, the State of Michigan Court of Appeals affirmed the trial court's dismissal.

In the written opinion of the Court of Appeals, it is stated ". . . our courts distinguish between areas of instruction that are educational requirements and extracurricular interscholastic athletic activities that are not required by the state's educational system."

The Court of Appeals also stated ". . . we hold that Michigan statutes do not require public schools to admit home schooled students to their athletic programs and that plaintiffs do not have a statutory right to participate in extracurricular interscholastic athletic events."

The Court of Appeals also stated ". . . we hold that the MHSAA regulation does not constitute a legally sufficient impact on plaintiffs' freedom to exercise their religious beliefs."

Addressing the issue of whether or not the rule infringed upon the opportunity for the student-athletes to receive consideration for college scholarships, the court stated there isn't "any evidence that there is a legally cognizable cause of action under either the Michigan or U.S. Constitution's equal protection clause to a right to an athletic scholarship, predicated solely upon the denial of participation due to home schooling."

The Court of Appeals concluded ". . . that the MHSAA enrollment regulation is neutral on its face. It applies equally to everyone. The requirement does not single out any person based on the person's membership in a particular class or based on religious beliefs."

The Michigan Association of School Boards filed an amicus brief on behalf of the MHSAA's defense of the enrollment rule. ■

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### SUPREME COURT HEARS FOIA CASE

The Michigan Supreme Court heard oral arguments March 11, 2004, in a case in which plaintiffs argue the Michigan High School Athletic Association is subject to and violated the Michigan Freedom Of Information Act. An Emmet County circuit court had agreed; the Michigan Court of Appeals reversed the lower court.

The case arose out of a situation in 2001 when a student was ruled ineligible for the MHSAA Regional Ski Meet for violating the limited team membership regulation. His parents pressured school and MHSAA staff to reverse precedent or rescind the interpreta-

tion that the meet in which their son had competed exceeded the number of unapproved non-school events permitted any one skier during the interscholastic season. Failing that, the parents sought retribution by filing a FOIA complaint in circuit court.

At issue is whether the MHSAA, a private entity, is a creature of, an agent of, or primarily funded by public schools and thus made a public body for the purposes of FOIA. The Michigan Society of Association Executives filed an amicus brief on behalf of the MHSAA's defense.

A decision is expected by autumn. ■

## NOTHING NEW ON SPORTS SEASONS

As of this writing, there is no word from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit regarding the schedule for oral argument before the three-judge panel that will consider the MHSAA's appeal of the decision by the U.S. District Court in Kalamazoo that schools' schedules for sports seasons discriminate against girls.

The District Court had ordered the MHSAA to change schools' seasons and approved a compliance plan that would reverse the seasons for girls basketball and girls volleyball, for girls and boys golf and for girls and boys tennis.

The U.S. Court of Appeals stayed the District Court's action pending appeal. Briefing to the Court of Appeals was completed last summer.

Amicus briefs opposing the change of seasons were filed by the Michigan High

School Coaches Association, Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals and Michigan Association of School Boards.

It is anticipated that there will be 30 to 60 days between notice of oral argument and the parties' appearance in Cincinnati. The Court of Appeals decision could be released between a month and a year or longer thereafter, although three to six months is more typical.

In any event, students and coaches and officials do not have to be concerned with changes until the 2005-06 school year at the earliest. In fact, if changes occur at all, they would likely be two or three years later.

The latest developments in this litigation will be reported on the MHSAA Web site: [mhsaa.com](http://mhsaa.com) ■

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## Girls Volleyball CHAMPS Clinic Draws a Crowd

To enhance the atmosphere of selected tournament finals, the Michigan High School Athletic Association is in its sixth year of conducting CHAMPS youth clinics.

CHAMPS (Cooperation, Hard Work, Attitude, Motivation, Participation, Sportsmanship) Clinics target local female junior high/middle school-aged students and their parents in a morning-long workshop designed to provide game skills and life skills information. This year, 60 junior high/middle school players and their parents participated in the clinic on March 20 in Kalamazoo. The MHSAA thanks the students and staff of WMU's Department of Health, Physical Education & Recreation for their expertise, organization and management of this event.



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*CHAMPS participants were recognized between games of the Class D Final.*

## 2003-04 SCHOLAR-ATHLETE RECIPIENTS HONORED

In ceremonies at halftime of the 2004 MHSAA Boys Basketball Tournament Class C Final on March 27 at the Breslin Center in East Lansing, 27 students were honored as the 2003-04 recipients of the Association's Scholar-Athlete Award, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. Following the game, the group enjoyed a reception with their families, friends and MHSAA staff in recognition of their achievement.



Gary Shook, Otsego

**Front Row** (L to R): Marie Brenner, Grand Rapids Catholic Central, girls basketball; Ben Smith, Athens, boys cross country; Angela Gaudette, Kingsford, girls cross country; Kyle James Haskell, Charlotte, football; Jake Tornga, Hudsonville, boys golf; Ryan Anderson, Grand Rapids Northview, boys soccer; Rebecca Sornson, Brighton and Magda Stawikowska, Livonia Churchill, girls swimming & diving. **Second Row:** D.J. Mocini, Saugatuck, boys basketball; Sarah Jaeger, Livonia Ladywood, girls bowling; Courtney Kunik, Chesaning, girls competitive cheer; Desiree Lauricella, Jackson Northwest, girls gymnastics; Miranda Olds, Fenton, girls skiing; Bradley James Turek, Adrian, boys swimming and diving; Anna Nowak, Traverse City Central, girls volleyball; and Joshua V. Barlow, Saginaw Heritage, wrestling. **Third Row:** Adam Emmenecker, Saginaw Arthur Hill, baseball; Carrie Jensen, Gladstone, girls golf; Jessica Urban, Saginaw Nouvel, girls soccer; Jessica Ilene Rademacher, St. Johns, softball; Michael Goorhouse, Holland Christian, boys tennis; Zachary D. Labrecque, Battle Creek Harper Creek, boys track and field; and Nicole Bohnsack, Rockford, girls track and field. **Not Pictured:** Eleanor Ford, Ann Arbor Greenhills, girls tennis; Daniel Case, Warren DeLaSalle, boys bowling; Andrew Chima, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, ice hockey; Jordan Ostwald, Kingsford, boys skiing.

## MIAAA HONORS AWARD WINNERS

Michigan's professional organization of school athletic directors, the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA) recently honored several administrators in Traverse City on March 22, 2004, at the annual MIAAA Mid-Winter Conference, in which over 500 athletic directors participated.

### **LATORA NAMED A.D. OF THE YEAR**

The MIAAA selected Carl Latora of Portage Northern High School as the Athletic Director of the Year.

Latora has been at Portage Northern for 39 years, serving as the Assistant Principal/Athletic Director for the past 23. Latora, a Western Michigan University graduate with a master's degree from the same school, began his career in 1964 as a history teacher and assistant wrestling coach at Walled Lake Central High School. Upon moving to Portage Northern, he taught government, coached varsity wrestling, and assisted in football and baseball before taking on his present position. In addition, he has been a registered official with the Michigan High School Athletic Association for 33 years.

Respected throughout the entire region and state, Latora has been honored within the interscholastic educational community in numerous ways. He received the Allen W. Bush Award from the MHSAA in 1999 and was named Regional Athletic Director of the Year. In addition, Latora was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at Western Michigan. Latora is a member of MIAAA, NIAAA, and the MASSP.

Timothy Dorgan, retired principal at Portage Northern High School, places Carl Latora among our state's greatest athletic directors. Dorgan states "Carl has been an outstanding example of innovation at Portage Northern High School. He has established an Athletic Hall of Fame, which recognizes students and faculty for their contributions to the athletic programs at the high school. He has also established a Captain's Table that enlists the student leadership from our athletic teams and utilizes their skills on, as well as

off, the athletic venue. Carl's personal leadership role within the school sets a model and standard of excellence for all to follow."

A former student and now a parent of a student-athlete, Linda Holzwarth says, "It's his nurturing of those intrinsic values, the ones that touch the athlete's heart, mind, and soul that will leave more lasting impressions with young adults than well-groomed baseball diamonds, newly surfaced tracks, and state-of-the-art facilities. Carl Latora has positively influenced the lives of thousands of student-athletes over the years, not only when he was a wrestling coach, but also as the Athletic Director at Portage Northern.

### **MARTIN TABBED AS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WINNER**

Suzanne Martin received the "Jack Johnson" Distinguished Service Award for 2003-04.

Martin is a graduate of Charlotte High School and received her bachelor's degree and Teaching Certificate in 1970 from Michigan State University. She received her master's degree in Athletic Administration in 1980 also from Michigan State University. Prior to coming on staff at the MHSAA, Martin was a high school teacher, track coach, and cheerleading advisor from 1970-73 at E.A. Johnson High School in Mt. Morris and a Financial Aid Consultant for the Michigan Department of Education from 1974-77. Suzanne served as Assistant Director for the MHSAA for 25 years before her retirement in 2002. During her tenure at the MHSAA she was in charge of Girls and Boys Golf, Girls and Boys Soccer, Girls Gymnastics, Girls Basketball, Competitive Cheer, Volleyball and Softball. She was also instrumental in the development and organization of the annual Women in Sports Leadership Conference, one of the most successful conferences of its kind in the United States. Martin has dedicated her career to facilitating opportunities for competition for girls' and women and to have those opportunities available at the highest level available.

Jack Roberts, Executive Director of the MHSAA remarked, "standing out among

Suzanne's many contributions to interscholastic athletics in Michigan are her experiences in competitive cheer and the Women in Sports Leadership Conference. These two initiatives reveal some of what Suzanne has stood for over the years, taking care of demonstrated needs of the female athlete and equipping females in sports with a vision for their involvement as coaches, administrators or game officials."

Martin has always been at the forefront of issues, working to find solutions for increased and better competitions for girls at the high school level, both in Michigan and nationally. Suzanne has been a role model to many women administrators; she has demonstrated how to keep the entire picture in perspective, self, family and job. She has shown young women aspiring to move into administrative work how to work as a successful member of the team in a male dominated field. Larry Kelley, Assistant Athletic Administrator from Lansing Christian High School noted, "Even though it always seemed as if Suzanne was put in charge of the MHSAA sports with the most controversy, she always remained positive. Sue is very proactive in attempting to find solutions rather than dwelling on negatives."

#### **NUREK RECEIVES AWARD OF MERIT**

Chuck Nurek of Rochester Hills was presented the prestigious State Award of Merit.

Nurek, who retired from the Avondale School District in Auburn Hills in the summer of 1999, has continued to be active in the MIAAA serving as chairman of the Convention Program Committee. A 1958 graduate of the Avondale School District, Nurek earned a bachelor of science in Education from Northwest Missouri State University in 1966 and received his master of science in Education from Eastern Michigan University in 1971. After serving one year as a physical education teacher at Franklin Elementary School in Pontiac, Nurek returned to the Avondale School District where he would serve the next 32 years in various positions including: Physical Education and Health teacher, assistant athletic director, athletic administrator and K-12 Physical Education Curriculum Coordinator.

Nurek has been the recipient of many awards during his illustrious career including MIAAA Region 8 Athletic Director of the year in 1991, Oakland County Athletic Director's Association AD of the year in 1996 and the MIAAA State Athletic Director of the year in 1999. Additionally, Nurek has been a 25-year member of the MIAAA, obtaining the Certified Athletic Administrator designation in 1994. He is also a past chairman of the MIAAA's State Sportsmanship Committee and currently serves as a member of the 5-state Exchange Committee.

"Chuck is the epitome of a class act," according to Ken Semelsberger, Assistant Principal and Athletic Director at Port Huron High School and a Past President of the MIAAA. "His hard work and dedication have made him a leader in the field of interscholastic athletics and we in the state of Michigan are fortunate to have had a man of his caliber working with student athletes."

Other professional affiliations and activities that Nurek has served include Oakland County Activities Director Association Treasurer, President of the North Oakland Activities Conference President, Metro Conference President, and Macomb-Oakland Activities Conference President and Secretary. He also proposed a program for coaches certification that eventually led to the formation of Program of Athletic Coaches Education (PACE), which has benefited thousands of coaches in the state of Michigan, and was a member of the original PACE formation committee.

#### **ROBERTS, MHSAA STAFF GET SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

The Michigan High School Athletic Association is the recipient of the very first Special Recognition Award for its significant contributions to interscholastic sports and the MIAAA. The MHSAA was presented the award in Traverse City on March 22, 2004, at the annual MIAAA Mid-Winter Conference.

About the MHSAA, the MIAAA stated: "Since the inception of the MHSAA, its role has been to assist schools in the state with interscholastic athletics. The MHSAA continues to develop and promote common standards and regulations for all sports and insure

that member schools follow the guidelines adopted from the National federation. Since hiring Executive Director John (Jack) E. Roberts in 1987, one of the Association's goals has been to represent its member schools desires. The MHSAA has focused on getting out to the athletic community to listen, communicate, and then work for the majority and in the best interest of interscholastic athletics.

“Continued growth and innovations are committed attitudes of the MHSAA. This is evident through the variety of programs that are offered by the MHSAA: WISL, Sportsmanship, Officials, Coaches, Athletic Director workshops and conferences, and the various sport associations meetings. The development in these areas and several others have lead our state, schools, and all those affiliated with interscholastic athletics, to the forefront of our nation's commitment for the betterment of student-athletes.

“Roberts and the MHSAA are the ambassadors for interscholastic athletics and are dedicated to serving its member schools, programs, and the MIAAA through the process of change in the state of Michigan.”

### **REGIONAL AWARDS GO TO 14**

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

They are: Region 1 - Scott Koski, Stephenson; Region 2 - Konrad Molter, Traverse City West; Region 3 - Carl Arkema, Western Michigan Christian; Region 4 - Dave Chrisinske, Allendale; Region 5 - Marc Throop, Richland Gull Lake; Region 6 - Pat Richardson, Grass Lake; Region 7 - Keith Froelich, Okemos; Region 8 - Pete Ryan, Saginaw Heritage; Region 9 - Gary Oyster, Lapeer East; Region 10 - Bob Giles, Mt. Clemens; Region 11 - Richard Watson, Walled Lake Western; Region 12 - James Okler, Grosse Ile; Region 13 - Sharon Hammerschmidt, Detroit Dominican; Region 14 - Nick Weeber, West Ottawa Harbor Lights.

The MIAAA is a 45-year old association with nearly 700 members serving as athletic administrators in numerous high schools and junior/middle highs throughout the state. Partnered with the Michigan High School Athletic Association, the MIAAA works to promote the educational value of interscholastic athletics and the role of athletic directors. ■

## **Protective Gym Floor Coverings**

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## FLINT ST. MATTHEW HONORED AS BOYS BASKETBALL "LEGENDS"

*In an effort to promote educational athletics by showcasing some of the great teams of past years, the Michigan High School Athletic Association instituted a program called "Legends Of The Games" in 1997. This year, 1967 and 1968 Flint St. Matthew boys basketball teams were honored at halftime of the Class B Boys Basketball Final on March 27. The following story was written by MHSAA historian Ron Pesch.*

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Ask for directions to the state's high school hoops capital and odds are you'll find yourself headed toward Flint. After all, the city can lay claim to perhaps the state's richest assortment of stellar teams and individual talent. The city's success in the annual MHSAA tournament runs long and deep.

The city's first MHSAA title dates to 1933, when Flint Northern won its first of nine Class A titles No. 1 amongst Michigan's largest class. The city controlled the Class A crown three times in the 1970s and for five consecutive years in the 1980s. Flint Central won three Class A crowns from 1981-83, followed by back-to-back titles for Flint Northwestern the following two years.

Flint area basketball alums have peppered collegiate and professional rosters over the years, but one of the city's most amazing stories comes from Class D. The Panthers from little Flint St. Matthew conquered prep athletics in the MHSAA's smallest class with some big-time talent during the 1966-67 school year. The mighty Matts rolled to a perfect 23-0 mark on the basketball court. The team's quest for back-to-back cage crowns during the winter of 1967-68 was a thrill ride for all involved while the success of the squad's star forward captured headlines across Michigan.

The class of '67 at St. Matthew came from all corners of the city, and its economic makeup was diverse. It was no secret that the basketball team was a talented lot. The Church Street club had all the makings of a champion. Together since the 5th grade, the team was expected to make a serious run at the Class D crown.

Team leadership could be found with the seniors, center Paul Staroba, forward Mike Abbott and guards Bob Boudreau, Jerry Killian and captain Joey Keaton.

Under the tutelage of Head Coach Jack Pratt, the Panthers had reached the MHSAA Quarterfinals in both 1959 and 1961. Pratt's team earned its first MHSAA crown in 1962.

"Well, 1966-67 was one of those years where the kids were athletically talented and totally dedicated," recalled Pratt. "They had great attitudes and ability. We were undefeated in football in the fall of '66."

The lineup also featured junior John Sperla, a compact scoring machine, equally adept at feeding the ball to his teammates and rebounding.

"John was a team player and was very proficient at the game," added Pratt. "These were the days before the three-point shot when you had to go to the basket. John would go around anyone; he never took poor shots."

Hal Schram of the *Detroit Free Press* ranked the squad No. 1 in Class D throughout the season. The lofty expectation did not derail the St. Matts' Express to Lansing, as the squad found little trouble along the way. The Panthers knocked off rival Flint St. Mary in the District title game, 82-52. Boudreau and Keaton, usually noted for their defensive skills, led the way with 19 and 16 points when Sperla, the usual scoring leader, ran into early foul trouble.

Five Matts finished in double figures in the team's 20th straight win, a 77-53 thumping of Owosso St. Paul in the Regional Final, as Sperla ended with 28 points, 17 rebounds and seven assists. An *Associated Press* all-state selection, Staroba, who would later star on the gridiron at the University of Michigan and play in the NFL, added 10 rebounds and 10 points in the game. Jerry Killian and Keaton each finished with 14 points, while Abbott added 11.

Wins over Bay City St. Joseph in the Quarterfinals and Freesoil in the Semifinals placed the Panthers on center stage at Michigan State's Jenison Field House, gunning for the school's second Class D title in five years. Ewen, led by 6-9 Terry Conrad, provided the opposition.

Sperla scored eight points as the Panthers opened up a 20-10 lead in the opening frame. Paced by Bob Franti, Ewen knotted the game at 25 before the Panthers pulled away, 41-29, one minute into the second half. Sperla ended with a game-high 29 points, while Boudreau finished with 20. Staroba added nine points, and Abbott, (who's son Jim would make his own mark years later at Flint Central in baseball and football, then as a pitcher in the major leagues) had seven in the 75-67 victory.

Sperla, who finished with 636 points in 23 games in 1967 – the third highest total in Flint area at the time – was the only returning starter in 1968. He knew the odds were long that the Panthers would return to Jenison in 1968.

Indeed, while the Panthers attack featured Sperla, Brian MacDonald – the squad's seventh man in '67 – and a third senior, Jerry Kerperian, the Matts suffered five early season losses. The team needed to find its own identity.

Averaging 31 points per contest, Sperla matched his normal output in the team's District win over crosstown foe Flint St. Mary, and the squad advanced to the District title game against Genesee.

Sperla didn't start, and saw limited action after reporting late, but the senior still scored 25 points against Genesee. MacDonald, Kerperian, and Joe Grades all finished in double figures as the Panthers ran away with a convincing 81-64 win over the Wolves.

Things were much tougher in the Regional Semifinal, as the Panthers trailed Chesaning Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 47-37, at the intermission. Sperla gunned in 16 of his game-high and school-record 41 points in the third quarter, winning the battle with Chesaning's Gary Krzciok (30 points) and helping St. Matthew advance, 88-77.

The win meant a Regional Final matchup against Mt. Morris St. Mary, which had dealt the Matts two of their eight regular-season defeats. There would not be a third as Mike Manyak provided the Panther heroics in this contest. A wild final stanza saw six lead changes in a two-minute span, and then things were knotted up at the end of regulation, and the first overtime. Despite losing three starters, including the leading scorer Dan Roesner to fouls, St. Mary appeared to be in the driver's seat, leading 81-78 with less than a minute to play in the second extra session. But Sperla deposited his 17th field goal of the game with 43 seconds remaining to pull the Panthers within a point. Manyak's steal of a Shamrock pass and breakaway with 24 ticks left on the clock led to three-point play and an 83-81 Matts lead. Sperla upped his single-game high mark to 43-points with one from the charity stripe as the Panthers won, 84-81.

Sperla scored 42 points in the Panther's 87-64 win over Peck to head to the Semifinals. Pratt cleared the bench in the team's contest with DeTour, as Sperla topped the 40-point barrier for the fourth straight game, another record shattering performance. The senior boosted his campaign total to a Flint-area best 794 points for the season, with a 44-point display against the Raiders, extending his streak to 46 straight games in double figures.

The MHSAA title contest pitted the Panthers against unbeaten Vanderbilt. The Yellow Jackets built an early 13-7 lead and contained St. Matthew for much of the first half, yet Sperla and the Flint squad rallied for a 32-28 lead just before the break and a 12-point lead after three quarters before sealing the win, 71-69. St. Matts withstood hot shooting in the final quarter by Vanderbilt, and two free throws by MacDonald gave the Panthers a 71-67 lead with 10 seconds left before 12,678 fans at Jenison Field House.

Sperla finished with 36 points, capping an incredible tournament run during which the 5-11 forward established a three-game Final round record with 122 points, equaled only once in 35 years (by Antoine Joubert of Detroit Southwestern 1983).

Two years later, St. Matthews closed its doors, as Flint Holy Redeemer, St. Agnes, St. John, St. Mary, St. Michael, and Mount Morris St. Mary consolidated to form Flint Powers Catholic. ■



20-20 Photographic

## 2004 Boys Basketball Legends of the Games

## 2003-04 WINTER COACH EJECTION LISTING

<b>City</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Coach</b>	<b>Sport</b>
Adrian	Madison HS	Jeff Webster	Boys Basketball
Alpena	Alpena HS	Jason Andersen	Boys Basketball
Ann Arbor	Pioneer HS	Greg Lockridge	Boys Basketball
Battle Creek	Dunlap Middle School	Tom Boyd	Boys Basketball
Boyer City	Boyer City HS	Mark Ameal	Boys Basketball
Brooklyn	Columbia Central HS	Hollis Jeffreys	Boys Basketball
Clare	Clare HS	Bob Wellman	Boys Basketball
Clawson	Clawson HS	Mike Morris	Boys Basketball
Dearborn	Dearborn HS	Matt Stortini	Wrestling
Detroit	Charlotte Forten Academy	George Ward	Boys Basketball
Detroit	Westside Christian Academy	Minthone Washington	Boys Basketball
Edwardsburg	Edwardsburg HS	Jon Pryor	Boys Basketball
Edwardsburg	Edwardsburg Middle School	Jack Rinehart	Wrestling
Farmington Hills	North Farmington HS	Tom Seremet	Wrestling
Farwell	Farwell Area HS	Rick Mena	Wrestling
Felch	North Dickinson HS	Vivki O'Neal	Volleyball
Flint	Carman-Ainsworth HS	Rolly Noe	Boys Basketball
Flushing	Flushing HS	Bruce Ball	Wrestling
Genesee	Genesee HS	Rob Robbins	Boys Basketball
Grand Blanc	Grand Blanc HS	Matt Shanafelt	Boys Basketball
Grand Ledge	Grand Ledge HS	Gordan Sly	Ice Hockey
Grand Rapids	Central HS	Shannon Baker	Boys Basketball
Grosse Ile	Grosse Ile HS	Robert Beaudrie	Wrestling
Grosse Pointe Woods	University Liggett HS	Akil Adams	Ice Hockey
Hartland	Hartland HS	Robert Jellison	Boys Basketball
Hillsdale	Hillsdale HS	Paul Osentoski	Wrestling
Hudsonville	Hudsonville HS	Jeff Henderson	Wrestling
Kalamazoo	Loy Norrix HS	Wayne Pushie	Ice Hockey
Kentwood	East Kentwood HS	Jeff Schildroth	Wrestling
Lansing	Pattengill Middle School	Ben Pena	Boys Basketball
Lansing	Waverly Middle School	Sam Clark	Boys Basketball
Livonia	Clarenceville HS	Kevin Murphy	Boys Basketball
Lowell	Lowell HS	Michael Ballard	Ice Hockey
Macomb	L'Anse Creuse North HS	Kevin Richards	Boys Basketball
Negaunee	Negaunee HS	Mike Johnson	Ice Hockey
Northport	Northport HS	Chris Stannard	Boys Basketball
Novi	Novi HS	Brad Huss	Wrestling
Novi	Novi HS	David Zarem	Ice Hockey
Onsted	Onsted HS	Chad O'Brien	Wrestling
Otisville	Lakeville Community HS	Cliff Peter	Ice Hockey
Remus	Chippewa Hills HS	Lenny Starck	Boys Basketball
Saginaw	Nouvel Catholic Central HS	Rick Weigl	Boys Basketball
Stevensville	Lakeshore HS	James Haffley	Boys Basketball
Swartz Creek	Swartz Creek HS	Tom Ureche	Boys Basketball
Utica	Utica HS	Matthew Nye	Ice Hockey
Waldron	Waldron HS	Mark Long	Boys Basketball
Walled Lake	Walled Lake Western HS	Rob Fritz	Wrestling
Warren	Warren Mott HS	Patrick Schmidt	Boys Basketball
Warren	Zoe Christian Schools	Calvin Ellis	Boys Basketball
White Cloud	White Cloud HS	Ed Canning	Boys Basketball
Wolverine	Wolverine HS	Herb Burrows	Boys Basketball
Ypsilanti	Lincoln HS	Mike Ferguson	Ice Hockey

## SCHOOLS WITH THREE OR MORE OFFICIALS REPORTS — Winter 2003-04

City	School	No. of Reports
Otisville	Lakeville Community HS	5
Brooklyn	Columbia Central HS	4
Lapeer	Lapeer West HS	4
Mattawan	Mattawan HS	4
Novi	Novi HS	4
Flint	Carman-Ainsworth HS	3
Flushing	Flushing HS	3
Grand Rapids	Central HS	3
Grosse Ile	Grosse Ile HS	3
Grosse Pointe Woods	University Liggett HS	3
Kalamazoo	Loy Norrix HS	3
Macomb	L'Anse Creuse North HS	3
Negaunee	Negaunee HS	3
Waldron	Waldron HS	3
White Cloud	White Cloud HS	3

## OFFICIALS REPORTS SUMMARY FOR WINTER 2003-04

Sport	Concern	Praise	Player Ejection	Coach Ejection	Other Ejection	Taunting
Boys Basketball	101	14	68	30	3	0
Ice Hockey	109	0	127	9	0	0
Volleyball	6	3	1	1	0	0
Wrestling	76	3	49	12	10	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>

### Distribution of Reports

Reports of Concern	# of Schools	Reports of Praise	# of Schools
1	142	1	20
2	49		
3	9		
4	5		
5	1		

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**to make all personnel, telephone and**  
**address revisions necessary for the**  
**2004-05 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 post-season tournament and to be subject to penalties when a school fails to rate any officials in a sport that requires it.

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

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

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

For the Fall season of 2003-04, the following schools have failed to rate any officials:

### Girls Basketball

Carney-Nadeau  
Center Line  
Cooks-Big Bay de Noc  
Dearborn Heights-Acad. for  
Business & Tech  
Detroit Community  
Detroit-East Catholic  
Detroit-Henry Ford  
Detroit-Mackenzie  
Detroit-Redford  
Detroit-Westside Christian  
Academy  
Fennville  
Flint Northwestern-Edison  
Flint Southwestern Academy  
Genesee  
Hancock  
Harper Woods  
Inkster-Academy of Inkster  
Kalamazoo Central  
Lansing-Catholic Central  
Lansing-Walter French  
Academy  
Lawton  
Muskegon Heights  
Newport-Lutheran South  
Norton Shores-Mona Shores  
Okemos  
Romulus  
Scottville-Mason County  
Central

### Shepherd

South Haven  
Sparta  
Stephenson  
Taylor-Baptist Park Christian  
Walled Lake Central  
Warren Woods-Tower  
Warren-Zoe Christian  
Ypsilanti-Lincoln  
Ypsilanti-Willow Run  
Ypsilanti

### Football

Dearborn Heights-Annapolis  
Detroit-Loyola  
Farwell  
Flint-Beecher  
Flint-Carman-Ainsworth  
Flint Southwestern Academy  
Grosse Pointe Woods-  
University Liggett  
Hancock  
Lansing-Everett  
New Boston-Huron  
Novi  
Saginaw  
Taylor-Light and Life Christian  
Three Rivers  
Warren Woods-Tower

### Boys Soccer

Allen Park  
Alma  
Battle Creek-Central  
Canton-Agape Christian  
Academy  
Fowlerville  
Galesburg-Augusta  
Grosse Pointe South  
Hamtramck  
Ionia  
Kalamazoo-Heritage Christian  
Academy  
Lansing-Catholic Central  
Lansing-Walter French  
Academy  
Lincoln-Alcona  
New Boston-Huron  
Redford Union  
Romeo  
Saginaw-Arthur Hill  
Saginaw  
Saline-Washtenaw Christian  
Academy  
Taylor-Baptist Park Christian  
Three Rivers  
Warren-Macomb Christian  
Warren Woods-Tower  
Warren-Zoe Christian  
Waterford Kettering  
Ypsilanti-Lincoln  
Zeeland

## PRESEASON TENNIS REMINDERS

1. **UNIFORM.** Shirt and shorts/skirts or a tennis dress are required. The minimum requirement for a team shirt is an unaltered shirt with sleeves, preferably in school colors or with school identification. Each individual must wear such shirts throughout the match. If a player changes shirts, he/she must have another tennis team shirt to wear. (Females may wear a sleeveless top if it is tailored by the manufacturer to be sleeveless. Tank tops or tops/dresses which are “cut in” similar to a tank top (racer back) are permitted with school approval.) Players shall not wear undergarments or tights, which extend below the skirt/short. (Exception: Compression shorts which are unadorned and of a single color) *Team shorts/skirts are required. The team short/skirt must be the same color for all individuals and an appropriate style for tennis.*  
**Penalty:** If a student-athlete does not have the school team uniform on, the USTA point penalty system for lateness will be used. (After 15 minutes, the player will be defaulted.)
2. **FORMAT.** All participating schools were placed in four nearly-equal divisions (Division I is made up of schools with the largest enrollment through Division IV which has the smallest enrollment). Each division will have eight regionals and two teams will qualify from each regional with the additional qualifier option still intact.
3. **PLACEMENT OF PLAYERS.** The best player on the team *must* play number one singles. The remaining players whom are designated as singles players must be in ranked order, i.e. No. 2 better than No. 3, No. 3 better than No. 4. The doubles team must be ranked according to the ability of the two players as a team, not as individuals. The best doubles team must play No. 1 doubles, the next best must play No. 2, etc.

All Divisions will play a fourth doubles at the Regional and Final level. A team may advance as an additional qualifier if 18 points are earned.

4. **THE TENNIS COACHES MANUAL** as well as the USTA Rules of Tennis are the rules publications to be used at all high school matches.■

### 2004 Boys L.P. Final Tennis Sites – June 4-5

- Division 1 — Midland Community Tennis Center, Wendy Franz, Mgr.
- Division 2 — Michigan State University, East Lansing, Gordon Boettcher, Mgr.
- Division 3 — Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Jim VanZandt, Mgr.
- Division 4 — Holland Area, Tiger Teusink, Mgr.

### 2004 Boys U.P. Final Tennis Sites – June 4

- Division 1 — Marquette HS, Mark Mattson, Mgr.
- Division 2 — Iron Mountain HS, Tom Johnson, Mgr.

# SWIMMING & DIVING COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, March 16, 2004

## Members Present:

Mike Brady, Grand Rapids  
Michelle Caie, Commerce  
Robert Crosby, West Bloomfield  
Judy Dennis, Alpena  
John Dudley, Ypsilanti (Advisory)  
Tim Eastman, Kalamazoo  
Mary Ann Egnatuk, Albion  
George Jones, East Lansing  
Ellen Pugh, West Branch  
Teri Reyburn, DeWitt  
Sandra Richards, Petoskey  
Linda Siebold, Lansing  
Ashley Seidl, Troy  
Wendy Smith, Flint

Holly Watson, Essexville  
Jenni Wilkening, Ann Arbor

## Members Absent:

Tom Belco, Kalamazoo  
John Krimmel, Dundee  
Dave Smith, Warren  
Catherine Stevens, Kentwood  
Anthony Venticinque, Rochester  
Larry Wegener, Battle Creek (MIAAA)  
Hooker Wellman, Ludington

## Staff Member Present:

Gina Mazzolini (Recorder)

The 2003-2004 Swimming and Diving Committee met in the MHSAA office on March 16, 2004. The committee was reminded of the responsibility and of the process for rule changes. After a brief welcome and introductions, the following action was taken.

## PROPOSALS BY THE COMMITTEE

- The committee proposed to allow a high school coach to work in a non-school program that doesn't exclusively include or benefit students from his/her school. The rationale is not to strengthen the school program, but to allow opportunities for both coaches and athletes.
- A proposal to ban starting pistols for regular season meets and the Final Meet was discussed. The committee voted to leave the decision to the local school or the venue. If a school chooses to ban starting pistols, the official shall be notified and the school must provide an alternate audio signal.
- The committee proposed to expand the numbers of divers who qualify by allowing divers to qualify for their Regional Meet at their league meet based on the number of teams entering plus the number of Final Meet top 16 from the previous year who currently participate.
- The committee proposed to allow the local administration to determine

whether the diving referee at Regionals and Finals will judge dives or simply supervise the judging panel and determine balks, failed dives, and unsatisfactory dives.

- A proposal was passed to divide Lower Peninsula boys and girls swimming into three equal divisions.
- The committee proposed to continue to allow a site to use a TIVO system during diving, only if it is out of the viewing area of the diving judges.
- The committee proposed to develop an evaluation form for Final Meet officials. The results of the evaluation would be used for selecting officials in subsequent years. The committee proposed allowing MISCA to submit a list of preferred officials for the Final Meet.
- The committee proposed to provide a data sheet for determining qualification times.

## PROPOSED REGIONAL DIVING SITES FOR 2004-2005

- 1 Ann Arbor-Huron
- 2 Lake Orion
- 3 Grand Rapids Area
- 4 Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood
- 5 DeWitt
- 6 East Grand Rapids

## 2004-2005 PROPOSED FINAL SITES

Girls Division 1	U of M
Girls Division 2	EMU
Boys Division 1	EMU
Boys Division 2	Oakland

### DISCUSSION ITEMS (NO ACTION)

1. New format for Final Meet
2. Create a third Division using 25% rule
3. Eliminate all alternate passes
4. Final Managers accept electronic entries
5. Decrease paperwork

### RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Allow a high school coach to work in a non-school program that doesn't exclusively include or benefit students from his/her school. The rationale is not to

strengthen the school program, but to allow opportunities for both coaches and athletes (11-3).

2. Allow divers to qualify for their Regional Meet at their league meet based on the number of teams entering plus the number of Final Meet top 16 from the previous year (14-0).
3. Divide Lower Peninsula boys and girls swimming into three equal divisions (11-3).
4. Develop an evaluation form for Final Meet officials. Use the results of the evaluation for selecting officials in subsequent years. Allow MISCA to submit a list of preferred officials for the Final Meet (14-0). ■

### 2004-05 BOYS & GIRLS QUALIFYING TIMES

EVENT	GIRLS D1	GIRLS D2	BOYS D1	BOYS D2
200 MED. RELAY	1:57.79	2:02.99	1:44.59	1:48.19
200 FREESTYLE	2:01.89	2:06.59	1:49.99	1:53.99
200 IND. MEDLEY	2:18.99	2:23.19	2:04.99	2:10.99
50 FREESTYLE	:25.79	:26.29	:22.79	:23.39
100 BUTTERFLY	1:02.69	1:05.19	:55.99	:58.39
100 FREESTYLE	:56.19	:57.59	:49.89	:51.39
500 FREESTYLE	5:28.19	5:38.99	4:59.59	5:12.99
200 FREE RELAY	1:44.99	1:47.99	1:32.99	1:35.79
100 BACKSTROKE	1:03.79	1:05.99	:57.19	:59.99
100 BREASTSTROKE	1:11.59	1:13.99	1:03.79	1:06.19
400 FREE RELAY	3:51.59	3:59.99	3:25.39	3:31.59

### Winter Tournament Managers: Submit Sportsmanship Reports

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

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

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

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



# COMPETITIVE CHEER COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, March 17, 2004

## Members Present:

Kelly Bailey, Hudson  
Kristy Gibson-Marshall, Oxford  
Denise Gordon, Bad Axe  
Patricia Jaksa, Mt. Pleasant  
Liz Kazik, Grosse Ile  
Jack Kramer, Houghton Lake (MIAAA)  
Lisa Maike, Chesaning  
Heather Prentice, Climax  
Debra Rambow, DeWitt  
Stacy Sheler, Kentwood  
Julie Smith-Boyd, Grandville  
John Springer, Onsted

Lori Webb, Williamston  
Jeani Westrick, St. Clair  
Tricia Williams, Rochester Hills

## Members Absent:

Jessica Trefry, Michigan Center  
Katie Zalenski, Livonia

## Staff Members Present:

Suzanne Martin (Recorder)  
Jack Roberts  
Kathy Vrugink Westdorp  
Debbie Waddell

The committee met for the purpose of reviewing rules, regulations and policies applicable to competitive cheer during the regular season and MHSAA tournaments. Agenda items included proposals from local cheer judges' associations, the Competitive Cheer Coaches Association of Michigan and a meeting of cheer coaches who met with Suzanne Martin, Jack Roberts and Tom Rashid in August 2003.

The following is a review of items discussed by the committee as well as recommendations that will advance for Representative Council and Junior High/Middle School Committee consideration.

## COMPETITIVE CHEER MANUAL CHANGES

The following changes were discussed and approved by the committee.

1. Allow junior high/middle school competitive cheer teams to perform the "show and go."
2. Prohibit junior high/middle school competitive cheer teams from performing double twists to cradle.
3. Change the safety judges scoresheet as follows:
  - a. Number each line
  - b. Add uncovered brace/support to the 7-point penalty list

4. Change Round 3 choreography chart as follows:

- a. One leg extensions will receive credit if they are not braced.
- b. Team tumbling will receive credit if all team members perform the same tumbling skill.
- c. Only standing back tucks will receive credit.
- d. The number of unbraced one leg extension requirements will be increased to:  
4-7 team members need 3 one leg extensions  
8-11 team members need 6 one leg extensions  
12-15 team members need 9 one leg extensions  
16 team members need 12 one leg extensions to earn 2 points.

5. The Arabian and walkover will be changed to a 3-point per competitor value in Round 3.
6. Eliminate reference to the style of socks. Require team members to wear socks of the same color.

## COMPETITIVE CHEER MANUAL CHANGES

The following items will appear in the Recommendations to the Representative Council for its approval.

1. Change the safety judges scoresheet as follows:
  - a. Delete reference to a "hole" in the routine.

- b. Add incorrect Round 1 required jump to the 7-point penalty list.
- 2. Allow teams to perform any 5 of the 25 Round 2 skills offered as long as one skill each is selected from the flexibility, jump and tumble categories.

**TOPICS OF DISCUSSION WITH NO ACTION TAKEN**

- 1. Consider placing numbers on the uniforms for the benefit of safety judges in order to identify specific team members who receive penalties. Add a 3" number to the back right shoulder area of the uniform.
- 2. Provide a trophy and/or medals for the second Regional team that qualifies for the Finals.
- 3. Incorporate music in one of the rounds. Ask the Competitive Cheer Coaches Association of Michigan (CCCAM) members to discuss this suggestion and provide proposals, if any, to the MHSAA Competitive Cheer Committee. Upon request, teams will be allowed to experiment with music through an exhibition performance at invitationals.
- 4. Change the judging procedure of Round 2 skills by applying a multiplication factor to all skills judged on a 1 to 10 point scale. Invite the Lake Michigan Competitive Cheer Officials Association (LMCCOA), the Southern Michigan Officials of Competitive Cheer Association (SMOCCA) and Prentice and Ruddell judges to experiment with this method and return results with comments to CCCAM and the MHSAA.
- 5. Encourage school administrators to limit the number of sideline cheer events for a team that cheers at games and competes at competitive cheer invitationals. Consider time spent away from family and academics as you would all other teams.
- 6. Do not allow the back walkover to be a flexibility skill in Round 2.

**RULES MEETINGS  
POINTS OF EMPHASIS**

- 1. Jazz/dance shoes are athletic shoes therefore, they are legal to wear.

- 2. Judges shall use some form of shorthand to determine formations.
- 3. Train your team to replace injured or ill teammates or be prepared to change your routine.

- 4. Do not pull your team out of a meet.

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

- 1. Eliminate the opportunity for a coach to declare a "hole" in a round (15-0).
- 2. Invite the Junior High/Middle School Committee to entertain a recommendation to allow a maximum of 8 competitions for a competitive cheer team.
- 3. Eliminate the use of the National Federation Spirit Rules Book and place the appropriate competitive cheer rules in the Cheer Manual edited by the MHSAA staff (15-0).
- 4. Apply *MHSAA 2003-04 Handbook* Interpretations No. 150 and No. 151 to sideline/game cheer teams (13-2).
- 5. Apply *MHSAA 2003-04 Handbook* Interpretations No. 204 and No. 205 to sideline/game cheer teams with one or more competitive cheer members on the squad (10-4).
- 6. Change competitive cheer classification so that all class A and B teams are divided into 3 equal divisions and class C-D teams will be division 4 (12-2).
- 7. Change Round 2 skill values to range from a 6-point value to a 16-point value. The back handspring would become a 14-point skill (15-0).
- 8. Safety judges shall assess a 7-point penalty in Round 1 for team members who perform a jump different than other team members for either of the two required jumps (13-2).
- 9. Allow teams to perform any five of the 25 Round 2 skills offered as long as one skill each is selected from the flexibility, jump and tumble categories (7-4).■

# MHSAA Licensing Agreements and Use Of Copyrighted Logos

At the end of a successful postseason tournament run, schools are contacted by a variety of businesses about purchasing or creating items to remember that season by.

Schools are urged to use caution in dealing with vendors which may claim to be "officially licensed" to sell items from MHSAA tournaments, or who would use the copyrighted MHSAA acronym, logos or other artwork.

For commercial purposes, there are only a handful of vendors authorized to reproduce the MHSAA logo, or whom are authorized to sell photographs and videotapes of MHSAA post-season tournaments. Those vendors provide a financial return to sites hosting MHSAA tournaments, as well as modest royalties and services to the MHSAA to assist in its administration of tournaments and services to schools.

Schools wishing to put the MHSAA logo on items they are producing for awards and publications (i.e., souvenir programs) are allowed to do so. However, if the items are to be sold, that is another matter which requires advance communication with the MHSAA office. The illegal reproduction of otherwise copyrighted material, like shirt designs, videotapes and photographs, from MHSAA authorized vendors, is something which those individual companies authorized to use the logo could sue an individual, a business, or a school over.

**Here is a partial list of what is allowable as it pertains to the use of the MHSAA logo and merchandise sold at tournaments:**

- A school can use the MHSAA logo on awards its produces for team members. It cannot, however, use the logo for resale purposes of any type to the public.
- It is illegal to make copies of the videotapes sold at MHSAA tournament events.
- It is illegal to copy the design of trophies and medals presented at, or t-shirts and posters sold at or after MHSAA tournament events.
- It is illegal to copy the photographs sold by the MHSAA authorized vendor at or after MHSAA tournament events.

**Here is a partial list of the commercial vendors and other companies authorized to use the MHSAA logo for commercial purposes:**

- Lighthouse Sportswear (Screen printing, MHSAA tournament merchandise; can use all MHSAA logos - Horizontal, Round, Whistle, Sportsmanship, Women In Sports Leadership, Official MHSAA Merchandise, Scholar-Athlete Award)
- Advanced Video Service (Video tapes of selected MHSAA finals; can use MHSAA Horizontal, Round and Sportsmanship logos, and Official MHSAA Merchandise logo)
- 20-20 Photographic (Photos of MHSAA events, Ultimate Sports Posters; can use MHSAA Horizontal and Round logos, and Official MHSAA Merchandise logo)

If you don't see a company on this list, they may not be authorized to use the MHSAA logo for commercial purposes. If you have any questions, or are approached by a vendor not on this list, call the MHSAA office. ■

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## 2004 GOLF FINAL DATES AND SITES

### LP GIRLS FINALS, JUNE 4-5

Division 1	Forest Akers West, Michigan State Univ.	Bob Lober, Mgr.
Division 2	Forest Akers East, Michigan State Univ.	Gary Newcomb, Mgr.
Division 3	The Meadows, Grand Valley State Univ.	Larry Judson, Mgr.

### UP FINALS, JUNE 4

Division 1 Boys & Girls	Menominee	Dale VanDuinen
Division 2 Boys & Girls	Manistique	Robert Ryan
Division 3 Boys	Bark River-Harris	Bill Bower
Division 3 Girls	Rock Mid-Peninsula	Gary Brayak

# 2004 BASEBALL QUARTERFINAL, SEMIFINAL AND FINAL TOURNAMENT MASTER DRAW

**June 15, 18-19**

**Semis and Finals at Bailey Park, Battle Creek**

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

**QUARTERFINALS**

(Tuesday, June 15)

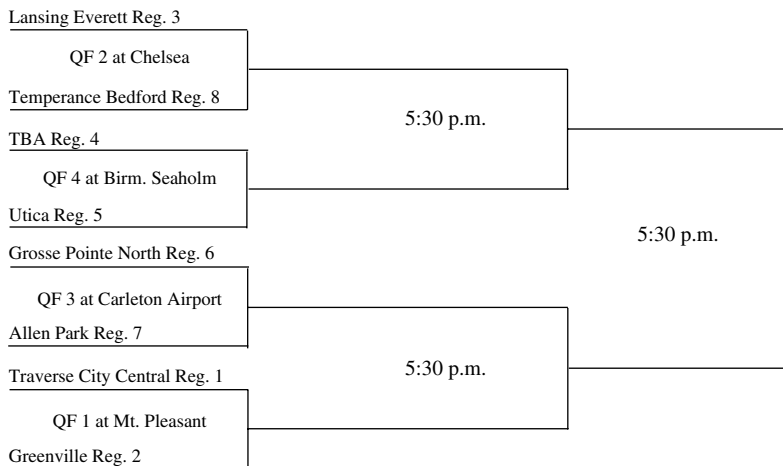
**SEMIFINALS**

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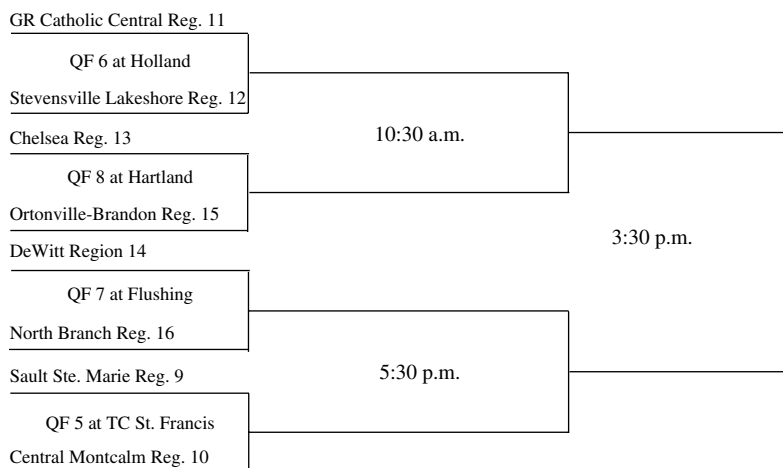
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## DIVISION 1



## DIVISION 2



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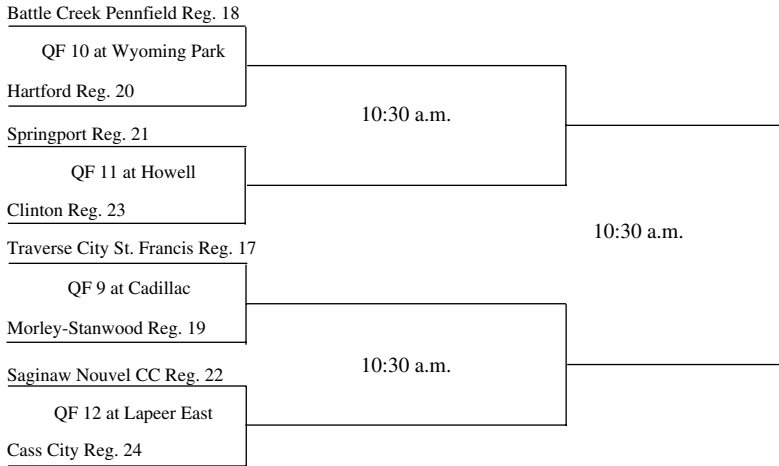
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## DIVISION 3



## DIVISION 4



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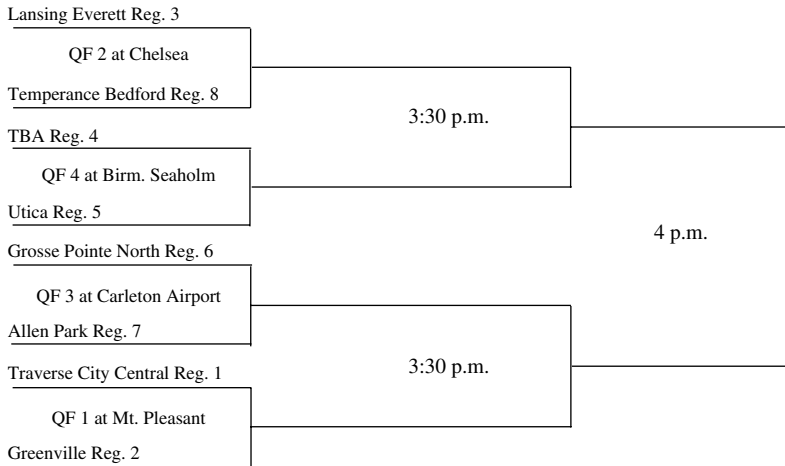
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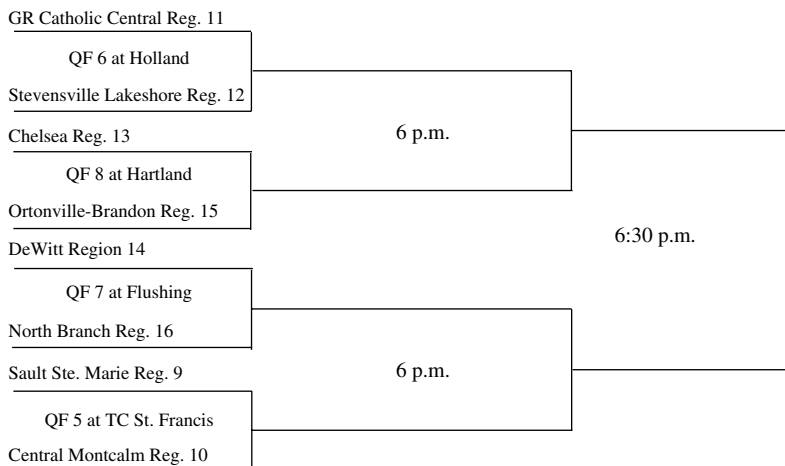
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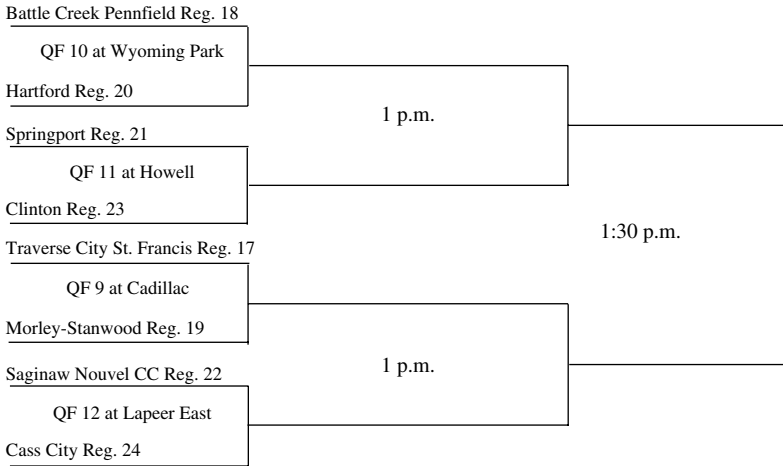
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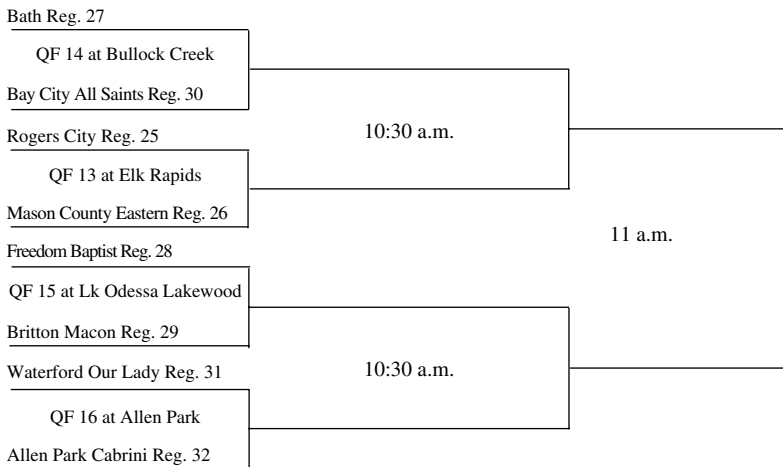
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## DIVISION 3



## DIVISION 4



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# 2004 SOCCER TOURNAMENTS

## Division 1

**PRE-REGIONALS**  
**June 8-10**

**REGIONALS**  
**June 11-12**

**SEMIFINALS**  
**June 16**

**FINALS**  
**June 19**



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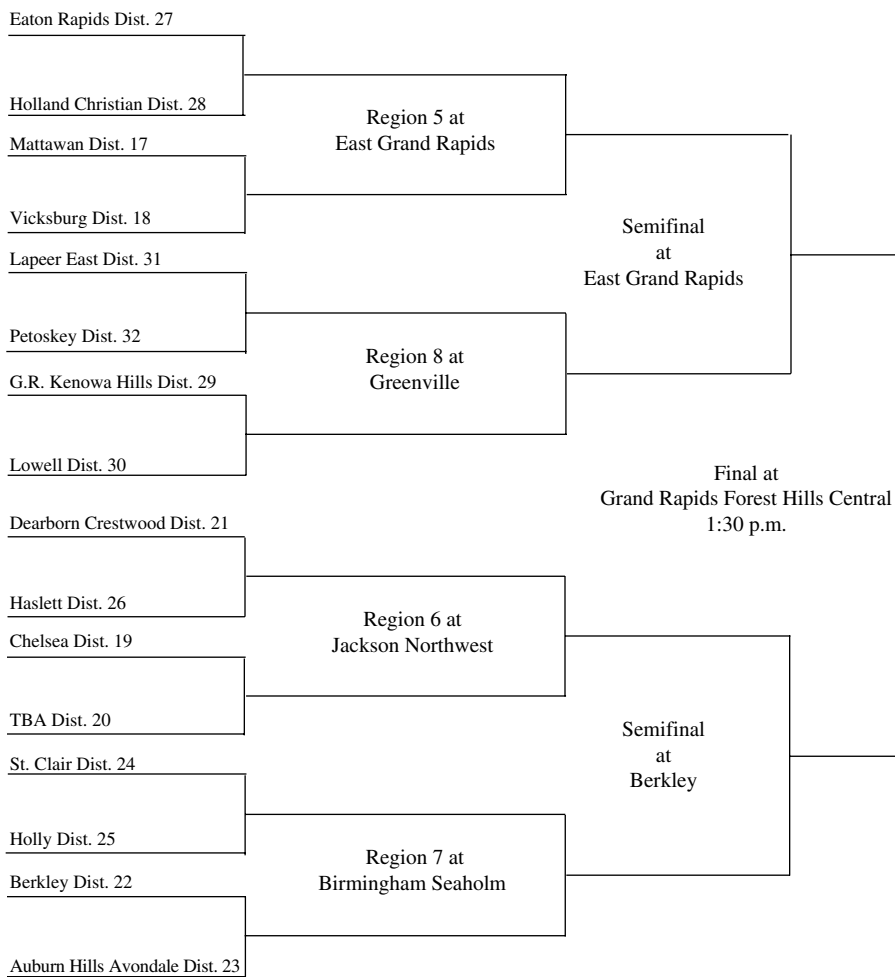
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**PRE-REGIONALS**  
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**REGIONALS**  
**June 11-12**

**SEMIFINALS**  
**June 16**

**FINALS**  
**June 19**

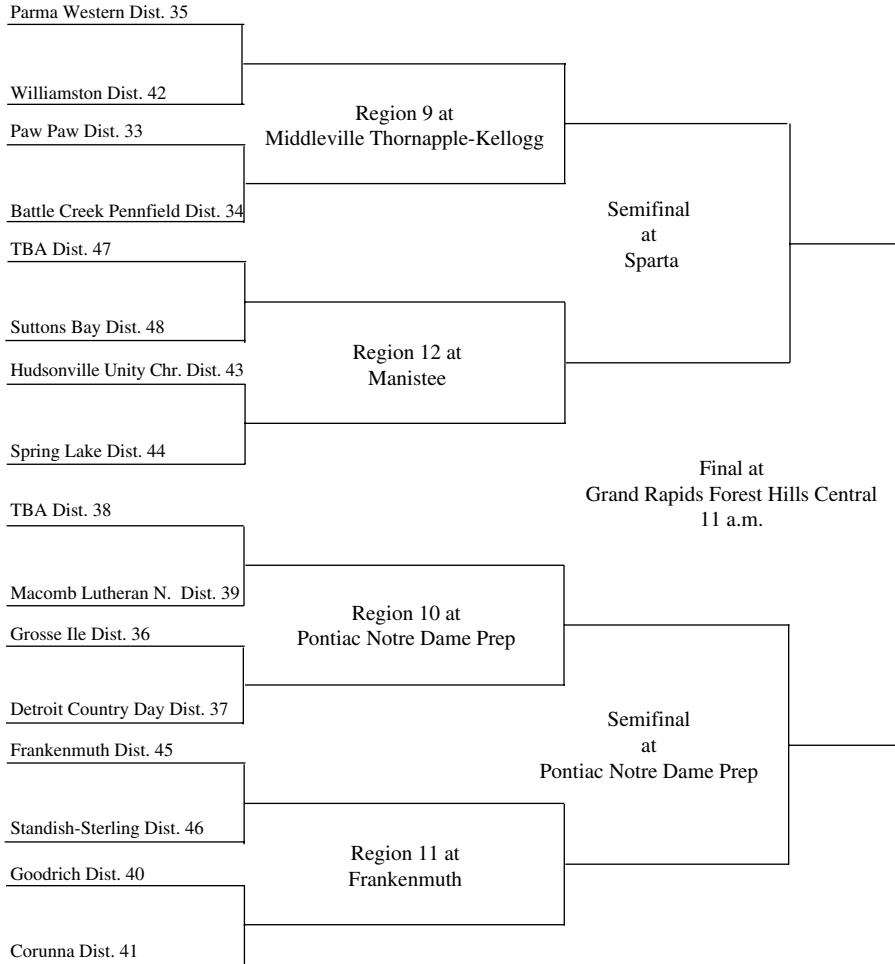


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## Division 3

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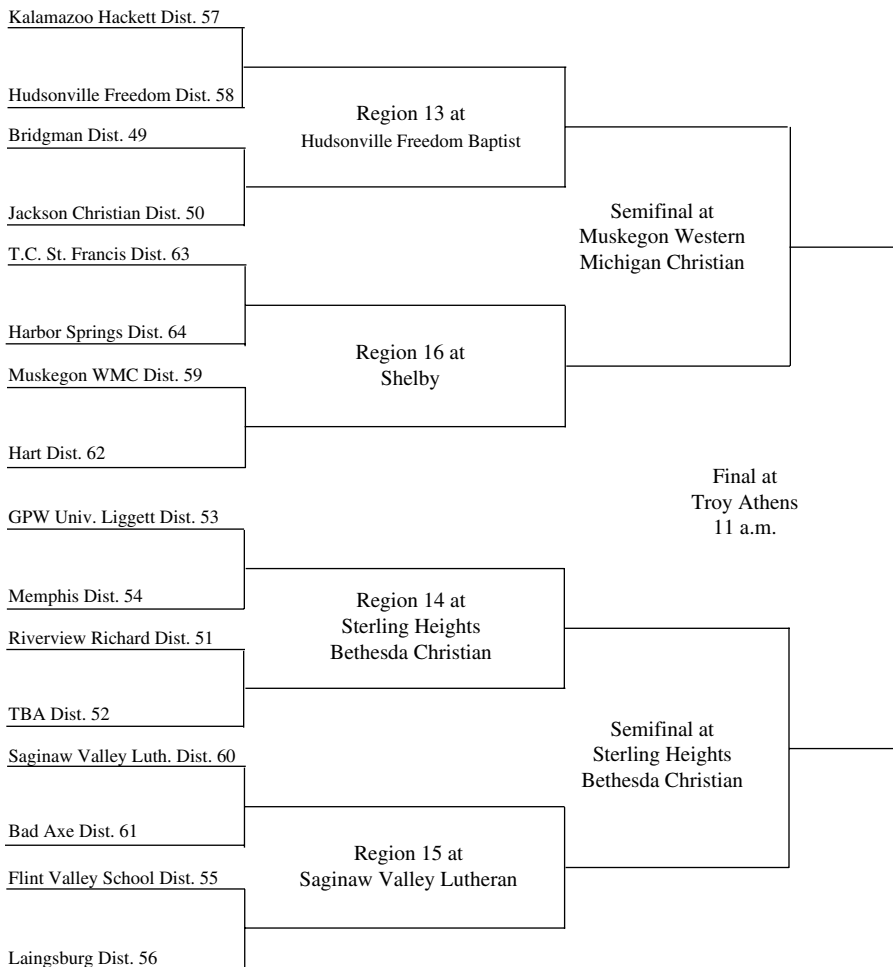
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**PRE-REGIONALS**  
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**REGIONALS**  
June 11-12

**SEMIFINALS**  
June 16

**FINALS**  
June 19



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# MHSAA CLASSIFICATION BY SPORT — 2004-05

*Reflects cooperative programs and options to play in larger classifications or divisions as of April 1, 2004*

## Sports Utilizing Traditional Classifications

Traditional Classifications for 2004-05		
<u>Class</u>	<u>Enrollment Range</u>	<u>Maximum No. of Schools</u>
A	1,036 and Above	190
B	489 - 1,035	190
C	234 - 488	191
D	233 and Below	191

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

SPORT		A	B	C	D
BASKETBALL	Girls	186	188	186	161
	Boys	188	188	189	182
BOWLING	Girls	78	66	36	21
	Boys	80	64	36	22
COMPETITIVE CHEER	Girls	61	58	33	5
* FOOTBALL		188	191	172	74
GYMNASTICS		52	10	1	0
SKIING	Girls	45	20	19	2
	Boys	46	21	19	2
VOLLEYBALL		186	187	179	161

\* 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	160	160	160	161	
CROSS COUNTRY	- Girls	139	142	142	137
	- Boys	145	145	145	146
GOLF	- Girls	87	89	90	--
	- Boys	132	133	132	134
ICE HOCKEY	56	56	56	--	
LACROSSE	- Girls	TBD	TBD		
	- Boys	TBD	TBD		
*SOCCER	- Girls	104	104	105	78
	- Boys	118	118	119	89

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

SOFTBALL	159	158	162	158
SWIMMING - Girls	113	113	--	--
- Boys	103	105	--	--
TENNIS - Girls	84	84	84	84
- Boys	85	86	86	86
TRACK - Girls	147	152	152	150
- Boys	151	151	152	152
WRESTLING (Team)	118	119	119	119

## Upper Peninsula Tournaments

SPORT	Division	No. of Schools	Enrollment Range
*Swimming (Boys & Girls)	1	11G 10 B	1,455-327G 1,455-380B
*Individual Wrestling	1	19	1,323-20
**Cross Country (Boys & Girls)	1	10B 10G	1,323-399
	2	10B 10G	392-277
	3	13B 13G	199-58
**Track & Field (Boys & Girls)	1	12B 12G	1,323-399
	2	13B 13G	392-238
	3	25B 25G	211-25B 200-25G
**Golf (Boys & Girls)	1	11B 12G	1,323-399
	2	10B 12G	392-238
	3	21B 19G	211-25
***Tennis--Girls (Fall)	1	7	1,323-425
	2	6	421-117
--Boys (Spring)	1	7	1,323-425
	2	7	421-117

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.

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

*NOTE: UP Schools Participate Statewide in all Other Tournaments*

# Michigan State University Online Graduate Certificate Program Reaches Out To Athletic Coaches And Administrators

During fall semester 2003, the Institute for the Study of Youth Sports in the Department of Kinesiology initiated its new Online Graduate Certificate Program in Coaching Education. The Program consists of three 3-credit graduate courses that are taught by MSU faculty and taken entirely online. The current sequence of courses is Psychosocial Bases of Coaching Athletes, fall semester; Sport Law for Administrators and Coaches, spring semester; and Physical Bases of Coaching, summer semester. These courses may be taken in any order, and when all are successfully completed by an individual, the Department of Kinesiology will recognize this accomplishment by conferring a Graduate Certificate in Coaching Education. Go to the following web sites for additional information:

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or  
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The goals of this program are to provide up-to-date information to:

- a) meet the educational and practical needs of coaches,
- b) provide content to facilitate administrative oversight of athletic programs, and
- c) make available educational courses that may be used by teachers to obtain and/or maintain professional teaching certification.

Additional benefits from the completion of the courses in the Online Graduate Certificate Program in Coaching Education is that they may be transferable into our Master's Degree Program for students admitted with a concentration in Coaching, Sport Administration, or Student-Athlete Development.

See <http://edweb6.educ.msu.edu/kin/Academics/MS/MSmenu.htm> for additional information. They may also be transferable into master's programs at other universities.

Individuals, who are interested in registering for courses in our Online Program, can enroll through the MSU Lifelong Education Program at the following address: <http://www.reg.msu.edu/ROInfo/EnrReg/LifelongEducation.asp>

If you have additional questions, you are encouraged to contact Dr. Eugene W. Brown, Coordinator at:

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**HOLIDAY DATES**  
(SCHOOL YEARS 2003-04 — 2013-14)

<b>LABOR DAY</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> (Legal Holiday-Monday)
2003—September 1	2003—November 27	2004—April 11	2004—May 31
2004—September 6	2004—November 25	2005—March 27	2005—May 30
2005—September 5	2005—November 24	2006—April 16	2006—May 29
2006—September 4	2006—November 23	2007—April 8	2007—May 28
2007—September 3	2007—November 22	2008—March 23	2008—May 26
2008—September 1	2008—November 27	2009—April 12	2009—May 25
2009—September 7	2009—November 26	2010—April 4	2010—May 31
2010—September 6	2010—November 25	2011—April 24	2011—May 30
2011—September 5	2011—November 24	2012—April 8	2012—May 28
2012—September 3	2012—November 22	2013—March 31	2013—May 27
2013—September 2	2013—November 28	2013—April 20	2013—May 26

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