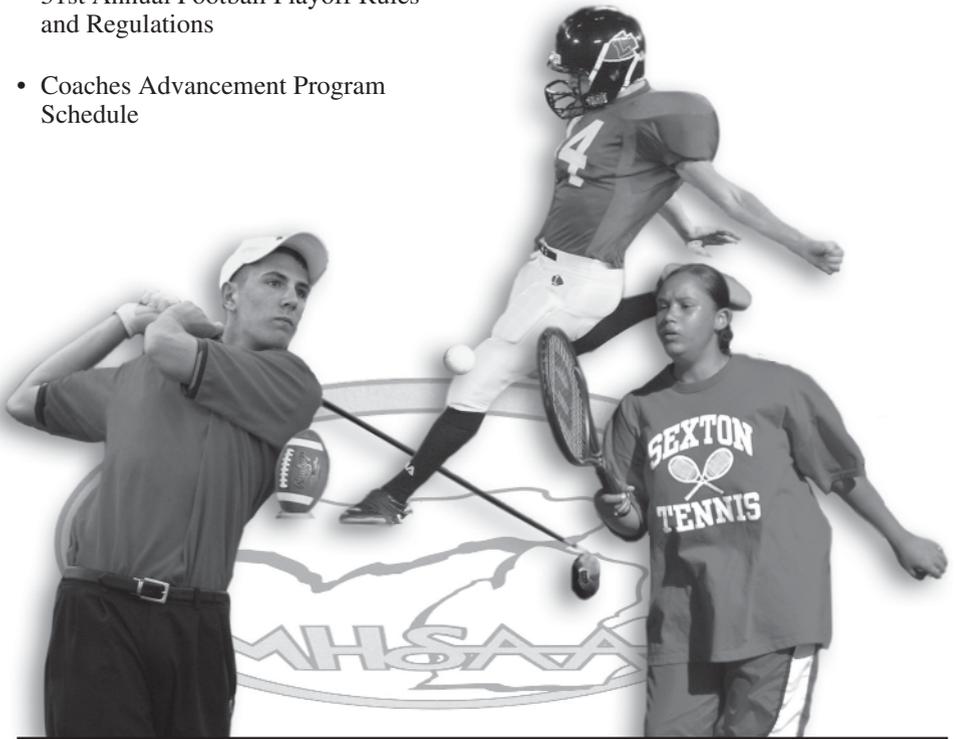


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ON THE COVER

The 2005-06 school year kicks off with rejuvenated coaches, administrators and student-athletes returning to schools for another exciting year of interscholastic athletics. Highlighting the Fall Finals schedule are Football (which moves its Finals to Ford Field this year), Girls Tennis in both peninsulas, and Lower Peninsula Boys Golf. (Photos by 20-20photo.com and John Johnson, Okemos)

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

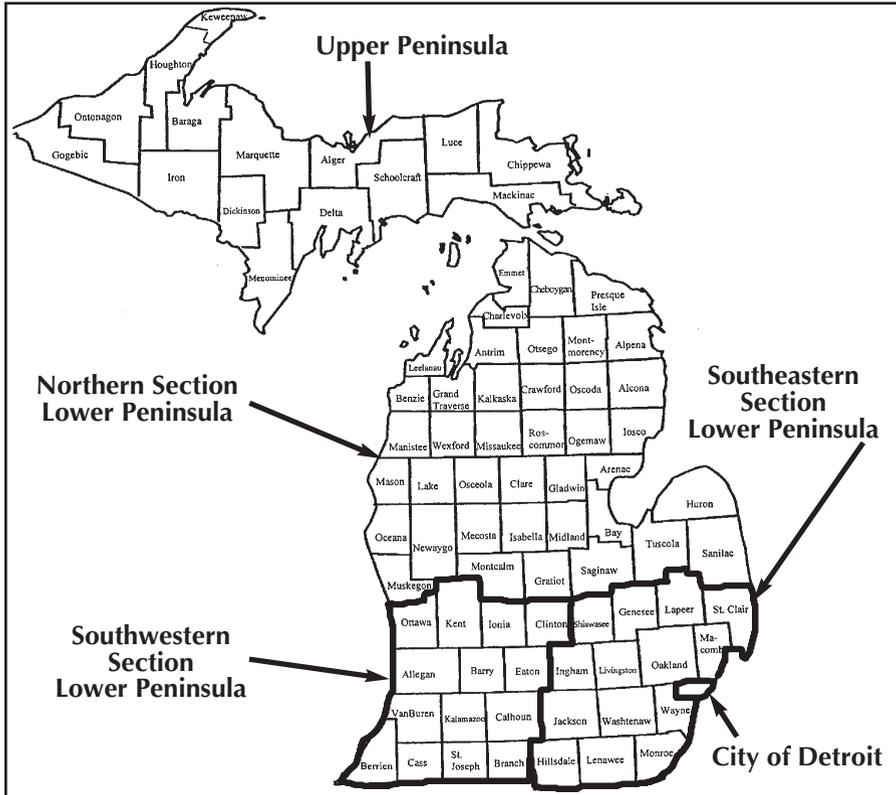
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REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AND UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Ballots to be Sent to Schools August 24, 2005

MAP OF REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL SECTIONS



Ballots for Representative Council elections will be mailed to principals of member schools from the MHSAA office Aug. 24, 2005. The ballots will be due back in the MHSAA office Sept. 7, 2005.

Six positions for membership on the Representative Council will be up for election this fall. Vacancies for two-year terms beginning December 2005 will occur as follows: Class C-D Southwestern Section, Lower Peninsula; Class C-D Southeastern Section, Lower Peninsula; Class A-B Upper Peninsula; Statewide At-Large; Junior High/Middle School, and City of Detroit.

In addition to the above named Representative Council positions, there are three Upper

Peninsula Athletic Committee positions to be voted in September. A representative of the Class A-B, Class C and Class D schools will be elected by the principals of the Upper Peninsula schools.

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

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

Following the due date of Sept. 7, 2005, the Board of Canvassers as provided in

Article IV of the Constitution of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, will meet (Sept. 9) and declare the winners for the various vacancies.

In accordance with the approved nomination and election procedures, listed candidates have submitted their desire to run for a position by March 15, 2005. They have included an approval to serve from their respective Superintendent or Principal and have certified their qualifications to run for the office which they seek. No write-ins will be possible because each candidate must be approved by March 15 in order to run for a position on the Representative Council.

Following are the declared candidates and the vacancies which will occur in December 2005:

**REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL
CANDIDATES FOR
SEPTEMBER 2005 ELECTION**

Southwestern Section, Lower Peninsula
-- **Class C and D Schools** – Ken Dietz, Athletic Director, Hartford High School

Southeastern Section, Lower Peninsula
-- **Class C and D Schools** – Randy Salisbury, Principal, Britton-Macon Area School

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

Statewide At-Large – Jeffrey Grodi, Board Vice President, Monroe-Jefferson Schools; Karen S. Leinaar, CAA, Athletic Director, Benzonia-Benzie Central High School

Junior High/Middle Schools – David Baldus, Faculty Member, Fremont Middle School; Paul L. Ellinger, Superintendent, Cheboygan Area Schools; Cheri L. Meier, Principal, Ionia Middle School

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

**UPPER PENINSULA
ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

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

Class C Schools – Don Gustafson, Middle School Principal/Administrative Assistant, St. Ignace Area Schools; Bruce Horsch, Athletic Director, Houghton High School

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

*The Only Official Interpretations
Are Those Received In Writing*

RULES MEETING TIME CHANGES FOR 2005-06

Note: Most Rules Meetings will take place at 6 p.m. throughout this school year. Please consult mhsaa.com for exact dates and times.

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

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Rothbury, May 1-3, 2005

Members Present:

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

Also Present:

Ed Sikorski, Ann Arbor (May 1 & 2)

Staff Members Present:

Randy Allen
Nate Hampton
John Johnson
Gina Mazzolini (May 2 & 3)
Tom Minter
Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts (Recorder)
Mark Uyl
Kathy Vruggink Westdorp
Karen Yonkers

Accounts of Meetings - Motion by Randy Salisbury, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the minutes of the Representative Council Meeting of March 18, 2005; and the Executive Committee Meeting minutes of March 17 and April 20, 2005. Adopted.

Jim Derocher, with assistance from Dan Flynn, provided an oral report of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee Meeting held in Escanaba on April 29, 2005.

REPORTS

Legislation – The executive director distributed a report from the association’s legislative liaisons and highlighted the status of House Bill No. 4118 and Senate Bill No. 205.

Litigation – Attorney Edmund Sikorski provided brief status reports of the same two lawsuits on which he reported in March. A decision from the United States Supreme Court remanding an unfavorable ruling in the seasons litigation back to the United States

Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati was received and announced during the Representative Council meeting.

Administration - The executive director reported that **MHSAA membership** during the 2004-05 school year was 765 high schools and 831 junior high/middle schools as of April 1, 2005.

As of April 5, 2005, there were 185 **cooperative program agreements** for high schools (an increase of 17 over the previous year) and 48 cooperative program agreements for junior high/middle schools (a decrease of 1). Thirteen additional high school and four additional junior high/middle school cooperative programs were approved at the

Executive Committee’s April 20 and April 30, 2005 meetings. While member schools’ participation in junior high school cooperative programs remains steady, growth continues at a rapid rate at the senior high school level. The most frequent sports involved in cooperative programs at the high school level are ice hockey, boys swimming

& diving, girls swimming & diving, and girls gymnastics. Boys and girls track & field are the most popular sports for cooperative programs at the junior high/middle school level.

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

It was reported that 242 **Educational Transfer Forms** were processed for the 2004-05 school year through April 6, 2005, an increase from 205 in 2003-04 and 220 in 2002-03. There were 245 forms processed in 2001-02 and 262 in 2000-01 (which tied the record set in 1996-97). Public school to public school transfers continue to be the most common (174), and the divorce exception (#8) continues to be the most frequent reason (159) for the Educational Transfer Form to be used.

Travel Forms for Out-of-State Practice were filed by a record 91 schools for the 2004-05 school year, reflecting that the Representative Council's ideas and the staff's efforts to improve reporting have been successful and should be continued to assure fuller compliance with this requirement that was first established in 1994-95.

The eight **Update Meetings** of September and October 2004 were attended by a record 1,268 persons. The schedule of Update Meetings for 2005 was presented with a schedule corresponding to 2004.

A summation of **mailings** from the MHSAA office to Representative Council members during 2004-05 was provided.

A listing of **violations** by schools and officials between April 11, 2004 and April 10, 2005 indicated that the total number of violations for the year was average and, for the first time ever, as of April 10, 2005 there were no violations by a school for failure of a head coach to attend a rules meeting or pass the required examination.

The associate director described the **Athletic Director In-Service** programs conducted by the MHSAA during 2004-05, reporting that the previous year's record attendance of 500 was surpassed by approximately 45. It was reported that many administrators have expressed the need to require

attendance by the athletic directors of all member schools each year. He presented more modest proposals developed by the staff.

Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Pete Ryan, to require an administrator's attendance at an MHSAA New Athletic Director In-Service program as a condition for *new* schools to enter MHSAA tournaments. Adopted.

Motion by Kathy McGee, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve in concept for the 2006-07 school year that first-time athletic directors would be required to attend a New Athletic Director In-Service, with the details of this requirement to be developed for Representative Council review and action not later than May of 2006. Adopted.

Assistant Director Kathy Westdorp reported that attendance at **coaches' education programs** during 2004-05 had reached a record high 1,031, with three more programs yet to be conducted. She described the efforts being made to improve the curriculum and delivery of MHSAA coaches education, and the positive reaction of coaches to the improvements being made. Ms. Westdorp outlined the six-level Coaches Advancement Program (CAP), indicated how coaches may progress through it and how the curriculum can be adapted to meet special needs of school districts, leagues/conferences and other groups that wish to focus on particular topics or alter the time schedules. Curriculum is currently in development stages for the first three levels of the Coaches Advancement Program, and 59 sessions of the three levels are already scheduled for the 2005-06 school year.

Approximately 60 presenters will be undergoing training beginning this summer to enhance their knowledge of CAP and their abilities to lead the highly interactive sessions that the MHSAA Coaches Advancement Program now provides.

The MHSAA is arranging for additional value to completing the coaches education program, including continuing education units, liability insurance, an online newsletter six times a year, and online links for continuing education for coaches.

Assistant Director Mark Uyl reported that **Officials' registrations** decreased slightly from the record high level of one year earlier,

even though the association has registered 140 lacrosse officials for the first time. The decline was undoubtedly caused in part by the fact that this past year was the first for conducting criminal history checks on registering officials. The association conducted a survey of 8,000 non-renewing officials of the past five years to ascertain the most significant reasons for officials' failure to renew. This effort included a response card to invite officials back into MHSAA registration, and more than 200 officials returned as a result of this effort. It has been learned that the largest group of non-returning officials are those who are in their second through fourth year of officiating. Therefore, while recruitment of new officials is always important, retention of this large, new group of officials must become an association priority. Other priorities include improved training curriculum for individuals and local associations, expansion of online service to ratings and registration, and implementation of a local evaluation program.

Rules meeting attendance figures for 2004-05 were presented.

Officials Reports for the spring 2004, fall 2004, and winter 2004-05 seasons were reviewed, revealing some increase in negative reports last spring and fall, but a reduction in negative reports during the winter of 2004-05.

PRESENTATIONS

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

Designated representatives of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association and the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association addressed the Council regarding several agenda items, as well as other matters pertinent to their sports.

OLD BUSINESS

Competitive Cheer – Assistant Director Kathy Westdorp reported on the progress to publish a combined manual for MHSAA regulations and competition rules for the sport of competitive cheer. It was indicated that the annual review/revision process for the competition rules will include a small work group reporting to the MHSAA Competitive Cheer

Committee, which will report to the Representative Council when proposed playing rules changes which have committee consensus require special review or emphasis.

Policies adopted by the Representative Council in December were discussed, along with input received regarding those matters. Special attention was given to input from school administrators and to the proposal of the Big Eight Conference. Ms. Westdorp reviewed the schedule of orientation meetings for administrators and coaches that have been scheduled through leagues and conferences this spring, summer and fall.

Contingency Issues – In preparation for the possibility that some MHSAA tournaments must be rescheduled as a result of court order, the Council discussed in March various policies and procedures that may need to be altered to permit the smoothest possible change in MHSAA tournament dates and member schools' regular season practices and competition. A 12-point document, most of which had been reviewed and discussed at its March meeting, was presented to the Council for action. Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by William Newkirk, to approve the document with answers to two previously unanswered issues. Adopted. Motion by Fred Procter, supported by Pete Ryan, to eliminate the required practice time for Regionals as well as District Basketball Tournaments. Adopted. (See "A" for the complete document as approved.)

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Pete Ryan, to approve the details of the contingency plan for Upper Peninsula Soccer Tournaments for distribution to schools unless, by June 1, the U.S. Supreme Court intervenes. Adopted.

Insurance Concerns – In May of 2004, the Council began a discussion of increased risks and insurance coverage when (a) national playing rules are modified at the state association or local level; and (b) transportation of students is/is not provided by schools. While efforts with respect to the second topic continue, the staff had compiled a list of playing rule modifications and adoptions that are known or suspected to exist in Michigan and provided the Council with recommended actions. Motion by Eric Federico, supported by Fred Smith, to approve the following eight recommenda-

tions:

1. Formally adopt official playing rules for junior high/middle schools. This is accomplished by approval of the *Handbook* consent package.
2. Direct an "advisory memo" to junior high/middle schools identifying areas of concern.
3. Direct an "advisory memo" to ice hockey schools and to facility operators identifying areas of concern.
4. Direct an "advisory memo" to gymnastics schools identifying area of concern.
5. Adopt the 2004-05 Soccer Committee recommendation on goal differential matter.
6. Direct the 2005-06 Soccer Committee to revisit overtime rules.
7. Direct the 2005-06 Tennis Committee to discuss rest time between sets.
8. Direct the 2005-06 Wrestling Committee to revisit the home weigh-in.

Adopted.

Minimum Practice Requirements – At its May 2004 meeting, the Representative Council requested that sport committees in cross country/track & field, tennis and baseball/softball discuss if there is a need to establish a minimum period between the earliest practice and the first contest and to prepare a recommendation for the Council's review. Each of the sport committees involved recommended no change in current rules, and the 2004 Update Meeting survey indicated that almost 60 percent of respondents opposed a policy change. The Council took no action.

Three-Player Rule – In May of 2004, the Council requested a year of education and evaluation regarding out-of-season coaching restrictions. The 2004 Update Meeting survey revealed strong opposition to relaxing the rule. The sport committees of baseball/softball and basketball proposed the three-player rule be changed to four players for their sports; the Tennis and Volleyball Committees wanted no change in the basic regulation but better defined and tougher penalties for violations; and the Swimming & Diving Committee proposed that high school

coaches be able to work with a non-school program that does not exclusively include or benefit students from his/her school.

Motion by Keith Eldred, supported by Randy Salisbury, to approve with two changes a proposal for allowing Executive Committee waiver of the three-player rule in specific circumstances for selected sports on a one-year basis. Adopted. (See "B" for the approved waiver procedure.)

Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Kathy McGee, to approve with two edits the "Penalties for Violations of Out-of-Season Coaching Regulations." Adopted. (See "C" for the approved document.)

There was consensus that even with the action taken to date, this topic is not finished and that in 2005-06 the focus should include open gyms, conditioning programs and sport-specific curriculum classes. (See "D" for a draft of the "Guiding Principles for Out-Of-Season Coaching Controls.")

NEW BUSINESS

Membership Resolution – Motion by Jim Derocher, supported by Scott Grimes, to approve the MHSAA Membership Resolution for 2005-06, with editorial changes intended for clarity and emphasis, for distribution to member school superintendents for the action of their boards of education. Adopted. The resolution is a one-year contract, the content of which may not be altered by member schools.

Articles of Incorporation – Motion by Kathy McGee, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve an amendment to the MHSAA's Nonprofit Articles of Incorporation that better describes the historical and continuing functions of the MHSAA, and to authorize legal counsel to execute documents necessary to enact this change. Adopted.

Due Process Procedure – Motion by William Newkirk, supported by Vic Michaels, to approve one substantive and two editorial revisions to the Due Process Procedure of the MHSAA Handbook. The substantive change is that, unless there is specific request by the MHSAA Executive Committee or Representative Council, MHSAA executive staff will not conduct or authorize investigations into alleged violations that ended more than four years prior to the start of such investigation. Adopted.

REGULATIONS

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

Motion by William Newkirk, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the consent package of miscellaneous changes for the purpose of organization, clarity or updating and to incorporate changes or Interpretations previously adopted by the Representative Council. Adopted.

Regulation I, Sections 9(A) – Motion by Scott Grimes, supported by Kathy McGee, to approve for the purposes of exception 1 that a student must have been living with persons for at least the last 30 calendar days for those persons to be considered “the persons with whom he or she was living.” Adopted.

Regulation I, Section 9(C) – Motion by Randy Salisbury, supported by Eric Federico, to replace “practiced or competed” with “was a cooperative program team member” during the previous semester. Adopted.

Regulation I, Section 9(E) – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by William Newkirk, to better emphasize the intent of this section by replacing the next to last sentence prior to the Note with the following: “Even if the student’s circumstances subsequently satisfy one of the exceptions that would normally allow a transfer student immediate eligibility, the student shall remain ineligible for two semesters at this or any other MHSAA member school.” Adopted. (While this change is editorial, not substantive, recent events have caused Council’s review, which has resulted in this reemphasis.)

Regulation I, Section 9 and Regulation II, Section 15 – Motion by Keith Eldred, supported by Pete Ryan, to add wording to control and standardize how inseason transfer students are treated with respect to MHSAA tournament eligibility that season: “Students who transfer from one school to another and are immediately eligible under one or more of the exceptions to the transfer rule and eligible under all other regulations, are eligible for MHSAA tournaments only if they are enrolled in the new school (actual attendance in one or more classes and on the official records of the school) prior to Oct. 1 (fall

sports), Feb. 1 (winter sports), or May 1 (spring sports). Such students must also be in compliance with all requirements and deadlines for tournament participation, including but not limited to entry forms, eligibility lists, rosters, participation minimums, and qualifying standards of the specific sport tournament in which they wish to participate.” Adopted.

Regulation I, Section 12 – The Council discussed but took no action with respect to the following Interpretation proposed by the MHSAA Golf Committee: “Students may not accept the cash or merchandise for winning ‘flag events’ that are part of or included in a round of golf. Flag events include, but are not limited to, longest drive, closest to the pin, longest putt, etc.”

Regulation I, Sections 11, 12 and 13 – Motion by William Newkirk, supported by Scott Grimes, to further revise and approve a consolidation and revision of 2004-05 Handbook Interpretations #135, 136 and 138 to provide guidance for how certain sports are treated under the awards/amateur status and limited team membership regulations. Adopted. (See “E” for the approved language.)

Regulation II, Section 11(H) 5 – The Council discussed but took no action regarding a proposal to add that school-sponsored conditioning programs do not involve activities or coaching that are specific to a sport.

Regulation IV, Section 10(B) – Motion by Eric Federico, supported by Randy Salisbury, to allow a junior high/middle school forced by regulation into a later starting date than its first opponent to request Executive Committee approval to begin football practice as early as that opponent (but not earlier than the start of practice for senior high school football teams). Adopted.

Transfer Regulation – The Council reviewed the various periods of ineligibility that can occur under the MHSAA transfer regulation, as well as a survey of transfer rules from state high school associations across the country. Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Fred Procter, to approve the appointment of a study group during 2005-06 to determine if a more standardized period of ineligibility would be preferable to the current range of possibilities under the transfer regulation. Adopted.

MEMBER CONCERNS

Spring Lake Public Schools – Before the meeting, Council members had been given a communication from the Spring Lake Public Schools regarding the period of ineligibility that follows when a student has not passed the equivalent of 20 credit hours of course work during a trimester; and at this meeting, Council members were provided a document to compare the effects of current rules and possible revisions.

Motion by William Newkirk, supported by Fred Smith, to approve the surveying and studying of Regulation I, Section 7 and the trimester system. Adopted.

Motion by Fred Procter, supported by Dan Flynn, to revise 2004-05 Handbook Interpretation No. 41 to state, "A student who fails to pass the equivalent of 20 credit hours at the end of any trimester period shall be ineligible for 90 school days unless the deficiencies are made up pursuant to Section 7(C)," and further that wherever "semester" appears in Section 7(C), the wording is modified to read, "semester/trimester." Adopted. (It was noted that make-up work during the summer of 2005 would allow for student eligibility after Aug. 1, 2005 if posted on official school records.)

JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Having discussed the matter at its March meeting and again in the consideration of tournament contingency planning, the Council took no further action regarding the start of fall practice dates for junior high/middle school sports.

Motion by Keith Eldred, supported by William Newkirk, to approve the Junior High/Middle School Committee recommendation to not establish season limits for the sports of bowling, golf, gymnastics, skiing, ice hockey and lacrosse at this time, but to request MHSAA sport committees to consider contest limits during 2005-06 for review by the Junior High/Middle School Committee in 2006. Adopted.

Motion by Keith Eldred, supported by William Newkirk, to approve the Competitive Cheer Committee and Junior High/Middle School Committee recommendations to increase from four to eight the number of competitions allowed by junior

high/middle school competitive cheer programs. Adopted.

Motion by Keith Eldred, supported by Ken Dietz, to approve the Junior High/Middle School Committee recommendation that 2004-05 *Handbook* Interpretation No. 76 be changed to allow 8th-grade students who participated in the 9-12 grade program under Regulation I, Section 1(D) to be eligible at any school when they enroll as first-time 9th-graders, being treated the same as all other students under exception 10 of the transfer regulation. Adopted.

CLASSIFICATION

The Council reviewed the Classification Summary for 2005-06 and the MHSAA Tournament Classification Policy outlined in the 2004-05 *Handbook* on page 87. Also reviewed were the MHSAA tournament reclassification proposals from the following six MHSAA sport committees:

Bowling – From Class A, B and C-D, **To** three equal divisions as early as the 2005-06 school year.

Competitive Cheer – From Class A, B and C-D, **To** four equal divisions for the 2006-07 school year.

Skiing – From Class A and B-C-D, **To** two equal divisions.

Soccer – From 20 percent in Division 4 and A, B and C schools in three equal divisions, **To** five equal divisions.

Lower Peninsula Swimming & Diving – From two equal divisions, **To** three equal divisions.

Volleyball – From Class A, B, C, D, **To** four equal divisions.

Motion by Keith Eldred, supported by William Newkirk, that the reclassification of bowling, a new and emerging sport, into three equal divisions occur in 2005-06; that the reclassification proposals for competitive cheer, skiing and volleyball follow *Handbook* policy to determine if the reclassification should occur in 2006-07; that the proposal for soccer be rejected; and that the proposal for swimming & diving be rejected as long as facilities are limited, and that if the Swimming & Diving Committee continues to propose three equal divisions, then it must also provide the Council with a prioritized list of ideas for reducing the size of the Finals

field at each of the three venues so that more facilities, including high school venues, can accommodate Finals. Adopted.

OFFICIALS

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Pete Ryan, to not approve either proposal from the Officials Review Committee to allow otherwise tournament eligible MHSAA officials who reside outside of Michigan to be considered for entry level tournament assignments. Adopted (no change). The Council agreed that the Officials Review Committee conduct additional study of relationships with neighboring states with respect to out-of-state officials' registration and tournament eligibility policies, and to pursue more standardization of the treatment of officials between states.

COMMITTEES

The Council was supplied with a description of MHSAA committees, a copy of the MHSAA Sport Committee Guide, a review of the committee appointment procedures adopted by the Representative Council in May of 1987, a list of those who had identified themselves as candidates for committees in 2005-06, a list of schools not represented on any committees for the past five years, and a list of those who had declined committee appointments in 2004-05. Council members were encouraged to submit nominations for committees, making special efforts to provide nominations from principals, small schools, females and minorities, and any school which has not been represented in recent years. The staff will compile the suggestions and submit them to the Executive Committee for review and appointment by the Executive Committee in August. Names of committee members selected to serve during the 2005-06 school year will be published in the November 2005 *Bulletin*. The only exceptions are those committees involving the selection of tournament officials and award recipients.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

(Note: Sport committee proposals regarding classification and out-of-season coaching were considered as groups earlier in the minutes and are not addressed here.)

Wrestling – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Pete Ryan, to approve the Wrestling Committee recommendation to eliminate the current requirements for the “second wrestlers” (winning record in at last 12 varsity matches) when a school is entering two wrestlers in the same weight class for the Individual District. Adopted.

Motion by Jim Derocher, supported by Scott Grimes, to approve the Wrestling Committee recommendation to allow all wrestlers (even those appealing) to begin their descent plans immediately following their assessment (Alpha weigh-in). Adopted.

Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the Wrestling Committee recommendation to require all renewing skinfold assessors to attend the MHSAA Skinfold Assessor Workshop every other year. (In the year an assessor would not be in attendance, he/she would have to successfully complete a renewal examination to maintain his/her assessor status.) Adopted.

Motion by William Newkirk, supported by Kathy McGee, to approve the Wrestling Committee recommendation to use the team tiebreaker as published in the National Federation Wrestling Rules Book. Adopted.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Fred Smith, to approve the Wrestling Committee recommendation to require a school representative from each wrestling school to successfully complete an annual online nutrition education examination covering MHSAA and National Wrestling Coaches Association nutritional materials. (This annual online requirement would replace the in-person nutritional in-service meetings provided every three years, and the online materials would comprise the curriculum for the required local nutrition meeting for each wrestling school.) Adopted.

Motion by Kathy McGee, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve a modification of the Wrestling Committee recommendation; specifically, to establish a subcommittee to investigate opportunities for girls-only wrestling competition during the regular season. Adopted.

Motion by Dan Flynn, supported by Randy Salisbury, to not approve the Wrestling Committee recommendation to seed Team Districts. Adopted (no change).

Volleyball – Motion by Jim Derocher, supported by Fred Smith, to approve a modification of the Volleyball Committee recommendation regarding the scheduling of District Tournaments; specifically, that when six or more teams are assigned to the District and provided the same school hosts all matches, District Tournaments may be played on two days (the Semifinals and Finals must be played on the same day, Friday or Saturday). Adopted.

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Kathy McGee, that when six or more teams are assigned to the District, the preliminary rounds may be played on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday (but not before 4 p.m.) or on Friday or Saturday, but the Semifinals and Finals must be conducted on one day, Friday or Saturday. Adopted.

Motion by Kathy McGee, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the Volleyball Committee recommendation to adopt the Libero position for the 2005-06 school year. Adopted.

Tennis – Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Leroy Hackley, to approve the Tennis Committee recommendation to modify the USTA seeding procedure at MHSAA Regionals so the No. 3 seed is placed in the same half of the draw as the No. 2 seed and the No. 4 seed is placed in the same half of the draw as the No. 1 seed (no coin flips). Adopted.

Motion by Leroy Hackley, supported by Fred Smith, to approve the Tennis Committee recommendation to modify the USTA seeding procedure at MHSAA Finals so that the No. 3 seed is in the same half of the draw as the No. 2 seed, the No. 4 seed is in the same half of the draw as the No. 1 seed, the No. 5 seed is in the same quarter as the No. 4 seed, and the No. 6 seed is in the same quarter as the No. 3 seed, the No. 7 seed is in the same quarter as the No. 2 seed, and the No. 8 seed is in the same quarter as the No. 1 seed. (Seed positions will take priority over MHSAA Regional assignment variations, and there will be no coin flips.) Adopted.

Motion by Keith Eldred, supported by William Newkirk, to not approve the Tennis Committee recommendation to allow up to three players of the opposite gender to assist with the team during the course of the season

(which would allow the students to feed tennis balls to team players or even play points/games). Adopted (no change).

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Pete Ryan, to approve the Tennis Committee recommendation to play the Semifinal and Final matches on Saturday unless weather is threatening for that day. Adopted.

Swimming & Diving – Motion by Randy Salisbury, supported by Eric Federico, to not approve the Swimming & Diving Committee recommendation to add another option for advancing divers to the Regional Meet. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Jim Derocher, supported by Scott Grimes, to not approve the Swimming & Diving Committee recommendation to create a special committee to establish qualifying times. Adopted (no change).

Soccer – Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve a modification of the Soccer Committee recommendation to set the first Saturday in November as the date for the Boys Finals every year and for both boys and girls to keep the same start date for practice and reduce the number of days between the start of practice and the first competition from 11 to 7, all effective with the 2006-07 school year. Adopted.

Motion by Eric Federico, supported by Kathy McGee, to approve a staff modification of a Soccer Committee recommendation regarding practice opportunities on artificial turf fields. This option is to be made available to those schools that have not played on an artificial turf field that season. Adopted.

(Note: In earlier action under Insurance Concerns, the Council revised the goal differential rule to begin at halftime [not ten minutes into the second half]. For MHSAA tournaments [and during regular season by league adoption or game contract], contests end when one team is ahead by ten goals at halftime or at any time in the second half.)

Alpine Skiing – Motion by Ken Dietz, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the Ski Committee recommendation that the MHSAA provide an approved computer scoring program for Regional and Final managers. Adopted.

Ice Hockey – Motion by Lafayette Evans, supported by Pete Ryan, to approve the Ice Hockey Committee recommendation to increase individual player medals from 20

to 24 for first and second place teams in each division at the MHSAA Finals. Adopted.

Motion by Eric Federico, supported by Lafayette Evans, to approve the Ice Hockey Committee recommendation to increase the number in the team group (players, coaches and team personnel) from 27 to 30 at MHSAA Regional and Final Tournaments (the number of players in uniform for any one game remains 20). Adopted.

Girls Gymnastics – It was clarified that the vaulting table is required by National Federation rules for the 2005-06 school year.

Motion by Jim Derocher, supported by Karen Leinaar, that in response to requests that the MHSAA Girls Gymnastics Tournament be scheduled in the fall, the MHSAA survey school athletes, coaches and administrators as well as judges during November and report the results to the Representative Council in December. Adopted. There was sentiment that the staff also inquire into alternative winter sports tournaments for girls.

Football – Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Karen Leinaar, to not approve the Football Committee recommendation to eliminate Districts and seed all eight teams in Regions. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Kathy McGee, supported by Fred Procter, to approve the Football Committee recommendation that if a member school forfeits a varsity football contest and it is alleged by the opposing school receiving that win that the forfeit is for reasons other than health or risk issues or other compelling circumstances but rather to avoid competition, the forfeiting school principal, athletic director and head coach must appear before the Executive Committee to show cause why other sanctions should not be applied to the forfeiting school. Adopted.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Linda Myers, to survey affected schools regarding geographic pairings and report the results to the Representative Council. Defeated. Motion by Dan Flynn, supported by Kathy McGee, to eliminate geographic pairings in Region 1 of the MHSAA Football Playoffs. Defeated. Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Randy Salisbury, to survey affected schools and eliminate geographic pairings in Region 1 of the 2005 Football

Playoffs if those schools favor that action. Adopted.

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Dan Flynn, to approve the Football Committee recommendation that the MHSAA request the National Federation Football Rules Committee to adopt at minimum the NCAA rules relating to onside kicks, the positioning of players in the pre-kick formation, and restricted blocking. Adopted.

Motion by Jim Derocher, supported by Scott Grimes, to approve the Football Committee recommendation to publish that member schools may follow National Federation rules for less than 11-person football at the subvarsity level. Adopted.

Cross Country/Track & Field – Motion by Fred Procter, supported by Fred Smith, to not approve the Cross Country/Track & Field Committee recommendation to establish separate rules meetings for cross country coaches and officials, but to survey schools to determine the percentage of cross country coaches who are also track & field coaches before taking further action with respect to this recommendation. Adopted.

Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Randy Salisbury, to not approve the Cross Country/Track & Field Committee recommendation to allow athletes who place in positions 16 through 20 as individuals at the Cross Country Regionals to advance to Final competition. Adopted (no change).

Girls Competitive Cheer – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Eric Federico, to approve the Competitive Cheer Committee recommendation to assess a 14-point safety judge penalty in Round 1 (formerly 7-point deduction) when one or more team members perform the wrong jump for either required jump. Adopted.

Motion by William Newkirk, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the Competitive Cheer Committee recommendation that beginning with the 2005-06 seasons, Round 2 skills that are currently valued at 5 and 7 points be changed to 6 and 8 points, respectively. Adopted.

Motion by Lafayette Evans, supported by Pete Ryan, to approve the Competitive Cheer Committee recommendation to provide additional clarity to the scoring system in the 2005-06 season, require cheer judges to eval-

uate the five required skills in Round 2 on a ten-point scale, and use a Round 2 score sheet in which a multiplier will be used to calculate the score of the skills performed. Adopted.

Bowling – Motion by Eric Federico, supported by Ken Dietz, to approve the following five format changes recommended by the Bowling Committee:

1. Adjust the first round of the Team Finals to a “qualifier” round to determine subsequent pairings (Quarterfinal pairings of No. 1 vs. No. 8, No. 2 vs. No. 7, etc., will be based on the first round total pinfall).
2. Stipulate that the first round qualifying format of the Team Finals will continue to consist of two regular games and two Baker games.
3. Modify the Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Final rounds of the Team Finals format to consist of six Baker games and one regular game.
4. Establish that the order of games in team matches of Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Final rounds shall be the regular game first, Baker games second.
5. Conduct Team Finals Baker games on alternating lanes.

Adopted.

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the Bowling Committee recommendation that rosters be limited to eight bowlers at the 2005-06 MHSAA Regionals and Finals. Adopted.

Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Kathy McGee, to approve the Bowling Committee recommendation to allow 24 dates of competition for the 2005-06 season and eliminate the restriction of 5 days of competition over 14 days but retain the limit of 3 days of competition per week. Adopted.

Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Scott Grimes, to approve the Bowling Committee recommendation to allow Upper Peninsula schools to begin practice and competition one week earlier than is allowed for schools in the Lower Peninsula. Adopted.

Basketball – Motion by Ken Dietz, supported by Kathy McGee, to approve the staff’s modification of the Basketball Committee recommendation; specifically, that three officials will be assigned at each

game of the District level of the MHSAA Boys and Girls Basketball Tournaments, with officials’ fees at the District Tournament level set at \$40 plus a minimum of \$8 for mileage. Adopted.

Motion by Kathy McGee, supported by Ken Dietz, to approve the staff’s modification of the Basketball Committee recommendation; specifically, to allow use of the 14-foot coaching box during the 2005-06 school year, but to rescind this action if Officials Reports show an increase of conduct issues with basketball coaches during the 2005-06 season. Adopted.

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Fred Smith, to not approve the Basketball Committee recommendation to remove the provision that coaches cannot participate in play with students during open gyms. Adopted (no change).

Baseball/Softball – Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Fred Procter, to approve the Baseball/Softball Committee recommendation to assign an additional umpire to each Final, Semifinal and Quarterfinal Baseball Tournament contest. Adopted.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Vic Michaels, to not approve the Baseball/Softball Committee recommendation to allow baseball/softball to commence practice no earlier than the first Monday after March 1. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Lafayette Evans, supported by Ken Dietz, to approve the Baseball/Softball Committee recommendation to combine the Baseball and Softball Umpires Selection Committees into one Baseball/Softball Umpires Selection Committee. Adopted.

Motion by Jim Derocher, supported by Pete Ryan, to not approve the Baseball/Softball Committee recommendation to stipulate for all MHSAA Baseball/Softball Tournament contests that complete games of seven innings shall be played except when shortened by current run differential rules or lengthened by extra innings, requiring that suspended games be resumed and played to a complete seven innings unless the team behind wishes to make the result at the time of the suspension final. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Scott Grimes, to approve the Baseball/Softball Committee recommenda-

tion to schedule all four Baseball Final games at C. O. Brown Stadium, with the outside two diamonds being utilized on Saturday if weather becomes an issue, effective with the 2005 tournament if possible. Adopted.

OPERATIONS

Calendar – Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Fred Procter, to approve the seven-year calendar of MHSAA events, amended by earlier actions of the Representative Council, and to approve the contingency calendar if further judicial proceedings require a change in MHSAA tournament dates. Adopted.

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

Future Meetings – The next meeting of the Representative Council is Dec. 2, 2005, at the MHSAA office in East Lansing.

The March meeting of the Representative Council will be March 24, 2006, at the MHSAA office.

The spring 2006 meeting of the Council is confirmed at the Garland Resort in Lewiston, May 7-9, 2006.

Allen W. Bush Awards – Council members were invited to vote for up to three candidates of six presented, screened from a larger list by the MHSAA Awards Committee. Those who receive the most votes will be notified in May and honored at events important to them during the fall of 2005 or early in 2006. The recipients will be featured in the August Bulletin of the MHSAA.

Finance – Motion by Keith Eldred, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the 2005-06 revenue and expense budgets of \$8,523,000 and \$8,441,238, respectively, and a capital improvements budget that would result in reductions to cash of \$20,843. Adopted.

APPENDICES

A - CONTINGENCY POLICIES (To be Enacted if Change of MHSAA Tournament Dates is Required)

1. In basketball, allow 3 games in any week, on any day of the week, and eliminate the restriction to 5 games during 14 days (Regulation II, Section 10[A] 2).
2. In wrestling, make the same change as basketball, except that the maximum of two (2) matches on days which precede a day of school is retained (Regulation II, Section 10[A] 10).
3. 2004-05 *Handbook* Interpretation No. 215 states that it is a violation for any boy to practice with the girls basketball team and for a student who was a member of the girls basketball team to practice with that school's boys basketball team except during the few weeks each fall when the seasons overlap. If boys and girls basketball are both in the winter, the two programs may practice at the same time and place. It will not be prohibited for boys and girls to participate with or against each other in drills and scrimmages.
4. MHSAA Basketball Tournament officials shall continue to be limited to one game per day, but they may be assigned to more than one District or Regional.
5. Basketball officials shall be required to work 10 regular season games to be assigned an MHSAA tournament for a single gender and to work 6 regular season games for each gender to be assigned MHSAA tournaments for both genders.
6. A single Girls and Boys Site Selection Committee will meet on one day to select sites for both the Girls and Boys Basketball Tournaments.
7. A single Officials Selection Committee will meet on one day to select officials for both the Girls and Boys Basketball Tournaments.

8. The fall sports “dead period” of Regulation II, Section 11(H) 2-b (3) will be revised to add girls volleyball and U.P. girls soccer, and delete girls basketball and U.P. boys soccer.
 9. The required practice time for teams at MHSAA District and Regional Basketball Tournaments will be eliminated.
- The program or business for which the coach is requesting exemption actually involves students from more than one school district or cooperative program and does not exclusively involve students of the district where the coach is coaching.

The exemption may be granted on a case-by-case basis so the school coach may continue to coach one of these named sports for up to the one requested school year only. The distinction is made between an administrator of a non-school program and a coach who provides teaching and instruction.

**B- WAIVER PROCEDURES
FOR THE “3-PLAYER RULE”
IN SELECTED SPORTS**

Regulation II, Section 11(H). New Interpretation after 2004-05 *Handbook* Interpretation No. 212:

Due to staffing and facility limitations, the Executive Committee may grant exemption from the three-player limitation for school coaches in the individual sports of bowling, golf, gymnastics, swimming & diving and tennis in a specific program or business. Application is to be made prior to the start of the season for school coaches who are in a non-school business or program which meets the following criteria and/or other compelling circumstances:

- The school coach is engaged in full- or part-time paid employment by a program not affiliated with or connected to any of the following: the school, a school booster club or parents of athletes from the same school as the coach.
- The program or business the coach is involved with is open to the general public and advertised as such in advance in public media.
- The program or business the coach is involved with is not promoted nor advertised in the buildings of the school district the coach is from. Students choose freely, and no insinuation of a connection to the coach’s school is offered or implied.
- The program or business the coach is involved with is in strict compliance with MHSAA member school prohibitions against all-star competition and is not involved in any way with national competition involving athletes of the age of junior high/middle school or high school students.

**C - PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION
OF OUT-OF-SEASON
COACHING REGULATIONS**

Add to Regulation II, Section 11(H) and/or Regulation V, Section 4(E):

Depending on the severity and/or frequency of out-of-season coaching violations, a coach or member school may be subject to any or all, but not limited to, the following:

1. Censure. Further restrict coach/player contact out of season.
2. Probation. Prohibit out-of-season coach/player contact, including at otherwise permitted conditioning programs, open gyms, summer competitions and three-player coaching situations.
3. Probation. Restrict coaches’ attendance at in-season practices, scrimmages and/or games, including regular season and/or MHSAA tournament.

Regulation V, Section 4 may also be applied.

**D - GUIDING PRINCIPLES
FOR OUT-OF-SEASON
COACHING CONTROLS**

The member schools of the MHSAA believe . . .

1. Rules restricting practice and competition outside the school season should focus on the coach more than the student-athlete.
 - Students should be free to pursue their goals; they should also be free of adult pressures to pursue one particular goal.

2. The purpose of limitations on out-of-season school coach and athlete contact is to allow individual students reasonable opportunities to pursue training that is important to their continued development in a sport.
 - Such opportunities must not interfere with students' development in other sports, non-athletic activities, academics and community service.
3. School coaches can be an important, positive influence in the lives of students.
 - Interaction between school coaches and athletes out of season can be a healthy experience for both.
4. Reasonable limitations on school coach and athlete interaction out of season are necessary for the health and welfare of students, as well as to assure competitive equity (fairness) in season.
 - Without reasonable limitations, all school coaches and athletes would be compelled to match the most extreme and endlessly increasing efforts of some coaches and athletes out of season in order to have a reasonable opportunity for success in season.

**E - LIMITED TEAM
MEMBERSHIP REGULATION**

Insofar as Regulation I, Section 13 is concerned –

- a. The following are considered DIFFERENT SPORTS:

Baseball & Softball

Slow Pitch Softball & **Fast Pitch Softball**
 Freestyle Wrestling & **Folkstyle Wrestling**
 Greco Wrestling & **Folkstyle Wrestling**
 Beach Volleyball & **Volleyball**
 Flag Football & **Football**
 Snowboarding & **Alpine Skiing**
 Bowling with Non-Standard Pins and Balls
 & **Bowling**
 Wheelchair or Donkey Basketball &
Basketball
 Triathlon & **Swimming, Cross Country**
 or **Track**

For example, a student may represent the high school in baseball and that same student may play on an outside softball team during the same season, and vice versa, without incurring ineligibility in either sport.

- b. The following are considered the SAME SPORTS, and a student's participation in the activity during the same season is a violation:

Indoor Lacrosse & **Lacrosse** (Girls or Boys)
 Indoor Soccer & **Soccer**
 Futsal Soccer & **Soccer**
 Indoor Track & Field & **Outdoor Track & Field**
 Roller Hockey with Standard Stick and Puck
 & **Ice Hockey**
 Scramble Golf & **Golf**
 3-on-3 or More in Anything &
Standard Numbers for the Sport

**E - AWARDS/AMATEUR STATUS
REGULATIONS**

Insofar as Regulation I, Sections 11 and 12 are Concerned –

- a. The following are considered DIFFERENT SPORTS, and a student may participate without loss of eligibility and may receive the benefits of participation:

Slow Pitch Softball & **Fast Pitch Softball**
 Freestyle Wrestling & **Folkstyle Wrestling**
 Greco Wrestling & **Folkstyle Wrestling**
 Beach Volleyball & **Volleyball**
 Flag Football & **Football**
 Snowboarding & **Alpine Skiing**
 Bowling with Non-Standard Pins and Balls
 & **Bowling**
 Wheelchair or Donkey Basketball
 & **Basketball**
 Triathlon & **Swimming, Cross Country**
 or **Track**

- b. The following are considered the SAME SPORTS, and receiving benefits from participation would be considered a violation of this section:

Indoor Lacrosse & **Lacrosse** (Girls or Boys)
 Indoor Soccer & **Soccer**
 Futsal Soccer & **Soccer**
 Indoor Track & Field & **Outdoor Track & Field**
 Roller Hockey with Standard Stick and Puck
 & **Ice Hockey**
 Scramble Golf & **Golf**
 3-on-3 or More in Anything &
Standard Numbers for the Sport ■

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Rothbury, April 30, 2005

Members Present:

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

Staff Member Present:

Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

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

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

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

A determination of undue hardship is a matter addressed to the discretion of the Executive Committee within the educational

philosophy and secondary role of voluntary extracurricular competitive athletics in the academic environment. The Executive Committee will avoid making exceptions that would create precedent that effectively changes a rule without Representative Council action or local board of education adoption, which would exceed Executive Committee authority.

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

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

Zeeland East and Zeeland West High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls swimming & diving and boys and girls bowling between these schools of the same district. Zeeland West High School is a new school that will be operating fully on its own for the first time in 2005-06. The combined enrollment of 1,610 will place the team in Division 1. Zeeland East will be the primary school in all sports. Zeeland East sponsored swimming previously in Division 2 and boys and girls bowling in Class B. Support from the OK Conference was received.

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

- A. Pursuant to instructions from the Representative Council, MHSAA staff presented information on the Cooperative Team Renewal Forms so far received for cooperative programs that involve Class A and B schools or three or more schools of any size. Fifteen programs had submitted materials to date, and four of those were provided to the Executive Committee for special review (boldface):
- (1) Battle Creek-Central and Pennfield High Schools in Girls Golf
 - (2) Bellaire, Central Lake and Mancelona High Schools in Boys and Girls Skiing
 - (3) Bloomfield Hills-Lahser and Andover High Schools in Ice Hockey
 - (4) DeWitt and St. Johns High Schools in Ice Hockey
 - (5) Farmington and Farmington Hills-Harrison High Schools in Boys Swimming & Diving
 - (6) Grand Rapids-Central and Creston in Ice Hockey
 - (7) **Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern, Forest Hills Central and Ada-Forest Hills Eastern High Schools in Competitive Cheer, Boys Swimming & Diving and Gymnastics**
 - (8) Grand Rapids-Northview and Comstock Park High Schools in Ice Hockey
 - (9) Howell and Fowlerville High Schools in Girls Swimming & Diving
 - (10) Kalamazoo-Loy Norrix, Kalamazoo Central and Kalamazoo-Hackett Catholic Central High Schools in Ice Hockey
 - (11) Lapeer East and West High Schools in Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving
 - (12) Royal Oak-Dondero and Kimball High Schools in Gymnastics, Girls Golf and Boys Swimming & Diving
 - (13) **Portage Northern and Portage Central High Schools in Gymnastics**
 - (14) **St. Clair Shores-Lakeview, Lake Shore and South Lake High Schools in Ice Hockey**
 - (15) Suttons Bay, Lake Leelanau-St. Mary, Leland and Northport High Schools in Girls Soccer
- B. Pursuant to instructions of the Representative Council in 1997, the Executive Committee must review Cooperative Team Renewal Forms for cooperative agreements in **Girls Soccer** where the combined enrollment exceeds the maximum for Class B. These programs were established before 250 schools had sponsored girls soccer. One is due to be reviewed this year, but has not yet been received.
- C. Pursuant to instructions of the Representative Council in 2002, the Executive Committee must review Cooperative Team Renewal Forms for cooperative agreements in girls golf where the combined enrollment exceeds the maximum for Class B. These programs were established before 250 schools had sponsored **Girls Golf**. Two were due to be reviewed this year and both were presented to the Executive Committee:
- (1) Battle Creek-Central and Pennfield High Schools
 - (2) Royal Oak-Dondero and Kimball High Schools
- D. In May 2002, the Representative Council capped the enrollment of cooperative programs at 3,500 students and allowed those cooperative programs that existed prior to Aug. 1, 2002 to renew as scheduled and be allowed to operate through the 2005-06 season. Those cooperative programs which have combined enrollments of 3,500 and wish to operate beyond 2005-06 must petition the Executive Committee prior to April 15, 2006. The following programs in excess of 3,500 students submitted renewal forms for the 2005-06 school year only:
- (1) Dearborn-Edsel Ford and Fordson High Schools in Boys Swimming & Diving
 - (2) Muskegon, Norton Shores-Mona Shores and Muskegon--Reeths-Puffer High Schools in Girls and Boys Swimming & Diving
 - (3) Warren-Cousino, Warren-Mott and Sterling Heights High Schools in Ice Hockey
 - (4) Traverse City West, Traverse City Central and Traverse City-St. Francis High Schools in Boys Swimming & Diving

- (5) Troy and Troy-Athens High Schools in Ice Hockey
- (6) Westland-John Glenn and Wayne Memorial High Schools in Gymnastics

The Executive Committee noted that Dearborn-Edsel Ford, Fordson and Dearborn High Schools have conducted a cooperative program in gymnastics since 1995, but that Fordson High School (enrollment 2,232) is being removed from this agreement, lowering the combined enrollment of the two remaining schools of the same district (Dearborn and Edsel Ford) to 3,068. A cooperative program in ice hockey also exists currently between the three schools and, by Representative Council policy, is one of many programs not renewable for 2006-07.

It was also noted that Rochester-Adams, Stoney Creek and Rochester High Schools have conducted a cooperative program in ice hockey since 2002. Stoney Creek High School (enrollment 1,397) has been the primary school and will be removed from the agreement, having a stand-alone team playing in Division 2. The combined enrollment of Adams and Rochester High Schools will be 3,254 students and would continue the program in Division 1. Adams High School will be the new primary program.

Pontiac-Central High School (Regulation I, Section 6) – A late request to waive the undergraduate standing regulation and specifically Interpretation No. 34 was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who had attended Whitmore Lake-Maxey Boys Training School where he was required to take the GED. The student started 9th grade in the 2000-01 school year and will be a 2005 graduate. The student resides with his mother in the Pontiac Central attendance area, enrolling in October 2004, eligible as a transfer student under exception No. 2.

Noting that the request was lacking information and the necessary support of an authorized school administrator, the request for waiver was denied.

Farmington Hills-North Farmington High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a student who spent 9th grade and half of 10th grade in a residential facility with its own school. He was then placed in day treatment and attended an

MHSAA member school. Having successfully completed that program, the student returned to his parents' residence in the Farmington High School attendance area, and the central office administration placed him at North Farmington High School where he enrolled April 14, 2005.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Flint-Powers Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who attended Flint Catholic schools for eight years before enrolling at Flushing High School to begin the 9th grade for the 2004-05 school year. To begin the second semester of the 2004-05 school year, the student enrolled at Powers Catholic High School. The parents recently closed on their home in Flushing and have a six month lease on a home in Flint while a new home is being built. The leased home is 4.5 miles from Flint Powers, just less than 2 miles from the closest nonpublic school, The Valley School. The entire family has moved from Flushing to Flint.

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 a 10th-grade student who attended Lapeer West High School before enrolling on March 14, 2005 at Powers Catholic High School.

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

Troy-Athens 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 9th-grade student who had attended and participated in athletics at Madison Heights-Bishop Foley High School before enrolling at Troy-Athens on March 10, 2005. The student had attended Troy Schools previous to the 9th grade.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver, effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Troy-Athens High School.

Adrian-Madison Middle School (Regulation III, Sections 1 & 2) – A request to waive the enrollment regulation was tabled by the Executive Committee at its April 20, 2005 meeting on behalf of a 6th-grade student who turned 14 in August of 2004. Because of his age, the student would only be eligible for 7th-grade competition as a 6th-grader by Executive Committee action. Next year when in the 7th grade, the student could play with 8th-graders. Through the use of an Eligibility Advancement Application, the student could participate as an 8th-grader in the 9-12 grade program. The student would not be eligible during his 12th-grade year. The Executive Committee tabled the request pending more information on which to base its decision. The student took a year of developmental Kindergarten, then Kindergarten, and then repeated the first grade and has been doing much better since the beginning of his elementary education.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver, noting that this action would not provide the student additional years of participation at either the junior

high/middle school or high school level, but would allow the student to participate with more age appropriate students.

Northern Lakes Conference (Regulation III, Section 1[C]) – A request was made to waive the enrollment regulation to permit 6th-grade students to participate in boys and girls basketball with and against 7th- and 8th-grade players at league member schools when that school could not field a team without using a 6th-grade player.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for league schools for the 2005-06 school year.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, May 25, 2005

Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan
Keith Eldred, Williamston
Kathy McGee, Flint
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Leroy Hackley, Byron Center

Staff Member Present:

Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

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

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

A. Pursuant to instructions from the Representative Council, MHSAA staff presented information on the Cooperative Team Renewal Forms received for cooperative programs that involve Class A and B schools or three or more schools of any size. Fifteen programs were reviewed on April 30, 2005. Subsequently, materials were received for seven additional programs, and two were provided to the Executive Committee for special review (boldface):

- (1) Bridgman, Buchanan, Niles, St. Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic, Stevensville-Lakeshore and Three Oaks-River Valley High Schools in Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving (see Agenda Item No. 4)
 - (2) **Grand Ledge and Lansing-Waverly High Schools in Ice Hockey**
 - (3) **Grandville and Grandville-Calvin Christian High Schools in Ice Hockey**
 - (4) Houghton, Calumet and Hancock High Schools in Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving
 - (5) Hudsonville, Allendale and Hudsonville-Unity Christian High Schools in Ice Hockey
 - (6) Norton Shores-Mona Shores and Muskegon—Reeths-Puffer High Schools in Girls Gymnastics
 - (7) Swartz Creek and Flushing High Schools in Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving
- B. Pursuant to instructions of the Representative Council in 1997, the Executive Committee must review Cooperative Team Renewal Forms for cooperative agreements in girls soccer where the combined enrollment exceeds the maximum for Class B. These programs were established before 250 schools had sponsored **Girls Soccer**. One such program was scheduled to be renewed; however, the Flint-Northern and Flint Northwestern-Edison cooperative program was not approved for renewal by the Saginaw Valley Conference and will be dissolved effective with the 2005-06 school year.
- C. Pursuant to instructions of the Representative Council in 2002, the Executive Committee must review Cooperative Team Renewal Forms for cooperative agreements in girls golf where the combined enrollment exceeds the maximum for Class B. These programs were established before 250 schools had sponsored **Girls Golf**. Two programs scheduled to be renewed this spring were reviewed April 30, 2005 by the Executive Committee.
- D. In May 2002, the Representative Council capped the enrollment of cooperative programs at 3,500 students and allowed

those cooperative programs that existed prior to Aug. 1, 2002 to renew as scheduled and be allowed to operate through the 2005-06 season. Those cooperative programs which have combined enrollments of 3,500 and wish to operate beyond 2005-06 must petition the Executive Committee prior to April 15, 2006. The Renewal Forms for six such 3,500-plus programs were reviewed on April 30, 2005, and one additional was presented according to existing procedures for informational purposes. It was reported on April 30 that two cooperative programs over the 3,500-student limit had changed the makeup of the agreements so as to fall under the 3,500-student cap.

The following program in excess of 3,500 students submitted a renewal form which can be accepted for the 2005-06 school year only: Brighton, Howell and Pinckney High Schools in Girls Gymnastics.

At the May 2005 Representative Council meeting, a sample of a document designed to collect similar information from all programs requesting waiver of the 3,500-student enrollment cap was presented for review. Another draft of the form was presented to the Executive Committee in preparation for the April 15, 2006 deadline for Executive Committee action. Suggestions for content and timetable for submitting information to the Executive Committee from schools over the 3,500-student limit were provided to staff. To promote smooth internal operations and provide adequate time for schools to complete transition out of cooperative programs that exceed the 3,500-student limit, it is the intent of the Executive Committee to not review any waiver requests after its March 22-23, 2006 meeting.

Bridgman, Buchanan, Niles, St. Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic, Stevensville-Lakeshore, and Three Oaks-River Valley High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Buchanan High School, enrollment 487 students, to the cooperative program in boys and girls swimming & diving that has existed between most of these schools since 1993. The combined enrollment of these six schools will be 3,457

and will continue placement of the team in Division 1. Bridgman will be the primary school. Support from the Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference, the Big 16, was received. The Executive Committee noted that the combined enrollments may not allow this cooperative program to exist beyond the 2005-06 school year.

Fremont-Providence Christian and White Cloud High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – At the April 20, 2005 Executive Committee meeting, application for a cooperative program between these two schools in boys and girls cross country, football and boys soccer was tabled pending league support of the agreement. Subsequently, the Western Waterways Activities Conference did not approve an agreement in football or cross country and the application was withdrawn in these sports. The schools wished to pursue the boys soccer cooperative program. Soccer is not a league sport. Letters of support were received from a majority of currently scheduled soccer opponents. The combined enrollment of the two schools would be 531, placing the team in Division 3. Providence Christian would be the primary school. Neither school has sponsored soccer previously.

The Executive Committee approved the cooperative program in boys soccer between these two schools.

Burton-Faith High School (Regulation I, Section 5) – A request to waive applicable regulations was made to grant eligibility to two female students to participate on a newly sponsored girls soccer team at this school, which previously sponsored only a boys soccer team. Three girls participated in the boys soccer season and tournament in the fall of 2005, and then two girls played in eight regular season contests this spring before the violation was discovered. The school has forfeited the eight games and requested that these students be allowed on the girls soccer team. The school did not plan on sponsoring girls soccer until March 11, 2005. The school's current athletic director did not start her position until March 2005.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver provided each of the students has been withheld from competition for

at least the same number of contests in which that student played while ineligible.

Grand Rapids-Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who had attended Central High School since the 9th grade before enrolling in January 2005 in Youth Career Development Center, an alternative school within the Grand Rapids Public Schools whose current policy establishes that the base school where the student is eligible is the school of residency: Ottawa Hills High School. The student changed schools in order to earn extra credit toward graduation and intends to reenroll at Central in January 2006 for his final semester of the 12th grade.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver. The student is eligible at the start of the 2005-06 school year at Ottawa Hills High School, insofar as the transfer regulation is concerned.

Metro Conference Concern (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – The Metro Conference asked that the Executive Committee amend regulations and adopt a proposal it unanimously supports which was previously suggested by Cranbrook Kingswood High School, a member of the Metro Conference, that subvarsity eligibility be granted to transferring 9th- and 10th-grade students immediately without Executive Committee evaluation. This issue is scheduled for the 2005 Update Meeting survey.

The Executive Committee noted that it does not have the authority to change a rule. It offered suggestions for addressing the topic at Update Meetings.

New Haven High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who enrolled at New Haven High School on April 29, 2005, after attending Lathrup Village—Southfield-Lathrup High School while residing with both parents. The student and mother were forced out of the home and moved in with the grandmother in New Haven.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Flint-Central High School (Regulation II, Section 9) – A request to set aside the Representative Council's action of May 2004

was made to permit the playing of the school's opening football game one day earlier than allowed, on Thursday, Aug. 25, 2005. All three Flint schools are scheduled to open at home on Friday, Aug. 26, 2005, and only two stadium sites are available in Flint. Moving the game to Saturday, while allowable under the one game in five days allowance, would involve four days off between games as the second game of the season has been scheduled by the school on Thursday before the Labor Day weekend. Central is scheduled to play Auburn-Bay City Western, which agreed with the request and would move the J.V. game to Friday, Aug. 25. The Representative Council confirmed that it is only when one game is permitted before Labor Day Monday that the varsity game may be Thursday and the subvarsity game the day before. In years such as 2005-06 when there are two games before Labor Day Monday, only the game of the Labor Day weekend may be moved to Thursday.

The Executive Committee noted that the rule in question results from a recent recommendation of the Football Committee for the purpose of assuring minimum practice requirements are maintained without continuing encroachment into early August weekends, and it denied the request for waiver.

Traverse City-St. Francis High School (Regulation II, Section 9[B]) – A request to set aside the Representative Council's action of May 2004 was made to permit the playing of the school's opening football game versus Kingsley High School one day earlier than allowed, on Thursday, Aug. 25, 2005. The J.V. game would precede the varsity game on the same date. Traverse City Central is scheduled to play Escanaba on the same field on Friday, Aug 26. Moving the game to Saturday, while allowable under the one game in five days allowance, would involve four days off between games as the second game of the season (versus Saginaw-Nouvel Catholic Central High School) can only be the Thursday before the Labor Day weekend because Traverse City West is using the field Friday and Nouvel Catholic Central administration will not play a game on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend.

Noting that the rule results from Representative Council action following a sport committee's recommendation to assure

that important minimum practice requirements are met, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Harbor Beach-Our Lady of Lake Huron and Zion Lutheran Junior High Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[C]) – A request was made to waive the enrollment regulation to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th- and 8th-grade students during the 2005-06 school year in the cooperative program that exists between these two schools in boys and girls basketball. Our Lady of Lake Huron projects 33 students in junior high school, Zion Lutheran 9 students.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for the 2005-06 school year only.

Marquette-Father Marquette Middle School (Regulation III, Section 1[A and C]) – A request was made to waive the enrollment regulation to permit 6th-grade students and students not currently enrolled in at least half the normal class load (home-schooled students) to participate with and against 7th- and 8th-grade students during the 2005-06 school year. There are currently 140 students enrolled in grades 5-8 at Father Marquette Middle School. Permission was granted in 2004-05 to use 6th-grade students enrolled at the school.

The Executive Committee granted the request for enrolled 6th-graders only, for the 2005-06 school year only.

Greenville Middle School (Regulation IV, Section 10) – A request was made to begin football practice on Aug. 22, 2005, rather than Aug. 29, 2005, which is the first day of school. The school reported that all of its opponents begin school or practice on Aug. 22-26, 2005.

The Executive Committee denied the request to begin practice Aug. 22, but will allow the school to begin practice Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2005.

Niles-Ring Lardner Middle School (Regulation IV, Section 10) – A request was made to begin football practice on Aug. 22, 2005, rather than Aug. 29, 2005, which is the first day of school. The school reported that all of its opponents begin school or practice on Aug. 22-26, 2005.

The Executive Committee denied the request to begin practice Aug. 22, but will

allow the school to begin practice Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2005.

South Haven-Baseline Middle School (Regulation IV, Section 10) – A request was made to begin football practice on Monday, Aug. 22, 2005, on behalf of four schools. Baseline Middle School starts school on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2005. Two of the six teams in the league begin school before Aug. 29. These same two teams play on the currently scheduled first game date of the season, Wed. Sept. 14, 2005. The request was to allow four of six teams in the league to start practice on Aug. 22, 2005. In May, the Representative Council changed the regulation that based Executive Committee waiver upon the starting practice date of only the first opponent, not all. If Baseline plays its first game as scheduled on Sept. 14, 2005, and begins practice on Aug 29, it would need to practice on two weekend days to meet the required 14 practice days over three weeks before its first game.

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Transfer Study – The Executive Committee approved appointments to the study group authorized by the Representative Council to review the varying lengths of ineligibility that can occur under the current regulation.

Out-of-Season Coaching Study – The Executive Committee approved the approach and timetable for studying such issues as open gyms, conditioning programs and curricular sports concerns during the 2005-06 school year.

Football Playoffs – At its May meeting, the Representative Council directed staff to survey schools regarding the proposal to eliminate geographical pairings when both games in a District would require travel of more than 200 miles one way for the visiting participating teams, and to conduct the 2005 Playoffs according to the results of the survey. The Executive Committee reviewed survey results; and based on favorable response by a majority of schools surveyed, the Executive Committee determined that geographical pairings are eliminated from the 2005 tournament.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, June 15, 2005

Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan
Keith Eldred, Williamston
William Newkirk, Meridian
Dan Flynn, Escanaba
Ken Dietz, Hartford

Staff Member Present:

Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts

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- (1) Cass City and Caro in girls gymnastics.

- (2) Essexville-Garber, Auburn-Bay City Western and Freeland in boys and girls skiing.

Hudsonville-Unity Christian and Grandville-Calvin Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) –

The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys swimming & diving between these two schools. Unity Christian has sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. The combined enrollment of 1,287 students will continue placement in the Division 2 tournament. The OK Conference approved the application.

Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day School (Regulation I, Section 9[E]) – On behalf of twin brothers who will be 12th-grade students during the 2005-06 school year, an appeal was made of the May 26, 2005 determination by the executive director that the transfers were primarily for athletic reasons and the students' ineligibility is extended from one to two full semesters. Prior to enrolling at Detroit Country Day School on Jan. 26, 2005, the students had attended Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice High School which, pursuant to outlined procedures, documented its allegations that these were athletic-motivated transfers.

Meeting with the Executive Committee were the assistant headmaster, the athletic director/boys basketball coach, the students' parents and their attorney. They provided additional information and the perspective that "repeated dishonest and inappropriate statements made to them by the Brother Rice High School family and administration" was the reason for withdrawing the students from Brother Rice.

The Executive Committee considered the information contained in correspondence from both schools and provided during this 90-minute session with the school representatives and the students' parents. The Executive Committee determined that on the basis of information available to the executive director at the time, the executive director's decision of May 26, 2005 was appropriate. On the basis of additional information made available by Detroit Country Day School to the Executive Committee for this appeal, it was determined that there should be the same result but for different reasons.

While the two schools differ significantly

regarding the content of meetings and conversations during December of 2004 and January of 2005, the description of events in Detroit Country Day School's letter of June 13, 2005 clearly demonstrates that issues relative to the Brother Rice High School basketball program were both the catalyst for and central to the family's dissatisfaction with the school and withdrawal of the students. For example, the June 13 letter states:

- "... the moral transgressions that culminated in the boys' departure began December 2004, when the basketball coach, who is also a faculty member at Brother Rice, used belittling and berating language towards the children. Offended by this conduct, (the parent) met with the coach ..."
- "On Jan. 4, 2005, the ... boys, along with the rest of the basketball team, were again verbally abused by the coach ... It was not until after the second incident that (the parent) began to even consider a change of schools."

Ultimately, the parents met with Brother Rice High School administration about the coach's conduct and an increasing number of concerns that had surfaced since the students had visited Detroit Country Day School and initiated the application and financial aid process. The students were suspended from the basketball team for its Jan. 21, 2005 game. Therefore, the students did not attend classes at Brother Rice on Jan. 24 and 25, they were accepted into Detroit Country Day School on Jan. 25, and they began attending classes there on Jan. 26.

It was admitted that during many years of involvement with Brother Rice High School, including the education of their older son, the family had expressed no concerns for the school's alleged deficiencies of environment or academic support until after these incidents occurred related to the basketball program. Furthermore, the letter of June 13 states that the family was "unfamiliar with the many special academic assistance programs available to their sons at DCDS" when they began to look for another high school because of issues related to basketball.

It was the day after the second basketball-related incident that the family made its first inquiry at Detroit Country Day School.

The students visited the school (Jan. 14) and took the admissions test (Jan. 15) before the alleged deceptions of Jan. 18, 20 and 21 which it is now maintained were the family's primary reasons for the transfers.

The Executive Committee determined, therefore, that the transfers had more to do with interscholastic athletics than other compelling factors. The committee noted that while as many as five of the eight stated *Handbook* definitions of a transfer for athletic reasons may apply in this case, the school's appeal demonstrates that these two apply without doubt:

"2. The student, or parent or guardian, or an adult with whom the student resides, has a problem with a coach at either a personal or professional level.

"3. The student, or parent or guardian, or an adult with whom the student resides, seeks relief from conflict with the philosophy or action of an administrator, teacher or coach relating to sports."

Insofar as the transfer regulation is concerned, the students shall not become eligible for interscholastic athletics at Detroit Country Day School until the first day that classes are actually held in the second semester of the 2005-06 school year at Detroit Country Day School.

During the school's appeal, implications were made that information was withheld from Detroit Country Day School. The Executive Committee did not find that any documentation that should have been provided to Detroit Country Day School was withheld.

- A reply by the alleging school to the receiving school's response to the initial allegations need not be provided in any case (although such was faxed to Detroit Country Day School at its request within the first hour of the first business day after its request).
- Correspondence with one school about procedural matters need not be provided to the other school.
- Staff notes, including those of telephone conversations with persons from one school, or with other persons, need not be provided to either school.

Detroit Country Day School's suggestion that it was disadvantaged in its appeal by not having all information is unjustified, especially in view of the fact that Brother Rice High School was not afforded the opportunity to rebut the 34 pages of additional documentation provided by Detroit Country Day School for this meeting and the more than 90 minutes provided for the school's appearance, more than half of which was used to provide a review and even reading of these additional pages. The Executive Committee found that the procedures of Regulation I, Section 9(E) were followed and that the school was afforded fair and complete due process in its appeal.

Flint Southwestern Academy (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who has attended Flint Northwestern-Edison. The student's mother is an administrator at Southwestern. No change of residence occurred, and the student has participated in sports previously.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Grosse Ile High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who had been attending Belleville High School and intends to enroll at Grosse Ile to begin the 2005-06 school year. The student's father is employed by the school district.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Sterling Heights-Stevenson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who participated in athletics while enrolled at Warren-De La Salle Collegiate High School before enrolling for the 2005-06 school year in the school of his residence, Sterling Heights-Stevenson. The student had attended the 8th grade in the Sterling Heights Public Schools before beginning the 9th grade at DeLaSalle. The father was laid off from his job in April, the tuition increased, and the student was unhappy with some situations at De La Salle.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Rock-Mid Peninsula Junior High School (Regulation III, Section 1[C]) – A request to waive the enrollment regulation was made to permit 6th-graders to participate with and against 7th- and 8th-graders in boys and girls basketball during the 2005-06 school year. The enrollment of Mid Peninsula is 100 high school students and 40 junior high school students.

The Executive Committee granted the request for girls and boys basketball for the 2005-06 school year only.

St. Joseph Middle School (Regulation IV, Section 10) – A late request was made to begin football practice on Monday, Aug. 24 2005, which is the first day of practice for the school's first opponent (Stevensville-Lakeshore Junior High). School is scheduled to begin on Sept. 6. Other schools in that same league were given Executive Committee permission to begin practice on Aug. 24 (South Haven-Baseline and Niles-Ring Lardner).

The Executive Committee granted the request to begin practice Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2005.

Inkster High School (Regulation V, Section 4) – At the March 17, 2005 meeting of the Executive Committee, a decision was made regarding an appeal of the school on Jan. 19, 2005, to a decision of the executive director that a violation of Regulation I, Section 10 (undue influence) had occurred and that, pursuant to that regulation, the school shall be placed on probation. On March 17, the Executive Committee upheld the finding that a violation occurred and added to the probationary status that the school shall not host or receive participation reimbursement for any MHSAA tournaments during 2005-06. Inkster High School requested that the Executive Committee con-

sider the school's internal actions since March of 2004 and remove the school's probationary status.

The Executive Committee reviewed the school's most recent letter and the Executive Committee Meeting minutes of March 17, 2005. It was noted that on an earlier occasion when appeal to the Executive Committee was not involved, the executive director had found a violation, applied a penalty that included probation, and then rescinded the probationary status following internal actions by the school.

Given this history and the undetermined record of administrators who will be assuming leadership of the school in the near future, the Executive Committee determined it would be best to leave the probationary status undisturbed at this time, including the conditions added by the Executive Committee on March 17, 2005.

Transportation and Insurance – The Executive Committee reviewed school transportation and MHSAA insurance issues and provided suggestions to staff for communicating to schools regarding these matters.

Personnel – The Executive Committee approved the executive director's Standards of Performance document, effective Aug. 1, 2005, and extended his contract through July 31, 2008.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 2, 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Friday, Aug. 19, 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Monday, Sept. 19, 9 a.m. in Traverse City (Annual Business/Update Meeting at 7:15 a.m.); Thursday, Oct. 13, 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Nov. 9, 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; and Thursday, Dec. 1, 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing (Representative Council Dec. 2). ■

NOMINATIONS FOR SPECIAL AWARDS

The MHSAA will continue to receive nominations for the Women in Sports Leadership Award, the Charles E. Forsythe Award, the Vern L. Norris Award, and the Allen W. Bush Awards. Conferences, officials associations, and individuals may nominate deserving candidates. Names submitted last year will continue as nominees in this year's selection process.

Nomination forms are online at mhsaa.com. Deadlines for nominations are October 15 for the WISL Award and for the Forsythe Award, Feb. 15 for the Norris Award, and April 1 for the Bush Awards.

Gather to Avoid the Test ...

MHSAA Rules Meetings, Coaches & Officials Meetings set for 2005-06

**Start times now 6 p.m. for single-sport meetings, 5 & 6:30 p.m. for two-sport meetings.
Always check mhsaa.com for exact times and locations.**

Again in 2005-06 the MHSAA will conduct a full series of required statewide rules meetings in all sports where officials are assigned, except swimming & diving. Last year was the first year that head coaches who missed a rules meeting and did not return a completed exam risked being barred from the MHSAA tournament. As last school year (2004-05) was the **first** year of the new test requirement, extensive efforts were made so that no coach was excluded from an MHSAA tournament. In the second year of the stronger rule, all head coaches should know, **“you must attend a rules meeting or pass the test with at least a 70 percent.”** The MHSAA will mail tests twice to the school and coach; if the test is not completed and passed with 70 percent or better, **the coach shall not coach in the tournament** and an administrator must supervise the participants. Regulation II, Section 8 reads:

SECTION 8 (B) – [Except for the sports of golf, tennis and swimming & diving] each head coach of a varsity team in a sport under MHSAA jurisdiction shall attend the MHSAA rules meeting for that sport for the current school year if meetings are held. If the head coach does not attend the meetings, an administrator or designee from that coach’s school shall attend.

- 1. Any head coach who misses the meeting for any reason shall answer correctly 70 percent of the questions on the rules examination for the sport.**
- 2. A head coach who fails to attend a rules meeting and then after two mailings from the MHSAA does not submit to the MHSAA examination results with at least 70 percent of the questions answered correctly, shall be prohibited from coaching in that season's MHSAA tournament for the sport involved and shall not be present at the facility where the MHSAA tournament involving that coach's team is being held. An administrator of that school shall be present with supervisory capacity over the school's competitors.**

Just as a coach must attend a rules meeting, it is also necessary for officials to attend rules meetings if they wish to be considered for tournament play in that sport. Swimming & diving officials must attend a Coaches and Officials Meeting if they wish to be considered for tournament assignment. Officials who are extended invitations to officiate MHSAA Tournament contests in football, basketball and wrestling shall be members in good standing of an Approved Association.

Beginning with the 2005-06 school year, golf, tennis, swimming & diving **Coaches and Officials Meetings** (no longer called rules meetings) shall be held. Attendance will be kept as in years past but is not required for tournament participation (except for swimming & diving officials). The meetings will provide valuable, new sport-specific information designed to improve and inform those who attend. For professional growth, all coaches are encouraged to attend an MHSAA coaches meeting each school year. A school district may require their coaches to attend. It is strongly recommended that all schools send new coaches to these meetings to meet existing coaches from the same sport and region.

Always check mhsaa.com for exact time and location of meetings.

UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Bark River, April 28, 2005

Members Present:

Russ Bailey, Ewen-Trout Creek
James Derocher, Negaunee
Dan Flynn, Escanaba
Bruce Horsch, Houghton
Paul Polfus, Carney-Nadeau
Joe Reddinger, North Dickinson
Tom Smith, Escanaba

Guest:

Rick Ledy, St. Ignace

Staff Members Present:

Tom Rashid
Nate Hampton (Recorder)

The Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee met in Bark River on Thursday, April 28, 2005, in conjunction with the Upper Peninsula Athletic Directors Annual Spring Meeting.

The meeting was chaired by Dan Flynn of Escanaba. Following the welcome and introductions to additional meeting materials, the committee thanked Russ Bailey of Ewen-Trout Creek for his tireless efforts and service to the Upper Peninsula Committee and Upper Peninsula schools. Mr. Bailey will retire at the end of this school year. It was also noted that Rick Ledy, serving as a guest member, is retiring from St. Ignace.

ENROLLMENT LISTINGS FOR UPPER PENINSULA SCHOOLS

The committee reviewed the 2005-06 Enrollment Listings and Divisional List for all current member schools, but with particular interest to Upper Peninsula schools in the following sports: boys and girls swimming, boys wrestling, boys and girls tennis, boys and girls track and field, boys and girls golf, and boys and girls cross country.

The committee also reviewed current *MHSAA Handbook* language specific to classification variations for Upper Peninsula tournaments.

CONTINGENCY PLANS

The committee discussed at length contingency plans should the courts require changes to current MHSAA sport seasons. The discussions reviewed tournament options for Upper Peninsula schools in boys and girls soccer, boys and girls golf and boys and girls tennis. Also discussed were plans regarding when to select Upper Peninsula officials who

would receive tournament invitations and potential meeting times for tournament site selections.

CLASS C AND D REGIONAL BASKETBALL VENUE

The committee discussed at length the sites selected for Class C and D boys and girls basketball Regionals; Class C Marquette High School and Class D Michigan Technological University. All committee members praised the efforts and organization of tournament managers at both sites and unanimously agreed to retain both sites for the 2005-06 tournaments.

The committee also discussed the potential for rotating the Class C Regionals between Marquette High School, Escanaba High School, Kingsford High School and Negaunee High School. Discussion on this topic will continue at future meetings.

BOWLING

Following review of the recommendation from the Bowling Committee to allow Upper Peninsula schools to start the bowling season one week earlier for reasons of travel and all Saturday competition for most Upper Peninsula schools, the committee supported the Bowling Committee's recommendation for change.

2005 DISTRICT AND REGIONAL GIRLS BASKETBALL SITES

The committee made the following selections for the 2005 girls basketball tournament:

Class A: Follows existing rotating format.

Class B:
District 64-Sault Ste. Marie

Class C:
District 93-Newberry
District 94-Munising
District 95-Houghton
District 96-Iron River-West Iron County

Class D:
District 123-Brimley Area
District 124-Eben Junction-Superior Central
District 125-Bark River-Harris
District 126-Felch-North Dickinson
District 127-Bessemer-A.D. Johnston
District 128-Lake Linden-Hubbell

Class C Region 24-Marquette
Class D Region 31-Lake Superior State Univ.
Class D Region 32-Michigan Tech Univ.

Class C Quarterfinal 12-LP to choose
Class D Quarterfinal 16-Follows existing formula

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

UPPER PENINSULA INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING

Discussion continued regarding Upper Peninsula wrestling coaches' request (currently without administrative support) that Upper Peninsula schools be included in the Lower Peninsula individual wrestling tournaments. The committee is in full agreement that this topic will not be an agenda item until it is demonstrated that the administrations of Upper Peninsula wrestling schools show sup-

port for change in the current format.

VOLLEYBALL FINALS OFFICIALS SELECTION PLAN

The committee discussed the opportunity to better prepare and select Upper Peninsula volleyball officials for the MHSAA post-season tournament. The plan will include the following:

- Provide encouragement for Upper Peninsula volleyball officials to seek greater experience at top volleyball tournaments during the regular season, possibly in the Lower Peninsula.
- Encourage Upper Peninsula volleyball officials with Points of Emphasis at rules meetings on the expectations of tournament officials with rules knowledge and acceptable mechanics.
- Upper Peninsula officials may receive Finals invitations to experience/participate in a Finals on a two-year progression.
Year 1 – Observe and as Line Judge assignment
Year 2 – Stand and Floor Referee assignment

UPPER PENINSULA TENNIS FINALS CALENDAR

The committee supported the recommendation that the Upper Peninsula Tennis Finals, both Divisions, be allowed and listed on the MHSAA calendar as the current listed week, but on either Thursday or Friday and supporting that Thursday will be the primary day and Friday would be the weather delay day if necessary.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee will be held in Escanaba Friday, Sept. 16, 2005, at 8:30 a.m. (EDT).■

“Executive Summary” Breakfast at MASA

On Friday morning, Sept. 30, 2005, the MHSAA will provide a breakfast during the Michigan Association of School Administrators meetings in Traverse City. MHSAA Executive Director John E. “Jack” Roberts will provide an “Executive Summary” of key issues involving school sports in Michigan.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

Health, Safety and More Fundamental Issues

In the current frenzy over steroids, it is easy to overlook far more frequent and life-threatening issues of health and safety of junior high/middle school and high school students. We don't suggest that the steroid issue be ignored, but we urge at least as much attention to the following matters during 2005-06 and beyond.

- **Tobacco** – It's against the law for youth to smoke and eventually tobacco will kill more of these people than any other cause. For a host of prevention agencies and strategies, Google "Michigan youth tobacco use prevention."
- **Alcohol** – It is illegal for youth to consume alcoholic beverages; and alcohol is the number one cause of academic failures and dropouts from schools and colleges. For prevention strategies, Google "Michigan youth alcohol use prevention."
- **Head Trauma**– Major concussion, repetitive head injuries and premature return to competition threaten the health and welfare of students in many sports. Through the Centers for Disease Control the MHSAA is providing all member high schools a packet of material by Jan. 1, 2006 to raise awareness and improve concussion management. For more information, contact www.cdc.gov/ncipc and www.biausa.org.

It is difficult to accept all this attention to steroids when more people die in an hour in America from tobacco or alcohol use than have died from steroids in the recorded history of the world. Concerns for steroids in sports should come well after these three topics and perhaps after many others as well; for example:

- **Obesity** – Depending on the source and year, surveys report that 30 to 40 million Americans are overweight, including 30

percent of adolescents. And, again depending on the source, Michigan ranks first to fourth on the list of most obese states. The Centers for Disease Control reports four times as many youth are overweight today as in the 1960s. And overweight kids become less healthy adults. Surely, schools have some role in solving this problem which affects far more people far more seriously than steroids.

- **STDs** – Current published reports indicate one-third of high school seniors suffer from sexually-transmitted diseases, some fatal, many incurable. The U.S. has the highest rate of STDs of any industrialized nation, with more than 15 million new cases last year alone.
- **Methamphetamines** – According to a survey of 500 sheriffs' departments in 45 states - including Michigan – methamphetamine abuse is the nation's leading drug problem affecting local law enforcement agencies. The National Association of Counties survey released July 5, 2005, indicates 90 percent of those interviewed report increases in meth-related arrests over the last three years. According to the Associated Press, these arrests have "swamped" other county agencies that assist with caring for children whose parents become addicted and with cleaning up toxic chemicals left behind by meth cooks. Those children are coming to our schools.
- **Gambling** – Four out of five youth between the ages of 12 and 17 have gambled during the past week; more than 35 percent admit to gambling at least once a week; 13 percent admit to a serious gambling problem. Fueled by a culture of gambling – casinos everywhere, high stakes poker on ESPN, internet gambling, and betting lines in sports pages – gambling is a growing problem.

In the late 1980s – when a Penn State University study found steroid use among the school-age population to be about double what it is today – the MHSAA partnered with several school organizations and non-school groups to provide educational materials and meetings. This summer, the MHSAA is sending every member school a packet of materials that will help administrators to help inform their constituents – coaches, students and parents – about the signs and dangers and ethical issues involved in steroid use, while keeping the issue in perspective. While steroids is this year’s hot issue on the health front for sports, its place is a modest one in the real issues for those who care about the health of youth and the integrity of school sports.

Behind the headlines on the steroid issue is the same fundamental issue which is at the core of the concussion management concern, namely, an improper perspective about sport, at least at our level. In youth sports, and especially in programs sponsored by educational institutions, **the emphasis must not be on winning at any cost but learning at every opportunity.** Taking shortcuts to success and putting the health of student-athletes at risk and to rush them back into practice or competition are the antitheses of what we stand for.

It isn’t education, much less testing, that we need to protect our children from steroids, but rather reorientation or reinforcement of our basic beliefs and operating principles. It is preserving the educational ethic of school sports and, where necessary, restoring that culture. It is getting America to judge school sports by standards other than winning, records and scholarships.

The MHSAA has examined itself and identified some ways it may be unintentionally contributing to the problem. Some may be beyond our ability to change – for example, elimination of state tournaments will not have the support of our schools or their publics. But possibly there are ways to use those events more effectively for a greater good. Perhaps there are ways to change those events to do more good, or at least less harm.

Here are some other changes we can and will make:

1. We will discontinue publication – at least for a time – of the *Book of Champions* which lists the previous years’ MHSAA team and individual champions. Instead, we’ll publish a perspective on the purer purposes of school sports.
2. We will discontinue publication in the *MHSAA Bulletin* of the previous year’s MHSAA champions. Instead, we’ll publish by student-athletes and others essays about the benefits of school sports.
3. To complement our long-time efforts to have participants pursue academics before athletics, and display good sportsmanship at all times, we will investigate additional promotions that emphasize the core values we have long believed in and must pursue now with increased enthusiasm. For example:
 - a. The California Interscholastic Federation conducts two awards programs that help get to the heart of things: its “Model Coach” program and a “Spirit of Sports” award for students.
 - b. North Carolina honors four students annually in its “Heart of a Champion” award program intended for those who are unlikely to be found on any awards stand or in any record book and, while solid students, are not valedictorians. They simply embody the best of what school sports stand for.

There is much more for us to examine and resolve. Perhaps state records should be eliminated from our tournament programs and Web site. Perhaps we shouldn’t sell “champions” shirts at Finals venues. Maybe we can modify presentations of awards at District, Regional and Final Tournaments to better emphasize core values.

Coaches associations, leagues and conferences, schools and individual programs within schools all have the same opportunity to review what they are doing and why, to remember our core values and revitalize our pursuit of those values.■

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

COACHES ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

Preparing Life Coaches, Redefining Success in School Sports

Here's the BIG IDEA for 2005-06.

It is that we must get America to judge school sports by different criteria than sports on all other levels and by all other sponsors.

If competitive athletics are to have – and **deserve** to have – a place in schools, and if school sports is to have a place in society, this BIG IDEA will have to be pursued with more focus and passion and achieved with fewer exceptions and excuses in 2005-06 and beyond.

In school sports, educational athletics, we must be judged by participation numbers more than win/loss percentages; by academic scholarship in school, not athletic scholarships to college; by sportsmanship rather than gamesmanship; by life lessons like hard work and teamwork, discipline and dedication, leadership and citizenship.

If not in every detail, at least in essential direction, here's how we must go about making these the characteristics of successful programs.

First, we must recognize that the delivery system of almost all that is good in school sports, and a lot of what can be bad, is the coach. We cannot possibly spend too much time or money on coaches education.

Second, we must avoid distractions. For example: (1) A mandate by the Michigan Legislature that coaches be certified in sports

safety training is nice in theory, but is not nearly enough training for coaches and would interfere with schools' efforts to recruit and properly train coaches. (2) Conventions by coaches associations that focus only on Xs and Os are fine in theory but miss the point that what gets coaches fired is rarely the technical and tactical but far more often is the intangible, like motivating young people and dealing with their parents.

No, the best bet for advancing the BIG IDEA is for every school district and coaches association to provide voluntarily to every coach every year the kind of training provided through the MHSAA's Coaches Advancement Program.

The general outline of the program, and the added values for completing it (CEUs, insurance, etc.), can be found elsewhere in this publication. The real value of course is that CAP tends to produce life coaches, and life coaches tend to redefine the meaning of success in school sports.

The BIG IDEA requires BIG EFFORT. The MHSAA is making this effort through redesign of its coaches education program to better meet the needs of coaches and especially the needs of the student-athletes they mentor. We invite every member school and each coaches association to utilize this service. ■

MHSAA COACHES ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM –VALUE ADDED BENEFITS

INSURANCE: The liability insurance coverage is in the amount of \$1 million per occurrence. This protection extends to coaches' performance of duties for the school team during the interscholastic season. The coverage is good for the year that the coach successfully completes the program and the following year.

NEWSLETTER: GamePlans is an electronic newsletter that is sent six times a year to coaches who have successfully completed six hours of the Coaches Advancement Program. The GamePlans newsletter contains pertinent articles that will assist coaches in their daily planning. GamePlans also publishes a record of all coaches who have been certified through the MHSAA Coaches Advancement Program.

STATE BOARD – CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS: State Board-Continuing Education Units (SB-CEUs) are available to coaches and can be used for the renewal of selected certificates issued by the Michigan Department of Education. Coaches who complete a six hour session are eligible to receive a .6 SB-CEU.

OFFICIALS SERVICES

OFFICIALS RATINGS TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE BEGINNING THIS YEAR

The process of rating officials is going paper-free in 2005-06, as schools will be required to submit ratings online at mhsaa.com.

The scanforms previously used for officials ratings will only be mailed to schools upon request, and will be in limited quantities. Athletic Directors are encouraged to provide their coaches the ability to access online officials ratings through steps outlined in the box on the next page.

After a test period during the 2004-05 Winter seasons, the online ratings system was fully implemented last Spring and was met with positive results.

The number of ratings submitted increased 25 percent over the Spring ratings from 2003-04. A total of 12,989 ratings were submitted online for the Spring season just completed.

"We will continue to provide our membership with streamlined methods for interaction and communication, and our staff is at the forefront of keeping in step with today's available technology," said MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts.

Coaches and administrators of MHSAA member schools are should note that rating

an official is part of the contract obligation a member school has when an official is hired to work a contest. The payday is not complete unless the official receives a rating from each school for which he/she works during the season.

The data accumulated from the ratings contributed by schools is important because it assists selection committees when they issue invitations to officials to work MHSAA tournament events. The number of ratings and the rating average are important details which assist the committees in their work. In fact some quality officials are denied an opportunity to officiate tournament events when their numbers don't meet the published minimums. This is especially discouraging to the official when he/she has recorded sufficient contests from which to draw the necessary ratings and those ratings are not filed.

As long as ratings are important to the tournament selection process rating officials will be an important part of the contract schools make with officials hired. Making the effort to "pay" the official by providing a rating is paying the full fee agreed upon and serves the needs of everyone. ■

**NOTE: All Officials Ratings for 2005-06 are
to be submitted online at mhsaa.com**



Paper Scan forms are a thing of the past

Scan forms will not be mailed to schools this year.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ONLINE RATINGS

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

TO ACCESS THE ONLINE RATINGS SYSTEM:

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

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

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

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

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

OFFICIALS SERVICES

OFFICIALS REGISTRATION GOES ONLINE

Individuals interested in becoming a high school athletic game official for the 2005-06 school year now may register with the Michigan High School Athletic Association, and for the first time, new registrants and renewals will be accepted through the MHSAA Web site, mhsaa.com.

Through July 1, Michigan's 12,000-plus game officials in 14 sports are urged to submit their applications. The July date is an important one, as it is the deadline for officials who wish to be listed in the MHSAA's annual printed Officials Directory.

"We always encourage officials to register before July 1, so they can be listed in the printed MHSAA Official's Directory," said Mark Uyl, MHSAA Assistant Director. "That is very beneficial for officials looking for work and schools looking for officials. Officials listed in the directory are also more visible candidates for approved association membership. Approved association benefits are numerous, so we encourage officials to either seek membership or be asked to join a local group well before the new school year begins." Beginning with the 2005-06 school year, officials selected to work MHSAA post-season tournaments in basketball, football and wrestling will be required to be members of an approved association.

While early registration is heavily encouraged, new officials are free to register with the MHSAA any time during the year. MHSAA registration fees are among the lowest in the nation. A \$10 fee is charged for each sport an official wishes to work, and the processing fee is \$20. Officials registered in 2004-05 will be assessed a late fee of \$20 for registration after July 1. The processing fee includes liability insurance coverage of up to \$1 million for officials while working contests involving MHSAA schools.

Registration for 2005-06 begins as the Association comes off a year where through the addition of lacrosse, the total number of officials again topped the 12,000 mark, but registrations in all other sports were down. The total of 12,084 registered officials for the

just-completed school year ranks third overall. The all-time high came in 2003-04 with 12,268 registrants. Of this year's total, 206 were lacrosse officials.

"Our recruiting efforts for new officials is an ongoing process, and this past year's statistics prove that we will be facing a lot of turnover in the future with the anticipated retirements of many officials," Uyl said. "We must continue to promote the need for more individuals to become involved in officiating, and the recruitment, education and retention of new officials is a key to having younger folks ready when our veterans step down."

The MHSAA will continue to emphasize its efforts that allow high school students to become officials. The Legacy program allows 11th-graders, 16 years of age and older, to officiate subvarsity and junior high/middle school games with a mentor.

High school seniors, 17 years of age and older, are also allowed to officiate subvarsity and junior high/middle school contests without a mentoring official. The changes made a few years ago in response to the concern that not enough high school students are being recruited into the officiating field through the Legacy Program, and that those who enter at that age tend to leave officiating shortly after graduating. The 2005-06 school year will be the 14th for the Legacy program. Student officials will benefit from a waiver of the standard \$20 processing fee. Registration of \$10 per sport will be the only requirement. Last year, there were 68 students in the Legacy program.

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

Online registration can be accessed by clicking "Officials" on the Home Page of the MHSAA Web site. For more information, contact the MHSAA at 517/332-5046 or e-mail to: register@mhsaa.com ■

REVIEWING THE REGULATIONS

COMPETITIVE CHEER

The MHSAA Representative Council has determined that by August of 2006, all school-sponsored competition in cheerleading must be in the MHSAA format.

Schools that don't have cheerleaders, schools that don't sponsor cheerleaders in any competition, and schools that don't sponsor cheerleaders in any competition in a non-MHSAA format, have no changes to make for 2006. Only those schools which sponsor cheerleaders in competition that is not in the MHSAA format have changes to make.

The change does not require a different person to advise the **non-competitive** sideline cheerleading program and coach the MHSAA competitive cheer team.

Some might question how the MHSAA can regulate sideline cheerleading when it is not a sport. If it is just that, non-competitive sideline cheerleading, the MHSAA isn't involved.

The MHSAA serves the sport of competitive cheer and any school-sponsored competitive activity similar enough to affect the sport. Schools cannot sponsor 3-on-3 basketball teams and indoor soccer teams in competition because they are so much like 5-on-5 basketball and 11-on-11 soccer. Likewise, schools can't sponsor sideline cheerleading squads in competition even if the format is altered.

If sideline cheerleading is just that – non-competitive sideline cheerleading – it is not the concern of the MHSAA. However, when a school sponsors its sideline cheerleading squad in competition, it crosses over into an area that is of MHSAA concern.

Some may question how the MHSAA can prohibit a school from entering the MHSAA Basketball Tournament because the school fails to adhere to rules for competitive cheer.

It has always been a condition of membership for schools to follow all the rules of all MHSAA tournament sports. For example, schools have not been able to ignore rules in ice hockey and play by some other group's rules and in some other group's tournaments and still be eligible for MHSAA tournaments in other sports. Competitive cheer is only now catching up to the policy that has long been applicable to all other sports.

We may lose competitive cheer from the category of sport and schools may lose those competitors from the category of athlete if we do not eliminate major differences in the treatment of this sport. Is there room for compromise? Perhaps a little. The Big 8 Conference has an idea that may work for those schools and is acceptable to the Representative Council. But the principle of treating a sport like a sport should be compromised no longer. ■

Sports Participation Growing Faster than Enrollment

From 1994-95 through 2004-05, enrollment in Michigan high schools increased 11 percent. Meanwhile, participation in MHSAA tournament sports by girls increased at twice that rate – 22 percent. Boys participation increased 14 percent. Overall, the increase in the high school sports participation rate was 54 percent greater than the increase in enrollment during the past decade.

UPDATE MEETINGS FOLLOW A.D. IN-SERVICES AT SELECT SITES IN 2005

Athletic Director In-Service Programs and Update Meetings will be sponsored by the MHSAA throughout the fall. Again this year, at five statewide locations, the Athletic Director In-Service program will be held in conjunction with the annual Update Meeting. Additionally, two NEW Athletic Director In-Service Sessions will be offered at the MHSAA Office Building this fall: Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2005 and then a second session with new material on Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005.

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

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

MEETING DATES & SITES

2005 AD IN-SERVICES

1. Tuesday, August 16 - **New ADs Session I, MHSAA Office (8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.)**
2. Wednesday, Oct. 5 - Kalamazoo, Pine West (8:30 a.m.-Noon)
3. Monday, Oct. 10 - Comstock Park, English Hills Country Club (8:30 a.m.-Noon)
4. Wednesday, Oct. 12 - Frankenmuth, Zehnders (8:30 a.m.-Noon)
5. Monday, Oct. 17 - Gaylord Hidden Valley Otsego Club (8:30 a.m.-Noon)
6. Wednesday, Oct. 19 - Lansing, Holiday Inn West (8:30 a.m.-Noon)
7. Tuesday, Nov. 29 - **New ADs Session II MHSAA Office (8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.)**

2004 UPDATE MEETINGS

1. Monday, Sept. 19 - Traverse City, Grand Traverse Resort (7:15 am)
2. **Wednesday, Oct. 5 - Kalamazoo, Pine West (Noon-2 p.m.)**
3. **Monday, Oct. 10 - Comstock Park, English Hills Country Club (Noon-2 p.m.)**
4. **Wednesday, Oct. 12 - Frankenmuth, Zehnders (Noon-2 p.m.)**
5. **Monday, Oct. 17 - Gaylord, Hidden Valley Otsego Club (Noon-2 p.m.)**
6. **Wednesday, Oct. 19 - Lansing, Holiday Inn West (Noon-2 p.m.)**
7. Wednesday, Oct. 26 - Warren, De Carlos Center (Noon-2 p.m.)
8. Friday, Oct. 28 - Marquette, (10 a.m.-Noon)

Bold = Update Sites which also offer AD In-Services

NOTES:

- Update Meetings No. 2-7 above offer lunch at noon for a fee of \$18.
- The Traverse City meeting (No. 1) is in conjunction with the MASSP Conference and includes complimentary breakfast
- There is no lunch offered at the Marquette meeting (No. 8)
- Attendees not partaking in lunch should plan to arrive by 1 p.m. for the meetings No. 2-7

Please complete and return the registration form on the next page

UPDATE MEETING / A.D. IN-SERVICE REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

SCHOOL: _____ SCHOOL ID#: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

Please indicate the meeting(s) you wish to attend

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| 1. Wednesday, Oct. 5 - Kalamazoo, Pine West | ___ | AD In-Service @ \$10= \$ _____ |
| | ___ | Update @ \$18= \$ _____ |
| | ___ | Both @ \$25= \$ _____ |
| 2. Monday, Oct. 10 - Comstock Park, English Hills CC | ___ | AD In-Service @ \$10= \$ _____ |
| | ___ | Update @ \$18= \$ _____ |
| | ___ | Both @ \$25= \$ _____ |
| 3. Wednesday, Oct. 12 - Frankenmuth, Zehnders | ___ | AD In-Service @ \$10= \$ _____ |
| | ___ | Update @ \$18= \$ _____ |
| | ___ | Both @ \$25= \$ _____ |
| 4. Monday, Oct. 17 - Gaylord, Hidden Valley | ___ | AD In-Service @ \$10= \$ _____ |
| | ___ | Update @ \$18= \$ _____ |
| | ___ | Both @ \$25= \$ _____ |
| 5. Wednesday, Oct. 19 - Lansing, Holiday Inn West | ___ | AD In-Service @ \$10= \$ _____ |
| | ___ | Update @ \$18= \$ _____ |
| | ___ | Both @ \$25= \$ _____ |

The following meetings are AD In-Service Meetings not in conjunction with an Update Meeting. Cost is \$20, and lunch will be served.

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| 1. Tuesday, Aug. 16 - New ADs Session 1, East Lansing, MHSAA | ___ | @ \$20 = \$ _____ |
| 2. Tuesday, Nov. 29 - New ADs Session 2, East Lansing, MHSAA | ___ | @ \$20 = \$ _____ |

The following meetings are Update Meetings not in conjunction with an AD In-Service Meeting. Cost is \$18 for those who wish to have lunch (no charge or lunch at Marquette).

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|--|-----|-------------------|
| 1. Wednesday, Oct. 26 - Warren, DeCarlos Conference Center | ___ | @ \$18 = \$ _____ |
| 2. Friday, Oct. 28 - Marquette | | No Fee |

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

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| Monday, Sept. 19 - Grand Traverse Resort | Update
No Fee |
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2005-06 NATIONAL TESTING DATES

ADMINISTRATION - COUNSELORS - COACHES

Please advise students of the 2005-06 test date schedule. Your students should be aware of athletic tournament dates and should attempt to schedule their respective test date away from tournament dates of the sport or sports in which they are interested and participate. Following are test dates for 2006 and dates where tournaments would create conflict.

ACT ASSESSMENT DATES	CONFLICTS
October 22, 2005	UP Cross Country Finals
December 10, 2005	None
February 11, 2006	None
April 8, 2006	None
June 10, 2006	Girls Soccer, Baseball, Softball Regionals, Boys and Girls Lacrosse Finals

SAT TESTING DATES	CONFLICTS
October 8, 2005	LP Boys Golf Regionals
November 5, 2005	Football Districts, Boys Soccer Regionals, LP Cross Country Finals
December 3, 2005	Girls Basketball Finals
January 28, 2006	None
April 1, 2006	None
May 6, 2006	None
June 3, 2006	Girls Soccer, Baseball, Softball Districts, Boys and Girls Lacrosse Regionals, LP & UP Track & Field, LP Girls Golf, LP Boys Tennis Finals

AP EXAM DATES	CONFLICTS
May 1-5, 8-12, 2006	None

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



**COACHES
ADVANCEMENT
PROGRAM**

2005-06 Overview

CAP 1	6 Hours
1 ½ hours:	Coaches Make the Difference: MHSAA Philosophy & Regulations
2 hours:	Effective Instruction: The Coach as Teacher
2 ½ hours:	Sports Medicine and First Aid
CAP 2	6 Hours
2 ½ hours:	Effective Communication: Characteristics of Coaches Who are Great Communicators
1 ½ hours:	Legal Responsibilities of Coaches
2 hours:	Psychology of Coaching
CAP 3	6 Hours
2 ½ hours:	Teaching Technical & Tactical Skills/Effective Instruction Progression
2 hours:	Effectively Working with Parents
1 ½ hours:	The Coach as a Performer: Managing Your Time & Energy Level
CAP 4	6 Hours
2 hours:	Strength and Conditioning
2 hours:	Administrative Responsibilities of the Coach
2 hours:	Resolving Conflicts that Occur in Athletics
CAP 5	6 Hours
2 hours:	Mental Preparation: Preparing for Success
2 hours:	Chemical Health Education
2 hours:	Current Issues in Educational Athletics
CAP 6	6 Hours
2 hours:	Teaching Emotional Toughness
2 hours:	Instructional Games in Athletics
2 hours:	Current Issues in Educational Athletics

Coaches Advancement Program Certification

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

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

2005-06 COACHES ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

CAP 1

1. Sat., July 30, 2005 – MHSAA (9 am – 4 pm)
2. Sat., July 30, 2005 – Saline HS (9 am – 4 pm)
3. Sat., July 30, 2005 – MHSIBCA @ Sunnybrook Lanes (9 am – 4 pm)
4. Thur., Aug. 4, 2005 – Milan HS (9 am – 4 pm)
5. Sat., Aug. 6, 2005 – Rochester Community Schools Administration Center (9 am – 4 pm)
6. Mon. & Wed., Aug. 8 & 10, 2005 – Saginaw Heritage HS (6 pm – 9 pm)
7. Mon. & Tue., Aug. 8 & 9, 2005 – Charlevoix HS (6 pm – 9 pm)
8. Tue., Aug. 9, 2005 – Westland John Glenn HS (9 am – 4 pm)
9. Tue., Aug. 9, 2005 – Highland Park HS (9 am – 4 pm)
10. Wed., Aug. 10, 2005 – Comstock HS (2:30 pm – 9 pm)
11. Sat., Aug. 20, 2005 – Petoskey HS (9 am – 4 pm)
12. Mon. & Tue., Aug. 22 & 23, 2005 – MHSIBCA @ Marshall HS (6 pm – 9 pm)
13. Mon., Aug. 22 & 29, 2005 – Bloomfield Hills Lahser HS (6 pm – 9 pm)
14. Wed., Aug. 24, 2005 – Wyoming Park HS (9 am – 4 pm)
15. Sat., Sept. 10, 2005 – Houghton Lake HS (9 am – 4 pm)
16. Tue., Sept. 20, 2005 – Benzie Central HS (8 am – 3 pm)
17. Sat., Sept. 24, 2005 – Northville HS (8 am – 3 pm)
18. Sat., Sept. 24, 2005 – Pontiac Northern HS (9 am – 4 pm)
19. Sat., Sept. 24, 2005 – Summit Academy (9 am – 4 pm)
20. Fri., Sept. 30, 2005 – BCAM @ MHSAA (9 am – 4 pm)
21. Sat., Oct. 15, 2005 – Lowell HS (9 am – 4 pm)
22. Sat., Oct. 15, 2005 – Norway HS (9 am – 4 pm)
23. Sat., Oct. 22, 2005 – Quincy HS (9 am – 4 pm)
24. Fri., Nov. 4, 2005 – Sturgis HS (9 am – 4 pm)
25. Sat., Nov. 5, 2005 – MHSAA (9 am – 4 pm)
26. Sat., Nov. 5, 2005 – MHSIBCA @ Colonial Lanes (9 am – 4 pm)
27. Sat., Feb. 25, 2006 – Ontonagon HS (9 am – 4 pm)

CAP 2

1. Fri., Aug. 5, 2005 – Milan HS (9 am – 4 pm)
2. Sat., Aug. 6, 2005 – Saline HS (9 am – 4 pm)
3. Wed., Aug. 10, 2005 – Westland John Glenn HS (9 am – 4 pm)
4. Wed., Aug. 10, 2005 – Highland Park HS (9 am – 4 pm)
5. Thurs., Aug. 11, 2005 – Comstock HS (2:30 pm – 9 pm)
6. Mon. & Tue., Aug. 15 & 16, 2005 – Charlevoix HS (6 pm – 9 pm)
7. Mon. & Thur., Aug. 15 & 18, 2005 – Saginaw Heritage HS (6 pm – 9 pm)
8. Wed., Aug. 17 & 24, 2005 – Bloomfield Hills Lahser HS (6 pm – 9 pm)
9. Sat., Aug. 20 & 27, 2005 – Saginaw Nouvel HS (9 am – 12 pm)
10. Sat., Sept. 17, 2005 – Houghton Lake HS (9 am – 4 pm)
11. Sat., Sept. 17, 2005 – Rochester Community Schools Administration Center (9 am – 4 pm)
12. Sat., Sept. 24, 2005 – Petoskey HS (9 am – 4 pm)
13. Tue., Sept. 26, 2005 – Northville HS (8 am – 3 pm)
14. Sat., Sept. 30, 2005 – BCAM @ MHSAA (9 am – 4 pm)
15. Sat., Oct. 1, 2005 – Pontiac Northern HS (9 am – 4 pm)
16. Sat., Oct. 8, 2005 – Boyne City HS (9 am – 4 pm)
17. Sat., Oct. 22, 2005 – MHSAA (9 am – 4 pm)
18. Sat., Oct. 22, 2005 – Norway HS (9 am – 4 pm)
19. Sat., Oct. 29, 2005 – Lowell HS (9 am – 4 pm)
20. Sat., Nov. 5, 2005 – Quincy HS (9 am – 4 pm)
21. Sat., Nov. 12, 2005 – Summit Academy (9 am – 4 pm)
22. Mon. & Tues., Nov. 21 & 22, 2005 – Wyoming Park HS (6 pm – 9 pm)
23. Sat., Dec. 10, 2005 – Britton-Macon HS (9 am – 4 pm)
24. Thur., Feb. 16, 2006 – Sturgis HS (9 am – 4 pm)
25. Sat., March 4, 2006 – Ontonagon HS (9 am – 4 pm)

CAP 3

1. Sat., July 30, 2005 – MHSAA (9 am – 4 pm)
2. Thur., Aug. 11, 2005 – Highland Park HS (9 am – 4 pm)
3. Sat., Sept. 10, 2005 – MHSAA (9 am – 4 pm)
4. Tue. & Thur., Sept. 13 & 15, 2005 – Saginaw Heritage HS (6 pm – 9 pm)
5. Sat., Oct. 8, 2005 – Houghton Lake HS (9 am – 4 pm)
6. Sat., Oct. 15, 2005 – Petoskey HS (9 am – 4 pm)
7. Sat., Oct. 15, 2005 – Rochester Community Schools Administration Center (9 am – 4 pm)
8. Sat., Oct. 29, 2005 – MHSAA (9 am – 4 pm)
9. Sat., Nov. 5, 2005 – Britton-Macon HS (9 am – 4 pm)
10. Sat., Nov. 5, 2005 – Lowell HS (9 am – 4 pm)
11. Sat., Dec. 3 & 10, 2005 – Saginaw Nouvel HS (9 am – 12 pm)
12. Sat., Jan. 21, 2006 – Quincy HS (9 am – 4 pm)
13. Sat., Jan. 28, 2006 – Summit Academy (9 am – 4 pm)
14. Sat., March 11, 2006 – Ontonagon HS (9 am – 4 pm)
15. Wed. & Thur., March 22 & 23, 2006 – Wyoming Park HS (6 pm – 9 pm)

2005-06 CAP ENROLLMENT FORM

Please complete and mail to:

Mandi Hoover, MHSAA, 1661 Ramblewood Dr., East Lansing, MI 48823

- Registration is \$60 per level and includes instruction, binder and refreshments.
- Registrants must first complete Level 1 and are certified after completing Level 1 and Level 2.
- Additional certification occurs after completion of subsequent levels.
- Make checks payable to MHSAA.
- Refunds will not be issued. If a registrant is unable to attend a class for which he/she has pre-registered, the amount paid can only be transferred to another class location and time.

Name: _____ Gender: F___ M___

(Home Street Address)

Email: _____
(City) (Zip)

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

(School & School ID No.)

(Amount enclosed)

1) _____
2) _____
3) _____
(Level) (Date) (Site)

Years of Coaching Experience: _____ Sport(s) you coach: _____

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

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

Why are you attending this Coaches Education program? _____

MASTER ELIGIBILITY LISTS

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

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

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

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

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

ELIGIBILITY ADVANCEMENT REMINDERS

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

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

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

Eligibility Advancement Application forms are available on the MHSAA Web site at mhsaa.com and are also included in the *MHSAA Handbook*, page 114. ■

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

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

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

"When a school-sponsored team, or group of students which resembles the school team, intends to conduct practice sessions out of state at a site more than

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

MHSAA catastrophic insurance does not cover such events.

The form can be found on page 115 of the *Handbook* or on the MHSAA Web site. Pursuant to action of the Representative Council in May 2003, all schools which complete this form will be listed in the *MHSAA Bulletin* at the end of the school year.

A list of schools which completed the form in 2004-05 appears below. Thus far, no school has submitted a form for 2005-06.

Schools Submitting Out-of-State Travel Forms for 2004-05

FALL
No forms were submitted

WINTER
Alpine Ski
Clarkston
Greenville
Petoskey

SPRING
Baseball
Allen Park Cabrini
B.H. Cranbrook-Kingswood
Blissfield
Burton Valley Christian
Cedar Springs
Charlevoix
Chelsea
Coldwater
Coopersville
Delton Kellogg
DeWitt
Essexville Garber
Farmington
Grand Blanc

Grand Rapids Catholic Central
Greenville
Hamilton
Holt
Howard City Tri-County
Hudsonville
Kelloggsville
Lake Odessa
Mason
Okemos
Otsego
Petersburg
Portland
Richland Gull Lake
Rockford
Royal Oak Kimball
Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart
Saline
Shepherd
Southfield
St. Louis
Taylor Light and Life
Union City
Vermontville Maple Valley
Vicksburg

Whitehall
Williamston
Wyoming Park
Ypsilanti Lincoln
Zeeland

Soccer
Ann Arbor Pioneer
Holland
Mason

Softball
Alma
Bath
Brighton
Byron Center
Caledonia
Cass City
Chelsea
Clinton
Corunna
Dearborn Divine Child
Fenton
Grand Rapids Catholic Central
Farmington Hills Mercy

Flint Kearsley
 Frankfort
 Grant
 Grosse Pte. Woods U. Liggett
 Hamilton
 Hemlock
 Highland-Milford
 Howell
 Hudsonville
 Jenison
 Lake Odessa Lakewood

Lowell
 Maple City Glen Lake
 Taylor Light and Life
 Plymouth
 Portland
 Rockford
 Monroe St. Mary CC
 Saginaw Swan Valley
 Southfield Christian
 Unionville-Sebewaing
 Wyoming Park

Wyoming Rogers

Lacrosse
 Birmingham Seaholm
 Detroit Country Day

Tennis (Boys)
 Buchanan
 G.R. NorthPointe Christian
 Grant
 Whitehall

Sanctioning Procedures

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

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

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

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

4. Sanction by the NFHS –
 - A. Any interstate competition involving two or more schools which is cosponsored by or titled in the name of an organization outside the high school community (e.g. a university, shoe company, etc.), in addition to being sponsored by a member school, shall require sanction by the NFHS office.
 - B. Schools must also receive NFHS sanction and state association sanction when:
 - (1) More than eight schools, at least one of which is from a state that does not border the host state; or
 - (2) Five or more states, at least one of which does not border the host state.
- * Whenever an event requires NFHS approval, there is a \$75 fee made payable to the NFHS. This payment must be sent along with the request for sanction to the state association office. The host school or the organization that is hosting the event should submit the request submitted to the state association office at least 90 days before the event to avoid being charged a late fee.

HIGH SCHOOL PERSPECTIVE

COACHES MUST MONITOR RECORD-SETTING PERFORMANCES

Editor's Note: Throughout the 2005-06 school year, Bulletins will include commentaries on the various perspectives and principles of school sports.

During the 2004-05 school year, there were a number of records set by teams and individuals in Michigan high school sports. In every season, we saw new heights reached.

But there were a couple of marks entered into the books that raised some eyebrows – not because they topped the old marks, but because they may have defied the perspective that should accompany high school games.

In one instance, a basketball team hit a record number of three-point field goals in a game; in the other, a soccer player set a single-game record for goals scored.

Both records were set in lopsided contests against outmatched opponents. In both cases, it was known that the teams were out to “get” the record that day. In both cases, one school’s joy was matched with one’s embarrassment.

You can’t necessarily blame the 14- to 17-year-olds who were doing what their coaches told them to do. But this all begs one question: *What were those coaches thinking?*

When I think of records, I think of marks set in the heat of competition, marks set with the game on the line. I think of performances like the great 60-point game of years past by Fennville’s Richie Jordan, the only Michigan student-athlete ever inducted into the National High School Sports Hall of Fame, scoring basket after basket against all odds – an undersized player, said to be injured that evening, double and triple teamed by the defense in a Regional tournament contest.

I don’t think of an offensive scheme primarily designed to shoot three-pointers to defeat an opponent still being used when the opponent was defeated early in the first half; or the star player being left in the game long after the game’s outcome was no longer in doubt.

I don’t accept the rationalizations that follow either. “That’s the way we always play,” doesn’t cut it. Yes, the reserves deserve the chance to run the offense and defense the way it should be run if they were inserted into the line with the first team with the game on the line – but even that can be overdone. I can tolerate leaving the star player in the game for a one or two plays if it means the difference between setting the record and not setting it if the game had been a tight one most of the way – but I would applaud a coach who pulls that player from the game instead.

I can accept none of it done in a manner which is not necessary to determine a game’s outcome and which embarrasses the opponent. And this isn’t a politically correct, over-sensitive viewpoint. In sports, like in life, there are days where you’re going to lose tight games, and days where you simply get dominated.

But there is a line that doesn’t have to be crossed, and only coaches can control it. Coaches who realize the purpose of the game is to educate. If records come along the way, that’s fine. When you set out to break a record in a game where your opponent is obviously inferior, that’s wrong. That’s like the parent running it up on their 5-year-old child in a driveway game of basketball.

There’s a statement on the application form schools are asked to fill out when submitting record-setting performances that every coach should read. It encourages that records be set in an air of sportsmanship, in an atmosphere compatible with the nature of the event.

If the record set is in line with the values of sportsmanship, definitely send it in. If it isn’t, think twice before submitting it.

Better yet, think twice before setting it.

— John Johnson
MHSAA Communications Director

REGISTER ALL NONFACULTY COACHES BEFORE THEY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

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

There are two ways to fulfill the registration requirement:

1. The easiest way to register nonfaculty varsity head coaches is online at **mhsaa.com**, as you provide School Directory information. Click on "School Login" on the left-hand nav bar.
2. Forms for registering other nonfaculty coaches may be requested from the MHSAA or may be found on pages 112-113 of the *MHSAA Handbook* for 2005-06. You may copy and enlarge as necessary. The forms – one for high school, the other for the junior high/middle school level – may also be downloaded from the MHSAA Web site at **mhsaa.com**. Forms may be submitted throughout the school year as nonfaculty coaches are assigned. Many schools submit forms just prior to each season: fall, winter and spring. ■

SUMMARY OF MHSAA NONFACULTY COACHES

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

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

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

High School Sports Participation Numbers Top 300,000 Mark For First Time

All-time records for participation in high school sports were broken by Michigan High School Athletic Association member schools across the state during the 2004-05 school year, topping the 300,000 mark for the first time.

Among all student-athletes, a total of 304,568 participants in sports in which the Association sponsors postseason tournaments during the past school year took part, smashing the 294,012 record set in 2002-03. The girls numbers were record-setting for the third straight year – the total of 127,890 topping last year’s mark of 124,978. Boys participation was also its highest ever, the 176,678 figure surpassing the previous high of 169,619 in 2002-03. The totals count students once for each sport in which he or she participates, meaning students who are multiple-sport athletes are counted more than once.

The participation figures in MHSAA tournament sports for girls are up 22 percent since the 1994-95 school year. Boys are up 14 percent over the same time period.

Volleyball continues to be the most popular sport for girls. Girls sports hitting their all-time highs in participation last year for the second straight year were competitive cheer and soccer, while cross country, swimming and diving, and tennis all set new participation records.

The most popular boys sport continues to be football. Ice hockey set a new participation record in 2004-05 for the second straight year, and also setting marks were soccer and tennis.

2004-05 Sports Participation

The following summaries indicate participation in MHSAA tournament sports for 2004-05.

(A) The second number indicates the total number of schools that sponsored the sport in MHSAA tournaments, including secondary schools in cooperative programs, as of May 27, 2005. The third number indicates the number of schools that had girls playing on teams consisting primarily of boys

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

Sport	BOYS & GIRLS TEAMS		GIRLS ONLY TEAMS	
	Schools (A)	Participants	Schools (A)	Participants (B)
Baseball	638/643/2	19,268		0/6
Basketball	734/0/2	23,996	720	20,544/3
Bowling	203/205/4	2,350	194	1,955/13
Competitive Cheer			187/190	4,628
Cross Country	580/586/3	7,962	560/565	7070/7
Football	622/642/30	44,253		0/32
Golf	561/566/44	7,878	312/317	3,740/63
Gymnastics	5	45	84/119	860
Ice Hockey	207/265/10	3994	16	308/14
Lacrosse	71/96	3,032	43/55	1,435
Skiing-Alpine	87/108/3	882	88/110	796/6
Soccer	453/461/34	14,418	409/419	13,819/144
Softball-Fast Pitch	3	56	613	16,658
Swimming & Diving	251/302/10	5,126	258/306	6,954/75
Tennis	350/351/15	8,723	340	9,439/89
Track & Field-Outdoor	642/652/1	23,374	633/642	18,189/1
Volleyball			698/700	21,564
Wrestling	459/471/113	11,422		0/188

DROPP, SCOTT EARN 2005-06 BUSH AWARD

One of the founding administrators of the Mega Conference in Southeastern Michigan and an individual who helped the MHSAA design one of the nation's most comprehensive weight management programs for wrestling are the recipients of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Allen W. Bush Award for 2005-06.

This year's recipients are: **Robert Dropp** of Westland, a teacher, coach and athletic director at Garden City High School for 40 years; and **Jim Scott** of Allendale, an associate professor at Grand Valley State University. The recipients of this year's awards will be recognized at ceremonies during the 2005-06 school year.

Allen W. Bush served as executive director of the MHSAA for 10 years. The award honors individuals for past and continuing service to prep athletics as a coach, administrator, official, trainer, doctor or member of the media. The award was developed to bring recognition to men and women who are giving and serving without a lot of attention. This is the 14th year of the award, with the selections being made by the MHSAA's Representative Council.

Here are brief biographical sketches of the 2005 Bush Award recipients:

Robert Dropp –

Entering his 41st year of service to the education community in 2005-06, all in the Garden City Public School system, Dropp is a 1961 graduate of Chisholm High School in northern Minnesota who earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota-Duluth in 1965, and his Master's degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1968.

In his first six years in Garden City, Dropp was an elementary school physical education teacher, as well as a high school varsity baseball coach and a junior varsity coach in basketball and football. He then



moved to Garden City West High School, where he taught biology and physical education while keeping his coaching duties; and by 1980 was the varsity baseball and boys basketball coach, keeping both positions when the two high schools in the city merged in 1982. He coached the baseball team until 1993, posting a 406-227 record with eight league championships; and coached boys basketball until 1990, finishing with a 107-106 record and two league titles.

In 1991, Dropp became the athletic administrator at Garden City High School, and immediately was involved in the oversight of the construction of a new fieldhouse, which was finished in 1992. Dropp was one of 23 athletic directors which help create the Mega Conference from a combination of four different leagues which launched in 1993-94. Today, that league has taken on five additional schools from two additional conferences and one independent. He has served as that league's President and Treasurer as well as on numerous committees. He has also served as a host to over 60 MHSAA tournament events.

Dropp was inducted into the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1991, and the Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1992. He is also active in the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, and with his local church, St. Theodore's Catholic Church in Westland. He was nominated for the Bush Award by the athletic directors of the Mega Conference.

"As a teacher, teacher-coach, and administrator, Robert Dropp has made great contributions to the educational athletics community in his lifetime of service to Garden City," said John E. "Jack" Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA. "He has been instrumental in two mergers – one of schools, one of conferences – which have worked to the betterment of all parties in his community and his region. We are pleased to honor him with the Bush Award."

Jim Scott – In the early 1990s, the MHSAA began to look into the issue of weight management in high school wrestling, and developed one of the nation's most comprehensive programs with the assistance of Jim Scott.



Scott, an associate professor in the Department of Movement Science at Grand Valley State University, had already been deeply involved with wrestling as a coach and training expert, especially at the collegiate and Olympic training levels. He was the NAIA Wrestling Coach of the Year at Grand Valley in 1967, led the Lakers to back-to-back second-place finishes in the national tournament, and was inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1996. He was the director of the United States Olympic Wrestling Trials in 1984, and has long served as a wrestling consultant for the NCAA, the National Wrestling Coaches Association and the MHSAA.

Working with experts in the area of weight management from several other states, Scott helped engineer the nation's first interscholastic weight management assessment program in Wisconsin; and built on that work with the MHSAA, which made its program mandatory in 1997-98. Scott's work

with the MHSAA continues, as he was instrumental in the conversion of the weight assessment process from a paper-based data gathering system an online system, and in developing a training program for more than 300 body composition assessors across the state who annually serve wrestling schools in the collection of data.

Scott earned his bachelor's degree in health, physical education and recreation from Central Michigan University in 1967, and has also received a master's and a specialist degree from CMU. He has done additional studies at the Moscow Central Institute of Physical Culture and Sport, and Oklahoma State University. He also serves as a National Ski Patrol Outdoor Emergency Care Volunteer, and with worship music at New Hope Lutheran Church. He was nominated for the award by Lansing Public Schools.

"One of the things that sets high school sports apart is its work to do everything possible to ensure the safety and well-being of its participants," Roberts said. "Weight-cutting practices had long been a concern in the wrestling community in general, and the work of Jim Scott and others saw high schools come to grips with this issue first, setting a tone for other levels of the sport to emulate. Jim's work has contributed to wrestlers in Michigan learning how to manage their competition weight to not only optimize their participation, but their health." ■

Michiganders Fill Positions With NFHS

National Federation of State High School Association Committees are taking on a distinctive Great Lakes look this year, as Michiganders are prevalent among appointees.

In her second year of a four-year term as chairperson of the Volleyball Committee is MHSAA Assistant Directors **Gina Mazzolini**, while Assistant Director **Nate Hampton** will begin a four-year term as the Basketball Committee chairperson in April 2006. Hampton also currently serves on the NFHS Football Committee, and Assistant Director **Randy Allen** is a member of the Softball and Ice Hockey Committees.

MHSAA Representative Council member **Kathy McGee** of Flint Powers Catholic High School serves on the Basketball Committee as an NFHS Coaches Association Representative.

Andy Weidenbach, hockey coach at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, is an NFHS Coaches Association Representative to the Ice Hockey Committee.

As the MHSAA enters its second year of Boys and Girls Lacrosse sponsorship, expertise in the state is plentiful. Jackson Northwest A.D. **Rich Kimball** and Detroit Country Day girls coach **Patricia Hayes** have been invited to serve on the Boys and Girls Lacrosse Rules Committees, respectively, and **John Kenny**, Detroit Country Day boys coach, is the U.S. Lacrosse Representative to the Boys Lacrosse Committee.

Spring Tournament Recipients Of Sportsmanship Honors Announced; MEEMIC Insurance To Present Awards

The recipients of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Good Sports Are Winners! Awards for the recently completed 2005 Spring sports season have been named, with each school to receive recognition from MEEMIC Insurance, the Association's corporate partner in sportsmanship efforts.

Sterling Heights Stevenson in baseball, **East Grand Rapids** in boys lacrosse, **Bloomfield Hills Academy** in girls lacrosse, **Novi** in girls soccer and **Harper Woods Regina** in softball were selected by the tournament management at their respective Finals for displaying the most exemplary sportsmanship by their coaches, student-athletes and spectators. Each school receiving a Finals award will be presented a commemorative banner and crystal trophy at a venue of the school's choosing at a future date.

Sterling Heights Stevenson was the Division 1 champion in baseball, East Grand Rapids was a Division 2 finalist in boys lacrosse, Bloomfield Hills Academy was the Division 2 titlist in girls lacrosse, Novi was the Division 1 champion in girls soccer, and Harper Woods Regina won the Division 1 softball title. This is the first Finals level award for all five schools.

At the District, Regional and Quarterfinal levels of MHSAA tournaments, all schools which meet a set of sportsmanlike standards are recognized. Those schools will be presented framed certificates from MEEMIC Insurance. Numerous schools will receive more than one award from Spring tournaments, with Lake Orion heading the list with six.

In all, 136 teams in baseball, girls soccer and softball are being recognized for their outstanding sportsmanship at Spring tournaments. Those teams will be recognized through the publication of their names in the MHSAA Bulletin, the MHSAA Finals program series, and on the MHSAA Web site. During the course of the 2004-05 school year, 1,164 teams will be recognized in 13 activities for their sportsmanship efforts during MHSAA tournaments.

MEEMIC Insurance Company, with headquarters in Auburn Hills, writes full coverage private passenger automobile protection and homeowners insurance for educational employees and their immediate families in the state of Michigan. MEEMIC was founded by teachers for teachers in 1950. Most representatives of the company are or were teachers themselves.

The following is a list of Good Sports Are Winners! Award recipients as submitted by tournament managers for the Spring sports season:

Good Sports Are Winners! Winter Tournament Recipients

(Based on reports received at the MHSAA offices as of 7/15/05. NOTE: There can be more than one winner at each site, and not all site managers responded.)

BASEBALL		Division 3
District Awards Division 1 Adrian Saline Division 2 Big Rapids Caro East Grand Rapids Godwin Heights Grand Rapids Catholic Central	Grand Rapids Christian Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern Hamilton Hudsonville Unity Christian Imlay City Ludington North Branch Wayland Wyoming Rogers	Addison Blissfield Hanover-Horton Hillsdale Manistee Napoleon Schoolcraft Shepherd

Division 4

Akron-Fairgrove
 Battle Creek St Philip
 Caseville
 Eau Claire
 New Buffalo
 North Muskegon
 Owendale-Gagetown
 Port Hope

Regional Awards**Division 1**

Davison
 New Baltimore Anchor Bay
 Rochester Adams

Division 4

Bay City All Saints
 Coleman
 Mio
 Ubly

Quarterfinal Awards**Division 2**

Center Line

BOYS LACROSSE**Regional Awards****Division 2**

Okemos

GIRLS LACROSSE**Regional Awards****Division 2**

Birmingham Marian
 Flint Powers Catholic
 Pontiac Notre Dame Prep

GIRLS SOCCER**District Awards****Division 1**

Bay City Western
 Jenison
 Lake Orion
 Saginaw Arthur Hill
 Saginaw Heritage
 Southgate Anderson
 Sterling Heights
 Utica Ford

Division 2

Cedar Springs
 Clio
 Dearborn Heights Crestwood
 Detroit Redford
 Dexter
 Flushing
 Harper Woods Regina

Lapeer East
 Livonia Ladywood
 Mattawan
 Redford Thurston
 Royal Oak Dondero
 St Clair Shores Lakeview
 St. Joseph
 Trenton
 Wayland

Division 3

Caro
 DeWitt
 Frankenmuth
 Gladwin
 Grandville Calvin Christian
 Madison Heights Bishop Foley
 North Branch
 Williamston
 Wyoming Rogers

Division 4

Birmingham Roeper
 Charlevoix
 Clare
 Clawson
 East Jordan
 Fife Lake Forest Area
 Kalamazoo Christian
 Kalamazoo Hackett
 Plymouth Christian
 St. Joseph Lake Michigan
 Catholic

Regional Awards**Division 1**

Portage Central

Division 3**DeWitt**

Flint Powers Catholic
 Frankenmuth
 Saginaw Nouvel
 St Clair Shores South Lake

Semifinal Awards**Division 2**

Rochester Hills Stoney Creek

Division 4

Hart

SOFTBALL**District Awards****Division 1**

Adrian
 Saline

Division 2

Caro
 Croswell Lexington
 East Grand Rapids
 Fremont
 Grand Rapids Catholic Central
 Grand Rapids Christian
 G. Rapids Forest Hills Northern
 Grant
 Hamilton
 Hudsonville Unity Christian
 Inlay City
 Middleville Thornapple
 Kellogg
 North Branch
 Wyoming Godwin Heights
 Wyoming Rogers

Division 3

Addison
 Clinton
 Hanover-Horton
 Hillsdale
 Kalamazoo Christian
 Napoleon
 Shepherd

Division 4

Caseville
 Concord
 Eau Claire
 Muskegon Catholic Central
 Owendale-Gagetown
 Port Hope
 Port Huron
 Watervliet Grace Christian

Regional Awards**Division 1**

Bay City Western
 New Baltimore Anchor Bay
 Troy
 Utica Ford

Division 4

Arenac Eastern
 Coleman
 Ubly

Quarterfinal Awards**Division 2**

Richmond

REVIEWING THE REGULATIONS

OPT-OUT PROCEDURES

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

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

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

Over the years the entry blank has become an unnecessary and expensive step as it notified schools of what was already posted on mhsaa.com. All school teams will have the same responsibility to meet the requirements of participation by the opt-out due date. Schools which fail to withdraw or submit materials in a timely manner face the same penalties as in prior years. These penalties include late fees payable to the tournament host schools and possible removal from future MHSAA tournaments.

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

SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD APPLICATION AVAILABLE ONLINE

Application and promotional materials for the MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance, are available via the MHSAA Web site at mhsaa.com.

Athletic directors, building principals and/or guidance counselors should download files pertinent to information and application from the MHSAA Web site.

Individual applications must be turned in to high school principals by Nov. 23 to be processed and forwarded to the MHSAA for judging. A school must submit all of its applications in one packet with its School Applicant list so that they are received in the MHSAA office by 4 p.m. (EST) on Dec. 2, 2005. Each school is responsible for utilizing a delivery method which ensures that its applications arrive on time. The MHSAA is not responsible for delays caused by a school's choice of delivery service. No applications will be considered which arrive at the MHSAA office after the Dec. 2 deadline of 4 p.m.

31st ANNUAL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Rules and Regulations

Introduction

The 31st Annual MHSAA Football Playoff Series will be played Oct. 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 11 or 12, 19 and 25-26, 2005. It is the responsibility of each competing school to be familiar with the rules and regulations that follow.

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

Scoring System

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

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

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

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

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

one of the opponents you tied ties.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(9) **MHSAA Handbook policies on inclement weather (lightning and tornado specifically) shall be followed. The game resumption delays may be extended by host schools as a special tournament policy superseding the game time and delay schedules used for regular season.** Games cancelled because of acts of God or emergency closing of facilities will not be counted unless they are rescheduled and played before Sunday, Oct. 23, 2005. All games contracted before Sept. 30, 2005 and played before Oct. 23, 2005 will count toward the playoffs even though the game may not have been reported to the MHSAA.

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

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

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

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

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

(12) Preranged league games will be figured into the scoring if designated prior to Sept. 30. Games played after Saturday, October 22, 2005 will not be figured into the 2005 playoff scoring. Leagues and conferences engaged in crossover matchups must submit to the MHSAA office prior to the start of the regular season, the exact method of matching teams in crossover games.

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

(14) Out-of-state schools playing more than nine games continuing beyond Michigan's final regular season date, will not have those final game/games' bonus points counted for Michigan playoff stand-

ings.

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

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

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

(18) Once qualifiers are publicized Sunday, October 23, if it is discovered that a qualifying team had used an ineligible player during the regular season, that team would be eliminated from the playoffs, but no team would replace them. Their scheduled opponent would receive a "bye" and advance in the bracket.

Reporting Procedure

Reporting agents have been selected to report each week's results on forms provided by the MHSAA. The agents will direct win/loss records to the MHSAA and all information will be placed on computer by Monday afternoon of each week. Information including win-loss and averages will be released to the news media each week after the fourth week. Releases will be made for publication each Wednesday, except the final week standings. These will be made available not later than 1 p.m. on the Monday following the ninth week. The agents who will submit scores each week are Eric Herter, *Mt. Pleasant Morning Sun*; Dennis Grall, *Escanaba Daily Press*; Del Newell, *Kalamazoo Gazette*; and Mike Pryson, *Jackson Citizen Patriot*.

It is necessary to have every score. Coaches should cooperate with the local news media in reporting each week's game results.

Selection Process

There will be 256 teams selected to participate in a five-week playoff in 8 separate divisions. A minimum of seven games must be played to be declared a qualifier. Qualifiers will be selected as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

Pre-District and District Pairings And Game Hosts

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

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

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

(3) Changes in home and away designations and opponents within a Pre-District may be made no later than 10 a.m. Monday, October 25, if they are the result of MHSAA clerical error.

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

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

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

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

Regional Game Hosts

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

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

(3) The MHSAA will determine Regional

sites whenever travel for one of the competing schools exceeds 200 miles one way.

General Regulations

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

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

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

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

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

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

(7) **Cheerleaders** – A maximum of 12 cheerleaders in uniform, including mascots, will be admitted and a maximum of 12 may lead cheers from the field. Schools with more than 12 varsity cheerleaders during the regular season may include those cheerleaders during the playoffs, but sub-varsity cheerleaders may not be brought up for the postseason games. Cheer squads shall fol-

low either the MHSAA Cheerleading Guidelines or the guidelines approved by their local school district for regular cheerleading, whichever is more restrictive & limiting. Local school districts are **RESPONSIBLE** for enforcing restrictions which are more limiting than the MHSAA guidelines. All cheer squads shall adhere to all guidelines provided by the tournament manager.

Representative Council action in May of 2004 prohibits tunnels for players by spectators, bands or others (but not cheerleaders) at any location and any level of MHSAA tournament play.

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

(9) Coaches of qualifying teams will cooperate in **FILM EXCHANGES** with opposing teams, unless both schools agree not to do so (see section on videotaping). Per Representative Council action in May of 2004, unless other arrangements are mutually agreed upon, as a last resort, each school will make available by 9 a.m. on Monday in the office of its school principal the required film or videotape for the "exchange".

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

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

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

Tobacco and Alcohol Policy

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

Enforcement

Tobacco – It is not intended that a violation of the tobacco policy should lead to immediate ejection of a coach. He or she

should be reminded of the policy and reported to his or her school administration after the contest. Only if the coach is unwilling to comply promptly should he or she be disqualified from coaching at the event.

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

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

Game Time

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

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

Semifinal Games – The games will be played Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. as pre-determined. At sites where two games are scheduled, game times will be 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., with separate admissions for each game. If local conditions allow, game management may schedule consecutive games with one admission of \$6. Semifinal games scheduled for the Superior Dome in Marquette may be played on either Friday night or on Saturday morning/afternoon as necessary.

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

Uniforms

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

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

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

Semifinal Games – Home teams (teams from Regionals No. 1 & 3) are to wear dark

colored jerseys; visiting teams are to wear light colored jerseys.

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

Pregame – Public Address Announcer and Timers

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

Pregame Time Schedule (to go on clock):

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

Pregame and Halftime Entertainment for all Playoff Games

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

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

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

Schools may use pompon routines, choral or other school groups if they wish, but the maximum time allotted for their school is seven minutes. Local management is not to be expected to furnish risers, backdrops, etc. If a school chooses not to perform, the opposing school may use their allotted time (not to exceed 14 minutes). If a specific announcer is required for the halftime show, arrangements must be made the preceding

week with managers of Pre-District, District, Regional and Semifinal game sites. Schools competing in the Finals must make arrangements with the MHSAA office.

Trophies and Medals

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

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

Officials

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

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

Chain Crew – The home management is to select a **four-person chain crew**. The fourth person is to manage the spot of the ball and the placement of the clips for on-field measurements. It is recommended that registered officials should work the yardage chains; however, local management may use their home crew if they have been regulars in that capacity. If possible, the crew is to

be in full officials' uniform and will be reimbursed \$15 per individual, per game (no mileage).

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

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

Program

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

Finals Program

Teams qualifying for Semifinals competition are required to prepare and submit the Finals Program Information kit to be received in the MHSAA office by Nov. 15, for use in the souvenir programs produced for the Finals. Information forms can be found on the MHSAA Web site, **mhsaa.com**. Schools advancing to the Finals shall provide a statistical data update to the MHSAA by Nov. 23.

Press, Radio, and Television

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

Videotaping or Filming

Competing Schools – Per Representative Council action in May of, unless other arrangements are mutually agreed upon, as a last resort, each school will make available by 9 a.m. on Monday in the office of its school principal the required film or videotape for the "exchange." Teams will exchange videos/films of their final two games prior to competition by 9 a.m. Monday following "Selection Sunday" unless both schools agree on another arrangement. The procedure of exchanging videos/films of the two previous games played prior to the scheduled playoff game will continue throughout the tournament. Schools refusing to cooperate will be reported to the MHSAA. A competing school

desiring to videotape or film a Pre-District, District, Regional, Semifinal and/or Final Football Playoff game in which that school competes must receive permission to reserve space in the press box from the tournament manager. Under no conditions may the tape/film be used for scouting purposes by schools other than those involved in the event filmed. Films of losing teams in the playoffs taken at the Pre-District, District, Regional or Semifinal games may not be used for scouting purposes by winning teams in the opposite bracket. Schools wishing to videotape/film games **at other sites** may do so without securing advanced permission but must film from the stands or spectator standing area if press box space is not available. End zone filming is permitted by competing teams, but not if it requires the use of non-permanent structures such as hoists, bucket trucks, scaffolding or other machines or devices; The film/tape is not to be used to second-guess decisions made by game officials and may not be sold, rented, or loaned for commercial purposes.

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

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

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

Delayed Television – Arrangements for tape-delayed broadcasts must be made

through the MHSAA office and only one origination will be allowed at a tournament site. A fee is required for each football game at each site. Contact the MHSAA office for additional information.

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

Finals Press Conference

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

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

All tickets for Pre-District and District games are \$5. All tickets for single-session Regional and Semifinal games are \$5. At neutral sites where multiple Regional and/or Semifinal games are held and a single admission is charged, tickets will be priced at \$6 each. Each competing school at the Pre-District, District, Regional and Semifinals may purchase an allotment of tickets, not to exceed 40 percent of the stadium capacity, from the host manager. Each competing school will receive 10 game passes from the manager to be used for crowd management purposes. Band members in full uniform representing competing schools will be admitted without charge. In addition, there are 19 MHSAA Representative Council members with passes valid for all MHSAA tournaments. No other passes will be honored including league passes, coaches' passes, etc.

Final Games – Tickets & Passes

All tickets for Final games will be \$9 per day that will not include the cost of parking in Ford Field lots. The ticket holder will be admitted to both doubleheader games. Pass-outs, however, will not be given at any time during the day. A separate admission will be required each time an individual enters the stadium. Each competing school will receive 10 passes to be used for crowd management purposes. There will be no sale of reserved seats for Final games.

Meeting for Representatives of Schools Competing in Finals

A meeting for finalist school principals, athletic directors or other designated school representatives will be held at the offices of the MHSAA on Sunday following Semifinal games (Nov. 20) at 10 a.m. Final games and band procedures at Ford Field will be reviewed, passes distributed, housing, meals and other arrangements will be discussed.

Tickets will be available at this meeting. Schools are encouraged to bring a check for the number of advanced game tickets they wish to purchase.

Finances (Host Schools)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Finances – Travel Expenses

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

One-way mileage

051 - 100 miles - \$2 per mile
101 - 150 miles - \$3 per mile
151 - 250 miles - \$4 per mile
251 - 350 miles - \$5 per mile
351 miles & over- \$6 per mile

Reimbursement Fees

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

Mileage is 50 miles deductible; therefore, teams competing at a site less than 50 miles away will not receive mileage. Example: Team A competes at a site 60 miles from its home city. Team A will receive \$20 for mileage.

Overnight Lodging Fees

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

Parking and Concessions

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

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

Concessions will be operated for profit by host school management.

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

2005 FOOTBALL SCHEDULES AVAILABLE

Football schedules for MHSAA member schools for the upcoming 2005 season are now available on the Football page of the Association's Web site, mhsaa.com.

Football is the only sport in which schools are required to submit schedules to the MHSAA office, as they are a vital component in determining qualifiers for its postseason playoffs.

MHSAA 2005 SEMIFINAL FOOTBALL GAMES

All games will be played on Sat., Nov. 19, 2005. Game times will be 1 p.m. unless one site is scheduled for two games. In that event, there will be two separate sessions at 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. or a double header at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Assignments to Semifinal sites will be made by the MHSAA staff following the completion of Regional Championship games. A public release will be made Monday morning, Nov. 14, 2005.

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

FORMULA FOR ALL DIVISIONS (SEMIFINAL GAMES)

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

SEMIFINAL SITES

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

Facilities that will be considered include the following: Alma College*, Birmingham-Wylie E. Groves High School*, Birmingham-Seaholm High School*, Cadillac High School, Central Michigan University*, Cheboygan High School, Clare High School, Clinton Township-Chippewa Valley High School, Coopersville High School*, Ferris State University*, Flint-Atwood Stadium*, Gaylord High School, Grand Rapids Houseman Field *, Hamtramck*, Haslett High School, Howell High School*, Jackson High School*, Jenison High School*, Lansing-Everett High School, Lansing-J. W. Sexton High School, Macomb-Dakota*, Marshall High School Mt. Pleasant High School, Northern Michigan University-Superior Dome*, Port Huron High School, Portland High School, St. Clair High School*, South Lyon High School, White Lake-Lakeland High School, and Wyandotte-Roosevelt High School*.

* = Artificial Turf Field

2005 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

Friday-Saturday, November 25-26, 2005
(All games at Ford Field, Detroit, Michigan)

	Division	Time	Manager
Friday, November 25	8	10 a.m.	MHSAA Staff
	2	1 p.m.	
	6	4:30 p.m.	
	4	7:30 p.m.	
	Division	Time	Manager
Saturday, November 26	7	10 a.m.	MHSAA Staff
	1	1 p.m.	
	5	4:30 p.m.	
	3	7:30 p.m.	

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

2005-06 COUNCIL ADVISORY LIST OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

The Council on Standards for International Educational Travel has published the list of approved educational exchange programs for the 2005-06 school year. For immediate eligibility, an exchange student must be in one of the programs listed below and meet all other eligibility requirements for student-athletes. All listings are “Full” unless otherwise noted.

Organization

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

Global Insights
 Global Outreach, Inc.-**Provisional**
 Global World International Foundation
 Intercultural Homestay Services
 International Cultural Exchange Services
 International Experience USA Provisional
 International Fellowship, Inc.
 International Student Exchange, Inc.
 INTO EdVentures
 Learning and Achievement Foundation-**Provisional**
 Musiker Discovery Programs, Inc.
 Nacel Open Door
 NorthWest Student Exchange Conditional
 NW Services, Inc. PEACE Program
 O.C.E.A.N.
 Pacific Intercultural Exchange
 PAX - Program of Academic Exchange
 Quest International
 Reflections International, Inc.
 Rotary District 5190-CALVADA-**Conditional**
 Rotary District 5950/5960 Youth Exchange Foundation
 Rotary District 6650 YEP-**Provisional**
 Rotary District 7120 YEP
 Rotary District 7150 YEP
 Rotary District 7890 YEP
 Rotary - Central States Rotary YEP
 Rotary - Eastern States Rotary Exchange (ESSEX)
 Rotary - Ohio-Erie Rotary YEP.
 Rotary Rocky Mountain YEP
 Rotary - South Central Rotary Youth Exchange, Inc.-**Conditional**
 Rotary YES / SCANEX-**Conditional**
 School Year Abroad
 STS Foundation
 Student American International
 Terra Lingua USA
 The Traveling School-**Provisional**
 United Studies Student Exchange
 World Experience
 World Heritage
 World Link, Inc.-**Provisional**
 Youth For Understanding USA

For more information on CSIET please contact:

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

FAILURE TO RATE OFFICIALS

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

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

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

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

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

BOYS BASKETBALL

Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day
Bloomingtondale
Carney-Nadeau
Dearborn Heights-Academy for Bus. & Tech
Dearborn Heights-Robichaud
Deerfield
Detroit-Finney
Detroit-Kettering
Detroit-Redford
Detroit-Southeastern
Detroit-University Prep
Detroit-Weston Technical Academy
Gobles
Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills
Hartland
Jackson-The Da Vinci Institute
Kalamazoo-Heritage Christian Academy
Kent City-Algoma Christian
Kinross-Maplewood Baptist Academy
Lake Leelanau-St. Mary
Manchester
Morrice
Olivet
Otsego Baptist Academy
Oxford
Parma-Western
Pigeon—Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker
Romulus
Roscommon
Sterling Heights-Bethesda Christian
Three Oaks-River Valley
Warren-Fitzgerald

ICE HOCKEY

Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day
Canton-Plymouth
Cheboygan Area
Commerce-Walled Lake Northern
Davison

Dexter
Escanaba
Fenton
Grosse Pointe Woods-University Liggett
Haslett
Kingsford
Linden
Lowell
Madison Heights-Bishop Foley
Norton Shores-Mona Shores
Pinckney
Rockford
Sterling Heights-Utica Ford II
Troy
Utica
Warren-Cousino
Ypsilanti-Lincoln
Ypsilanti-Willow Run

VOLLEYBALL

Ann Arbor-Gabriel Richard
Belleville
Benzonia-Benzie Central
Big Rapids
Birch Run
Birmingham-Seaholm
Bloomingtondale
Bridgeport
Buchanan
Burton-Bendle
Cassopolis-Ross Beatty
Clarkston
Coleman
Crystal Falls-Forest Park
Dearborn Heights-Acad. for Bus. & Tech
Dearborn Heights-Annapolis
Detroit Urban Lutheran
Detroit-Mackenzie
Detroit-Southwestern
Essexville-Garber

Farmington
 Grand Marais-Burt Township
 Grand Rapids-Catholic Central
 Grand Rapids-Gateway
 Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills
 Harris—Bark River-Harris
 Kalamazoo Central
 Lakeview
 Leslie
 Lowell
 Martin
 Milan
 Morrice
 North Muskegon
 Novi
 Oak Park
 Olivet
 Pontiac-Northern
 Rochester-Adams
 Romulus
 Sebewaing-Unionville Sebewaing
 Sterling Heights-Bethesda Christian
 Sterling Heights-Utica Ford II
 Stevensville-Lakeshore
 Taylor-Truman
 Utica
 Watersmeet
 West Bloomfield
 White Lake-Lakeland

WRESTLING

Belleville
 Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day
 Birch Run
 Bloomfield Hills-Lahser
 Brighton
 Burton-Bendle
 Clinton Township-Clintondale
 Edwardsburg
 Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills
 Holland
 Horton—Hanover-Horton
 Iron River-West Iron County
 Jackson-Lumen Christi
 Lansing-Waverly
 Lowell
 Manistee
 Millington
 Morrice
 Olivet
 Pontiac-Northern
 Pontiac-Notre Dame Preparatory
 Pontiac Central
 Rochester Hills-Rochester
 Roscommon
 Rudyard
 Scottville-Mason County Central
 Sebewaing-Unionville Sebewaing
 St. Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic
 Walled Lake Western
 Wayne Memorial
 Whitehall
 Ypsilanti-Willow Run

OFFICIALS REPORTS, 3 OR MORE—Spring 2005

School Name	City	Count
Grosse Ile HS	Grosse Ile	4
Lakeland HS	White Lake	4
Allegan HS	Allegan	3
Howell HS	Howell	3
Lapeer East HS	Lapeer	3
Mason HS	Mason	3
Fulton HS	Middleton	3
Milan HS	Milan	3
Portage Central HS	Portage	3
Adams HS	Rochester	3
St Francis HS	Traverse City	3

2005 COACH EJECTION LISTING — SPRING

City	School	Coach	Sport
Belding	Belding Area HS	Wes Cummings	Softball
Birmingham	Seaholm HS	Mike Thomas	Girls Soccer
Bronson	Bronson HS	Shawn Hendrickson	Softball
Bronson	Bronson HS	Joseph Rider	Baseball
Brownstown	Woodhaven HS	Mike VonLinsowe	Baseball
Cadillac	Cadillac HS	Bob Flewelling	Softball
Center Line	Center Line HS	Jeff Barbieri	Girls Soccer
Coopersville	Coopersville HS	Lisa Bates	Softball
Dearborn	Advanced Tech. Academy	Greg Jorgensen	Softball
Elk Rapids	Elk Rapids HS	Mark Wenger	Girls Soccer
Ewart	Ewart HS	Patrick Craven	Baseball
Farwell	Farwell Area HS	Kevin Agle	Baseball
Flint	Hamady HS	James Dixon	Baseball
Grand Blanc	Grand Blanc HS	Tom Webber	Baseball
Grand Ledge	Grand Ledge HS	Steve Jaksa	Baseball
Grand Rapids	East Grand Rapids HS	Scott Titus	Baseball
Grosse Ile	Grosse Ile HS	John Conflitti	B-Lacrosse
Grosse Pointe	Grosse Pointe South HS	Waref Hawasli	B-Lacrosse
Harrison Township	L'Anse Creuse HS	Ryan Smith	Baseball
Highland	Milford HS	B. Davis	Baseball
Holt	Holt HS	Jerry Anderson	Softball
Jackson	Jackson HS	David Nearpass	Baseball
Jackson	Lumen Christi HS	Mary Papiersky	Softball
Jackson	Lumen Christi HS	Bob Wright	Baseball
Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo Central HS	Cullley DeGroot	Baseball
Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo Central HS	Ryan Mizner	Baseball
Kalamazoo	Loy Norrix HS	Kenneth Kubiak	Softball
Kent City	Kent City HS	Derek Larson	Baseball
Lake Orion	Lake Orion HS	Randy McCoy	Girls Soccer
Lansing	Eastern HS	Gilbert Arcaute	Softball
Lansing	JW Sexton HS	Tim Nault	Baseball
Linden	Lake Fenton HS	Assistant Rohen	Baseball
Livonia	Churchill HS	Dave Hebestreit	Girls Soccer
Madison Heights	Bishop Foley HS	Angelo Gust	Baseball
Mason	Mason HS	Tony Clark	Baseball
Milan	Milan HS	Adam Gilles	Baseball
Monroe	St Mary Catholic Central HS	Jim DeSana	Baseball
Northport	Northport HS	Richard Spears	Baseball
Okemos	Okemos HS	Phil Magsig	Baseball
Onaway	Onaway Area HS	LeeRoy Amyotte	Softball
Ortonville	Brandon HS	Dave Cullen	Baseball
Oscoda	Oscoda HS	George Morse	Girls Soccer
Oxford	Oxford HS	Kurt Nuss	Baseball
Portage	Portage Central HS	Dave Clark	Baseball
Portage	Portage Northern HS	Jim Swinehart	Baseball
Quincy	Quincy HS	Jeff Craig	Baseball
Redford	Detroit Catholic Central HS	Freshman Head Coach	Baseball

City	School	Coach Name	Sport
Redford	Detroit Catholic Central HS	Bob Murray	Baseball
Reed City	Reed City HS	Derek Bookwalter	Baseball
Rochester	Adams HS	Brian Fitzgerald	Girls Soccer
Rochester	Adams HS	Jeff Hall	Baseball
Romeo	Romeo HS	Tom Kesselring	Baseball
South Lyon	South Lyon HS	Andy Schwine	B-Lacrosse
Southgate	Southgate Anderson HS	Chris Timmis	Baseball
St Clair	St Clair HS	Bob Koon	Baseball
Swartz Creek	Swartz Creek HS	Ron Choiniere	Baseball
Traverse City	St Francis HS	Jim Bradfield	Baseball
Traverse City	St Francis HS	Chet Cardy	Baseball
Trenton	Trenton HS	Alex Lesko	Softball
Troy	Troy HS	Henry Steinwascher	Girls Soccer
White Lake	Lakeland HS	James Loisel	Softball
White Lake	Lakeland HS	Greg Ristau	B-Lacrosse
Williamston	Williamston HS	Brad Van Sickler	Baseball
Wyoming	Wyoming Park HS	Conrad	Baseball
Wyoming	Wyoming Park HS	Ron Engels	Baseball
Wyoming	Wyoming Park HS	Tim Weed	Baseball
Ypsilanti	Lincoln HS	Howard Schroeder	Baseball

OFFICIALS REPORTS SUMMARY FOR SPRING 2005

Sport	Concern	Praise	P-Eject	C-Eject	O-Eject	Taunting
Baseball	135	5	84	43	2	2
Boys Lacrosse	25	0	25	4	0	0
Boys Track	1	0	1	0	0	0
Girls Lacrosse	1	0	1	0	0	0
Girls Soccer	50	5	23	8	4	1
Girls Track	1	0	2	0	0	0
Softball	22	8	5	12	0	1

Rpts./Concern	Distribution of Reports	
	No. of Schools	Rpts./Praise
1	137	1
2	30	2
3	10	
4	2	

CODE: P = Player C = Coach O = Other

MHSAA CLASSIFICATION BY SPORT — 2005-06

Reflects cooperative programs and options to play in larger classifications or divisions as of March 29, 2005

Sports Utilizing Traditional Classifications

Traditional Classifications for 2005-06		
<u>Class</u>	<u>Enrollment Range</u>	<u>Maximum No. of Schools</u>
A	1,058 and Above	190
B	496 - 1,057	190
C	251 - 495	191
D	250 and Below	191

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

SPORT		A	B	C	D
BASKETBALL	Girls	184	188	183	163
	Boys	186	187	187	180
BOWLING	Girls	87	77	36	13
	Boys	89	75	37	13
COMPETITIVE CHEER	Girls	66	64	43	3
* FOOTBALL		186	187	171	76
GYMNASTICS		50	10	1	0
SKIING	Girls	45	23	15	2
	Boys	47	23	14	2
VOLLEYBALL		184	186	177	162

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

Sports Utilizing "Equal Divisions"

SPORT	1	2	3	4
BASEBALL	162	162	162	162
CROSS COUNTRY - Girls	138	142	140	136
- Boys	144	144	144	144
GOLF - Girls	89	89	89	--
- Boys	128	130	130	130
ICE HOCKEY	57	57	57	--
LACROSSE - Girls	19	19	--	--
- Boys	30	31	--	--
*SOCCER - Girls	108	108	109	81
- Boys	122	122	122	91

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

SOFTBALL	162	162	160	150
SWIMMING - Girls	112	113	--	--
- Boys	106	107	--	--
TENNIS - Girls	84	84	84	83
- Boys	85	85	85	87
TRACK - Girls	146	152	149	148
- Boys	150	150	150	151
WRESTLING (Team)	117	117	117	118

Upper Peninsula Tournaments

SPORT	Division	No. of Schools	Enrollment Range
*Swimming (Boys & Girls)	1	10G	1,428-379G
		10B	1,428-379B
*Individual Wrestling	1	18	1,358-150
**Cross Country (Boys & Girls)	1	10B 10G	1,358-426
	2	10B 10G	401-286
	3	12B 13G	234-53
**Track & Field (Boys & Girls)	1	11B 11G	1,358-426
	2	12B 12G	424-286
	3	25B 25G	211-25B 250-19G
**Golf (Boys & Girls)	1	10B 11G	1,358-426
	2	9B 11G	424-303
	3	22B 21G	250-70
***Tennis --Girls (Fall)	1	6	1,358-495
	2	7	439-106
--Boys (Spring)	1	6	1,358-495
	2	7	439-106

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

STATUS OF CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

*Schools which have exercised the option to play in a higher class for 2005-06
Traditionally Classified Sports*

City/School	Sport(s)	From Class:	To Class:	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Birmingham-Seaholm	BBB, BSK, GSK	B	A	Winter 2000-01	8/15/05
Livonia-Ladywood	GCC	B	A	Winter 2003-04	8/15/05
New Haven	FB	C	B	Fall 2004	4/15/06
North Branch	VB	B	A	Winter 2005-06	8/15/07
Orchard Lake-St. Mary's Preparatory	BSK, BBB, FB	B	A	Winter 1996-97	8/15/05

IN WRESTLING (Winter)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Algonac	3	2	Winter 99-00	8/15/05
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	2	1	Winter 02-03	8/15/05
Charlotte	2	1	Winter 97-98	8/15/05
East Lansing	2	1	Winter 98-99	8/15/05
Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Winter 99-00	8/15/05
Milan	3	2	Winter 04-05	8/15/06
Saginaw	2	1	Winter 97-98	8/15/05
Shelby	4	3	Winter 05-06	8/15/07

IN GIRLS TENNIS (Fall)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Grosse Ile	4	3	Fall 2002	4/15/06
Midland-H. H. Dow	2	1	Fall 1999	4/15/06
Mt. Clemens	4	3	Fall 2004	4/15/06
Richmond	4	3	Fall 2001	4/15/06
St. Johns	2	1	Fall 1999	4/15/06

IN BOYS TENNIS (Spring)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Beverly Hls.-Det. Country Day	4	3	Spring 1999	10/15/05
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	2	1	Spring 2000	10/15/05
St. Johns	2	1	Spring 2004	10/15/05

IN ICE HOCKEY (Winter)

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

IN GIRLS GOLF (Spring)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Midland-H. H. Dow	2	1	Spring 2003	10/15/05
Mt. Pleasant	2	1	Spring 2005	10/15/06

IN BOYS SWIMMING (Winter)

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

IN BOYS SOCCER (Fall)

From City/School	To Division	Division	Deadline for First Season	Cancellation
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	2	1	Fall 03-04	4/15/06

IN GIRLS SOCCER (Spring)

From City/School	To Division	Division	Deadline for First Season	Cancellation
Madison Heights-Bishop Foley	4	3	Spring 2003	10/15//05

IN SOFTBALL (Spring)

From City/School	To Division	Division	Deadline for First Season	Cancellation
Harper Woods-Regina	2	1	Spring 2005	10/15/06
St. Johns	2	1	Spring 2004	10/15//05

IN BOYS LACROSSE (Spring)

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

IN GIRLS LACROSSE (Spring)

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

*Co-op Program

REQUESTS FOR RULE/REGULATION INTERPRETATIONS/RULINGS

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

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

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

WHOM TO CONTACT AT THE MHSAA

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

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

Legends of the Games	Johnson	Rules	Minter
Legislation .Roberts, Rashid/Johnson/Minter		Softball:	
Litigation . . .Roberts, Rashid/Johnson/Minter		Tournament	Allen/Stokes
Media	Johnson/Frushour	Rules	Allen/Uyl
Mentor	Kaminski/Frushour	Sponsorships	Frushour
Merchandise	Johnson	Sports Participation Survey	Kinder
Officials:		Sportsmanship	Frushour
Directory	Uyl	Good Sports Are Winners! Awards	Hoover
Game Reports	Uyl	Supplies	Kinder
Guidebook	Uyl	Swimming & Diving	Mazzolini/Lohman
Meetings	Uyl/Verellen	Television	Johnson
Ratings	VanDerMoere	Tennis	Mazzolini/Lohman
Registration	VanDerMoere/Verellen	Tickets & Tags	Verellen
Out-Of-State Trave	Mazzolini	Track & Field	Hampton/Lohman
Printing	Kaminski/Minter	Trophies & Medals	Rashid/Lohman
Programs (Tournaments)	Kaminski/Johnson	Update Meetings	Yonkers
Publicity	Johnson/Frushour	Registration	Hoover
Radio	Johnson	Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee	Hampton/Waddell
Broadcast Applications	VanDerMoere	Volleyball	Mazzolini/Stokes
Records (MHSAA/National)	Johnson	Web Site	Kaminski/Bihn/Frushour
Representative Council	Roberts/Yonkers	Weight Monitoring	Uyl/Lohman
Sanctioning	Mazzolini	Women in Sports Leadership Conference	Westdorp
Scholar-Athlete	Frushour	Registration	Hoover
School Directory	Kinder	Wrestling	Uyl/Lohman
Skiing	Mazzolini/Lohman	Weight Monitoring	Uyl/Lohman
Soccer:			
Tournaments	Minter/Hoover		

BACK TO SCHOOL

As the 2005-06 School year gets underway and school administrators, coaches and contest officials begin to fill lesson plans and calendars, be sure to make room for the many educational opportunities offered by the MHSAA.

Athletic Directors — A.D. In-Services, Update Meetings

Coaches – Rules Meetings, Coaches Advancement Programs

Contest Officials – Rules Meetings, Approved Association Meetings

Schedules for all of these programs may be found either in this Bulletin and/or at mhsaa.com

2005-06 ORDER FORM FOR MHSAA MATERIALS

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

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THIS ORDER.

Quantity		Total Cost
	BASEBALL (after Feb. 1)	
_____	Baseball Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
_____	Baseball Umpires Manual (2005 & 2006)	@ \$10.00 _____
_____	Baseball Case Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
	BASKETBALL (after Aug. 1)	
_____	Basketball Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
_____	Basketball Case Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
_____	Basketball Simplified and Illustrated Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
_____	Basketball Officials Manual (2005-07)	@ \$10.00 _____
_____	Basketball Handbook (2004-06).....	@ \$10.00 _____
	COMPETITIVE CHEER (after Sept. 1)	
_____	Competitive Cheer Rules & Regulations Manual (2005-06)	@ \$ 7.00 _____
	FOOTBALL (after Aug. 1)	
_____	Football Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
_____	Football Case Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
_____	Football Simplified and Illustrated Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
_____	Football Officials Manual (2004 & 2005)	@ \$10.00 _____
	GYMNASTICS (after Sept. 1)	
_____	Girls Gymnastic Rules Book & Manual (2004-06)	@ \$12.00 _____
	ICE HOCKEY (after Oct. 1)	
_____	Ice Hockey Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
	LACROSSE (BOYS) (after Feb. 1)	
_____	Lacrosse Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
	LACROSSE (GIRLS) (after Feb. 1)	
_____	Lacrosse Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
	SOCCER (after Aug. 1)	
_____	Soccer Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
	SOFTBALL (after Feb. 1)	
_____	Softball Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
_____	Softball Umpires Manual (2006 & 2007)	@ \$10.00 _____
_____	Softball Case Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
	SWIMMING & DIVING (after Aug. 1)	
_____	Swimming & Diving Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
	TRACK (after Feb. 1)	
_____	Track & Field Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
_____	Track & Field Case Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
_____	Track & Field Manual (2005 & 2006)	@ \$10.00 _____
	VOLLEYBALL (after Oct. 1)	
_____	Volleyball Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
_____	Volleyball Case Book & Manual	@ \$10.00 _____
	WRESTLING (after Oct. 1)	
_____	Wrestling Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
_____	Wrestling Case Book & Manual	@ \$10.00 _____
	OTHER PUBLICATIONS	
_____	Court & Field Diagram Guide	@ \$12.00 _____
_____	NFHS Statisticians' Manual	@ \$ 8.00 _____
_____	2005-06 School Directory	@ \$10.00 _____
_____	2005-06 Officials Directory	@ \$10.00 _____
_____	2005-06 MHSAA HANDBOOK	@ \$10.00 _____
_____	BULLETIN Subscription	@ \$15.00 _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

MAIL TO: (type or print) Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Signature: _____

– Use of this form expires June 1, 2006 –

MHSAA TOURNAMENT BALL ADOPTIONS

The “Official Ball” adoptions for seven MHSAA tournament sports will have some new dimensions beginning with the 2005-06 school year as lengths of agreements have changed in several sports and a new manufacturer has been identified in girls volleyball.

The MHSAA is pleased to announce that Baden Sports is the new “Official Volleyball” of the MHSAA Semifinals and Finals. It’s the first such agreement with the Seattle, Washington based company. A five-year agreement with Baden will begin with the 2005-06 school year and continue through the 2009-2010 school year. The MHSAA will receive an annual cash payment and complimentary Baden LEXUM® volleyballs for use at the Semifinals and Finals. Baden also plans to send each MHSAA member school sponsoring volleyball a complimentary LEXUM® ball in the first year of the agreement.

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

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

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

Boys and girls soccer continues to have Brine as the “Official Ball” of the MHSAA Semifinals and Finals as the current three-year agreement enters its final year in 2005-06 with renewal procedures to take place in June of 2006.

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

Girls & Boys Basketball - Rawlings - New five-year agreement starts with 2005-06 school year, running through 2009-2010, Rawlings COMPMICH and COMPMICH285 used at MHSAA Semifinals and Finals

Baseball – Rawlings - New five-year agreement starts with 2005-06 school year, running through 2009-2010, Rawlings baseballs will be used and provided at all tournament levels.

Softball – Wilson - New five-year agreement starts with 2005-06 school year, running through 2009-2010, Wilson softballs (.47 COR, 375 compression) will be used and provided at all tournament levels.

Volleyball - Baden - New five-year agreement starts with 2005-06 school year, running through 2009-2010, Baden LEXUM® ball will be used at MHSAA Semifinals and Finals

Girls & Boys Soccer – Brine - Current three-year agreement runs through 2005-06 school year, Brine soccer balls will be used at MHSAA Semifinals and Finals.

GIRLS SOCCER TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS SELECTION COMMITTEE

East Lansing, April 27, 2005

Members Present:

Brian Banda, Grayling
Tom Bouma, Grandville
Gary Carlson, Almont
Bob Dowd, Troy
Karey Del Duco, Woodhaven
Ken Fletcher, Kalamazoo
Jamie Gent, Haslett
Colleen Greuter, Kalamazoo
Scott Huckaby, Hudsonville
Rich Kimball, Jackson
Carl Latora, Portage
Sal Malek, Livonia
Al Martus, Goodrich
Keith Miller, Hudsonville

Tom Miller, Midland
Dail Prucka, Monroe
Rick Schmidt, Holt
Meg Seng, Ann Arbor
Brenda Sequin, Hart
Catherine Stevens, Kentwood

Members Absent:

Chris Clark, Grosse Pointe
Sue Heinzman, Canton
Rebecca Herd, Harrison Twp.

Staff Members Present:

Mandi Hoover
Tom Minter (Recorder)

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

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

The committee made 192 assignments to 4 Finals, 8 Semifinal and 48 Regional Games. There were 432 Approved Officials who went to a rules meeting available to be assigned. There are 1,318 registered soccer officials.

District games are assigned by District Managers. ■

Some BIG EVENTS in 2006

- The MHSAA **Women in Sports Leadership Conference** returns to the Lansing Sheraton Hotel, Feb. 12 & 13, 2006. This is the first statewide conference since the 2004 event. Now, the statewide conference occurs one school year, and the MHSAA awards mini-grants the next school year to support more local initiatives which intend to encourage and equip girls and women across the state to pursue vocations and avocations in school sports: coaching, officiating, athletic training, media.

Details will become available soon at mhsaa.com

- The **National Coaching Education Conference** co-sponsored by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education and other organizations will be co-hosted by the MHSAA and the Institute for the Study of Youth Sports at Michigan State University June 15-17, 2006, in East Lansing. This annual event was in Orlando in 2005 and San Antonio in 2004.

Details will be provided in early 2006, but coaches education liaisons of coaches associations and leagues should reserve the dates now.

GIRLS LACROSSE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, May 10, 2005

Members Present:

Pat Hayes, Beverly Hills
Jerry Fouch, East Grand Rapids
Judy Hehs, Bloomfield Hills
Mike Mehall, Farmington Hills
Betsy Kreston, Flint
Greg Michaels, White Lake

Mike Neumann, Grand Rapids
Melinda Saylor, Bloomfield Hills
Rick Schmidt, Holt
Fred Smith, Comstock

Staff Member Present:

Kathy Vruggink Westdorp (Recorder)

PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE

The Girls Lacrosse Committee was established by the Representative Council in May 2004 as a standing sport committee which would initially meet twice annually to develop recommendations to the Representative Council and MHSAA staff regarding the Girls Lacrosse Tournament. The makeup of this committee represents a variety of administrative, coaching and officiating positions and will continue to be instrumental in promoting and transitioning girls lacrosse to MHSAA Tournament status.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY

Combined boys and girls lacrosse meetings were held during the 2003-04 school year with recommendations considered at the Representative Council Meeting in May 2004. This Committee also met in January 2005 and discussed planning for the inaugural year of lacrosse and made tournament recommendations. In addition, a Lacrosse Transition Task Force has been in place for the 2004-05 school year whose primary focus has been on three goals: 1) Assist schools with the enforcement of regular season policies that leagues would normally follow regarding schedules and the assignment of officials; 2) Promote lacrosse within existing local conferences; and 3) Establish new local lacrosse leagues and local officials associations for the 2004-05 school year.

TRANSITION

Committee minutes from the January 27, 2005 Girls Lacrosse Meeting were reviewed and further discussion was given to future transition plans for the 2005-06 school year. It was recommended that for the 2005-06 school year, assistance should be continued

with girls lacrosse schedules. In specific, a meeting will be held at the MHSAA Offices on Friday, October 14, 2005 in an effort to assist with the completion of non-league schedules. Athletic directors and girls lacrosse coaches are invited to this meeting in preparation for the 2006 girls lacrosse season. Prior to this meeting, an effort would be made by all athletic directors whose schools offer girls lacrosse to have a prepared league/conference schedule. Kathy Westdorp will send a letter in June, 2005 to all athletic directors whose schools offer girls lacrosse indicating the meeting date and time of this scheduling meeting. This letter will request the completion of a girls lacrosse league schedule prior to the meeting date.

The committee also reviewed the Lacrosse Participating School Tournament Information and the Tournament Managers Material. Regional pairings for Division 1 and Division 2 were drawn.

2005 GIRLS LACROSSE TOURNAMENT

Thirty-eight teams which represent 52 schools (nine cooperative programs) will participate in the Girls Lacrosse Tournament at Troy Athens HS on Saturday, June 11, 2005. There are 19 teams in Division 1 and 19 teams in Division 2. Additional information regarding the girls lacrosse tournament is found on mhsaa.com.

ASSIGNMENT OF TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

In the first year of this tournament, the committee's function was to assist with the assignment of tournament officials as ratings are not yet available in girls lacrosse. Committee members and all officials and

schools have received an updated list of 63 officials that are registered with the MHSAA. This is an increase in girls lacrosse officials from 26 to 63 over the last three months. Although great progress has been made in terms of the recruitment and registration of girls lacrosse officials, this will continue to be a priority of the committee and the MHSAA. Incentives will again be offered for new officials who register in girls lacrosse and strong cooperation continues with the local officials associations.

The girls lacrosse committee offered input on the selection of officials for regional finals, semi-finals and finals. Official's schedules were perused and officials were selected in the three designated tournaments. Girls lacrosse officials will be notified of their assignment and are expected to contact the MHSAA Office if they are unable to accept an assignment. The recommendation for this year and future years is that three officials are assigned on the field at the Finals game, plus one at the table; two officials are assigned on the field at the Semi-finals games, plus one at the table; and two officials are assigned on the field at any Regional finals game.

It was also specified that although training should be made available to all current and new girls lacrosse officials; it would not be listed as a condition for 2005-06 selection for the MHSAA Tournament. Training sessions will continue to be scheduled through girls lacrosse officials associations and promoted by the MHSAA, and the sessions should include a combination of classroom and on-field training for new officials.

2005-06 TOURNAMENT PLANNING

The girls lacrosse committee offered several suggestions for the 2005-06 school year which focused on future tournament planning. The transition team concept has served the MHSAA well throughout the past year as a sounding board and as a promoter of girls lacrosse. This concept was designated to be in place for one year and the girls lacrosse committee has elected to dissolve the transition team for future years. The girls lacrosse committee will however, continue to meet two times a year to focus on additional recommendations and future MHSAA tournament planning. It was also recommended that the structure of the lacrosse tournament remain intact, but to allow for a variance in the time that girls and boys play within the tournament configuration. In addition, the committee would like to continue with geographic regional assignments in girls lacrosse.

EDUCATION

There was a desire to make certain that the education of new officials and coaches remained a priority in girls lacrosse. Efforts will be made through the girls lacrosse coaches association to provide additional education to all coaches. It was recommended that the MHSAA Coaches Advancement Program be a part of the education of new lacrosse coaches. The schedule of the MHSAA Coaches Advancement Program for 2005-06 can be found on www.mhsaa.com. All efforts will continue to be made to promote MHSAA CAP among the girls lacrosse coaches. ■

And We Quote —

“Show me a person who cannot bother to do little things and I'll show you a person who cannot be trusted to do big things.”

— Lawrence Bell, Aviation Pioneer

BOYS LACROSSE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, May 10, 2005

Members Present:

Rick DeBlasio, East Grand Rapids
Bob Dowd, Troy
Aaron Frank, Birmingham
Mike Jolly, Warren
John Kenney, Beverley Hills
Rich Kimball, Jackson
Tom Mecsey, Bloomfield Hills
Ed Maloney, Ann Arbor
Roger Pattee, Detroit
Jack Provencal, Grand Haven

Members Absent:

Larry Edlund, Portage
Kathy McGhee, Flint

Staff Members Present:

Tom Minter
Tom Rashid (Recorder)

2005 TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

In May of 2004 the Representative Council established the boys lacrosse tournament committee and permitted a three year window to experiment with seeding teams (2005-2007) as has been the practice of lacrosse in previous years. The minutes of the Jan 26, 2005 meeting were reviewed as was the previously approved late season seeding criteria. The Regional alignments for Division 1 Regions 1-4 and Division 2, Regions 5 -8 were seeded based upon the pre determined criteria from No. 1 seed to Nos. 6 -9 seed depending on the number of teams in each region. The pairings will be on mhsaa.com within a few days, are final and not subject to appeal. A conference call was held at 10 am on Monday, May 23 to determine the exact seeding for semi-final pairings which was established after games played prior to May 23, 2005 to provide a more accurate semifinal pairings seeding. In 2005 Semifinal pairings by regional numbers will be as follows: Division 1, Regional 3 vs. 1; 2 vs. 4. In Division 2, Regional 5 vs. 6 and 7 vs. 8

OFFICIALS

In the first year of this tournament, the committee's function was to assist with the assignment of tournament officials as ratings are not yet available in boys lacrosse. Committee members and all officials and schools received an updated list of 60 officials that are approved for the MHSAA tournament. 143 boys lacrosse officials have registered with the MHSAA representing nearly double the number of officials that were active in the sport in the previously.

The committee recommended 16 semifi-

nal officials (4 alternates) and 9 final officials (3 alternates) to the MHSAA staff for the spring 2005 final tournament. Three field officials will be assigned to each semi final and final game as well as an alternate official who will also serve as the Chief Bench Official. The committee directed the MHSAA staff to assign seven officials to each regional manager: 2 officials per game for the regional semi final and 3 officials per game for the regional final. Officials for the first round at the home site will be the responsibility of the home school, which will be the top team and higher seed on the bracket.

The committee reviewed the requirements for MHSAA tournament officials and determined that they should remain intact for 2004-05: MHSAA registration, rules meeting attendance, 3 hours of continuing education and completion of a rules/mechanics test. Recruitment and approved MHSAA training efforts will continue at the same or greater levels in the 2005-06 school year in cooperation with local official associations. The incentive of a waived officials registration fee will not be advanced beyond 2005 in boys lacrosse, but MHSAA approved training will continue to be as inexpensive and accessible as possible and continue with assistance from local officials associations.

2005 TOURNAMENT PLANNING

The committee was given a copy and discussed the Participating School Tournament Information and the Tournament Managers Material that was first sent the committee at the end of March and distributed to schools in April and available on mhsaa.com. On May 23, 2005 the committee made a correc-

tion that a regulation boys lacrosse game should be considered one that consisted of three full quarters of play; rather than two. A game shall be complete and not resumed from the point of play if three quarters have been completed.

The final game schedule was discussed: Girls Division 2 at 11 a.m., Girls Division 1 at 1:30 p.m., Boys Division 2 at 4:30 p.m., Boys Division 1 at 7 p.m. The Boys Coaches Association and Troy Athens Booster Club will host a hospitality room for all MHSAA boys and girls lacrosse coaches and officials at the Final site (non transferable credentials will be sent by the MHSAA to Coaches Association members and MHSAA officials in boys and girls lacrosse). Official ball supplier and corporate sponsorship are being determined by the MHSAA for both boys and girls lacrosse. As in other MHSAA sports, only advance, approved corporate partners will have vendor or exhibit space at MHSAA finals.

TRANSITION

A Lacrosse Transition Task Force has been in place for the 2004-05 school year whose primary focus has been on three areas: 1) Assist schools with the enforcement of regular season policies that leagues would normally follow regarding schedules and the assignment of officials; 2) Promote lacrosse within existing local conferences; and 3) Establish new local lacrosse leagues and local officials associations for the 2004-05 school year. The committee discussed the need for continuation of the efforts to assist with regular season scheduling after the 2004-05 season and determined that sufficient progress has been made as many leagues are sponsoring boys lacrosse in 2004-05: Macomb Area, Oakland Activities, Catholic High School League, Kensington Valley and OK Conference. The committee recommended to discontinue the Transition Task Force. It was recommended that for the 2005-06 school year, assistance should be continued with boys lacrosse non league schedules that will include involvement by both coaches and athletic directors. In specific, an Administrative and Scheduling meeting will be held on Oct. 14, 2005 to assist with the completion of non-league schedules. Athletic directors and boys lacrosse coaches will be invited to this meeting in preparation for the 2006 lacrosse season and leagues encouraged to have their league schedules completed prior to the meet-

ing on October 14, 2005.

2005-06 PLANNING AND POINTS OF EMPHASIS

The schedule and locations of the 2005-06 combined boys and girls lacrosse rules meetings were presented with no changes recommended: Wednesday, Feb 1, 2006, at Seaholm, Thursday, Feb 9, 2006, at DeLaSalle and Thursday, Feb 23, 2006, at the MHSAA in East Lansing.

Special concerns of compliance with the spirit and letter of out of season coaching regulations, particularly coaches assisting or coordinating out of season activities will again be a point of emphasis in 2005-06 with time set aside at the Coaches Association meeting in June 2005 for MHSAA staff to outline specific compliance approaches with out of season coaching and travel limitations.

In as much as the first MHSAA Lacrosse Tournament has not occurred, it was premature to evaluate or suggest changes for the 2005-06 tournament. The committee felt that a January-May meeting schedule was too late for any significant changes for 2005-06 to occur and suggested that the January meeting be moved to the fall; with the May meeting continuing as the seeding meeting, should the same seeding approach occur in 2005-06.

JUNIOR HIGH MIDDLE SCHOOLS

The MHSAA Junior High Middle School Committee has asked selected sport committees including lacrosse to consider if Limitations on Competition as outlined for many sports in Regulation IV, Section 10 should be extended to lacrosse. Currently there is a significant number of non school lacrosse teams at the middle school age level which are somewhat disconnected from MHSAA member schools. Committee member Tom Mecsey of Cranbrook-Kingswood Middle School has been very involved with middle school lacrosse and will be making recommendations to the Lacrosse Committee regarding MHSAA contest maximums in that some direction would help both MHSAA member schools who sponsor middle school lacrosse and serve to set the common standard for other middle school age level play in lacrosse. It was noted that any limitations should be considered with a view toward what is current practice and then advanced to the Junior High Middle School Committee as well after circulation among the Lacrosse Committee this fall. ■

ICE HOCKEY COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, May 25, 2005

Members Present:

Ron Baum, East Kentwood
Pete Mazzoni (MHSFCA)
Dan DiCristofaro, New Baltimore
Brian DeRath, Williamston (MASSP)
Eric Frederico, Gibraltar
Jim Johnson, Troy
Sean Zimmerman, Norton Shores
Morley Fraser, Bay City
Chris Limback, Alpena
Tim Roach, Mattawan
Pete Ryan, Saginaw (MIAAA)

Christian Wilson, Gaylord
Don Wright, Chelsea

Members Absent:

Curt Ellis, Novi
Bruce Horsch, Houghton
Rob Woodward, Lansing
Steve Winn, Flint

Staff Member Present:

Randy Allen (Recorder)

The 2005 Ice Hockey Committee met in the MHSAA office building to review the MHSAA tournament series and select tournament sites, discuss and review correspondence, review playing rules changes, and discuss the status of high school hockey in MHSAA member schools.

After introductions, Randy Allen reviewed the role and responsibility of the committee.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Tournament Procedures: The committee reviewed 2005-06 tournament assignments and host schools. As approved by the Representative Council in 2004, the 2006 tournament will divide each Regional into two separate groups of 3 or 4 schools, (Pre-Regionals), that will conduct a draw and play at a separate rink. The Pre-Regional winners will then meet in the Regional Final. The committee suggested that rinks with Olympic sized ice not be used unless there are no other hosts available. It was determined that a coin flip will be used at tournament games to determine home team and that tournament managers be instructed to create a less partisan atmosphere regarding spectator seating and fan conduct. Using neutral sites for Quarterfinal games was discussed and recommended. The 2005-06 draw conducted for the MHSAA Semifinals will be as follows

Division 1 - QF 2 vs. QF 4, QF 3 vs. QF 1
Division 2 - QF 8 vs. QF 7, QF 5 vs. QF 6
Division 3 - QF 12 vs. QF 11, QF 9 vs. QF 10

Officials Assignments: Officials selection procedures were reviewed for the MHSAA tournament series. The coaches' nominations for Regional hiring will be emphasized to managers, and the coaches nomination process for the MHSAA selection committee will begin earlier in the season. Officials association nominations will continue to be taken into consideration. A hiring criteria will be developed for Regional managers.

Roller Hockey: The MHSAA Limited Team Membership Regulation and Interpretation 136 restricting participation by students on roller hockey teams during the school hockey season was discussed. No motion was made to change or eliminate the restriction.

National Federation Rules: The committee was updated on the roundtable discussions at the National Federation summer meeting of states that play hockey. Meeting minutes and a survey of states on various topics was shared with members. National Federation rules changes for the 2005-06 season were also reviewed.

Seeding: Coaches Association President Pete Mazzoni presented a tournament seeding plan developed by the association. It was recommended criteria be adapted for the MHSAA tournament and utilized in future tournaments.

General: The committee was given updates on junior high contest restrictions, MHSAA three-player regulations discussions, sportsmanship issues, and cooperative team regulations.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Use neutral sites for all 12 Quarterfinal games, pursue college facilities as sites for selected Quarterfinal games (13-0). *
2. Use a coin-flip procedure instead of bracket position to determine home team (last line change) for all tournament games (13-0). *
3. Adopt seeding procedures as presented by coaches association for use in determining pairings for Pre-Regional level only (13-0). *
4. Allow leagues and conferences to use the

National Federation optional 17-minute period for regular season games only. Retain 15 minute period length for all MHSAA tournament games (13-0).

5. Change MHSAA goal differential rule from current 10 goals to 8 goals for all regular season and tournament games (13-0). *
6. Establish equal rotation for all divisions to occupy time schedule for Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Final rounds of tournament (13-0).

* *Recommended for Council action in December 2005, others in 2006*

REVIEWING THE REGULATIONS

COOPERATIVE CONTROVERSIES

One of the very toughest issues of the next nine months is the fate of cooperative programs whose combined enrollments exceed 3,500 students. This involves just 22 coops, just 50 high schools, a good portion of which are making plans to implement change rather than to seek waiver when the policy takes effect on Aug. 1, 2006, to cap cooperative programs at 3,500 students.

Of course, the many schools which compete against these mega-coops have a vested interest in the topic and are grateful for the effort that has been undertaken by the MHSAA Representative Council, because they see an essential principle of high school athletics involved, that of competitive equity – fairness.

Cooperative programs began 18 years ago in pursuit of our mission to increase participation opportunities for students. The focus was on our very smallest schools which lacked the numbers of students to provide anywhere near the same athletic opportunities as larger schools. Cooperative programs were allowed for two or more schools whose combined enrollment did not exceed the maximum of a Class D school.

Soon, cooperative programs were expanded to two or more schools whose combined enrollment did not exceed the maximum for Class C schools. Then cooperative programs were expanded to two or more schools whose combined enrollment did not exceed the maximum for Class B schools. And finally, cooperative programs were

expanded to include two or more schools of any size in sports sponsored by 250 or fewer schools.

First we assisted smaller schools. Then we assisted smaller sports, which is where we now struggle, balancing two important principles of our enterprise: promoting participation and promoting competitive equity.

For a “grandfathered” cooperative program of more than 3,500 students to exist beyond the 2005-06 school year, it must request and receive waiver from the MHSAA Executive Committee by April 15, 2006. To promote smooth internal operations and provide adequate time for schools to complete transition out of cooperative programs that exceed the 3,500-student limit, it is the intent of the Executive Committee to not review any waiver request after its March 22-23, 2006 meeting.

It is likely to be said by those whose cooperative programs must be dissolved that MHSAA policy is hurting kids. Those who say that have forgotten or never known that MHSAA policy **created** the opportunity and is now balancing that important interest against an equally important interest: fairness. If schools seize upon the new policy to make two teams where there was only one, then the new policy achieves both worthy objectives.

Some may disagree with the outcome of their cooperative programs. However, none should doubt that the decisions made are principled ones. ■

MHSAA COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS

In any sport, two or more member high schools whose combined enrollment does not exceed the maximum for Class B may conduct, with the approval of the Executive Committee, a Cooperative Program in the specific sports for which application has been made and approval has been granted.

Two or more member high schools whose combined enrollment does not exceed 3,500 students may conduct, with the approval of the Executive Committee, a Cooperative Program in the following specific sports (sponsored by 250 or fewer schools) for which application has been made and approval has been granted: boys bowling, girls bowling, girls competitive cheer, girls gymnastics, ice hockey, boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse, boys skiing, girls skiing, boys swimming & diving, and girls swimming & diving.

If none of the schools involved in a proposed cooperative agreement sponsored the sport at any level on an interscholastic basis during the previous school year, then the 3,500 maximum enrollment may be waived by the Executive Committee. However, the cooperative agreement may not exist beyond three school years.

A complete list of high school and junior high/middle school cooperative programs as of July 15, 2005 begins below. ■

APPROVED COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS HIGH SCHOOLS

** Exceeds 3,500 students. Approved through the 2005-06 school year only*

Primary School	Partner(s)	Last Approval	Renewal
(C) Adrian-Madison (3) Wrestling	Sand Creek	8/16/2000	5/1/2004
(D) Allen Park-Cabrini (3) Ice Hockey	Melvindale	8/13/2003	5/1/2005
(C) Ann Arbor-Greenhills (2) Boys Swimming	Ann Arbor-Rudolf Steiner School	11/19/1997	5/1/2005
(C) Bath (3) Wrestling	Laingsburg	8/28/2002	5/1/2004
(A) Battle Creek-Central (1) Girls Golf	Battle Creek-Pennfield	10/23/1997	5/1/2005
(A) Battle Creek-Central (1) Boys Swimming	Battle Creek-St Philip Catholic Central	5/5/1996	5/1/2004
(A) Battle Creek-Central (1) Girls Swimming	Battle Creek-St Philip Catholic Central, Battle Creek-Pennfield	5/5/1996	5/1/2004
(D) Battle Creek-St Philip Catholic Central (4) Baseball (4) Boys Golf (4) Boys Soccer (4) Boys Track (4) Boys Cross Country (4) Football (4) Girls Soccer (4) Girls Track (4) Girls Cross Country (4) Softball	Battle Creek-Calhoun Christian School	4/20/2005 4/20/2005 4/20/2005 4/20/2005 4/20/2005 4/20/2005 4/20/2005 4/20/2005 4/20/2005 4/20/2005	5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005
(A) Bay City-Central (1) Ice Hockey	Auburn-Bay City Western	8/13/1996	5/1/2004

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(D) Bear Lake (4) Boys Cross Country (4) Girls Cross Country	Onkama, Manistee-Catholic Central	4/30/1988 4/30/1988	5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(D) Bellaire (4) Baseball (4) Boys Track (4) Girls Track	Alba	11/17/2000 11/17/1998 11/17/1998	5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(D) Bellaire (3) Boys Soccer	Alba, Central Lake	6/10/1998	5/1/2004
(D) Bellaire Boys Skiing Girls Skiing	Central Lake, Mancelona	9/11/1997 9/11/1997	5/1/2005 5/1/2005
(B) Benzonia-Benzie Central Boys Skiing Girls Skiing	Frankfort	9/8/2004 9/8/2004	5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(A) Beverly Hills-Wylie E Groves Gymnastics (1) Ice Hockey	Birmingham-Seaholm	8/28/2002 6/10/1992	5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(A) Birmingham-Seaholm (1) Boys Lacrosse (1) Girls Lacrosse	Beverly Hills-Wylie E Groves	11/10/2004 11/10/2004	5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(B) Bloomfield Hills-Andover (1) Boys Lacrosse	Bloomfield Hills-Lahser	6/9/2004	5/1/2004
(A) Bloomfield Hills-Lahser (1) Girls Lacrosse (1) Ice Hockey	Bloomfield Hills-Andover	6/9/2004 8/18/1999	5/1/2004 5/1/2005
(C) Brethren (4) Boys Golf	Bear Lake	5/5/1996	5/1/2004
(C) Bridgman (1) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Swimming	Three Oaks-River Valley, St Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic, Stevensville-Lakeshore, Niles, Buchanan	4/15/1993 4/15/1993	5/1/2005 5/1/2005
(A) Brighton Gymnastics *	Howell, Pinckney	9/15/1999	5/1/2005
(D) Britton-Macon (4) Baseball (4) Boys Golf (4) Boys Track (4) Boys Cross Country (3) Football (4) Girls Track (4) Girls Cross Country (4) Softball	Deerfield	10/13/1994 2/25/1999 4/15/1993 4/17/2002 4/15/1993 4/15/1993 4/17/2002 10/13/1994	5/1/2004 5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2004 5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(D) Burton-Valley Christian Academy (4) Baseball	Flint-Michigan School For The Deaf	12/31/2000	5/1/2004
(B) Byron Center (1) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Swimming	Grand Rapids-South Christian, Caledonia	5/19/2000 5/19/2000	5/1/2004 5/1/2004

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(B) Caro (2) Boys Swimming (2) Girls Swimming	Cass City	3/17/2005 3/17/2005	5/1/2005 5/1/2005
(D) Caseville (4) Boys Soccer (4) Boys Track (4) Girls Track	Owendale-Gagetown	4/16/2003 10/22/2003 10/22/2003	5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005
(B) Cass City Gymnastics	Caro	8/29/2001	5/1/2005
(D) Cedarville (4) Football	DeTour	4/20/2005	5/1/2005
(D) Central Lake (4) Boys Track (3) Football (4) Girls Track	Ellsworth Community	1/15/1997 5/8/1991 1/15/1997	5/1/2004 5/1/2005 5/1/2004
(C) Charlevoix Boys Skiing	East Jordan	10/9/2002	5/1/2004
(D) Chassell Volleyball	Painesdale-Jeffers	9/10/1998	5/1/2004
(A) Commerce-Walled Lake Northern (1) Boys Lacrosse	Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Western	9/8/2004	5/1/2004
(D) Cooks-Big Bay de Noc (4) Boys Soccer	Rapid River	4/21/2004	5/1/2004
(A) Dearborn-Edsel Ford (1) Boys Swimming *	Dearborn-Fordson	8/12/1997	5/1/2005
(A) Dearborn-Edsel Ford Gymnastics	Dearborn	6/6/1995	5/1/2005
(A) Dearborn-Edsel Ford (1) Ice Hockey *	Dearborn, Dearborn-Fordson	5/1/2000	5/1/2004
(C) Detroit-Frederick Douglass (3) Football	Detroit City	4/20/2005	5/1/2005
(B) DeWitt (1) Ice Hockey	St Johns	8/3/2001	5/1/2005
(C) East Jordan Girls Skiing	Charlevoix	10/9/2002	5/1/2004
(B) Eaton Rapids (1) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Swimming	Charlotte	4/20/2005 4/20/2005	5/1/2005 5/1/2005
(C) Ecorse (3) Football	Detroit-Charlotte Forten Academy	6/9/2004	5/1/2004
(D) Engadine (4) Football	Paradise-Whitefish Township	4/15/1997	5/1/2005
(A) Escanaba (2) Ice Hockey	Gladstone, Bark River-Harris	6/10/1992	5/1/2004
(B) Essexville-Garber (1) Ice Hockey	Bay City-All Saints Central, Bay City-John Glenn, Pinconning Area	8/28/2002	5/1/2004
(B) Essexville-Garber Boys Skiing Girls Skiing	Auburn-Bay City Western, Freeland	8/13/2003 8/13/2003	5/1/2005 5/1/2005

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(A) Fair Haven-Anchor Bay (1) Girls Swimming	Algonac	4/21/2004	5/1/2004
(A) Farmington (1) Boys Bowling (1) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Bowling	Farmington Hills-Harrison	9/8/2004 8/18/1999 9/8/2004	5/1/2004 5/1/2005 5/1/2004
(A) Farmington Gymnastics *	Farmington Hills-North Farmington, Farmington Hills-Harrison	3/30/1992	5/1/2004
(A) Farmington Hills-Harrison (1) Boys Lacrosse (1) Girls Golf * (1) Ice Hockey *	Farmington, Farmington Hills-North Farmington	9/8/2004 5/1/2002 6/10/1998	5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(A) Farmington Hills-North Farmington (1) Girls Lacrosse	Farmington, Farmington Hills-Harrison	9/8/2004	5/1/2004
(C) Flat Rock (3) Wrestling	Wyandotte-Mt Carmel	10/21/2004	5/1/2004
(C) Flint-Beecher (2) Wrestling	Flint-Hamady	9/17/2002	5/1/2004
(A) Flint-Kearsley (1) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Swimming	Davison	4/30/1994 4/30/1994	5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(D) Flint-Michigan School For The Deaf (4) Boys Track	Burton-Valley Christian Academy	12/5/2002	5/1/2004
(D) Flint-The Valley School (4) Girls Soccer	Flint-Michigan School For The Deaf	9/29/2003	5/1/2005
(D) Frankfort (4) Wrestling	Onkama, Bear Lake	8/28/2002	5/1/2004
(D) Fremont-Providence Christian (3) Boys Soccer	White Cloud	5/25/2005	5/1/2005
(B) Gladwin (1) Ice Hockey	West Branch-Ogemaw Heights, Beaverton, Harrison Community	8/29/2001	5/1/2005
(A) Grand Ledge (1) Ice Hockey	Lansing-Waverly	6/6/1995	5/1/2005
(A) Grand Rapids-Central (1) Girls Swimming (1) Ice Hockey	Grand Rapids-Creston	4/21/2004 8/3/2001	5/1/2004 5/1/2005
(A) Grand Rapids-Creston (1) Boys Swimming	Grand Rapids-Central	8/16/2000	5/1/2004
(A) Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Central (1) Boys Lacrosse	Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern, Ada-Forest Hills Eastern	11/10/2004	5/1/2004
(A) Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern (1) Girls Swimming (2) Ice Hockey	Ada-Forest Hills Eastern	4/21/2004 4/21/2004	5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(A) Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern (1) Boys Swimming Competitive Cheer Gymnastics	Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Central, Ada-Forest Hills Eastern	6/18/2003 6/9/1999 9/11/2003	5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005

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(A) Grand Rapids-Kenowa Hills Gymnastics	Grandville	8/16/2000	5/1/2004
(A) Grand Rapids-Northview (2) Ice Hockey	Comstock Park	4/18/2001	5/1/2005
(A) Grand Rapids-Union (1) Ice Hockey	Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills	10/9/2002	5/1/2004
(B) Grand Rapids-West Catholic Gymnastics *	Grand Rapids-Catholic Central, Caledonia, East Grand Rapids	5/7/1992	5/1/2005
(A) Grandville (1) Ice Hockey	Grandville-Calvin Christian	4/15/1993	5/1/2005
(A) Grandville (1) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Swimming	Grand Rapids-Kenowa Hills	8/16/2000 5/6/2000	5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(C) Hancock (3) Football	Chassell	4/30/1994	5/1/2004
(C) Hanover-Horton (2) Wrestling	Jackson-Vandercook Lake	5/5/2000	5/1/2004
(C) Harbor Beach Community (3) Football	Port Hope Community	4/16/2003	5/1/2005
(C) Harbor Springs (2) Football	Alanson-Littlefield	5/7/1992	5/1/2005
(B) Harper Woods-Notre Dame (2) Boys Swimming	Harper Woods	12/31/1999	5/1/2004
(C) Hart (3) Football	Walkerville	4/16/2003	5/1/2005
(A) Hartland (1) Boys Lacrosse (1) Girls Lacrosse	Linden-Lake Fenton	10/21/2004 10/21/2004	5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(A) Hartland Gymnastics *	Highland-Milford, White Lake-Lakeland	6/10/1992	5/1/2004
(A) Hartland (1) Boys Swimming *	Howell, Fowlerville	5/1/2004	5/1/2004
(B) Haslett (2) Ice Hockey	Williamston	8/16/2000	5/1/2004
(D) Hillsdale Academy (4) Boys Soccer	Hillsdale-Will Carleton Academy	8/29/2001	5/1/2005
(C) Houghton Girls Skiing	Hancock	9/8/2004	5/1/2004
(C) Houghton (2) Boys Swimming (2) Girls Swimming	Calumet, Hancock	5/6/1995 5/6/1995	5/1/2005 5/1/2005
(C) Houghton Boys Skiing	Hancock, Painesdale-Jeffers, Chassell	9/8/2004	5/1/2004
(A) Howell (1) Girls Swimming	Fowlerville	3/22/2001	5/1/2005
(A) Hudsonville (1) Ice Hockey	Allendale, Hudsonville-Unity Christian	9/29/2003	5/1/2005

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(B) Hudsonville-Unity Christian (2) Boys Swimming	Grandville-Calvin Christian	6/15/2005	5/1/2005
(C) Iron River-West Iron County (3) Wrestling	Crystal Falls-Forest Park	6/10/1998	5/1/2004
(C) Ironwood-Luther L Wright (3) Girls Soccer	Wakefield-Marenisco	10/22/2003	5/1/2005
(C) Ishpeming (3) Wrestling	Ishpeming-Westwood	8/20/2004	5/1/2004
(C) Ishpeming (2) Boys Bowling (2) Boys Swimming (2) Girls Bowling (2) Girls Swimming	Negaunee	8/20/2004 6/10/1992 8/20/2004 6/10/1992	5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(C) Ishpeming (2) Boys Golf (2) Boys Tennis (2) Boys Track (3) Football (2) Girls Golf (2) Girls Track	Republic-Michigamme	10/21/2004 10/22/2003 10/21/2004 6/10/1992 10/21/2004 10/21/2004	5/1/2004 5/1/2005 5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(A) Jackson Gymnastics	Grass Lake	4/30/1994	5/1/2004
(A) Jackson (1) Boys Swimming * (1) Girls Swimming *	Jackson-Northwest, Jackson-Lumen Christi, Napoleon	 4/30/1994 4/30/1994	 5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(A) Kalamazoo Central (1) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Swimming	Parchment, Kalamazoo-Comstock	6/6/1996 6/6/1996	5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(A) Kalamazoo-Loy Norrix (1) Ice Hockey	Kalamazoo Central, Kalamazoo-Hackett	8/18/1999	5/1/2005
(B) Kingsford (1) Boys Cross Country (1) Girls Cross Country	Iron Mountain	6/10/1998 6/10/1998	5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(B) Kingsford (2) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Swimming	Iron Mountain, Norway	9/17/2002 9/17/2002	5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(B) Kingsford (1) Ice Hockey	Norway, Iron Mountain, Felch-North Dickinson	4/11/1996	5/1/2004
(D) Kinross-Maplewood Baptist Academy (4) Wrestling	Pickford	9/27/2004	5/1/2004
(C) Laingsburg (3) Boys Soccer (3) Girls Soccer	Bath	6/9/2004 6/9/2004	5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(D) L'Anse (3) Ice Hockey	Baraga Area	3/21/1991	5/1/2005
(B) Lansing-Catholic Central (3) Ice Hockey	Lansing Christian	9/13/2000	5/1/2005
(A) Lansing-Eastern Gymnastics	Lansing-JW Sexton	5/5/1996	5/1/2004

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(D) Lansing-New Covenant Christian (4) Boys Soccer	Holt-Central Lutheran	4/20/2005	5/1/2005
(B) Lansing-Waverly (1) Boys Swimming (2) Girls Lacrosse (1) Girls Swimming	Lansing-Catholic Central	4/15/1998 10/21/2004 4/15/1998	5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(B) Lansing-Waverly (1) Boys Lacrosse	Grand Ledge, Lansing-Catholic Central, Olivet,	10/21/2004	5/1/2004
(A) Lapeer East (1) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Swimming	Lapeer West	8/12/1997 6/9/1999	5/1/2005 5/1/2005
(A) Lathrup Village-Southfield-Lathrup (1) Girls Soccer (1) Girls Swimming	Southfield	8/13/1992 8/13/1992	5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(D) Leland (4) Boys Soccer Volleyball	Lake Leelanau-St Mary	4/30/1988 4/30/1988	5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(D) Leland (4) Boys Golf	Northport	4/21/2004	5/1/2004
(A) Livonia-Churchill Gymnastics *	Livonia-Franklin, Livonia-Adlai E Stevenson	9/13/2000	5/1/2004
(B) Livonia-Ladywood Girls Skiing	Bloomfield Hills-Academy Of The Sacred Heart	8/16/2000	5/1/2004
(A) Lowell (1) Ice Hockey	Caledonia	8/16/2000	5/1/2004
(B) Manistee Boys Skiing Girls Skiing (3) Wrestling	Manistee-Catholic Central	5/5/1996 5/5/1996 9/13/2000	5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(D) Manistee-Catholic Central (4) Football	Freesoil	5/8/1991	5/1/2005
(C) Maple City-Glen Lake (3) Football	Leland	4/20/2005	5/1/2005
(C) Maple City-Glen Lake Boys Skiing Girls Skiing	Leland, Suttons Bay, Lake Leelanau-St Mary	4/30/1994 4/30/1994	5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(A) Mattawan (1) Girls Lacrosse	Kalamazoo Christian, Portage Central	10/21/2004	5/1/2004
(A) Mattawan (1) Boys Swimming	Kalamazoo-Hackett Catholic Central	9/13/2000	5/1/2004
(A) Mattawan (1) Boys Lacrosse	Kalamazoo-Hackett Catholic Central, Richland-Gull Lake	10/21/2004	5/1/2004
(D) Middleton-Fulton (4) Wrestling	Fowler	6/5/2002	5/1/2004
(B) Middleville-Thornapple Kellogg (1) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Swimming	Hastings	6/9/2004 6/9/2004	5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(A) Midland Gymnastics	Midland-HH Dow	8/28/2002	5/1/2004

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(C) Munising (3) Football	Eben Junction-Superior Central	4/20/2005	5/1/2005
(A) Muskegon (1) Boys Swimming * (1) Girls Swimming *	Muskegon-Reeths-Puffer, Norton Shores-Mona Shores	4/18/2001 4/18/2001	5/1/2005 5/1/2005
(C) Muskegon Catholic Central (3) Ice Hockey	Spring Lake	6/18/2003	5/1/2005
(D) Muskegon-Western Michigan Christian (3) Boys Track (3) Girls Track	Muskegon Catholic Central	11/6/2002 11/6/2002	5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(C) Napoleon Gymnastics	Manchester, Brooklyn-Columbia Central	6/6/1996	5/1/2004
(C) Negaunee Gymnastics	Ishpeming	8/12/1998	5/1/2004
(C) Negaunee (1) Ice Hockey	Ishpeming, Ishpeming-Westwood, Gwinn, Republic-Michigamme	8/12/1998	5/1/2004
(C) North Muskegon (2) Football	Muskegon-Western Michigan Christian	4/15/1998	5/1/2004
(A) Northville Gymnastics *	Novi	6/7/1994	5/1/2004
(A) Norton Shores-Mona Shores Gymnastics	Muskegon-Reeths-Puffer	8/18/1999	5/1/2005
(D) Onekama (4) Boys Track (3) Football (4) Girls Track	Bear Lake	4/30/1988 4/30/1988 4/30/1988	5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(D) Onekama Boys Skiing Girls Skiing	Bear Lake, Brethren	4/30/1988 4/30/1988	5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(A) Ortonville-Brandon Boys Skiing Girls Skiing	Oxford	8/28/2002 8/28/2002	5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(D) Owendale-Gagetown (4) Football	Caseville	4/17/2002	5/1/2004
(D) Painesdale-Jeffers (2) Boys Swimming (2) Girls Swimming	Chassell, Ironwood-Luther L Wright	4/30/1988 4/30/1988	5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(D) Painesdale-Jeffers (3) Ice Hockey	Chassell, Ontonagon Area, Dollar Bay, Lake Linden-Hubbell	4/30/1994	5/1/2004
(B) Parma-Western Gymnastics	Concord, Springport	4/30/1994	5/1/2004
(D) Pellston (3) Football	Mackinaw City	4/15/1993	5/1/2005
(D) Pentwater (4) Boys Golf (4) Boys Cross Country (4) Girls Cross Country	Walkerville	4/20/2005 4/20/2005 4/20/2005	5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005

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(D) Pickford (4) Baseball	Cedarville	10/21/2004	5/1/2004
(D) Pickford (4) Football	Kinross-Maplewood Baptist Academy	8/13/2003	5/1/2005
(A) Port Huron Northern (1) Girls Swimming	Port Huron	6/5/2002	5/1/2004
(A) Portage Northern Gymnastics	Portage Central	9/15/1993	5/1/2005
(D) Powers-North Central (4) Football	Carney-Nadeau	6/10/1998	5/1/2004
(D) Rapid River (3) Boys Cross Country (4) Football	Cooks-Big Bay de Noc	4/21/2004 4/21/2004	5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(A) Redford Union (1) Ice Hockey	Redford-Thurston	10/14/1998	5/1/2004
(A) Rochester Hills-Rochester Boys Skiing (1) Boys Swimming Girls Skiing	Rochester Hills-Stoney Creek	8/9/2002 8/9/2002 8/9/2002	5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(A) Rochester Hills-Rochester (1) Girls Lacrosse	Rochester-Adams, Rochester Hills-Stoney Creek	11/10/2004	5/1/2004
(A) Rochester-Adams Boys Skiing (1) Boys Swimming Girls Skiing Gymnastics	Rochester Hills-Stoney Creek	8/9/2002 8/9/2002 8/9/2002 8/9/2002	5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(A) Rochester-Adams (1) Ice Hockey	Rochester Hills-Rochester	4/30/2005	5/1/2005
(A) Rochester-Adams (1) Boys Lacrosse	Rochester Hills-Rochester, Rochester Hills-Stoney Creek	11/10/2004	5/1/2004
(B) Royal Oak-Dondero (1) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Swimming Gymnastics	Royal Oak-Kimball	6/11/1997 4/21/2004 9/12/2001	5/1/2005 5/1/2004 5/1/2005
(A) Royal Oak-Kimball (1) Boys Lacrosse Competitive Cheer (1) Girls Golf (1) Ice Hockey	Royal Oak-Dondero	11/10/2004 8/4/2004 11/7/2001 4/30/1994	5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2005 5/1/2004
(C) Royal Oak-Shrine Catholic (2) Girls Swimming	West Bloomfield-Jewish Acad of Met Detroit	4/21/2004	5/1/2004
(C) Rudyard (2) Boys Swimming (2) Girls Swimming	St Ignace-La Salle	8/28/2002 8/28/2002	5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(A) Saginaw-Arthur Hill (1) Girls Swimming	Saginaw Arts & Sciences Academy	6/5/2002	5/1/2004
(C) Saginaw-Valley Lutheran (3) Football	Saginaw Arts & Sciences Academy	6/18/2003	5/1/2005

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(A) Salem (1) Boys Lacrosse	Canton, Plymouth	10/21/2004	5/1/2004
(A) Shelby Township-Utica Eisenhower (1) Boys Lacrosse	Sterling Heights-Utica Ford II, Sterling Heights-Utica Stevenson, Utica	11/10/2004	5/1/2004
(A) Southfield (1) Boys Swimming	Lathrup Village-Southfield-Lathrup	8/13/1992	5/1/2004
(A) St Clair Shores-Lakeview (1) Ice Hockey	St Clair Shores-Lake Shore, St Clair Shores-South Lake	2/19/2003	5/1/2005
(C) St Ignace-La Salle (2) Boys Golf	Mackinaw City	4/22/1999	5/1/2005
(C) St Ignace-La Salle (4) Baseball	Mackinac Island	11/11/1996	5/1/2004
(D) St Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic (4) Football	Benton Harbor-Countryside Academy	4/20/2005	5/1/2005
(D) Sterling Heights-Bethesda Christian (4) Boys Soccer	Warren-Zoe Christian Schools	4/20/2005	5/1/2005
(C) Suttons Bay (3) Boys Track (3) Football (3) Girls Track	Lake Leelanau-St Mary	5/7/1992 5/7/1992 5/7/1992	5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(C) Suttons Bay (3) Girls Soccer	Lake Leelanau-St Mary, Leland, Northport	10/23/1997	5/1/2005
(A) Swartz Creek (1) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Swimming	Flushing	5/3/1997 5/3/1997	5/1/2005 5/1/2005
(A) Taylor-John F Kennedy (1) Boys Swimming	Taylor-Truman	5/1/2004	5/1/2004
(A) Taylor-Truman (1) Girls Swimming	Taylor-John F Kennedy	3/14/1996	5/1/2004
(A) Traverse City West (1) Boys Swimming * (1) Girls Swimming *	Traverse City-St Francis, Traverse City Central	5/1/1999 8/21/2000	5/1/2005 5/1/2004
(C) Traverse City-St Francis Boys Skiing Girls Skiing (4) Girls Soccer	Traverse City Christian School	9/15/1999 9/15/1999 11/6/2002	5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2004
(C) Traverse City-St Francis (1) Ice Hockey	Kalkaska, Elk Rapids, Suttons Bay	8/16/2000	5/1/2004
(A) Troy (1) Ice Hockey *	Troy-Athens	8/12/1997	5/1/2005
(C) Vassar Gymnastics	Millington	4/30/1994	5/1/2004
(D) Wakefield-Marenisco (3) Boys Track (4) Football (3) Girls Track	Watersmeet	6/10/1998 4/30/1988 6/10/1998	5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004

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(A) Walled Lake Central Gymnastics *	Walled Lake Western, Commerce-Walled Lake Northern	6/10/1992	5/1/2004
(A) Warren-Cousino (1) Ice Hockey *	Warren Mott, Sterling Heights	6/18/2003	5/1/2005
(D) Warren-Zoe Christian Schools (4) Football	Sterling Heights-Bethesda Christian	4/20/2005	5/1/2005
(A) Waterford Kettering (1) Boys Lacrosse Boys Skiing (1) Girls Lacrosse Girls Skiing	Waterford Mott	10/21/2004 9/13/2000 10/21/2004 9/13/2000	5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(A) Wayland Union (1) Ice Hockey	Byron Center, Hopkins, Middleville-Thornapple Kellogg	9/13/2000	5/1/2004
(A) Westland-John Glenn Gymnastics *	Wayne Memorial	9/11/1997	5/1/2005
(A) White Lake-Lakeland (1) Boys Lacrosse (1) Girls Lacrosse	Highland-Milford	4/21/2004 4/21/2004	5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(B) Wyoming-Godwin Heights (1) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Swimming	Wyoming-Kelloggsville, Wyoming-Rogers, Wyoming Park	5/1/2004 4/15/1998	5/1/2004 5/1/2004
(B) Ypsilanti-Willow Run (1) Ice Hockey	Belleville	8/4/2004	5/1/2004
(B) Zeeland East (1) Boys Bowling (1) Boys Swimming (1) Girls Bowling (1) Girls Swimming	Zeeland West	5/4/2005 5/4/2005 5/4/2005 5/4/2005	5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005

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Adrian-Madison MS Wrestling	Sand Creek JHS	8/16/2000	5/1/2004
Bear Lake MS Boys Cross Country Girls Cross Country	Onekama MS, Manistee-Catholic Central JHS	2/23/1994 2/23/1994	5/1/2004 5/1/2004
Brighton-Maltby JHS Boys Swimming Boys Cross Country Girls Swimming Girls Cross Country	Brighton-Scranton MS	8/15/1990 8/15/1990 8/15/1990 8/15/1990	5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004
Bronson JHS Boys Basketball Boys Track Football Girls Basketball	Bronson-St Mary's Assumption School	9/8/2004 3/14/1996 8/10/1994 9/15/1999	5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2005

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Girls Track		3/14/1996	5/1/2004
Volleyball		9/15/1999	5/1/2005
Wrestling		8/10/1994	5/1/2004
Caledonia-Kraft Meadows Middle	Caledonia-Duncan Lake MS		
Boys Track		6/9/2004	5/1/2004
Boys Cross Country		6/9/2004	5/1/2004
Girls Track		6/9/2004	5/1/2004
Girls Cross Country		6/9/2004	5/1/2004
Wrestling		6/9/2004	5/1/2004
Centreville JHS	Sturgis-Nottawa Community School		
Boys Basketball		8/13/1992	5/1/2004
Boys Track		8/13/1992	5/1/2004
Football		8/13/1992	5/1/2004
Girls Basketball		8/13/1992	5/1/2004
Girls Track		8/13/1992	5/1/2004
Volleyball		8/13/1992	5/1/2004
Eaton Rapids MS	Eaton Rapids-Island City Academy		
Boys Basketball		9/27/2004	5/1/2004
Boys Soccer		9/27/2004	5/1/2004
Boys Track		9/27/2004	5/1/2004
Girls Basketball		9/27/2004	5/1/2004
Girls Soccer		9/27/2004	5/1/2004
Girls Track		9/27/2004	5/1/2004
Ellsworth JHS	Central Lake JHS		
Boys Track		9/10/1998	5/1/2004
Girls Track		9/10/1998	5/1/2004
Flint-Armstrong MS	Davison MS		
Boys Swimming		8/16/1995	5/1/2005
Girls Swimming		8/16/1995	5/1/2005
Fowler-Waldron MS	Fowler-Most Holy Trinity JHS		
Boys Basketball		8/14/1991	5/1/2005
Boys Track		1/22/2003	5/1/2005
Girls Basketball		8/14/1991	5/1/2005
Girls Track		1/22/2003	5/1/2005
Grand Haven-White Pines MS	Grand Haven-St Johns Lutheran JHS		
Boys Soccer		1/18/1991	5/1/2005
Boys Swimming		1/18/1991	5/1/2005
Boys Tennis		1/18/1991	5/1/2005
Boys Track		1/18/1991	5/1/2005
Football		1/18/1991	5/1/2005
Girls Soccer		1/18/1991	5/1/2005
Girls Swimming		1/18/1991	5/1/2005
Girls Tennis		1/18/1991	5/1/2005
Girls Track		1/18/1991	5/1/2005
Softball		1/18/1991	5/1/2005
Volleyball		1/18/1991	5/1/2005
Wrestling		1/18/1991	5/1/2005
Grand Ledge-Beagle MS	Grand Ledge-Hayes MS		
Boys Track		9/27/2004	5/1/2004
Boys Cross Country		9/27/2004	5/1/2004
Girls Track		9/27/2004	5/1/2004
Girls Cross Country		9/27/2004	5/1/2004
Wrestling		9/27/2004	5/1/2004
Gwinn MS	Arnold-Wells Township School		
Boys Basketball		8/13/1992	5/1/2004
Boys Track		8/13/1992	5/1/2004
Girls Basketball		8/13/1992	5/1/2004
Girls Track		8/13/1992	5/1/2004
Hancock MS	Chassell Township Schools		
Football		8/16/2000	5/1/2004

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Harbor Beach-Our Lady Of Lake Huron Boys Basketball Girls Basketball	Harbor Beach-Zion Lutheran School	8/13/1992 8/13/1992	5/1/2004 5/1/2004
Highland Park-Liberty MS Baseball Boys Basketball Boys Track Football Girls Basketball Girls Track Softball Volleyball Wrestling	Highland Park-Barber Focus School, Highland Park-Henry Ford MS	8/13/2003 8/13/2003 8/13/2003 8/13/2003 8/13/2003 8/13/2003 8/13/2003 8/13/2003 8/13/2003	5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005
Holland Christian MS Boys Swimming Boys Cross Country Football Girls Swimming Girls Cross Country	Zeeland Christian MS	1/22/2003 8/13/2003 8/13/2003 8/13/2003 8/13/2003 8/13/2003	5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005
Holland Christian MS Boys Swimming	Holland-Calvary Baptist JHS	1/22/2003	5/1/2005
Holland East MS Boys Track Girls Track	Holland West MS	5/3/1997 5/3/1997	5/1/2005 5/1/2005
Holland West MS Boys Swimming Girls Swimming Wrestling	Holland East MS	9/16/1992 9/16/1992 9/16/1992	5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004
Leland MS Boys Soccer Volleyball	Lake Leelanau-St Mary JHS	9/13/2000 12/2/1998	5/1/2004 5/1/2004
Manistee MS Wrestling	Manistee-Catholic Central JHS	9/13/2000	5/1/2004
Manistee-Catholic Central JHS Boys Basketball Girls Basketball	Manistee-Trinity Lutheran JHS	8/15/1990 4/30/1996	5/1/2004 5/1/2004
Manistee-Catholic Central JHS Football	Free Soil JHS, Manistee-Trinity Lutheran JHS	8/13/1992	5/1/2004
Maple City-Glen Lake MS Football	Leland MS	4/20/2005	5/1/2005
Mesick MS Boys Track Girls Track	Buckley	12/31/1999 12/31/1999	5/1/2005 5/1/2005
Muskegon-Bunker MS Boys Swimming Girls Swimming	Norton Shores-Mona Shores MS, Muskegon- Steele MS, Muskegon-Reeths-Puffer MS	6/6/2001 6/6/2001	5/1/2005 5/1/2005
New Boston-Renton JHS Boys Swimming Boys Track Football Girls Basketball Girls Swimming Girls Track Volleyball Wrestling	New Boston-St Stephen JHS	9/16/1992 9/16/1992 9/16/1992 9/16/1992 9/16/1992 9/16/1992 9/16/1992 9/16/1992	5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004

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Norway-Vulcan MS Boys Basketball Boys Track Girls Basketball Girls Track	Norway-Holy Spirit Central School	12/5/2002 12/5/2002 12/5/2002 12/5/2002	5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004
Oak Park-Norup School Football	Berkley-Anderson MS	4/20/2005	5/1/2005
Okemos-Chippewa MS Boys Track Boys Cross Country Girls Track Girls Cross Country	Okemos-Kinawa MS	11/17/1999 11/17/1999 11/17/1999 11/17/1999	5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005
Okemos-Kinawa MS Wrestling	Okemos-Chippewa MS	11/17/1999	5/1/2005
Onekama MS Boys Track Girls Track	Bear Lake MS	2/23/1994 2/23/1994	5/1/2004 5/1/2004
Painesdale-Jeffers JHS Boys Basketball	Atlantic Mine-EB Holman School	12/31/1999	5/1/2005
Pellston MS Football	Mackinaw City JHS	6/9/1999	5/1/2005
Pentwater MS Boys Cross Country Girls Cross Country	Walkerville JHS	4/20/2005 4/20/2005	5/1/2005 5/1/2005
Petoskey MS Boys Track Football Girls Basketball Girls Track Volleyball Wrestling	Petoskey-St Francis Xavier JHS	9/11/1991 9/11/1991 5/6/1995 9/11/1991 9/11/1991 9/11/1991	5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005
Roseville JHS Football Wrestling	Roseville-Eastland JHS	3/30/1992 3/30/1992	5/1/2004 5/1/2004
Royal Oak-Addams MS Wrestling	Royal Oak-Keller MS	9/13/2000	5/1/2004
Saginaw-North MS Football	Saginaw Arts & Sciences Academy	6/9/1999	5/1/2005
South Haven-Baseline MS Boys Basketball Boys Track Football Girls Basketball Girls Track Volleyball Wrestling	South Haven-St Basil Catholic MS, South Haven-St Paul Lutheran MS	10/14/1998 10/14/1998 10/14/1998 10/14/1998 10/14/1998 10/14/1998 10/14/1998	5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004 5/1/2004
Spring Lake MS Boys Swimming Boys Track Football Girls Swimming Girls Track Volleyball Wrestling	Spring Lake-St Mary's Catholic School	8/11/1993 8/11/1993 8/11/1993 8/11/1993 8/11/1993 8/11/1993 8/11/1993	5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005 5/1/2005
St Ignace MS Boys Basketball Boys Track	St Ignace-Gros Cap School	11/10/1993 11/10/1993	5/1/2005 5/1/2005

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Girls Basketball		11/10/1993	5/1/2005
Girls Track		11/10/1993	5/1/2005
Volleyball		11/10/1993	5/1/2005
Wrestling		11/10/1993	5/1/2005
St Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic JHS Football	Benton Harbor-Countryside Charter School	4/20/2005	5/1/2005
Sturgis MS	Sturgis-Holy Angels Catholic School, Sturgis-Trinity Lutheran School		
Boys Tennis		5/2/1998	5/1/2004
Boys Track		12/12/1995	5/1/2005
Boys Cross Country		5/2/1998	5/1/2004
Girls Tennis		5/2/1998	5/1/2004
Girls Track		12/12/1995	5/1/2005
Girls Cross Country		5/2/1998	5/1/2004
Wrestling		12/12/1995	5/1/2005
Taylor-Hoover MS	Taylor-Brake MS, Taylor-West MS		
Boys Swimming		5/1/2004	5/1/2004
Girls Swimming		5/1/2004	5/1/2004
Three Oaks-River Valley MS	Sawyer-Trinity Lutheran School, Galien JHS		
Boys Basketball		1/21/2004	5/1/2004
Boys Track		8/28/2002	5/1/2004
Boys Cross Country		9/8/2004	5/1/2004
Football		8/28/2002	5/1/2004
Girls Basketball		8/28/2002	5/1/2004
Girls Track		8/28/2002	5/1/2004
Girls Cross Country		9/8/2004	5/1/2004
Volleyball		1/21/2004	5/1/2004
Wrestling		1/21/2004	5/1/2004
Traverse City Christian School	Traverse City-Interlochen Pathfinder		
Boys Basketball		10/21/2004	5/1/2004
Boys Track		10/21/2004	5/1/2004
Boys Cross Country		10/21/2004	5/1/2004
Girls Basketball		10/21/2004	5/1/2004
Girls Track		10/21/2004	5/1/2004
Girls Cross Country		10/21/2004	5/1/2004
Volleyball		10/21/2004	5/1/2004
Vassar JHS	Richville-St Michael's Lutheran School		
Football		4/20/2005	5/1/2005
Wakefield JHS	Marenisco JHS		
Football		6/12/1990	5/1/2004
Watersmeet JHS	Marenisco JHS		
Boys Track		3/11/1992	5/1/2004
Girls Track		3/11/1992	5/1/2004
West Bloomfield-Abbott MS	West Bloomfield-Orchard Lake MS		
Boys Swimming		4/11/1996	5/1/2004
Boys Track		4/11/1996	5/1/2004
Boys Cross Country		4/11/1996	5/1/2004
Football		4/11/1996	5/1/2004
Girls Swimming		4/11/1996	5/1/2004
Girls Track		4/11/1996	5/1/2004
Girls Cross Country		4/11/1996	5/1/2004
Wyoming-Godwin Heights MS	Kentwood-Kelloggsville MS		
Boys Swimming		11/17/1998	5/1/2004

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