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***The Only Official Interpretations  
Are Those Received In Writing***

### ON THE COVER

MHSAA winter sports action is in full swing. The 2008 Boys and Girls Ski Finals are slated for Feb. 25, while champions will also be crowned in Swimming and Gymnastics during the winter. Boys LP Swimming & Diving Finals are set for March 7-8, with the UP Boys and Girls Finals being decided on Feb. 16. The Girls Gymnastics Finals are scheduled for March 7-8.

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# REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

East Lansing, Nov. 30, 2007

## Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan  
Keith Eldred, Williamston  
William Newkirk, Meridian  
Jim Derocher, Negaunee  
Ken Dietz, Watervliet  
Lafayette Evans, Detroit  
Eric Federico, Gibraltar  
Dan Flynn, Escanaba  
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven  
Leroy Hackley, Jenison  
Karen Leinaar, Benzonia  
Vic Michaels, Detroit  
Linda Myers, Morley  
Pete Ryan, Saginaw  
Randy Salisbury, Britton  
Fred Smith, Buchanan  
Wendy Shepard, Rochester Hills  
Roberta Stanley, Lansing

## Member Absent:

Renee Bird, Tawas City

## Also Present:

Ed Sikorski, Ann Arbor  
Jim Thelen, Lansing  
Mike Hawks, Lansing  
Bill Zaagman, Lansing  
Rudy Godefroidt, Hemlock  
Kris Isom, Adrian  
Mike Flanagan, Lansing

## Staff Members Present:

Randy Allen  
Tony Bihn  
Jordan Cobb  
Andy Frushour  
Nate Hampton  
John Johnson  
Gina Mazzolini  
Tom Minter  
Tom Rashid  
Jack Roberts (Recorder)  
Mark Uyl  
Kathy Westdorp

Welcomed to their first meeting were newly elected Council members Rudy Godefroidt of Hemlock and Kris Isom of Adrian-Madison, who will audit the meeting until it reconvenes later in the day for the election of officers for 2008.

**Accounts of Meetings** – Motion by Randy Salisbury, supported by Linda Myers, to approve the following accounts of meetings: Representative Council Meeting of May 6-8, 2007; Executive Committee Meetings of May 5, June 13, Aug. 13, Sept. 6, Oct. 1 and Nov. 7, 2007; Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee Meeting of Sept. 12, 2007; and Board of Canvassers Meetings of Sept. 17, Oct. 8, Oct. 22 Nov. 6 and Nov. 21 2007. Adopted.

## REPORTS

**Legislation** – Bill Zaagman of Governmental Consultant Services, Inc. updated the Council regarding pending legislation, emphasizing a bill that has been introduced to challenge competition travel limitations for MHSAA member schools.

**Administration** – Student Advisory Council members Brittany Bullock (Lansing

Catholic Central), Andria Baker (Constantine) and Jeff Petsch (Montague) presented the Student Advisory Council Belief Statement, requesting that it be included in the *MHSAA Handbook* beginning with the 2008-09 school year. Motion by Dan Flynn, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve this request. Adopted.

Council members requested that the Belief Statement be included in all types of MHSAA publications and programming, including the Coaches Advancement Program.

Council members provided a list of topics on which it would like to have opinions of the Student Advisory Council prior to its next meeting and suggested the Student Advisory Council make the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and other educational organizations within Michigan aware of its activities.

Andy Frushour provided a report on the four fall clinics for team captains and described the comprehensive Captains Leadership Development Program which the MHSAA will fully implement when underwritten.

Associate Director Tom Rashid described the special efforts of staff to provide support and training for administrators of small and charter schools, pursuant to the suggestion of the Representative Council.

Kathy Westdorp, assistant director, provided an update on staff efforts to partner with other entities to expand the reach of the Coaches Advancement Program. She also described curriculum review and plans for CAP Level 6.

Assistant Director Mark Uyl indicated it was the association's goal to top 13,000 registered officials during 2007-08, a goal which seems achievable with the addition of more than 600 registrants in both volleyball and basketball. The postcard outreach to students has yielded between 200 and 300 new registrants.

Council members were complimentary of public service announcements and public address announcements that intended to increase awareness of officiating opportunities. It was suggested that the association survey new officials, especially in volleyball, to determine how frequently they worked and the sources of their training, offering that this effort alone may encourage retention of this new group of officials who are vulnerable to drop out of officiating in their early years of registration.

Tony Bihn provided updates on information technology, citing online invitations to tournament officials in football and boys soccer this fall and boys and girls basketball this winter; the preparation for online rules meetings in track & field; and a variety of surveys, including the trimester study, the "Have Your Say" opinion poll completed by more than 8,000 people during October, and the membership technology survey, the results of which will be presented to the Council at its March meeting.

Results of the 2007 Update Meeting Opinion Poll were reviewed. Many of the items will be a source of input to the Representative Council as it considers agenda items at this and future Council meetings.

**Litigation** – Attorney Edmund Sikorski provided a brief update of the sports seasons litigation which is now in the fee petition phase; and he reported that an Oakland County Circuit Court has retained for two years without issuing a final injunctive order a case dealing with the burden to schedule

tournaments around the religious preferences of participating schools.

Attorney Jim Thelen reviewed a very recent action in the Oakland County Circuit Court to challenge or reinterpret the MHSAA transfer regulation in a case involving a transfer from a private to a public school.

The executive director provided an historical view of legal issues and trends involving MHSAA policies and procedures. Mr. Roberts also provided a statistical report of fall participation, noting that participation declined in the three sports whose seasons were changed by court order. Most of the decline in those sports was made up by a nearly ten percent participation increase in girls cross country. Overall, fall sports participation was down less than one percent compared to participation in the same sports in the same schools during the 2006-07 school year.

Mr. Roberts noted that attendance during the MHSAA Girls Volleyball Tournament series was up slightly at the District through Quarterfinal levels held mostly on weeknights, but down more than 30 percent at the Semifinals and Finals.

The executive director provided an oral report regarding a special Audit and Finance Committee Meeting held the previous day. The purpose of this meeting, which the executive director had requested the previous February, was to discuss potential fee liabilities in the sports seasons litigation and how the association would attempt to deal with various outcomes; to review fall tournament attendance, revenue and expenses in an attempt to ascertain whether fall tournament finances were improved over the poor showing of 2006; and to continue to work on Football Playoff financial issues.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Trimesters** – The executive director described the history of trimester treatments within the *MHSAA Handbook*, statistics demonstrating the movement away from semesters and toward trimester academic scheduling, and the process and progress to date for revising the *MHSAA Handbook* to provide equal treatment to students and equal administrative ease to schools operating under either system. The Council was presented with an outline of major issues. The intent is to receive feedback from the Council

and constituents over the next three months so that the Council will be prepared to vote on all of the proposals in March.

**School Sportsmanship Feedback** – In May of 2007, the Council approved in concept a program by which officials can provide feedback to schools regarding sportsmanship. Assistant Director Mark Uyl outlined the program details. Motion by Eric Federico, supported by Ken Dietz, to approve the school sportsmanship feedback program for implementation beginning with the 2008-09 school year. Adopted. It was the Council's consensus that feedback results should be provided to schools in the same fashion that they receive summaries of Officials Reports each year.

**Alternate-Year Rule Books** – The plan for alternate-year publication of rule books was presented to the National Federation staff at its Section 4 meeting on Sept. 20-21, 2007, and to the National Federation Board of Directors on Oct. 21, 2007, as it was an examination of costs to buy and receive National Federation publications. It was noted that the total savings to the MHSAA from purchasing rule books on an every-other-year basis is approximately \$116,000 over every two years. The Council reviewed the schedule and policies that Michigan will follow in coordination with Illinois. Motion by Randy Salisbury, supported by Fred Smith, to approve this schedule of alternate-year purchase and distribution of rule publications. Adopted.

**Calendar** – The Council was presented the apparent consensus from discussions among the membership for revisions to the MHSAA athletic calendar, the primary elements of which are two: (1) every sport would have a minimum number of practice days for teams (not individuals) spread over a larger number of calendar days which would not require a weekend practice; and (2) winter tournaments would end one week earlier (except alpine skiing). Staff and Council will continue to discuss these proposals at every opportunity, with action on these proposals targeted for the March 2008 Council meeting.

**Season Scheduling Alternatives** – New scheduling mechanisms to maximize participants in school sports, as presented in 2002 and again in 2007, were discussed by the

Council. It is intended that Council and staff discuss these ideas – the purpose of which is to develop schedules that will avoid or arrest participation declines caused by the sports seasons litigation – aiming for a vote on the most promising ideas not later than December 2008.

**“Sports and Society”** – The Representative Council had been provided with a report in excess of 80 pages, pursuant to the executive director's notice in May of 2007 of issues which the staff, Council and membership must work with to assure the continuing relevance of school sports to youth and the continuing usefulness of school sports within the educational mission of schools. The report included research and reflection on the following three topics:

- How has the growth of non-school youth sports programs affected school sports? How will it affect the future of school sports?
- How has the expansion of education options – school of choice, charter schools, magnet schools, non-traditional schools – affected school sports? How will this affect the future of school sports?
- How have the proliferation of sports on television and changes in technology affected school sports? How will these factors affect the future of school sports?

The report also included a summary of the more than 8,000 responses to the online opinion poll “Have Your Say.” The culminating section of the report was a business plan for the future of the MHSAA.

The executive director reviewed the 2008 Action Plan based on the report.

## RECOGNITION

During a luncheon break, the executive director and Vice President Keith Eldred honored the four outgoing members of the Representative Council who contributed a combined 61 years of service to the MHSAA in their capacity as Council members. The four were Leroy Hackley, Randy Salisbury, William Newkirk (Secretary-Treasurer) and Paul Ellinger (President).

## NEW BUSINESS

**“Reaching Higher” Program** – The 2008 Action Plan included development of a comprehensive program intended to recapture some of the 80 percent of youth who drop out of organized sports before they reach high school and to retain the interest and loyalty of more gifted athletes. The executive director asked that the Council consider the “Reaching Higher” program first for the sport of basketball and test its success in meeting the stated objectives and then consider if the program should be discontinued or continued and even expanded to other sports; and specifically, the executive director asked for consent to continue planning for 2009 “Reaching Higher” camps during April, with the final decision regarding this initiative to be made by the Council in March 2008. Council members offered encouragement, suggestions and cautionary issues.

**Emergency Plan** – On Oct. 1, 2007, the MHSAA Executive Committee approved limited regular season contest policies and a business continuation plan for MHSAA tournaments in the event local, state or federal authorities close facilities or restrict travel because of an epidemic threat to public health. The plan was approved by the Executive Committee for immediate use if circumstances required. Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Scott Grimes, to approve this emergency plan from this point forward should emergencies restrict normal operations of schools and movements of the public. Adopted.

**Regulation III, Section 1(C)** – Pursuant to Interpretation 244, the MHSAA Executive Committee has authority in all sports except football, ice hockey and wrestling to approve eligibility on a year-by-year basis for 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th and 8th-graders. The Council was provided a list of these approvals since 1994. The Executive Committee requested the Council discuss its past practice and provide guidance for future requests.

It was the Council’s position that the Executive Committee has made appropriate decisions in the past but that this matter could be considered further after a review by the Junior High/Middle School Committee at its January meeting.

**Girls Gymnastics** – The MHSAA Girls Gymnastics Committee has recommended that the MHSAA conduct a survey in 2008 regarding a change of the girls gymnastics season from winter to fall. Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Dan Flynn, to survey school administrators, coaches, participants and judges by the end of the 2007-08 season, requiring responses in time for discussion of this topic at the March meeting of the Council. Adopted.

**Skiing (Alpine)** – The minutes of the Nov. 6, 2007 meeting of the MHSAA Ski Committee were distributed and Assistant Director Gina Mazzolini provided an oral report of preparations for the 2007-08 season and MHSAA tournament. None of the modifications for the season rose to the level of needing Council action.

**Awards** – There were seven nominees for the Charles E. Forsythe Award, and the Awards Committee had narrowed the candidates to four, which were presented to the Representative Council members for a ballot vote. Names of the recipients will be released at an appropriate time and the recipients will be honored during the 2008 Boys Basketball Final Tournament.

**Meeting Expenses** – Expenses for this meeting were approved at the specified hotel rate for accommodations, the IRS specified meal allowance and a 30¢ per mile mileage allowance round-trip.

**Future Meetings** – The next meeting of the Representative Council will be held on Friday, March 14, 2008, at 8:15 a.m. at the MHSAA building in East Lansing. The spring meeting of the Representative Council will be May 4-6, 2008, at Treetops Sylvan Resort in Gaylord. The fall meeting will be held on Friday, Dec. 5, 2008, at the MHSAA building in East Lansing.

The meeting was adjourned. ■

## REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

East Lansing, Nov. 30, 2007

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Dan Flynn, Escanaba  
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven  
Leroy Hackley, Jenison  
Karen Leinaar, Benzonia  
Vic Michaels, Detroit  
Linda Myers, Morley  
Pete Ryan, Saginaw  
Randy Salisbury, Britton  
Fred Smith, Buchanan  
Wendy Shepard, Rochester Hills  
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John Johnson  
Gina Mazzolini  
Tom Minter  
Tom Rashid  
Jack Roberts (Recorder)  
Mark Uyl  
Kathy Westdorp

**Election of Officers** - Officers elected to serve through the fall 2008 meeting of the Representative Council were President Jim Derocher, Vice President Keith Eldred and Secretary-Treasurer Vic Michaels.

The president appointed Dan Flynn to serve on the Executive Committee on a regular basis during 2008, and the fifth position filled on a rotating basis by other Council members.

Appointments to the Audit and Finance Committee for 2008 will be made by the president at a later date.

**Appointed Members** – According to the MHSAA Constitution, “It is the annual responsibility of the Council to ascertain that the Council elective process has provided for the representation of females and minorities. If, in the judgment of the Council, these results have not been achieved, said Council shall appoint not to exceed four Representative Council members at-large for two-year terms.”

**Renee Bird** was appointed for a second two-year term.

**Arnetta Thompson** of Grand Rapids was appointed to a two-year term.

The meeting was adjourned. ■



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# PLANNING FOR SCHOOL SPORTS IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY

## Executive Summary

*The following is the introduction to a Report to the Representative Council, Nov. 30, 2007*

1. School sports have been and will continue to be affected by
  - Growth in non-school youth sports programs.
  - Demographic and educational diversity.
  - Proliferation of sports television and new technologies.
2. Non-school youth sports programs have contributed to
  - Increase in nonfaculty coaches.
  - Decrease in sportsmanship.
  - Increase in sports specialization.
  - Increase in non-school funding of school-sponsored sports.
  - Decrease in relevance of the school sports experience.
3. Changing communities and schools have contributed to
  - Increased flexibility in MHSAA regulations.
  - Decreased school identity.
  - Decreased student-body stability.
4. Television has changed much in society and sports, but little of school sports . . . so far. There is much to study and monitor.
5. How the MHSAA interacts with schools and officials through technology is rapidly expanding. Next may be expanded Internet interaction with student-athletes and Internet commercial transactions with the public.
6. Even as we expand our inventory of corporate sponsorship opportunities, and the professional expertise to secure those sponsorships, our corporate relations must stay consistent with our core constituencies, competencies and concerns.
7. MHSAA tournaments must remain the centerpiece of the MHSAA Business Plan; and this is more likely to occur with a more businesslike approach to sites, splits, security and scheduling and more creativity in seeding and staging.
8. The Business Plan for the MHSAA's future is really a business **diversification** plan with new strategies to promote the relevance of school sports to more students, thereby promoting
  - Increased participation by students.
  - Increased attendance by friends and family.
  - Increased usefulness of sports in contributing to the mission of schools.
9. Increasing relevance requires creation of additional student-centered programs which
  - recapture more youth who have dropped out of organized sports before high school, and
  - retain longer the interest and loyalty of more gifted athletes.
10. School sports must stay connected to its heritage and core values, remain different than all other sports by all other sponsors, and "evolve its difference" . . . its "market specialty": local, amateur, educational athletics.

# PLANNING FOR SCHOOL SPORTS IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY

## 2008 Action Plan

*The following is the conclusion to a Report to the Representative Council, Nov. 30, 2007*

1. Improve sportsmanship through additional efforts aimed at education, encouragement and enforcement.
2. Expand the reach of the MHSAA Coaches Advancement Program® by teaming up with school districts, leagues, coaches associations, institutions of higher learning and youth sports organizations.
3. Expand the breadth and depth of an athletic director leadership program that partners with the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and involves every athletic administrator in multiple ways every year.
4. Extend the MHSAA Team Captain Leadership Development Program to include regional clinics; follow-up materials for captains, coaches and administrators; and a statewide summer Captains Academy.
5. Repeat surveys to schools and students regarding future MHSAA tournament offerings.
6. Retain commission-based expertise to expand sponsor and grant support of MHSAA programs.
7. Continue the comprehensive review of MHSAA tournament administration, and begin to present to the Representative Council in March and May 2008, proposals related to improvements in site selection, financial splits and accounting, scheduling, seeding and staging.
8. Prepare for the Representative Council's review in March and May 2008, strategies for uses and policies at both the MHSAA and local levels relative to video technology.
9. Develop for the Representative Council's review in March and May 2008, a comprehensive plan for expanding the use of the Internet for commercial transactions with the public and interactive communications with constituents.
10. Complete for Representative Council review in May 2008, Phase I, Item 1, of the Development Plan for "The Center for Excellence in Educational Athletics."
11. Finalize for the Representative Council's action on March 14, 2008, at least Part II-A of MHSAA "Reaching Higher" Program in boys and girls basketball.

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## WINDS OF CHANGE TOUCH MHSAA COUNCIL

### 61 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE DEPARTS

When the MHSAA's Representative Council concluded its Nov. 30 meeting, four Council members left the Council's service, and took with them 61 years of experience.

Concluding four years of service, **Leroy Hackley** of Jenison brought to the Council the perspective of a front line athletic director and an experienced contest official.

**Randy Salisbury** served the Representative Council during 1990 and 1991, and then for the past 14 years. He held the positions of athletic director and principal at Britton-Macon.

**William Newkirk** served the MHSAA Representative Council from three settings, as the principal of Clare High School and as the superintendent at both Maple City Glen Lake and Sanford Meridian. He served 19 years in all, and was the organization's secretary-treasurer since December of 2004.

**Paul Ellinger** served the Representative Council for 22 years, tying Leo McDonald of Gwinn for the third-longest tenure in the association's history. He is also the association's 14th president, serving eight years. While on the Representative Council, Ellinger held school administration positions in Deerfield, Beal City, Hartford and Cheboygan.

Through these gentlemen, the Representative Council has received direct input from contest officials, athletic directors, principals and superintendents, coming from schools of all four classes from all parts of the state of Michigan. The loss of 61 years of service at one time is a greater loss of experience and institutional knowledge than is normal; and these four Council members will be greatly missed.

### ARNETTA THOMPSON APPOINTED

**Arnetta Thompson**, Dean of Students at Grand Rapids-Union High School, has been appointed to the MHSAA Representative Council.

This appointment is pursuant to the MHSAA Constitution which states that it is the annual responsibility of the Council to ascertain that the Council elective process has provided for representation of females

and minorities. If in the judgment of the Council, these results have not been achieved, the Council may appoint up to four Representative Council members-at-large for two-year terms.

Thompson is the former athletic director and assistant principal at Grand Rapids-Creston High School, and before that was the lead teacher of the Grand Rapids-Union Alternative High School.

She has been an employee of the Grand Rapids Public Schools since 1997, and previously worked for the Memphis City Schools in Tennessee for six years as a teacher and head coach for the girls varsity basketball, track & field and volleyball teams.

Thompson is a graduate of Tennessee Technical University in Cookeville, Tenn., and earned her Master of Arts from Western Michigan University in 2001 with a concentration in educational leadership.

Thompson joins **Renee Bird**, board of education member of the Tawas Area Schools; **Linda Myers**, Superintendent for the Morley-Stanwood Community Schools; and **Wendy Shepard**, Principal of Rochester Hills-Rochester High School, as appointed members to the Representative Council.

### TWO NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

**Jim Derocher**, Superintendent of Negaunee, has been elected president of the MHSAA Representative Council; **Keith Eldred**, Dean of Students for the Williamston Public Schools, has been reelected vice president; and **Vic Michaels**, Director of Physical Education and Athletics for the Archdiocese of Detroit, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the MHSAA for 2008.

Derocher was first elected to the Representative Council in 2003 and represents the Class C and D high schools of the Upper Peninsula.

Eldred is in his 24th year on the Representative Council, the second longest tenure in the organization's history, and represents junior high/middle schools statewide.

Vic Michaels was first elected to the Representative Council in 2003 and represents private and parochial high schools statewide.

# OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF BOARD OF CANVASSERS

East Lansing, November 6, 2007

I, whose signature appears below, declare the following to be nominees for, or members elect of, the Representative Council or the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc., as a result of ballots received in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Section 6, of the Constitution, or as authorized by the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee at its meeting on October 3, 1941.

## NORTHERN SECTION - LOWER PENINSULA CLASS C AND D SCHOOLS

(1-year term)

Total number of legal ballots received		71
William C. Chilman IV, Mt. Pleasant-Beal City	4	
Tiomothy C. Genson, Scottville-Mason County Central	9	
Robert A. "Chip" Hansen, East Jordan	26	
Jake Huffman, Pentwater	5	
Cody Inglis, Suttons Bay	10	
William J. Kearney, Johannesburg-Lewiston	7	
Peter Moss, Hart	10	
Illegal or incomplete ballots received		4

**No Majority - Names of Robert A. "Chip" Hansen, Cody Inglis and Peter Moss Submitted to Schools**

Board of Canvassers (Signed)  
Leon Olszamowski, Principal, Pontiac-Notre Dame Preparatory High School

# OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF BOARD OF CANVASSERS

East Lansing, November 21, 2007

I, whose signature appears below, declare the following to be nominees for, or members elect of, the Representative Council or the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc., as a result of ballots received in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Section 6, of the Constitution, or as authorized by the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee at its meeting on October 3, 1941.

## NORTHERN SECTION - LOWER PENINSULA CLASS C AND D SCHOOLS

(1-year term)

Total number of legal ballots received		60
Robert A. "Chip" Hansen, East Jordan	29	
Cody Inglis, Suttons Bay	17	
Peter Moss, Hart	14	
Illegal or incomplete ballots received		2

**No Majority - Names of Robert A. "Chip" Hansen and Cody Inglis Submitted to Schools**

Board of Canvassers (Signed)  
Leon Olszamowski, Principal, Pontiac-Notre Dame Preparatory High School

# OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF BOARD OF CANVASSERS

East Lansing, November 21, 2007

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## NORTHERN SECTION - LOWER PENINSULA CLASS C AND D SCHOOLS (1-year term)

Total number of legal ballots received		62
Robert A. "Chip" Hansen, East Jordan	33	
Cody Inglis, Suttons Bay	29	
Illegal or incomplete ballots received		6

Elected by Majority of Votes – Robert A. "Chip" Hansen

Board of Canvassers (Signed)  
Chris Ervin, Athletic Director, St. Johns High School

## ANNUAL LEAGUE AND CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2008  
MHSAA Building – East Lansing

Forum for discussing progress and sharing opinions on topics that the Representative Council also addresses. Information and materials are provided in advance and at the meeting for future discussion and input from leagues and schools.

Registration is limited. Forms and information was mailed to League Secretaries in December. Contact Camala Kinder at 517-332-5046 or ckinder@mhsaa.com prior to Feb. 1, 2008.

*And, we quote —*

*You can discover more about a person in an hour  
of play than in a year of conversation.*

*— Plato*

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

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, Nov. 7, 2007

### Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan  
William Newkirk, Meridian  
Jim Derocher, Negaunee  
Ken Dietz, Watervliet  
Pete Ryan, Saginaw

### Staff Members Present:

Tom Rashid  
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

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

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

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

sion of the Executive Committee to grant waiver of a regulation shall be null and void.

The Executive Committee is not authorized to approve waiver based on alleged or actual differences between schools based on "environment," demographics, curriculum or extracurricular offerings. A determination of undue hardship is a matter addressed to the discretion of the Executive Committee within the educational philosophy and secondary role of voluntary extracurricular competitive athletics in the academic environment. The Executive Committee will avoid making exceptions that would create precedent that effectively changes a rule without Representative Council action or local board of education adoption, which would exceed Executive Committee authority. The contract the MHSAA has with member schools obligates the MHSAA to not change rules during the school year.

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

Adoption of these regulations, as well as policies, procedures and schedules of MHSAA tournaments, is a choice schools make locally when they consider their option of MHSAA membership. Consistent with rulings of the Attorney General and Michigan Supreme Court, schools are not bound by the decisions of the Executive Committee, but the association may limit participation in the postseason tournaments it sponsors to those schools which choose to apply rules and penalties as promulgated by the MHSAA and

adopted by each member school's board of education. The MHSAA exercises no independent authority over schools or students.

**Alanson-Littlefield and Pellston High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** – The Executive Committee tabled a request, absent support from future golf opponents, for a cooperative program in boys and girls track & field and boys golf. The combined enrollment of 334 students would place both teams in the Division 4 tournaments. Littlefield sponsored golf previously and would be the primary school for golf. Pellston sponsored track & field previously and would be the primary school for track & field. Support from the Ski Valley Conference was received for track & field.

**Haslett and Williamston High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F])** – The Executive Committee approved, with support from the Capital Area Activities Conference, the addition of boys lacrosse to a cooperative agreement which already exists between these schools in ice hockey. The combined enrollment is 1,617 students and places the team in the Division 2 tournament. Neither school sponsored the sport previously. Haslett will be the primary school.

**Kalamazoo Central and Kalamazoo-Loy Norrix High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F])** – The Executive Committee approved, with support from the Southwest Michigan Athletic Conference, a cooperative program in boys lacrosse between these two schools of the same district. The combined enrollment is 3,032 students and places the team in the Division 1 tournament. Kalamazoo Central will be the primary school.

**Kentwood-West Michigan Lutheran and Byron Center-Zion Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** – The Executive Committee approved, with support from the Alliance League, a cooperative program in boys and girls track & field between these two schools. The combined enrollment is 88 students and places the team in the Division 4 tournament. Neither school sponsored the sport previously. West Michigan Lutheran will be the primary school.

**Lansing-Waverly, Lansing-Catholic Central and Grand Ledge High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F])** – The Executive

Committee approved, with support from the Capital Area Activities Conference, the addition of Grand Ledge High School to a girls lacrosse cooperative program which has existed between Waverly and Catholic Central High Schools since October 2004. The combined enrollment is 3,402 students, moving the team from Division 2 into the Division 1 tournament. Waverly High School will continue as the primary school.

**Painesdale-Jeffers, Chassell, Calumet and Hancock High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** – The Executive Committee approved, with support from future opponents, a cooperative program in boys and girls swimming & diving between these schools. The combined enrollment is 879 students. Jeffers was the primary school in a cooperative program with Chassell and Ironwood-L. L. Wright High Schools that dissolved in order to form the new program. Jeffers will be the primary school in this new program.

**Pickford and Cedarville High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** – The Executive Committee approved, with support from the Eastern Upper Peninsula Conference, the addition of softball to a cooperative program that already exists between these two schools in baseball. The combined enrollment of 247 students places the team in the Division 4 tournament. Neither school sponsored softball previously. Pickford will be the primary school.

**Suttons Bay, Lake Leelanau-St. Mary and Leland High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** – The Executive Committee approved, with support from the Northwest Conference, the addition of Leland High School to a cooperative agreement in boys and girls track & field which already exists between Suttons Bay and Lake Leelanau-St. Mary High Schools. The combined enrollment of 567 students continues placement of the team in the Division 3 tournament. Suttons Bay remains the primary school.

**White Cloud and Fremont-Providence Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** – The Executive Committee approved, with support from the Western Waterways Activities Conference, the addition of baseball and softball to an existing cooperative agreement between these schools in boys and girls soccer. The combined

enrollment of 433 students continues placement of the teams in the Division 3 tournaments. White Cloud sponsored baseball and softball previously and will be the primary school.

**Wyoming-Tri-unity Christian, Wyoming-The Potters House Christian and Kentwood-West Michigan Lutheran High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** – The Executive Committee approved, with support from the River Valley Conference, the addition of Wyoming-The Potters House Christian High School to a cooperative agreement in softball which exists between Tri-unity Christian and West Michigan Lutheran High Schools. The combined enrollment of 298 students continues placement of the team in the Division 4 tournament.

**Wyoming-Tri-unity Christian, Byron Center-Zion Christian and Kentwood-West Michigan Lutheran High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** – The Executive Committee approved, with support from the River Valley Conference, the addition of West Michigan Lutheran High School to a cooperative agreement in baseball which exists between Tri-unity Christian and Zion Christian High Schools. The combined enrollment of 202 students continues placement of the team in the Division 4 tournament.

**Dearborn-Edsel Ford High School (Regulation I, Sections 4, 5 & 7)** – A request to waive the maximum semesters portions of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose mother died in February 2007 and who did not attend school for the second semester of the 2006-07 school year. His last semester with an adequate academic record was in the fall of the 2005-06 school year. The student is currently in his eighth semester overall, and the seventh and eighth semesters have not been consecutive. This is the student's fifth first semester since enrolling in the 9th grade in the fall of the 2003-04 school year.

Noting that the student's academic struggles began well before his withdrawal from school, the Executive Committee did not approve the request to waive multiple sections of the eligibility regulation.

**Mason High School (Regulation I, Section 5)** – A request to waive the semesters

of competition regulation and specifically Interpretation 32 was made on behalf of a 10th-grade female student who participated on the girls swimming team in the 9th grade and in two swimming meets to begin the 2007-08 girls swimming season until she injured her back. The student wishes to participate on the boys swimming team during the winter season. Also included was a request regarding another Mason High School female swimmer who did not participate in a meet or scrimmage but was injured in the second practice with the girls swimming team this fall and who also wishes to participate with the boys swimming team this winter.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request to waive Section 5 and Interpretation 32. The student who participated in competition with the girls swimming & diving team is not also eligible to participate on the boys swimming & diving team during a second season of the same school year. However, the student who was injured during the second practice of the fall season and who did not later practice with or represent the school team in competition during the girls season may participate with the boys team during the winter season of the 2007-08 school year.

**Dowagiac Union High School (Regulation I, Sections 7 & 9)** – A request to waive the previous semester record and transfer sections of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who had attended Dowagiac Union Schools until enrolling at Battle Creek-Pennfield High School from April 9, 2007 through the end of the 2006-07 school year. The student did not attend any school from Feb. 12 through April 9 because he was moving from home to home while his mother was incarcerated and his father and stepmother had kicked the student out of their home. When the mother was released from prison, she moved to Battle Creek and the student enrolled at Pennfield. Over the summer, the student moved in with a family in the Dowagiac Union School District and reenrolled in Dowagiac Union High School.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Flint Central Academy (Regulation I, Section 8)** – A request to waive the current

semester record regulation and specifically Interpretation 47 (base-original school) was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who has attended Flint-Whittier Classical Academy since the 9th grade. Whittier Classical Academy is a non-traditional school listed on the 2007-08 Enrollment Declaration Forms of both Flint Central and Flint Southwestern Academies. The student resides in the Southwestern attendance area (base-original school) but has a 12th-grade sister who has attended Central Academy since the 9th grade.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Flint Central Academy (Regulation I, Section 8)** – A request to waive the current semester record regulation and specifically Interpretation 47 (base-original school) was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Grand Blanc High School and enrolled at Flint-Whittier Classical Academy on Jan. 30, 2007. Whittier Classical Academy is a non-traditional school listed on the 2007-08 Enrollment Declaration Form of Flint Central Academy. The student resides in the Grand Blanc attendance area which was the school the student had most recently been enrolled in prior to enrolling at Whittier Classical Academy. Grand Blanc does not list or count the students from Whittier Classical Academy. The school requested eligibility at Flint Central Academy as it is the closest high school to Whittier Classical Academy.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Allegan High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to reconsider a Sept. 6, 2007 Executive Committee decision to not approve a waiver of the transfer regulation was resubmitted on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Allegan for the 9th grade and whose family made an offer on a home in the Zeeland East School District which fell through this fall after the student had registered his intention to attend Zeeland East and after the student had participated in one scrimmage and one JV soccer game at Zeeland East. The student had made the team and practiced with Allegan before making the team and participating at Zeeland East. It is now clarified that the student and

family had actually moved from their home in Allegan to the residence of friends in the Zeeland East attendance area when the student participated in soccer for Zeeland East. After the purchase agreement on the new home fell through, the family moved back to Allegan to a different residence and the student reenrolled at Allegan. The school stated that the student made both teams and meets some but not all of the stipulations for a full and complete residential change as detailed under Interpretation 74.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Berrien Springs High School (Regulation I, Section 9 [B & D])** – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only until the 91st school day of enrollment, at which time the student would be eligible at whatever level is determined. The student began the 9th grade in Indiana and has moved between divorced parents, enrolling at Berrien Springs High School on Oct. 9.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Berrien Springs High School.

**Bloomfield Hills-Cranbrook Kingswood High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the first semester of the 2007-08 school year. The student previously attended Birmingham-Seaholm High School and participated in athletics. The school requested the student be eligible immediately at the subvarsity level because the student is repeating the 9th grade at Cranbrook and would not be eligible for his 12th-grade year.

Noting the specific condition of this section – that the student has not previously participated in high school athletics – the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Burr Oak High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the

first semester of the 2007-08 school year. The student previously attended Sturgis High School and enrolled at Burr Oak to begin the 2007-08 school year. The student did not participate in athletics at either school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are actually conducted in the second semester of the 2007-08 school year at Burr Oak High School.

**Cassopolis-Ross Beatty High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who began the 9th grade at Ross Beatty High School while living with her stepmother. The student's father was incarcerated at the end of the student's 8th-grade year, at which time the student moved to Missouri and completed the 9th grade while living with her biological mother. The student has returned to the home of her stepmother in Cassopolis and enrolled to begin the 10th grade on Sept. 5, 2007. The biological parents are divorced. The father is incarcerated. The student has moved from biological mother to stepmother. The student has not participated in athletics.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Detroit-Charlotte Forten Academy (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the first semester of the 2007-08 school year. The student attended Charlotte Forten for the 9th grade, participated in basketball, was dropped from the school on Jan. 3, 2007, and attended Detroit-Pershing High School before reenrolling at Charlotte Forten to begin the 2007-08 school year. The student did not participate in athletics at Pershing High School and changed schools due to transportation problems, which have since been resolved.

Noting the specific condition of this section – that the student has not previously participated in high school athletics – the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Detroit-Charlotte Forten Academy (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** – A request was

made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the first semester of the 2007-08 school year. The student attended Charlotte Forten for the 9th grade, participated in basketball, was dropped from the school on Jan. 3, 2007, and attended Detroit-Osborn High School before reenrolling at Charlotte Forten on April 16, 2007. The student did not participate in athletics at Osborn High School and changed schools due to transportation problems, which have since been resolved.

Noting the specific condition of this section – that the student has not previously participated in high school athletics – the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**DeWitt High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who began the 9th grade at DeWitt High School in the 2006-07 school year while living with her father and moved over the summer of 2007 to California to reside with her mother. She was enrolled in school in California from Aug. 18 until Sept. 15 when the student returned to the residence of her father in the DeWitt School District and reenrolled at DeWitt High School. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver, indicating this is the one time waiver may be granted in connection with a change of residence between parents.

**Eastpointe-East Detroit High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Jackson High School while residing with his mother. The student has moved into the residence of his father in the East Detroit School District and enrolled to begin the 2007-08 school year. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the

request for waiver, indicating this is the one time waiver may be granted in connection with a change of residence between parents.

**Fair Haven-Anchor Bay High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Macomb-L’Anse Creuse North High School. In the summer of 2007, the student was involved in an incident which led the court to issue orders that as a condition of probation, this student may have no contact with two other students who continue to attend L’Anse Creuse North High School. The student enrolled at Anchor Bay High School to begin the 2007-08 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Fair Haven-Anchor Bay High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended Marine City-Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School but withdrew due to harassment with two games left in the football season. The student enrolled at Anchor Bay High School on Oct. 15, 2007.

The Executive Committee approved 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 10th-grade student who previously attended Lapeer East High School before enrolling at Powers Catholic on Nov. 5, 2007 due to recent events and emotional instability. The student had difficulties which stemmed from a relationship with a 12th-grade student at Lapeer East High School who is the subject of a Personal Protection Order.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver, requesting additional information before giving this matter further consideration.

**Grand Blanc High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Perry High School while residing with her mother. Over the summer, the student changed residences to her father and enrolled at Grand Blanc High School to begin the 2007-08

school year. The parents never married. A copy of the birth certificate, Friend of the Court documents and proof of medical insurance payments were submitted. An Educational Transfer Form is in process between the two schools.

Pending the completion of an Educational Transfer Form, the Executive Committee approved the request for waiver, indicating this is the one time waiver may be granted in connection with a change of residence between parents.

**Grand Haven High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** – A request was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Kent City High School before enrolling at Grand Haven on Oct. 11, 2007.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student’s 91st school day of enrollment at Grand Haven High School.

**Grand Rapids-Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** – A request was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student has attended Grand Rapids-West Catholic High School for the 9th and 10th grades and enrolled at Catholic Central High School at the start of the second academic quarter on Nov. 5, 2007. The student’s grades have been dropping and it is hoped a change in atmosphere will change the student’s attitude.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Grand Rapids-Creston High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Wyoming-Rogers High School while living with his mother. Over the summer, the student moved in with his father in the Creston High School attendance area. The student’s parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with documentation from the Michigan Child Support Enforcement System indicating the father and dependent son.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver, indicating this is the one time waiver may be granted in connection with a change of residence between parents.

**Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the first semester of the 2007-08 school year. The student previously attended Rockford High School and enrolled at NorthPointe Christian on Sept. 4, 2007.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are actually conducted in the second semester of the 2007-08 school year at NorthPointe Christian High School.

**Grand Rapids-Union High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended City High School for the 9th and 10th grades and then moved to California with her parents for the 11th grade. The student experienced difficulty adjusting and returned to Grand Rapids without her parents, residing with family friends and reenrolling at City High School (non-traditional school) to begin the 2007-08 school year. The student wished to be eligible immediately at Union High School.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Grosse Pointe Woods-University Liggett High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (closest nonpublic school). The student enrolled at University Liggett to begin the 9th grade and attended an outstate boarding school for the 10th grade. The student has returned to live with her parents and reenrolled at University Liggett to begin the 2007-08 school year. University Liggett is not the closest nonpublic school to the new residence but is the former school. The student has a 12th-grade sister also currently enrolled.

The Executive Committee approved the

request for waiver.

**Hillsdale-Will Carleton Academy (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Pittsford High School and was the victim of assaults. The student enrolled at Will Carleton Academy on Oct. 8, 2007.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver, requesting additional information before giving this matter additional consideration.

**Homer High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously played volleyball while attending Quincy High School before enrolling at Homer High School on Oct. 10, 2007.

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

**Ida High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Britton-Macon High School while living with his mother. The student moved into the residence of his father in Ida in February 2007 and continued to attend Britton-Macon High School. The father is in the military and was deployed to Iraq at the same time (February 2007). The grandparents sold their home and took up residence in the father's home with the student and a 10th-grade sister. Both the student and his sister enrolled at Ida High School to begin the 2007-08 school year, six months after the father was deployed. The parents are divorced.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Indian River-Inland Lakes High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who lived with her parents and attended Midland High School before moving into the residence of an aunt in the Inland Lakes School District for confidential reasons which involve treatment by a mental health professional caused by a painful medical condition.

The student enrolled at Inland Lakes High School on Oct. 22, 2007, and has not participated in athletics in high school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only through the remainder of the 2007-08 school year and its interscholastic seasons.

**Jonesville High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 74 (full and complete residential change) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Hillsdale High School while living with his parents. At the end of August 2007, the student moved with only his mother to Jonesville and enrolled at Jonesville High School to begin the 2007-08 school year. On Oct. 31, 2007, the student's father changed residence to that of the mother and student in Jonesville but has maintained the former residence as a place of business.

Noting the absence of proof of a full and complete change of residence, the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Kalamazoo Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C])** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who currently attends Kalamazoo-Loy Norrix High School, and it is anticipated he will be playing ice hockey in the cooperative program between Kalamazoo Central, Loy Norrix and Hackett Catholic Central High Schools. The student will be enrolling at Kalamazoo Central on Jan. 28, 2008, to start the second semester of the 2007-08 school year and would like to continue eligibility in hockey for the entire season. The regulation states that a student who is granted eligibility must have been a team member during the previous season, which the student was not.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Kalamazoo Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended Lowell High School while living with her father. On Oct. 24, 2007, the student moved to the residence of

her mother and stepfather and enrolled at Kalamazoo Christian High School. A completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted, but the student lives closer to Kalamazoo-Hackett Catholic Central than to Kalamazoo Christian. The family is of the same denomination as Kalamazoo Christian High School. The stepfather has two children currently attending Kalamazoo Christian Schools.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Kalamazoo-Loy Norrix High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Wyoming-Horizons Alternative School while living with his mother during the second semester of the 2006-07 school year. The student began the 9th grade at Grand Rapids-Central High School and the 10th grade at Loy Norrix High School before enrolling at the alternative school in the Wyoming district. The student has moved in with an uncle in Kalamazoo and has reenrolled at Loy Norrix to begin the 2007-08 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Kimball-New Life Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended New Life Christian School since 2003 except for the first semester of the 2007-08 school year when the student enrolled at St. Clair High School and did not participate in athletics. The student anticipated beginning a Bible study program at St. Clair High School which did not work out. Preferring his former school, the student reenrolled at New Life Christian on Oct. 29, 2007.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Kingsley High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B & D])** – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only until the 91st school day of enrollment, at which time the student would be eligible at whatever level is determined. The student previously attended Traverse City Central High School, enrolled

at Kingsley on Oct. 5, 2007, and did not participate in athletics at either school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Kingsley High School.

**Lansing Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 82 was made on behalf of a 12th-grade former foreign exchange student who was enrolled at Lansing Catholic under a CSIET-approved program during the 2006-07 school year. At the end of the school year, the student returned to her native country; but she has decided to finish her high school education in the United States at Lansing Catholic. The student received a student visa and is a full-time tuition paying student. Interpretation 82 states that "A foreign exchange student has eligibility for a maximum of the first two consecutive semesters . . . after which the student is ineligible for interscholastic athletic competition at any MHSAA member school . . ."

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Midland-Bullock Creek High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 72 (9th-grader practicing with another school). The student had practiced volleyball for one week in August with Hemlock High School before enrolling at Bullock Creek to begin the 2007-08 school year. The student made the 9th-grade volleyball team at Bullock Creek and played in several games which, upon discovery, were forfeited to opponents. The student has been withheld from competition since Oct. 10, 2007.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Montague High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** – A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year. The student previously attended Muskegon-Western Michigan Christian High School and registered to enroll at Montague High School on Nov. 5,

2007. The student did not participate in athletics previously.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only through the remainder of the 2007-08 school year and its interscholastic seasons.

**North Branch High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Lapeer East High School while residing with his mother. In the spring of 2007, the student's mother left the residence and moved in with her boyfriend, at which time an aunt and cousin took up residence with the student in that same home in the Lapeer East attendance area. Over the summer, these relatives moved to Colorado and the student's older brother, his girlfriend and an infant child moved into the home. Before school began, the student moved to the residence of another aunt in North Branch and continued to attend Lapeer East High School until the schedule and transportation issues caused the student to enroll at North Branch High School on Oct. 19, 2007.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Parma-Western High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the first semester of the 2007-08 school year. The student previously attended Springport High School for the 9th grade, enrolled at Western on Sept. 4, 2007, and has not participated in athletics at either school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are actually conducted in the second semester of the 2007-08 school year at Western High School.

**Pinckney High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Ann Arbor-Gabriel Richard High School for grades 9-11 before enrolling at Pinckney High School to begin the 2007-08 school year for financial and transportation reasons. The father has been laid off, the mother's

income declined and gas costs to transport the student to Ann Arbor became too expensive.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Plainwell High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Saugatuck High School. The student left an unstable household to reside with his sister who lives in the Plainwell School District.

On the basis of the limited documentation made available, the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Richmond High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B & D])** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended Macomb-L'Anse Creuse North High School before enrolling at Richmond High School on Oct. 3, 2007. The student has not participated in athletics at either school and requested subvarsity eligibility until the 91st school day of enrollment, at which time the student would be eligible at whatever level is determined.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Richmond High School.

**Riverview-Gabriel Richard High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a student who was previously enrolled at Flat Rock High School and never played high school sports. His older brother was a member of the cooperative hockey team between Flat Rock and Wyandotte-Mt. Carmel High Schools where the student's father was an assistant coach. The older brother had difficulties with the former team, including destruction to the family's vehicle by a teammate who was found guilty of this crime.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Saginaw-Nouvel Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Lakeview High School.

The student had a troubled spring which led to professional counseling. The parents and counselors felt it best for the student to change schools. The student has taken up residence with an aunt and uncle in Saginaw and enrolled at Nouvel Catholic Central to begin the 2007-08 school year.

On the basis of the limited documentation made available, the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Sturgis High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who lived with her mother in Florida and has moved in with her father in the Sturgis School District, enrolling to begin the 2007-08 school year. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with an Affidavit of Parentage filed at the time of the student's birth.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver, indicating this is the one time waiver may be granted in connection with a change of residence between parents.

**Sturgis High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who lived with guardians and attended Portage Northern High School for the 9th and 10th grades. The student has moved to the residence of his mother in the Sturgis School District, enrolling at Sturgis High School on Oct. 15, 2007. The father has been incarcerated since the student was 10 or 11 years of age. The student's parents have filed for divorce which is not final. The student meets the elements of Exception 2 (not living with parents and returning to live with parents) except that the student must reside with the single parent or only living parent who already resides in the district.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver, indicating this is the one time waiver may be granted in connection with a change of residence between parents.

**Tawas City-Tawas Area High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who lived with his mother and attended school in Arkansas until moving to Tawas to reside

with his ill grandfather. The student enrolled at Tawas Area High School to begin the 2007-08 school year and is caring for his grandfather who has multiple medical conditions. The mother was unable to relocate with her son due to her own health and financial obligations.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Temperance-Bedford High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the first semester of the 2007-08 school year. The student previously attended Erie-Mason High School, enrolled at Bedford on Sept. 4, 2007, and did not participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are actually conducted in the second semester of the 2007-08 school year at Bedford High School.

**Troy High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B & D])** – A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day High School before enrolling at Troy High School on Oct. 1, 2007. The student has not participated in athletics at either school and requested subvarsity eligibility until the 91st school day of enrollment, at which time the student would be eligible at whatever level is determined.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Kingsley High School.

**Warren Woods-Tower High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** – A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the first semester of the 2007-08 school year. The student previously attended Center Line High School to begin the 9th grade, enrolled at Warren Woods-Tower High School on Sept. 17, 2007, and has not participated previously in athletics at either school.

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

until the first day that classes are actually conducted in the second semester of the 2007-08 school year at Warren Woods-Tower High School.

**Waterford Kettering High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended school in Ohio while residing with his mother, stepfather and 5 siblings. Over the summer, the student's mother was extradited to Georgia and incarcerated there. The stepfather and siblings became homeless and have lived in apartments with friends. The student has moved in with an aunt and uncle in the Waterford Kettering attendance area and enrolled to begin the 2007-08 school year at Waterford Kettering High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Webberville High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who completed the 9th grade at Webberville and enrolled at Williamston High School to begin the 2007-08 school year. After nine school days, the student reenrolled at Webberville on Sept. 17, 2007. The student participated in athletics as a 9th-grader at Webberville but not at Williamston.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Webberville High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who completed the 8th grade at Webberville and enrolled at Williamston High School to begin the 2007-08 school year. After four school days, the student reenrolled at Webberville High School on Sept. 11, 2007. The student did not participate in athletics at Williamston High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**West Bloomfield High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended West Bloomfield Public Schools uninterrupted until the second semester of her 10th grade in the 2006-07 school year when the student enrolled at West Bloomfield-Frankel Jewish Academy. The student reenrolled at

West Bloomfield High School because Frankel Jewish Academy was not what the student or parents expected.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Ypsilanti High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Willow Run High School to begin the 9th grade and enrolled at Ypsilanti High School on Oct. 9, 2007.

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

**Hartland High School (Regulation II, Section 11)** – Pursuant to Interpretation 219, a request was made to waive the three-player rule on behalf of the high school girls swimming & diving coach who works full-time with the Hurricanes Swim Club which includes 105 students ages 5-18 from six school districts. It is anticipated that 10-15 students in grades 7-12 from Hartland Schools will be involved in the program. A request was granted previously by the Executive Committee for 2007-08 to a Hartland High School assistant coach for the same program who has recently discontinued coaching in both programs.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for girls swimming & diving for the 2007-08 school year.

**Waterford Kettering High School (Regulation II, Section 11)** – Pursuant to Interpretation 219, a request was made to waive the three-player rule on behalf of the assistant high school boys swimming & diving coach who works full time with the Waterford Kingfish Aquatic Club which includes 25 students (boys and girls) ages 6-17 from seven school districts. It is reported that 13 students from Waterford Schools in grades 7-12 will be involved in the program.

The Executive Committee tabled this request.

**Wayne Memorial High School (Regulation II, Section 11)** – Pursuant to Interpretation 219, a request was made to waive the three-player rule on behalf of the high school boys bowling coach who is the

owner and operator of several bowling centers in the area. The coach would have incidental, non-instructional supervisory contact with numerous students in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools from grades K-12.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for boys bowling for the 2007-08 school year.

**Regulation III, Section 1(C)** – Pursuant to Interpretation 244, the Executive Committee approved waiver of the enrollment regulation for the following junior high/middle schools to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th and 8th-graders for the sports listed in the 2007-08 school year only.

**Engadine** (boys & girls basketball)

Coop. Program: **Harbor Beach- Our Lady of Lake Huron & Harbor Beach-Zion Lutheran** (boys & girls basketball)

**Lake Leelanau-St Mary** (boys basketball)

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

**Dearborn-Riverside Academy West**, a public school academy established in 2005, chartered by Central Michigan University with an enrollment of 112 students in the 7th and 8th grades and 180 students in grades 9-12. It is affiliated with the Global Educational Excellence Schools of Ohio and also operates Ann Arbor-Central Academy. The school has limited outdoor facilities with a gymnasium with seating for approximately 200 spectators. It serves students from Dearborn, Detroit and surrounding communities. In 2007-08, the school intends to offer boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, boys and girls cross country, baseball and girls volleyball. The school's 2007-08 Membership Resolution was received June 29, 2007. Provided a 2008-09 Membership Resolution is received by Sept. 26, 2008, and all other rules are complied with, the school would be eligible for MHSAA postseason tournaments in the 2008-09 school year.

**Taylor-Trillium Academy** is a public school academy in its fifth year of operation and in the third year in its newly constructed facility which includes a two-story wing with a new 200-seat gymnasium and limited outdoor facilities which include a baseball diamond. The school was chartered by Central Michigan University with an enrollment of 300 students in grades K-6, 104 students in the 7th and 8th grades and 165 students in grades 9-11. It is managed by the Romine Group. The school intends to offer boys and girls basketball, baseball, girls volleyball, girls softball and girls competitive cheer. The school's 2007-08 Membership Resolution was received Aug. 1, 2007. Provided a 2008-09 Membership Resolution is received by Sept. 26, 2008, and all other rules are complied with, the school would be eligible for MHSAA postseason tournaments in the 2008-09 school year.

**Traverse City College Preparatory Academy** is a public school academy in its first year of operation at a former church. Construction was planned to convert the sanctuary into a gymnasium with undevel-

oped outdoor facilities. The school was chartered by Bay Mills Community College with an enrollment of 50 students in grades 9-12. It is managed by the Leona Group. The school intends to offer boys and girls basketball in 2007-08 and other sports in the years ahead when enrollment increases. The principal was formerly administrator at Detroit-Charlotte Forten Academy. The school's 2007-08 Membership Resolution was received Aug. 2, 2007. Provided a 2008-09 Membership Resolution is received by Sept. 26, 2008, and all other rules are complied with, the school would be eligible for MHSAA postseason tournaments in the 2008-09 school year.

**Committees** – The Executive Committee approved dates and invitations for MHSAA committees which meet after Dec. 15, 2007 and which reflect recent reductions in size of 25-33 percent, as previously directed by the Representative Council.

**Next Meeting** – The next meeting of the Executive Committee is Thursday, Nov. 29, 2007, at 1 p.m. (Representative Council meets Friday, Nov. 30). ■

## MHSAA Student Leadership Grant Dollars Available

Are you a student with plans of attending a leadership training program? Are you a school administrator organizing a student leadership event in your community? **Do you need funding?**

The MHSAA has earmarked \$20,000 to help students become better leaders. This fund originated from a gift to the MHSAA from student leadership training leader, the former W.B.A. Ruster Foundation.

Upwards of \$750 per instance is available to students to attend existing student leadership camps, and schools to create student leadership programs in their communities.

Funding is available **NOW**. There is no deadline – applications are accepted, and money is distributed, year round.

### To be eligible for funds:

- Events must be conducted within Michigan.
- Events must serve students of MHSAA member schools.
- Individuals who receive scholarships must be student-athletes.
- Events which receive subsidy must include components dealing with athletics.

### To apply:

1. **Download the application from the MHSAA Web site.**
2. **Send the application and appropriate documentation to the MHSAA.**
3. **Allow 45 days for processing.**

If you have any questions, call or e-mail Andy Frushour at the MHSAA – (517) 332-5046 or [afrushour@mhsaa.com](mailto:afrushour@mhsaa.com).

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

## East Lansing, Nov. 29, 2007

### Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan  
Keith Eldred, Williamston  
William Newkirk, Meridian  
Dan Flynn, Escanaba  
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven

### Staff Members Present:

Tom Rashid  
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

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

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

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

The Executive Committee is not authorized to approve waiver based on alleged or actual differences between schools based on

"environment," demographics, curriculum or extracurricular offerings. A determination of undue hardship is a matter addressed to the discretion of the Executive Committee within the educational philosophy and secondary role of voluntary extracurricular competitive athletics in the academic environment. The Executive Committee will avoid making exceptions that would create precedent that effectively changes a rule without Representative Council action or local board of education adoption, which would exceed Executive Committee authority. The contract the MHSAA has with member schools obligates the MHSAA to not change rules during the school year.

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

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

**Alanson-Littlefield and Pellston High Schools (Regulation 1, Section 1[E])** - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls track & field and boys golf between these schools. The combined enrollment of 334 students would place

the teams in the Division 4 tournaments. Littlefield sponsored golf previously and would be the primary school for golf. Pellston sponsored track & field previously and would be the primary school for track & field. Support from the Ski Valley Conference was received for track and field. Future opponents submitted support for the golf cooperative agreement.

**Burton-Genesee Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D])** – A request was made to waive the enrollment regulation and specifically the allowance of schools under 100 students to permit 8th-graders to participate with the high school team. The school's 2007-08 Enrollment Declaration Form submitted in February 2007 indicated 115 students; the current enrollment is 102 students. The change of seasons, placing winter cheerleading and girls basketball in the same season, has caused some students who participated in both to choose one. There are only six girls interested in playing JV basketball as others are cheerleading.

The Executive Committee determined it was not within its authority to make an exception to the 100-student limit that has been set and recently reaffirmed by the Representative Council. The Executive Committee did not approve this request for waiver.

**Dearborn-Edsel Ford High School (Regulation I, Sections 4, 5 & 7)** – On Nov. 7, 2007, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the previous semester and maximum semesters portions of the eligibility regulation on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose mother died in February 2007 and who did not attend school for the second semester of the 2006-07 school year. The student is currently in his eighth semester overall and the fifth first semester since enrolling in the 9th grade in the fall of the 2003-04 school year. The school submitted additional information relating to the mother's illness leading to her death and the home life the student experienced.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver, noting that the student was academically ineligible when he enrolled in his fourth first semester and remains ineligible for his fifth first semester, as well as next semester which would be his ninth semester overall.

**Ann Arbor-Greenhills High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** – A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year. The student currently attends International Academy of the Lakeland Public Schools and will be enrolling at Greenhills in January for the second semester of this school year. The student has not participated in any interscholastic athletics previously.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only through the remainder of the 2007-08 school year and its interscholastic seasons.

**Armada High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (school of residence) was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who lived in Imlay City and attended Armada Schools since 2002 except for the first weeks of the 2007-08 school year when the student moved to Yale and lived with the person who is purported to be his biological father but who is not identified on the student's birth certificate; and the student enrolled at Yale High School where he did not participate in athletics. In August 2007, the student, his mother and stepfather moved to Atlanta, Georgia. The student returned to live with his biological father and attended Yale High School until Sept. 25, 2007, when the student's mother returned to Imlay City. The student relocated to her residence and reenrolled at Armada High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Baldwin High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously lived with her mother and attended Bloomingdale High School. The student moved to the residence of her father and enrolled at Baldwin High School on Oct. 29, 2007. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Bay City-Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B & D])** – A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade

student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only until the 91st school day of enrollment, at which time the student would be eligible at whatever level is determined. The student previously attended Bay City-All Saints High School, enrolled at Bay City-Central on Oct. 9, 2007, and did not participate in athletics at either school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Central High School since Oct. 9, 2007.

**Big Rapids High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** – A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year. The student previously attended Hudsonville High School and did not participate in a game or scrimmage at either school. The student enrolled at Big Rapids High School on Nov. 26, 2007.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only through the remainder of the 2007-08 school year and its interscholastic seasons.

**Bronson High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically the requirements of a full and complete residential change was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who moved from Florida to Bronson with her mother and stepfather on Nov. 6, 2007. After living for a few days with an aunt in Bronson and enrolling in Bronson High School, the student's stepfather moved to West Virginia. After a few days with the aunt, the student and her mother found a residence of their own in Bronson.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Bronson High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the first semester of the 2007-08 school year. The student previously attended a program at Coldwater High School and did not participate in athletics. The student resides in Bronson and advanced sufficiently academically to enroll at Bronson High School on

Sept. 10, 2007.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are actually conducted in the second semester of the 2007-08 school year at Bronson High School.

**Buckley High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who has been enrolled at Fife Lake-Forest Area High School and attending the Manufacturing Technology Academy (MTA) in Traverse City. The student has moved twice in the last two and one-half months and now resides with a family in Buckley and has enrolled at Buckley High School. The student's parents recently separated; the father has left the area and the mother is homeless. The family's former home is in foreclosure.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Burton-Genesee Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the first semester of the 2007-08 school year. The student previously attended Flushing High School for the 9th grade and did not participate in athletics at either school. The student enrolled at Genesee Christian to begin the 2007-08 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are actually conducted in the second semester of the 2007-08 school year at Genesee Christian High School.

**Center Line High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Capac High School for the second semester of the 2006-07 school year, living with mother, stepfather and two siblings. The family home was destroyed by fire in the 2006-07 school year. The State of Michigan found a home for the family in Center Line which they have occupied since June 1, 2007. Over the summer, the children and mother were given protection from the stepfather. Both school age children enrolled in Center Line Schools to

begin the 2007-08 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Centreville High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who was previously enrolled at White Pigeon High School while living with his mother and stepfather who are divorcing. The mother has moved to Indiana, and over the summer, the stepfather and student moved to Centreville where the student enrolled to begin the 2007-08 school year. Within the last month, the stepfather has been incarcerated and the student has moved to Three Rivers to reside with an aunt and uncle. The student continues to attend Centreville High School.

Noting that the student was ineligible under this section when he enrolled at Centreville before the events of the past month, the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Comstock Park High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who lived with his mother and siblings in Grand Rapids and attended Creston High School. The student moved in with the person purported to be his father who resides in the Comstock Park High School attendance area, and the student enrolled there on Sept. 20, 2007. The student's parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted. An altered birth certificate does not list this man as the father, but lists another man as the husband of the student's mother. There are no court records that show who the biological father is.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Detroit-Northwestern High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Detroit City High School which moved its location over the summer toward the center of the city. The student enrolled at Northwestern High School to begin the 2007-08 school year and resides in the Northwestern attendance area. The student's only way to get to school is to walk, crossing two freeways. The student lives two

blocks from Northwestern and two miles from the newly relocated Detroit City High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Detroit-West Village Academy (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously lived with his mother and attended Oak Park High School. To begin the 2007-08 school year, the student changed residences to that of his father and enrolled at Detroit-West Village Academy, which is the closest charter school to the father's residence and the school the student had attended during the 8th grade. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was received along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Eastpointe-East Detroit High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Redford-Thurston High School while residing with her mother. The student has moved into the residence of her father in the East Detroit School District and enrolled on Sept. 10, 2007. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Edwardsburg High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended school in Indiana, living with his parents who were never married. The student had lived in several different homes with his mother, and for the last two weeks lived with his father. Circumstances caused the student to relocate to live with an aunt and uncle in the Edwardsburg School District.

Citing a lack of satisfactory documentation, the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Fife Lake-Forest Area High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** – A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to

waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the first semester of the 2007-08 school year. The student previously attended Kingsley High School beginning on Sept. 4, 2007, and did not participate in athletics (games, scrimmages or practices). The student enrolled at Forest Area on Sept. 21, 2007.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are actually conducted in the second semester of the 2007-08 school year at Forest Area High School.

**Grand Haven High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously lived with her mother and attended Grand Rapids-Northview High School. Child Protective Services removed the student from the mother's care and placed the student with her biological father, who will soon be married to a woman whose daughter has attended Grand Haven Schools for three years.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Grosse Pointe Woods-University Liggett High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended University Liggett Schools since the third grade except for six school days this fall when the student enrolled at Grosse Pointe South High School to begin the 2007-08 school year. The student did not participate in athletics at Grosse Pointe South.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Hillsdale-Will Carleton Academy (Regulation I, Section 9)** – Additional information and outside documentation were submitted on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Pittsford High School and was the victim of two assaults by other Pittsford students which are under consideration by the prosecutor. The student enrolled at Will Carleton Academy on Oct. 8, 2007. A Personal Protection Order has been issued for this student. On Nov. 7, 2007, the Executive Committee did not approve the request pending outside documentation. It

has also been learned that Will Carleton Academy is the closest charter school to the student's home.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Holland High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Benton Harbor High School while living with an uncle. The student has moved to Holland to reside with his mother who already lives in the district. The parents never married. The student enrolled Nov. 26, 2007. The language of Exception 2 (not living with parent and returning to live with a parent) states the "single parent if divorced, or only living parent." The father is not a part of the student's life.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Hudson High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose mother filed for divorce on Sept. 5, 2007, and who moved with her father and two brothers from Onsted on Aug. 19, 2007, where she was enrolled in school. The new residence is in Hudson which is more convenient for the father's work.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Hudson High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation and specifically the requirement that the student move with the person(s) he was living with "for at least 30 calendar days during his most recent previous high school enrollment." The student's parents were never married and the father has not resided with the student for years. The student's family consists of his mother, stepfather and three sisters, one of whom (13 year old) moved in with her biological father 22 days prior to the family's move from Hillsdale to Hudson.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Kalamazoo-Loy Norrix High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Kalamazoo Central while liv-

ing with his grandmother. The grandmother was no longer able to financially support the student, who has moved in with an aunt in the Loy Norrix School District.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Kalamazoo-Loy Norrix High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended South Haven High School while living with her grandmother, who passed away on Oct. 27. The student and her grandmother were the only two people living in the residence. The student has moved to the Loy Norrix attendance area and is residing with her cousin. The father is incarcerated, and the mother has not been a part of the student's life.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Kent City-Algoma Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended Cedar Springs High School where he participated in football. The student enrolled at Algoma Christian on Nov. 5, 2007 because of a need for smaller class sizes.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Manton High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who participated in wrestling for Cadillac High School. This past June, the Cadillac Board of Education determined that it would not sponsor a wrestling team. The student transferred to Manton High School to begin the 2007-08 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Muskegon High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the first semester of the 2007-08 school year. The student previously attended Detroit-Southeastern High School for the 9th grade and did not participate in an athletic contest or scrimmage. The student enrolled at

Muskegon High School to begin the 2007-08 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are actually conducted in the second semester of the 2007-08 school year at Muskegon High School.

**Muskegon High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** – A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation with either full eligibility to start the second semester or to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only until the 91st school day of enrollment, at which time the student would be eligible at whatever level is determined. The student previously attended Norton Shores-Mona Shores High School and enrolled at Muskegon High School on Nov. 2, 2007. The student did not participate in athletics at either school. Muskegon High School is uncertain as to whether it will field a junior varsity competitive cheer team.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only through the remainder of the 2007-08 school year and its interscholastic seasons.

**New Buffalo High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended St. Joseph High School where he participated in football games and practices. The student has been a New Buffalo resident continuously and was considering moving to St. Joseph to care for an ailing grandparent. The student reenrolled at New Buffalo on Oct. 8, 2007.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at New Buffalo High School.

**Onaway High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended school and resided with her father who was stationed with the army in Kentucky. In June 2007, the student's father was transferred to Camp Grayling which does not have family living quarters on base. The student moved in with grandparents in Onaway. To begin the 2006-

07 school year, the student lived with her mother and stepfather until the stepfather was convicted of a crime, at which time the student moved to live with her biological father in Kentucky.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Parma-Western High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – On Nov. 7, 2007, the Executive Committee approved a request for eligibility at the subvarsity level only on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose district of residence is Western but who previously attended Springport High School for the 9th grade and enrolled at Parma-Western on Sept. 4, 2007. It was originally thought that the student had not participated in athletics at Springport. On Nov. 8, 2007, Western High School phoned the MHSAA to report that it had learned that the student had played JV girls basketball at Springport, which voids the subvarsity waiver.

The student was in an auto accident in September 2004 and had several health issues. After hospitalization, she was home educated by Michigan Center before returning to classes in April 2005. In August 2006, she enrolled in Springport High School for 9th grade and played basketball. The student suffered a horseback riding accident in the summer of 2007. In September 2007, she enrolled in Western High School.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Pittsford High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Pittsford High School since the 9th grade except for one-half day of school on Nov. 9, 2007, when the student attended Addison High School. The student had lived with his mother in Jonesville and attempted to move in with his father who was recently released from prison and resides in Addison. After a few days, the student returned to live with his mother and reenrolled at Pittsford on Nov. 12, 2007.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Portland High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Portland Schools her entire career except for

the first semester of the 2007-08 school year when the student moved to Canada with her mother, who was promoted to automobile plant manager. The student's father remained in Portland. The student intends to complete the current academic term and reenroll at Portland High School to begin the second semester of the 2007-08 school year, residing in the same home as previously with her father.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Potterville High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously lived with her mother and attended Grand Ledge High School. To begin the 2007-08 school year, the student changed residences to that of her father in the Potterville School District. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Redford-Thurston High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Detroit-Renaissance High School while living with her aunt and legal guardian. Over the summer, another aunt and uncle who reside in the Thurston High School district became legal guardians of the student because the former guardian/aunt is homeless. Neither the court nor current guardians could contact the aunt. The mother has been deceased since the child was 9 years old and the father lives in Inkster but has not cared for the student since the mother died. The student has lived with numerous relatives other than her parents for the past seven years.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**River Rouge High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the first semester of the 2007-08 school year. The student previously attended Melvindale-Academy of Business and Technology and

did not participate in athletics previously. The student enrolled at River Rouge High School on Sept. 4, 2007.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are actually conducted in the second semester of the 2007-08 school year at River Rouge High School.

**River Rouge High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the first semester of the 2007-08 school year. The student previously attended Detroit-West Village Academy and did not participate in athletics previously. The student enrolled at River Rouge High School on Sept. 4, 2007.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are actually conducted in the second semester of the 2007-08 school year at River Rouge High School.

**River Rouge High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the first semester of the 2007-08 school year. The student previously attended Detroit-Consortium Prep High School and did not participate in athletics previously. The student enrolled at River Rouge High School on Sept. 4, 2007.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are conducted in the second semester of the 2007-08 school year at River Rouge High School.

**Rochester High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended St. Clair Shores-South Lake High School while residing with his mother. The student has moved into the residence of his father in the Rochester High School attendance area and enrolled on Sept. 13, 2007. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Saginaw-Nouvel Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – On Nov. 7, 2007, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Lakeview High School. The student had a troubled spring and displayed tendencies which led to professional counseling. The parents and counselors felt it best for the student to change schools. The student has taken up residence with an aunt and uncle in Saginaw and enrolled at Nouvel Catholic Central to begin the 2007-08 school year. The school submitted additional information in the form of confidential medical records asking that the matter be reconsidered.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**St. Johns High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended DeWitt High School. The student enrolled at St. Johns High School on March 8, 2007.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at St. Johns High School.

**St. Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Lake Michigan Catholic through Sept. 24, 2007, before moving to Texas with her mother only (parents temporarily separated). On Nov. 19, the student returned with her mother to the same home and same school and reenrolled at Lake Michigan Catholic. Michigan Lutheran High School is the closest nonpublic school to the student's home.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Shepherd High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Farwell High School while living with her mother who died in the summer of 2007.

The student has been placed in the custody of an aunt and uncle who have other children attending Shepherd Schools but do not reside in the district. The student's father has not been part the student's life.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Stephenson High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the first semester of the 2007-08 school year. The student previously attended Menominee High School and did not participate in athletics. The student enrolled at Stephenson to begin the 2007-08 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are actually conducted in the second semester of the 2007-08 school year at Stephenson High School.

**Sterling Heights High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (school of residence) was made on behalf of a student in his third year of high school but in 10th grade academically, who began the 9th grade at Warren-Cousino High School while living with his adopted mother (who is also his grandmother). The student was suspended in March 2005 and attended the Warren Consolidated Alternative High School and then was placed in the Macomb County Juvenile Justice Center for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year. The student has returned to live with his adopted parent and enrolled at Sterling Heights High School, a school of the same district but different attendance area, in early November 2007. The student participated in 9th-grade football in the fall of 2005.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Vermontville-Maple Valley High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Maple Valley Schools since the 2nd grade except for the first five days of the 2007-08 school year when the student enrolled at Charlotte High School as a result of the par-

ents divorcing and the mother moving to Charlotte. The student reenrolled at Maple Valley on Sept. 11, 2007, and did not participate in athletics at Charlotte High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Vermontville-Maple Valley High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Delton Kellogg High School before moving over the summer to the residence of his grandmother. The student enrolled at Maple Valley High School due to some negative experiences he was having at Delton Kellogg.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Warren Mott High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the first semester of the 2007-08 school year. The student previously attended Madison Heights-Bishop Foley High School where he did not participate in athletics, and enrolled at Warren Mott to begin the 2007-08 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are actually conducted in the second semester of the 2007-08 school year at Warren Mott High School.

**Warren Woods-Tower High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who does not live in the Warren Woods-Tower attendance area and previously applied to attend Warren Woods-Tower to begin the 9th grade. The student was placed on a waiting list that did not resolve itself until after the student began the 9th grade at Roseville-East Junior High School. The student did not participate in a practice, scrimmage or contest, and enrolled at Warren Woods-Tower after two days of attendance at East Junior High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**West Branch-Ogemaw Heights High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on

behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Brown City High School while residing with his father. The student has moved into the residence of his mother in the Ogemaw Heights School District and enrolled Oct. 24, 2007. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a child support payment report indicating both parents and the student.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Whitmore Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** – A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder 2007-08 school year. The student previously attended South Lyon East High School and did not participate in athletics. The student enrolled at Whitmore Lake High School on Nov. 26, 2007.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only through the remainder of the 2007-08 school year and its interscholastic seasons.

**Wyoming Park High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously lived with her father and attended Wyoming-Kelloggsville High School. To begin the 2007-08 school year, the student changed residences to that of her mother in the Wyoming Park School District. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Ypsilanti-Willow Run High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously lived with his mother and attended school in North Carolina. On Oct. 16, 2007, the student changed residences to that of his father and enrolled at Willow Run High School. The student's mother is incarcerated, and the parents never married. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Romulus High School (Regulation II, Section 6)** – A request to waive the travel limitation and specifically Interpretation 174(a) was made to allow Romulus High School's varsity boys basketball team to play a single game against Watertown High School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on Dec. 22, 2007. The game is one of several in a multi-team event which includes nine teams from Wisconsin, four from Minnesota, one from Indiana and one from Michigan (Romulus). The Minnesota teams are 320 and 340 miles to the game site.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Waterford Kettering High School (Regulation II, Section 11)** - On Nov. 7, 2007, the Executive Committee tabled a request to waive the three-player rule on behalf of the assistant high school boys swimming & diving coach who works full time with the Waterford Kingfish Aquatic Club which includes 25 students (boys and girls) ages 6-17 from seven school districts. It was reported that 13 students from Waterford Schools in grades 7-12 will be involved in the program. The Executive Committee requested that the agreement to manage the aquatic club between Professional Contract Management and the Waterford School District be addressed.

Because of continuing concerns, the Executive Committee took no action.

**Regulation III, Section 1(C)** – Pursuant to Interpretation 244, the Executive Committee approved waiver of the enrollment regulation to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th and 8th-graders for the sports listed in the 2007-08 school year only.

**Pentwater** (boys and girls basketball)

**Representative Council** – The Executive Committee reviewed the schedule for the Representative Council meeting the following day.

**Next Meeting** – The next meeting of the Executive Committee is Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 8:30 a.m. (Classification Committee Meeting at 1 p.m.). ■

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### GRAND SLAM LEADERSHIP (Leadership is Message Management)

*This is the third in a series of Bulletin articles examining ideas for successful leadership.*

The authors of the book, *The Leader as Communicator*, have as their basic premise that communication is more than a strategy or a tool or a technique of leadership, but a basic service of any organization, a program of the organization.

The authors say: "The leader of an organization is automatically the designated chief communication officer and is accountable for all communication in the organization . . . How leaders extend trust, share information, provide direction and orientation, and in general develop a feeling of common stake in the organization's future represents, in some, what is preeminently a communications challenge."

In other words, being a leader is – above everything else – a communications challenge. Being an athletic director is a communications challenge.

The point is that the leader of an organization manages its conversations, and that leadership is message management, or the management of meaning within the organization.

The point here for athletic administrators is that the work is more than merely event management. The important work is to extract the meaning from all the preparations and performances and communicate it to all participants and parents.

The athletic director is the message manager for the school's athletic program. It is our shared, core-values based vision, communicated in good times to keep moving us forward and communicated in hard times to keep us focused on what we believe and do best. ■

## AT&T to DELIVER \$10,000 for SCOPE AWARD

For the second consecutive year, AT&T will award four Michigan high schools a total of \$10,000 as part the 2008 Scope Award. This award honors one school in each enrollment class (A-B-C-D) for its work in promoting the proper role of school sports. In addition to statewide recognition, each school will receive \$2,500 to be applied toward continuing local promotion of a sensible scope for its athletic program.



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Application materials are available on [mhsaa.com](http://mhsaa.com), and are **due to the MHSAA on Feb. 1**. The four winning schools will be recognized at the MHSAA Boys Basketball Finals on March 15. The 2007 winners were Alpena High School in Class A, Richland Gull Lake High School in Class B, Grandville Calvin Christian High School in Class C and Cassville High School in Class D.

**Thank you to AT&T for funding the MHSAA's scope-related programming**, including the Scope Award and the new Student Advisory Council. For more information about the Scope Award or the application process, please contact MHSAA Marketing Coordinator Andy Frushour at 517-332-5046 or [afrushour@mhsaa.com](mailto:afrushour@mhsaa.com), or visit the Scope Award page on the MHSAA Web site.

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### READY TO SWING

*These are comments of MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts at the closing of most Update Meetings across Michigan during October.*

Almost 105 years ago, William James delivered the address at the centenary of Ralph Waldo Emerson. To have a one hundred year anniversary of your birth observed is quite something; and to have a man, mind and mouth as gifted as William James be the speaker at that event is really something special. It means to me that there is a lot that might be learned from considering Emerson's life.

Ralph Waldo Emerson repeatedly told his youthful students (including Henry David Thoreau): "Stand by your order." By this he meant, according to James, to know your type and your mission.

Emerson's type was that of a scholar. His mission was that of a reporter.

James said about Emerson, "This duty of seeing and reporting determined his whole life." He lived in the country, according to James, "to shield it [his life] from invasion and distraction."

James wrote that Emerson "consistently declined to entangle himself with associations or to encumber himself with functions . . . causes [which] sought to enlist them as their worker all got his smile and word of sympathy, but did not entrap him into service."

Emerson was single-minded. He knew his calling, his gifts and his mission.

James said Emerson knew his limits, not so much the limits of his ability (what he could do), but the limits of his focus (what he should do). And within those limits, within his calling and mission, according to James, "He dauntlessly asserted himself." In other words, within his mission, Emerson knew few limits. Within his mission, he pushed matters without bounds on imagination or energy.

Placing this in modern times and our topics, and using a metaphor we can relate to, "Emerson did not swing at every pitch, but he took a vigorous swing at every pitch in his strike zone."

This is a good example for us who labor in school sports. Understanding what pitches to swing at, letting many balls pass by because they're outside our strike zone, outside our mission and purpose. But when the matter is in our strike zone, when the matter is something not only we can do but also should do, then taking a mighty swing, giving it all we can.

Sometimes baseball announcers will say a batter has a good eye. Sometimes they will say a batter is a free swinger. We don't have the luxury of time, money or staff to be free swingers in school sports. We need discernment, a good eye. We need to swing not at balls we might reach, but just at the strikes we should reach: the projects, programs and policies we are in a unique position to handle, that need to be handled, and that no one else can handle as well or will handle at all.

This is how the MHSAA has come to limit itself to serving four constituent groups above all others: coaches, officials, athletic directors and, more recently, student-athletes directly.

This is how we've come to limit our *Handbook* to rules unaddressed by rules elsewhere. We have no rules about tobacco, alcohol and drug use by students, because schools do. We have no rules about DUI, assault or burglary, because society does.

And because rules don't exist elsewhere, this is why we do have rules about transfer, recruitment and out-of-season coaching. This is why we do have policies about season limitations, when they should start and end and how many contests in between. These are topics with which we should be concerned, and must be engaged.

Now having said all this, we recognize that the opposing pitchers are improving. They're not merely throwing fastballs right down the middle; they're also throwing curve balls and sliders and sinkers and changeups, and they're painting the outside of the plate with their pitches.

So our strike zone in school sports is a little more subtle than it once was.

This is why we talk about actually running recruiting camps in April. This is why we reach out to youth sports organizations. This is why some people resist shorter seasons and even talk about earlier seasons and later seasons and summer seasons for school sports. This is why perhaps we should actually run and not merely try to regulate summer activity, provide what can happen in the summer rather than simply a list of what can't.

Life is throwing school sports some wicked pitches, low and on the outside corner. We're trying to have school sports ready to swing when those pitches touch our strike zone.

As Emerson told his young students, we must stand by our order. We must know what our type is and what our mission is and stick with it.

Emerson's type, with no apologies, was scholar. Our type of sport, with no apologies, is educational athletics. Our niche is the purest, most wholesome, amateur, local educational brand of athletics in America.

Emerson's mission, with intense focus, was reporter. Our mission, with intense focus, must be preserver of educational athletics: to promote its relevance to students and protect its usefulness for schools.

I look for us to do so without distraction by irrelevant bells and whistles, but with devotion to core principles. It's a difficult balancing act we have, but I predict we'll continue to find our place and perform our function.

It's an exciting process, and I'm glad you have been and continue to be along for the ride, stimulating and steering our journey. ■

## Sportsmanship Grants Available for 2007-08

The Michigan High School Athletic Association has established the routine of conducting a Statewide Sportsmanship Summit in even years and providing mini-grants for more local sportsmanship efforts in odd years.

Mini-grants of \$50 to \$500 will again be available during the 2007-08 school year. To date, over \$2,000 has been awarded in the 2007-08 school year. **An application is available on sportsmanship page of the MHSAA Web site, and also appears on the next page.** There is no deadline.

### Special consideration will be given to the following efforts:

1. Programs and materials for junior high/middle school students and faculty.
2. Programs and materials for high school team captains.
3. Programs and materials for high school student cheering sections.
4. Programs and materials for adult spectators.
5. Programs for leagues & conferences.

These expenditures are consistent with our belief that the most effective efforts are the most local. Please think about new and better ways to convey the message in 2007-08, especially geared toward the targets listed above.



# MINI-GRANT APPLICATION FOR SPORTSMANSHIP INITIATIVES

## A. SPONSORING ORGANIZATION (School District, League, Etc.)

Organization name: \_\_\_\_\_

## B. ORGANIZATION CONTACT PERSON

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

## C. INITIATIVE INFORMATION

Target Audience of initiative: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of initiative: \_\_\_\_\_

Site(s) of initiative: \_\_\_\_\_

## D. PURPOSE/GOALS OF GRANT \_\_\_\_\_

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Total cost of initiative: \_\_\_\_\_

Itemize major expenses: \_\_\_\_\_

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## E. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Attach or provide an outline which provides the schedule, topics and resources.

Please Return to:  
Michigan High School Athletic Association  
1661 Ramblewood Drive  
East Lansing, MI 48823-7392  
FAX: 517/332-4071

## ALTERNATE-YEAR RULES PUBLICATIONS

The Michigan High School Athletic Association will soon be providing all National Federation rules publications to its member schools and registered officials on an alternate-year rather than annual basis.

Citing the high cost to purchase and ship rules books that have few significant changes year after year, MHSAA staff proposed last spring and the Representative Council approved Nov. 30 a schedule of purchases that will save the association approximately \$115,000 over each two-year period.

The savings will not only allow the association to delay increases in its officials registration fees which are already among the lowest across the country, but it will also help underwrite new officials' recruitment, current officials' retention and training initiatives, including an online video training program that will be available free of charge to all MHSAA registered officials in 2009.

The MHSAA and the Illinois High School Association have mutually agreed on a schedule for alternate-year purchases of National Federation rules books which will permit these two associations to continue to work together on the afore-mentioned and other officiating matters.

The MHSAA is among several high school associations across the country that have been requesting that the National Federation prepare and publish rules changes on a two-year schedule for all sports, not just girls gymnastics. Recently, the National Collegiate Athletic Association adopted a two-year schedule for playing rules changes for intercollegiate athletics, and many other organizations change rules even less frequently.

In the "off years" when publications are not purchased, the MHSAA will provide the previous year's rules book to new officials; and all officials and schools will be provided summaries of changes online, in print and at meetings.

Following is the MHSAA distribution plan for National Federation publications:

### **2008-09:**

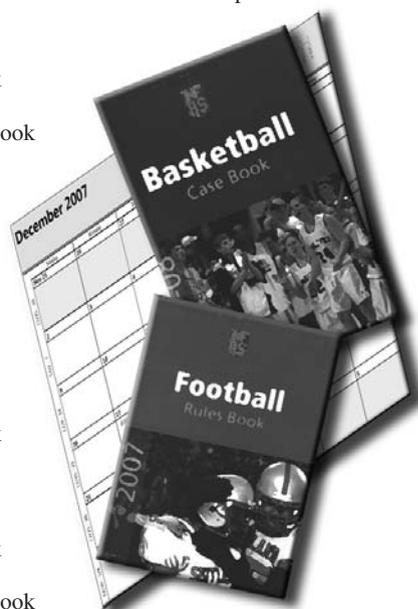
Baseball Rules Book and Case Book  
Basketball Rules Book and Case Book  
Girls Gymnastics Rules Book  
Track & Field Rules Book and Case Book  
Volleyball Case Book  
Wrestling Case Book

### **2009-10 and again in 2011-12:**

Football Rules Book and Case Book  
Ice Hockey Rules Book  
Girls Lacrosse Rules Book  
Boys Lacrosse Rules Book  
Soccer Rules Book  
Softball Rules Book and Case Book  
Swimming & Diving Rules Book  
Volleyball Rules Book and Case Book  
Wrestling Rules Book and Case Book

### **2010-11 and again in 2012-13:**

Baseball Rules Book and Case Book  
Basketball Rules Book and Case Book  
Girls Gymnastics Rules Book  
Track & Field Rules Book and Case Book



MHSAA Competitive Cheer and Alpine Skiing Manuals will be published in 2008-09 and 2010-11, etc. Rules books in bowling, golf and tennis will also be provided in 2008-09 and 2010-11, etc. ■

## "HAVE YOUR SAY"

### SURVEY REVEALS FUN & LEARNING AS PRIMARY ROLE OF SCHOOL SPORTS

A month-long survey conducted by the Michigan High School Athletic Association about high school sports yielded a variety of results, but none more important than the facts that both students and adults feel the primary roles of education athletics are to let kids have fun and teach them about becoming tomorrow's leaders.

"Have Your Say: The High School Sports Opinion Poll" was an online survey which received 8,036 responses from Oct. 8 to Nov. 5. The purpose was to determine attitudes towards educational athletics to assist the MHSAA in its future planning. The Association plans to conduct a follow-up survey at least every two years.

Students and adults agreed on the primary roles of school sports, but had their order flip-flopped. Students, consistent with other surveys by other parties, listed having fun as the primary role of these extra-curricular activities. Adults responding were of the opinion that school sports should teach young people about leadership skills.

The role of school sports serving as a vehicle to a college athletic scholarship saw some interesting graphing in the survey. Of the eight roles respondents were asked about, earning college scholarships rated positively, but nowhere near as high as the other roles. As a group, student-athletes saw earning an athletic scholarship as a role; but as respondents got older, they were less inclined to think so until an upward shift in the age 35 through 49 year ranges, where they then dropped off again.

In comparing high school sports to programs sponsored by other groups – parents, school coaches, school administrators and school game officials were united in the feeling that the school sports experience was better than participating in club or AAU programming. It was also felt that the level of sportsmanship was better in high school sports than collegiate sports, high school aged AAU and club sports, non-school youth sports and professional sports, in that order.

The survey also asked questions related to the financing of high school sports. Respondents were willing to pay more for a ticket to the MHSAA Football Finals than the Basketball Finals. Corporate sponsorship of school sports, the survey found, was acceptable to a limit – most notably title sponsorships of high school events were looked upon unfavorably.

The most popular media sources for high school sports information continue to be local newspapers and television stations, according to the survey; but the Internet was beginning to rival newspaper reading for those polled under 35 years of age. Indications are that web-based delivery of high school information will become increasingly important for upcoming generations of high school parents.

Fans of high school sports also tend to stay loyal to their local school, indicating that if a college football team they follow was participating in a televised contest at the same time they were still more likely to attend a high school event in-person. ■

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## TOP 10 FINDINGS FROM “HAVE YOUR SAY”

1. Newspaper and television are still the two most popular mediums used to access information about school sports, but the Internet rivals newspaper for those people 35 years of age or younger. Before too long, this group will be the parents of high school students, so a focus on developing Web-based applications is imperative.
2. Although the survey indicates the public is not yet clamoring for Web blogs and podcasts on **mhsaa.com**, a check of the data in two years may suggest an upward trend in the scores. We need to be prepared to accommodate an online world where a social, collaborative and interactive Web site is expected by our constituents (particularly by parents and students).
3. The public is willing to pay more for a Football Finals ticket than a Boys Basketball Finals ticket, and more for a Boys Basketball Finals ticket than a Girls Basketball Finals ticket. The public is more sensitive to the price of tickets depending on the sport; an increase in the price of a football ticket will likely decrease attendance less than an increase in the price of a girls basketball ticket.
4. Selling corporate sponsorships to fund high school sports is acceptable, to a limit. A title sponsorship for an MHSAA championship event (i.e., “Tostitos Fiesta Bowl”) will draw considerable criticism from our key constituents – officials, coaches, administrators and parents.
5. The level of sportsmanship at high school sporting events is greater than collegiate sports, high school age AAU sports, non-school youth sports and professional sports (in that order).
6. Adults believe two of the most important roles of schools sports are to teach students about leadership and to have fun, in that order. Students agree on those two roles, but they believe role number one is to have fun.
7. As a group, student-athletes agree that one role of school sports is to enhance college athletic scholarship opportunities. As people get older, however, they are less inclined to believe this statement. It is curious to note, though, that the downward slope stops and shifts upward at age groups 35-39, 40-44 and 45-49, before falling again. This may suggest that parents of some current student-athletes have a renewed belief in securing an athletic scholarship for their child through high school sports.
8. Participating in high school sports is a better sports experience than participating in AAU or club sports. Parents, coaches, administrators and officials – those people most responsible for educating our children through sport – are united and adamant about this issue.
9. High school sports tend to be a big part of most communities’ culture, but the level of support of the school sports teams differs greatly across the state. In general, the support for school sports teams increases the further you get from metro Detroit.
10. Attempting to turn non-followers of high school sports into fans may be a lost cause. In general, these people just aren’t sports fans; they don’t follow college or pro sports either, and they’d rather be attending a non-sports event in the community. Therefore, a renewed focus on retaining current customers and impressing new customers (freshmen and parents of freshmen) through quality, value-based programming is a better course of action. ■

## “HAVE YOUR SAY”

### GENERAL INFORMATION AND BACKGROUND OF THE SCHOOL SPORTS SURVEY

The “Have Your Say” survey consisted of 54 statements about high school sports, and respondents were asked to use a scale to rate how much they agreed or disagreed with the statement. A score of 100 equated to an answer of “Strongly Agree”, while -100 was “Strongly Disagree.” Respondents placed a sliding marker somewhere between the two. So, a positive score indicates agreeing to the statement, while a negative score indicates disagreement.

A number of demographic type questions were asked to help in order to categorize respondents. Birth year and zip code determined age and current hometown. Respondents were also asked which Michigan high school they most affiliated with (if any). Finally, respondents were asked if they were a current or former student athlete or parent, and if they had ever been a high school coach, administrator or official. One last important question for differentiating respondents was to ask them if they were an avid follower of school sports. This question was used to determine how “in tune” the respondents were to school sports.

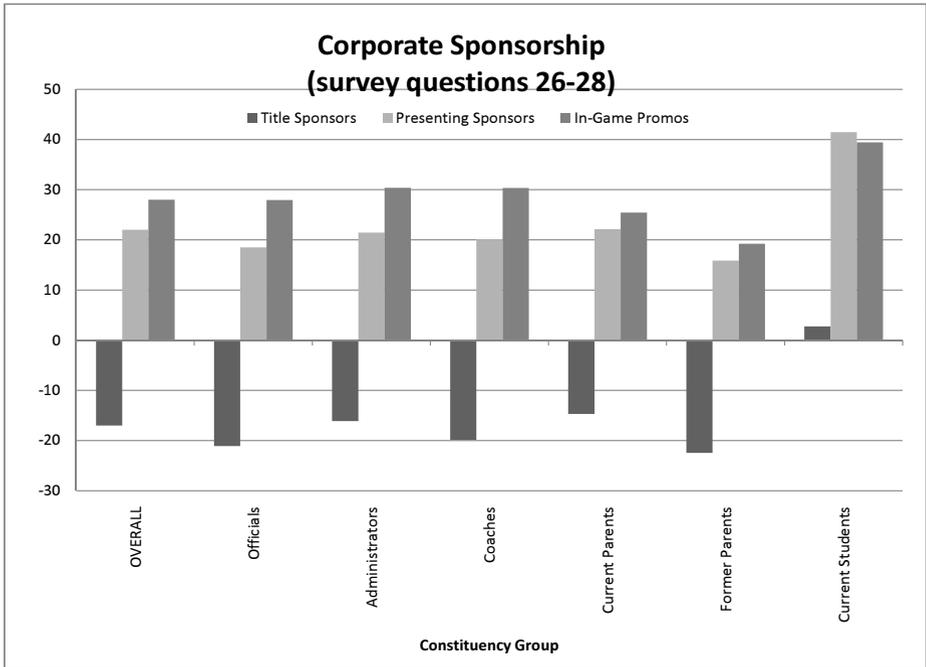
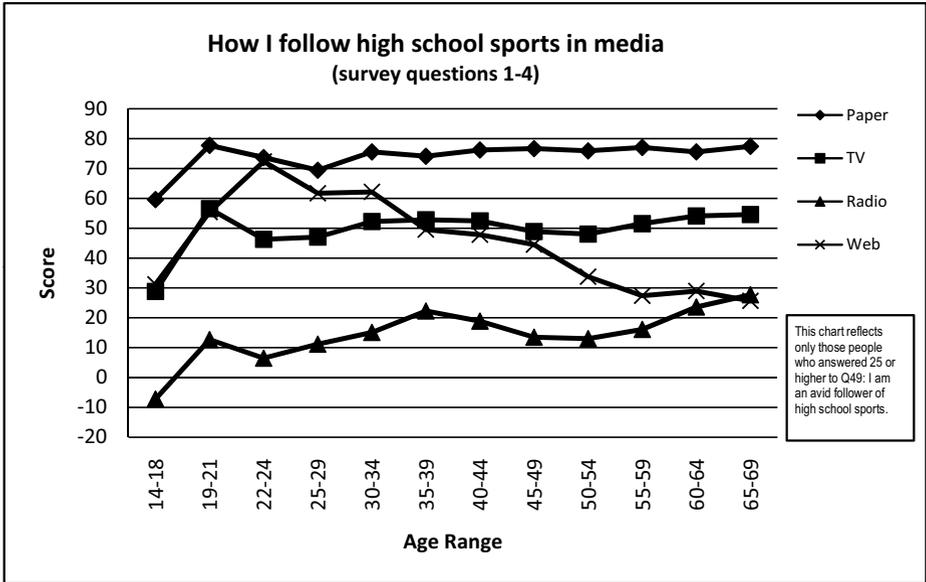
The survey was open from Oct. 8 to Nov. 5, 2008. 8,078 people completed the survey, including 71 people from outside of Michigan (from 25 states). In addition, 682 MHSAA members were listed as the “school with which I most affiliate.”

Respondents in this survey were not selected randomly. The survey was promoted to our schools and the public in a variety of ways, and most respondents already had some connection with school sports.

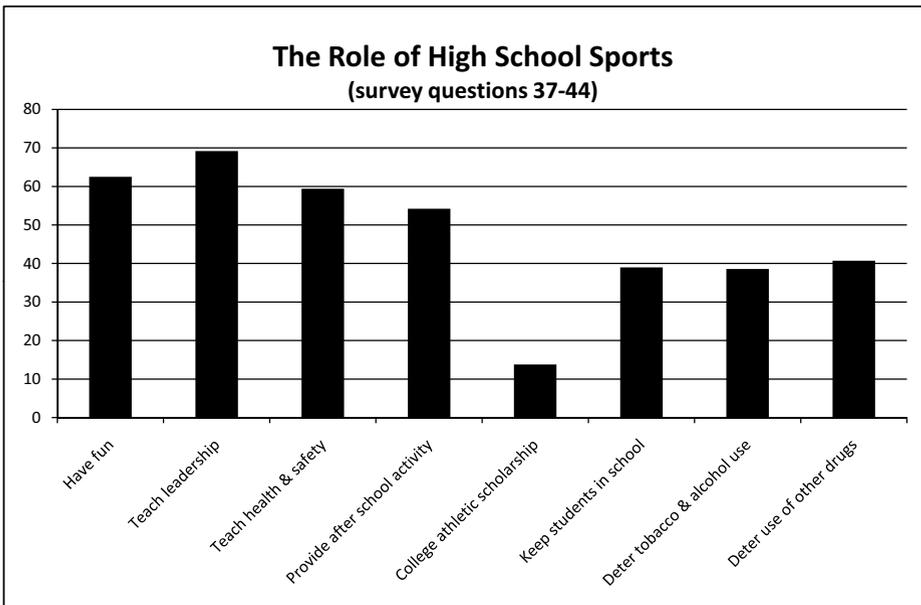
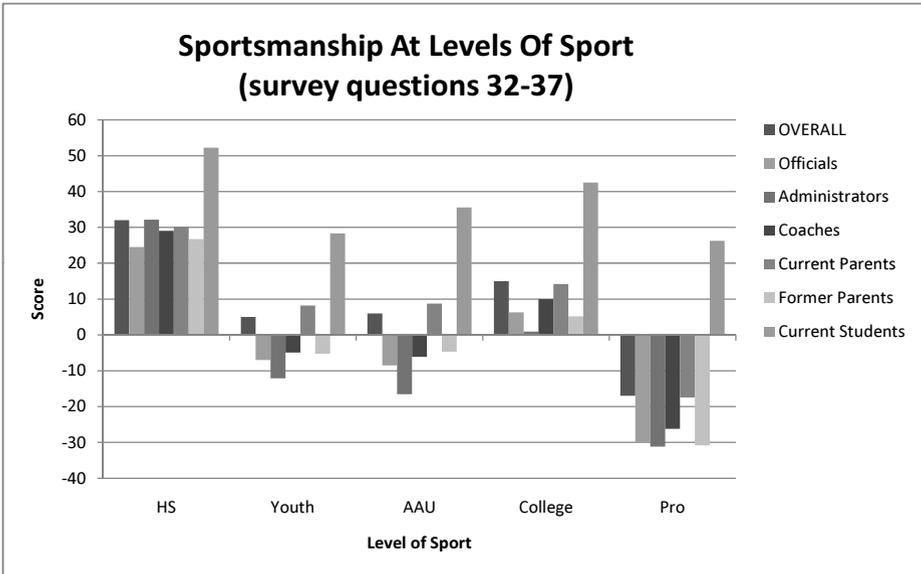
This creates a certain amount of bias to the questions, but we are OK with this bias. This survey was meant to gather the opinion, and this is what we received.



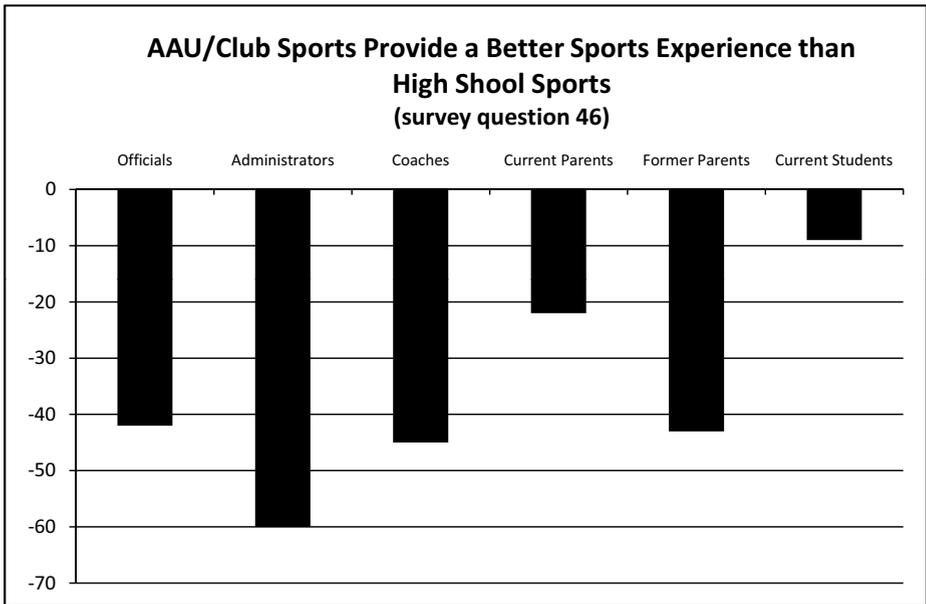
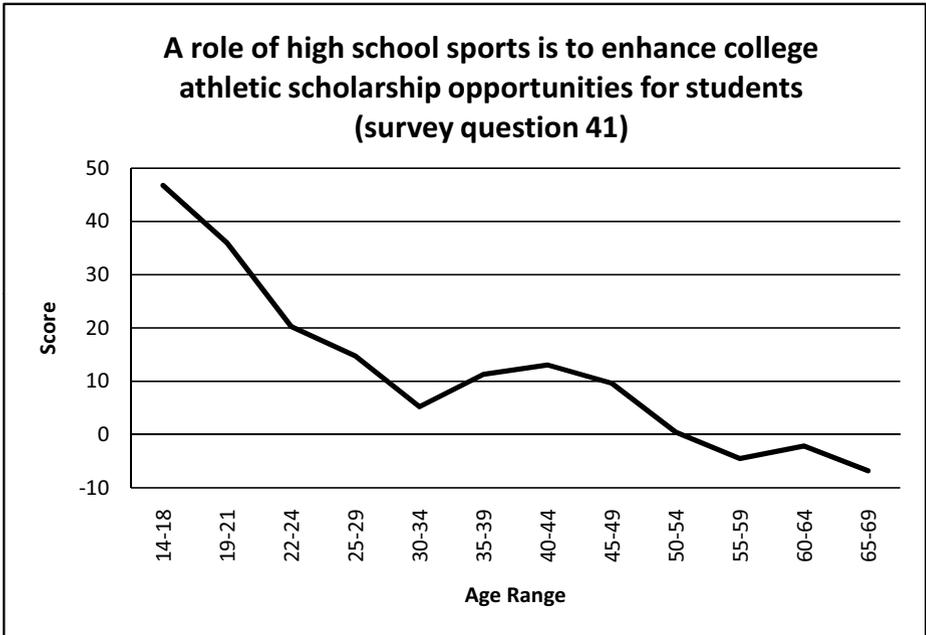
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## MHSAA PERSPECTIVE

### STERIOD COUNTER-CULTURE

The sports headlines were filled in mid-December with the results of the Mitchell Report, which told a story of a steroid use culture which existed in Major League Baseball. But perhaps the more important story on steroid use was told a couple of days earlier on a much smaller media scale, one that gives hope for a brighter future for high school athletes – and for that matter, all sports – playing drug free.

An annual University of Michigan study of high school students – Monitoring The Future – was released last week and showed a 50 percent decrease in the use of anabolic steroids since 2000. Only 1.4 percent of 12th-grade students and not exclusively student-athletes are using such substances. And that while their numbers are also going down, the use of tobacco, alcohol, marijuana and other recreational drugs still involve 20 to 40 times as many seniors in high school as do steroids. This represents a far greater threat, and is far more deserving of our attention and resources.

One of the reasons cited for the decreased use was the negative pall cast on professional athletes caught or suspected of using steroids to improve their performances. Such negative role models, coupled with education programs for young people like ATLAS and ATHENA, have developed a counter-culture – an opposition to drug use in our schools. Administrators and athletes know that steroid use is cheating in its worst form. More is also known about the harmful side effects of steroid use in young people

than we knew just 10 years ago.

The facts are that educational athletics has taken a huge lead against steroid use, and has done so without going to the grand expense and personal privacy invasion of teenagers that comes with drug testing. Professional sports, where less than one percent of the young people who play youth and school sports eventually land, is a high-stakes business with the resources to become engaged in sophisticated testing – and yet some substances can still go undetected.

Educational athletics is a higher-stakes business of a different type – educating tomorrow's community leaders. A business where testing in science, social studies and other course work is more important than testing for steroids. Education efforts in school sports are a more responsible use of the tight dollars our schools have, have proven to be more effective in reducing the use of steroids and other controlled substances, and in producing other short and long-term positive outcomes for young people. ■

— John Johnson

*MHSAA Communications Director*

*NOTE: This commentary aired on the radio program "MHSAA Perspective," carried by more than 40 radio stations across the state, and can be heard on-demand on the MHSAA Internet Broadcast Network – [www.mhsaanetwork.com](http://www.mhsaanetwork.com).*

### STUDY SHOWS HUGE DECREASE IN STEROID USE

The University of Michigan 33rd annual national survey of drug use indicates a huge statistical drop in steroid use, which was already far below most other drugs surveyed. Steroid use was down 50 percent since the peak year of 2000 for 8th-graders, down 49 percent since 2002 for 10th-graders and down 45 percent since 2004 for 12th-graders.

Stated Deputy White House "Drug Czar," Scott M. Burns: "If you see dramatic decreases on the heels of people going to jail, and people losing their medals, and people being sanctioned, I think (young people) got the message loud and clear that using these types of drugs to enhance their performance . . . has consequences."

## WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

### **BOYS BASKETBALL**

Districts – Feb. 25, 27 & 29  
Regionals – March 3 & 5  
Quarterfinals – March 11  
Semifinals – March 13 & 14  
Finals – March 15

### **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Districts – Feb. 18, 20 & 22  
Regionals – Feb. 26 & 28  
Quarterfinals – March 4  
Semifinals – March 6 & 7  
Finals – March 8

### **BOWLING**

Regionals – Feb. 22 & 23  
Finals – Feb. 29 & March 1

### **GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER**

Regionals – March 1  
Finals – March 7 & 8

### **GIRLS GYMNASTICS**

Regionals – March 1  
Finals – March 7 & 8



### **ICE HOCKEY**

Regionals – Feb. 25 – March 1  
Quarterfinals – March 4 & 5  
Semifinals – March 6 & 7  
Finals – March 8

### **SKIING**

Regionals – Feb. 14 or 15  
Finals – Feb. 25

### **SWIMMING & DIVING**

U.P. Boys & Girls Finals – Feb. 16  
L.P. Boys Diving Quals – March 4  
L.P. Boys Finals – March 7 & 8

### **WRESTLING**

Team Districts – Feb. 13 or 14  
Individual Districts – Feb. 16  
Team Regionals – Feb. 20  
Individual Regionals – Feb. 23  
Team Finals – Feb. 29-March 1

## 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 7th- and 8th-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 high school system if the 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](http://mhsaa.com) and are also included in the *MHSAA Handbook*. ■

## HEALTH & SAFETY

### PREVENTING MRSA INFECTIONS

Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus, also known as MRSA, is getting wide national coverage in the news as of late. MRSA is a form of Staphylococcus (staph) infection which has developed resistance to treatment with basic antibiotics such as methicillin and other common antibiotics such as penicillin, amoxicillin and oxacillin.

The skin serves as the major barrier to protect us from infections. When that barrier breaks down, as in cuts or abrasions (or even pimples), we are subject to a number of viruses, bacteria (including MRSA), and fungi. People with weak immune systems have a greater risk for infection than the general public. These skin infections can be rapidly transmitted by teammates and opponents via the use of shared equipment and mats or skin-to-skin contact and locker room benches and tables. Students who participate in wrestling, gymnastics, and swimming are susceptible to skin infections and should be particularly vigilant with proper hygiene and wound treatment.

The signs and symptoms of skin infections include:

- Marks on the skin that look like pimples or a spider bite
- It may only be one spot or it may start to spread to the surrounding area
- Contact your health professional immediately upon recognizing any signs and symptoms to prevent spreading

Below are some tips of what YOU can do to protect yourself and your students from MRSA:

1. **ADVISE STUDENTS/ATHLETES NOT TO SHARE CLOTHING / EQUIPMENT.** Keep personal items personal, spread of MRSA is commonly through direct contact.
2. **IF YOU SEE A STUDENT/ATHLETE WITH A WOUND (SCRAPE, CUT, BURN) – TELL THEM TO GET IT COVERED UP.** Any drainage from a wound can spread the infection.

3. **TRAINERS, COACHES AND STUDENTS/ATHLETES SHOULD WASH THEIR HANDS OFTEN.** It is very important for coaches to encourage your students to follow proper hygiene habits. If facilities for hand washing are not conveniently located, hand sanitizers are also an effective alternative.
4. **IF A CUT LOOKS INFECTED, GET IT TREATED.** Once you or your student receives medical care, ask the physician to test for MRSA. Once again, MRSA often goes undetected.
5. **SHOWER WITH SOAP & WATER AFTER PLAYING SPORTS.** Be sure students use a clean towel and shower shoes.

Please don't hesitate to contact the athletic trainer, nurse, or team doctor at your school should you have any further questions or concerns. Recognizing these infections is imperative in slowing their spread and protecting your students and your season. Remember, WE ALL can take an active role in preventing MRSA transmission from student to student.

For more information on this article or for priority appointments for sports injuries please contact Henry Ford Center for Athletic Medicine at 313 972-4216.

**Henry Ford Health System's Center for Athletic Medicine** offers a comprehensive approach to sports medicine, including surgical and non-surgical care, sports rehabilitation, injury prevention, and performance enhancement programs. The HFHS treatment team includes sports medicine fellowship trained orthopedic surgeons, sports medicine fellowship trained primary care physicians, as well as certified athletic trainers and physical therapists. These health care professionals are supported by the HFHS nationally recognized bone and joint research facility, including the prestigious Herrick Davis Motion Analysis Lab. HFHS is proud to be health care providers to the Detroit area's premier sports programs including professional, collegiate, and high school athletes. ■

# REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF THE MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC. SCHOOL YEAR - 2006-07

**PUBLICATIONS** - Monthly *Bulletin* distributed to junior and senior high schools and registered officials; *Officials Directory* and *School Directory* and calendars prepared; Association *Handbook* distributed to junior and senior high schools; rule books for football, basketball, track, swimming, wrestling, gymnastics, soccer, softball, spirit, ice hockey, boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse, volleyball, and baseball distributed to schools and registered officials; blanks and forms were distributed to schools. *Mentor* was published and distributed to coaches and officials. The *Officials Guidebook* was published for distribution to all prospective officials. The *Coaches Guidebook* was published online. The *Competitive Cheer Manual* was published for the 14th time.

**RULES MEETINGS/CLINICS** - General meetings and rules meetings held in baseball/softball, competitive cheer, football, basketball, bowling, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, golf, wrestling, gymnastics, volleyball, soccer, and ice hockey for coaches and registered officials. The Officials Awards and Alumni Banquet honored 20-, 30-, 40-, 45- and 50-year officials. Special meetings were conducted for coaches association presidents and league and conference executives. Tournament managers meetings were held in most sports. Meetings were held with representatives of local officials associations. In-service programs for officials assignors and sessions to train the basketball, football, volleyball, wrestling, soccer, baseball and softball trainers of approved officials associations were conducted. Regional Captains Clinics were conducted for students. Mini-grants were provided for Sportsmanship Summits and Women in Sports Leadership and general student-athlete leadership. The first Student Advisory Council was appointed and the first SCOPE Awards presented to member schools.

**COMMITTEES** - More than 560 different individuals served on the following Association committees during the 2006-07 school year:

Representative Council	Classification	Scholar/Athlete
Executive Committee	Competitive Cheer	Ski
Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee	Competitive Cheer Judges Selection	Soccer
Athletic Equity Awards	Cross Country/Track & Field Cross Country Site Selection	Soccer Off. Selection (Boys) Soccer Off. Selection (Girls)
Baseball/Softball	Football	Swimming
Baseball/Softball Umpires Selection	Football Playoff Officials Selection	Tennis
Basketball	Golf	Tennis Seeding (Boys) Tennis Seeding (Girls)
Basketball Tournament (Boys)	Golf Managers	Track & Field Standards
Basketball Tournament (Girls)	Gymnastics	Track Managers
Basketball Officials Selection (Boys)	Gymnastics Officials Selection	Volleyball
Basketball Officials Selection (Girls)	Hockey	Volleyball Off. Selection
Board of Canvassers	Hockey Officials Selection	Wrestling
Bowling	Junior High/Middle	Wrestling Head Referees
	Lacrosse (Boys)	Wrestling Managers
	Lacrosse (Girls)	Wrestling Off. Selection
	Officials Review	

**PARTICIPANTS** – There were approximately 313,093 participants on interscholastic athletic squads of the 766 member high schools during the 2006-07 school year. The MHSAA membership also included 831 junior high/middle schools.

**REGISTERED OFFICIALS** - There were 12,077 officials registered in one or more sports during the year.

**UPDATE MEETINGS** - Meetings for 1,135 people were conducted during the fall in Traverse City, Frankenmuth, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Gaylord, Warren, Comstock Park, and Marquette.

**CAP SEMINARS** - There were nearly 1,000 participants who completed one or more courses in the Coaches Advancement Program at sites throughout the state during the 2006-07 school year.

**ATHLETIC DIRECTORS IN-SERVICE** - 714 athletic directors participated in the Athletic Directors In-Service programs at 14 sites throughout the state during the fall of 2006. ■

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## 2007-08 MHSAA BUDGET

The following budget for operation of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc., for the 2007-08 school year was considered and approved at the May 2007 Representative Council Meeting.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION .....	\$2,734,650
GENERAL PRINTING .....	174,864
GENERAL OFFICE EXPENSES .....	988,803
GENERAL MEETINGS .....	139,000
COACHES & OFFICIALS .....	336,910
BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS .....	225,000
BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS (NET) .....	410,000
BOWLING TOURNAMENTS .....	50,000
COMPETITIVE CHEER .....	110,000
CROSS COUNTRY MEETS .....	110,000
FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS .....	1,258,825
GOLF TOURNAMENTS .....	75,000
GYMNASTICS MEETS .....	28,000
HOCKEY TOURNAMENTS .....	270,000
LACROSSE TOURNAMENTS .....	60,000
SKI MEETS .....	30,000
SOCCER TOURNAMENTS .....	215,000
SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS .....	225,000
SWIMMING MEETS .....	32,000
TENNIS TOURNAMENTS .....	100,000
TRACK MEETS .....	250,000
VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS .....	285,000
WRESTLING TOURNAMENTS .....	570,000
RADIO/TELEVISION .....	10,000
<b>TOTAL BUDGET FOR 2007-08 .....</b>	<b>.\$8,688,052</b>

## RICHMOND HONORED AS VOLLEYBALL LEGENDS

*In the midst of celebrating the school's centennial, officials in the Richmond Community Schools District were suddenly confronted with a unique problem. In March of 1983, 100 years after opening its doors, the school was presented with its first Michigan High School Athletic Association championship from an unlikely source. The Blue Devil volleyball team had just won the Class B tournament and, much to everyone's surprise, the trophy was simply too large to fit in the school's trophy case.*

The tiny town located just north of Lake St. Clair and about a half hour's drive from the Blue Water Bridge that connects Port Huron to Sarnia, Canada, reacted as most any small town would. It celebrated its new-found heroes with Main Street celebrations, congratulatory meals and numerous events. Signs decorated the city.

"It's been 25 years, but the tremendous amount of support we had from families, friends and the community will always touch my heart," said Teri McNesky, one of the team's top spikers.

Four years earlier, the team was winless in 19 games. However, under the guidance of Coach Becky Dickieson, Richmond experienced a dramatic turnaround. Between 1980 and 1982, the Blue Devils posted a 97-12 mark. Still, the 1982 season ended with a loss to Fenton in the Regional tournament final, and the 1983 season started with five straight losses, including a pair to the top-ranked team in Class B, Stevensville Lakeshore, to open the season.

Yet, in the eyes of Dickieson, those defeats were key to the squads run to the crown. "Losing those two matches on our first day of competition probably helped us in the long run because it made the girls work that much harder," said the coach.

The hard work paid off as Richmond went undefeated in its next 23 regular-season contests, ascending to sixth in the statewide rankings.

The team cruised through District and Regional play, knocking off squads from Algonac, Marine City, Yale and Oscoda. All-conference pick Lori Peake led the way in the Marine City match with 10 service points while McNesky had 11 against Yale in the District championship contest. Katy Marshall, one of the team's defensive specialists, was recognized for her hustle during District action.

In the Semifinals, the team again squared off against Stevensville Lakeshore. McNesky, Mari Foster and Kathy Mallwitz delivered offensively, while Peake, Cheryl Hein, and Donna Brogan excelled on defense, and the team posted a 15-10, 11-15, 15-8 win over the Lancers to advance to the Finals.

"I remember sitting on the bench watching the team as they played in the Semifinals against Lakeshore," remembered Dickieson. "They had beaten us badly earlier in the season. My wish was that we make the game last as long as possible. As the team played, I was awestruck by how amazing our team really was. The balls that should have hit the floor were dug up by diving defensive players. Setters were scrambling and hitters were driving the balls to the floor. Wow! I remember feeling like I was in another world, watching this amazing feat from a distance, as we defeated the highly favored team."

"We've never played better than the Lakeshore match" noted Dickieson at the time. "We were able to keep pressure on them because we played aggressively."



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In the Finals, the Blue Devils again faced Fenton. Located only a few miles from Linden High School, the site of the Class B finals, Fenton fans outnumbered Richmond fans, according to one account, by a 5:1 ratio.

"I still remember the crowd and the noise," recalled Peake. "We had never experienced that before. It was definitely contagious and so encouraging."

Richmond had defeated Fenton earlier in the year, but again found itself in a real postseason battle. The Blue Devils opened up a 10-4 lead in the first game, and then watched the momentum swing as Tiger MaryAnne Tokarski served seven straight points. Trailing 11-10, Richmond fought back and, following a timeout, Hein reeled off five points in a row for a 15-11 win. Fenton rallied back for a 15-13 victory in game two, setting up the winner-take-all third match.

Foster and McNesky, both All-State selections following the season, turned up the heat and combined for 15 spikes while Mallwitz tallied 10 service points in the team's 15-10 win in game three.

"The girls really wanted that championship and all contributed," said Dickieson.

"I knew we were a good team but it seemed a bit surreal that on that day we were the best Class B team," said Kim Durst. "How exciting it felt to be that team."

"The team was comprised of talented, intelligent, considerate young ladies," said Foster, recalling her high school teammates. "It was an honor and a pleasure to practice, travel, and compete with these outstanding individuals."

"Our team had great chemistry," added Deanna Scaris. "The girls all got along well and there was a lot of camaraderie. Our coach Becky was a guiding light and always kept our team on track with her overall enthusiasm and optimism."

"One of the things I remember most fondly was our warm-up song," added Marshall. "To this day, if I hear Pat Benatar's "Hit Me with Your Best Shot," I am flooded with memories and I get an intense urge to spike a volleyball (which has always been a challenge for me at 5-2)."

"The incredible optimistic spirit of our team was a reflection of our coach," said Marshall, summing up the thoughts of her teammates. "She taught us the joy of playing the game and giving our all. Actually winning the state championship was a wonderful byproduct of hard work, determination and pure fun!" ■

## New Lacrosse Officials Training Clinics for Boys, Girls Scheduled This Winter



Individuals interested in becoming boys and/or girls lacrosse officials should attend the new lacrosse officials training sessions taking place this February.

The girls lacrosse clinic is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 23, at the MHSAA Office in East Lansing. This clinic is approved by the MHSAA and presented in cooperation with the Michigan Women's Lacrosse Officials Association.

The boys clinic is slated for Saturday, Feb. 23 at East Lansing High School and is presented with the assistance of the West Michigan Boys Lacrosse Officials Association and the Michigan Lacrosse Officials Association.

Each clinic is \$25, and includes a rule book and training manual.

Registration forms for both clinics may be found on the MHSAA web site – [mhsaa.com](http://mhsaa.com) – on the home pages for boys lacrosse and girls lacrosse.

## 2007 FALL COACH EJECTION LISTING

<b>City</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Coach</b>	<b>Sport</b>
Bay City	John Glenn HS	Tim Levasseur	Football
Belleville	Belleville HS	Sam Villa	Volleyball
Beverly Hills	Wylie E Groves HS	Barry Brodsky	Boys Soccer
Brooklyn	Columbia Central HS	Andy Hosmer	Boys Soccer
Buchanan	Buchanan HS	Bob Galvin	Football
Capac	Capac HS	Tim Sawicki	Boys Soccer
Colon	Colon Community HS	Ryan Tundevold	Football
Covert	Covert HS	Keith Colombel	Football
Dearborn	Divine Child HS	Dean Kowalski	Boys Soccer
Dearborn Heights	Crestwood HS	Matt Anderson	Boys Soccer
Eau Claire	Eau Claire HS	Gail Taylor	Football
Flint	Carman-Ainsworth HS	Paul Stravato	Boys Soccer
Fremont	Fremont HS	Steve Vissia	Boys Soccer
Galesburg	Galesburg-Augusta HS	Mark Lewis	Boys Soccer
Garden City	Garden City HS	Bill Torni	Boys Soccer
Gibraltar	OA Carlson HS	Rick Bobowski	Boys Soccer
Grand Rapids	Central HS	Matt Abid	Football
Grand Rapids	Forest Hills Central HS	Brad Corpe	Football
Greenville	Greenville HS	Jack Gilbert	Football
Hillsdale	Hillsdale HS	Matt Paletis	Boys Soccer
Imlay City	Imlay City HS	Rob Schwalbe	Boys Soccer
Kalamazoo	Comstock HS	Don Hennessy	Boys Soccer
Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo Central HS	Alton Laupp	Football
Kalamazoo	Loy Norrix HS	Anthony Lindsay	Football
Kalamazoo	Loy Norrix HS	Nate White	Football
Maple City	Glen Lake HS	Mike Hasselbeck	Boys Soccer
McBain	N. Mich. Christian HS	Dave VanHaitsma	Boys Soccer
Morley	Morley-Stanwood HS	Katie Nostrant	Volleyball
Niles	Brandywine HS	Bill Coar	Boys Soccer
Niles	Brandywine HS	Jared Owens	Football
Parchment	Parchment HS	Conrad Ruiz	Boys Soccer
Plainwell	Plainwell HS	Dustin Snyder	Boys Soccer
Pontiac	Northern HS	Angel Abdulahad	Boys Soccer
Remus	Chippewa Hills HS	Jerry Landenberger	Boys Soccer
Saginaw	Nouvel Catholic Central HS	Steve Walker	Boys Soccer
South Haven	South Haven HS	Benno Trenkle	Boys Soccer
Utica	Utica HS	Scott Mukhtar	Boys Soccer
Waldron	Waldron HS	Jim Moran	Football
Warren	De La Salle Collegiate HS	Bill Miller	Boys Soccer
Warren	Warren Mott HS	Ruzdija Cetkovic	Boys Soccer

## SCHOOLS WITH THREE OR MORE OFFICIALS REPORTS Fall 2007

School	City	No. of Reports
Loy Norrix HS	Kalamazoo	5
Royal Oak HS	Royal Oak	5
Southgate Anderson HS	Southgate	5
Bangor HS	Bangor	4
Lahser HS	Bloomfield Hills	4
Center Line HS	Center Line	4
Clarkston HS	Clarkston	4
Holt HS	Holt	4
Marysville HS	Marysville	4
Lincoln HS	Ypsilanti	4
Alma HS	Alma	3
Huron HS	Ann Arbor	3
Berkley HS	Berkley	3
Clio HS	Clio	3
Divine Child HS	Dearborn	3
OA Carlson HS	Gibraltar	3
Grand Ledge HS	Grand Ledge	3
Central HS	Grand Rapids	3
Greenville HS	Greenville	3
Everett HS	Lansing	3
JW Sexton HS	Lansing	3
Churchill HS	Livonia	3
Orchard View HS	Muskegon	3
Newaygo HS	Newaygo	3
Pinckney HS	Pinckney	3
Unionville-Sebewaing HS	Sebewaing	3

## OFFICIALS REPORTS SUMMARY FOR FALL 2007

Sport	Concern	Praise	Player Ejection	Coach Ejection	Other Ejection	Taunting	Sportsmanship
Boys Soccer	287	10	256	25	1	0	16
Football	126	79	100	13	1	0	18
Volleyball	11	3	0	2	0	0	7

### Distribution of Reports

Reports of Concern	No. of Schools	Reports of Praise	No. of Schools
1	180	1	58
2	72	2	11
3	19	3	4
4	7		
5	3		

# FOOTBALL OFFICIALS SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, September 20, 2007

## **Members Present:**

Mel Atkins, Grand Rapids  
Timothy Baker, Constantine  
Peter Beck, Hillsdale  
Adam Benschoter, Adrian  
Mitch Bohn, Sanford  
Tony Burton, Brown City  
Tim Erickson, Rockford  
Chris Ervin, St Johns  
Lafayette Evans, Detroit  
Paul Gaudard, Flint  
Jamie Gent, Haslett  
Leroy Hackley, Jenison  
Gary Hice, Petoskey  
John Hoeft, Pittsford  
Rich Hulkow, Marshall

Vic Michaels, Detroit  
Jason Rapp, Rochester  
Dennis Schrieber, Sterling Heights  
Cindy Short, Lansing  
Fred Smith, Buchanan  
Patti Tibaldi, Traverse City  
Jeff Whitely, Flint  
Mark Woodson, Romulus  
Greg Younger, Dowagiac

## **Staff Members Present:**

Nate Hampton  
Tom Minter  
Mark Uyl  
Faye Verellen

The Committee was presented with the entire list of approved officials in Football who had completed an availability form and attended the MHSAA rules meetings in the fall. A list of officials who were recommended by leagues, and nominated by officials associations were also provided for review by each zone committee. In addition, correspondence from registered assignors and approved associations was made available to the selection committee. Assignments were made for the playoffs on the basis of ratings average, the availability of the officials and the criteria outlined in the Officials Guidebook.

## **RATINGS**

Specific rating standards as published in the Officials Guidebook were used in the selection process. Minimal ratings required included 2.1 for Semifinal and Final officials and 2.5 for Pre-District, District and Regional officials. Officials recommended by two or more leagues/conferences and/or officials associations were qualified to the next rating level.

## **OFFICIALS AVAILABILITY**

Approximately 1,249 officials indicated their availability for the Football playoff games. Of this number 80 officials were assigned to Semifinals; and 40 officials were assigned to the Finals. Crews meeting the criteria and available for the Pre-District, District and Regional playoff games totaled 188. Crew assignments included over 150 crews assigned to Pre-District (128 games), District (64 games), Regional (32 games). Nearly 1,000 officials are involved in this year's playoffs. ■

# SKI COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, November 6, 2007

## Members Present:

Mike Barry, Bloomfield Hills  
Kerry Boone, Commerce  
Ken Brackney, Fenton  
Todd Bruggema, Cadillac (MASSP)  
Mark Fisher, Maple City  
Christy Salonen, Marquette  
Megan Thayer, Pontiac

## Members Absent:

Patti Tibaldi, Traverse City (MIAAA)

## Staff Member Present:

Gina Mazzolini (Recorder)

The MHSAA Ski Committee met on November 6, 2007 at the MHSAA office. The committee was reminded of its responsibility and of the process for rule changes. After a brief welcome and introductions, the following action was taken.

### PROPOSALS BY MHSSCA

1. Change the procedure for placing individual qualifiers into the designated flights for individual qualifiers:  
...When the number of individual qualifiers is greater than 12, divide the gross number of individuals by two and put the 50% of the highest place finishers into Flight 3 and the rest of the individuals into Flight 6 (if there is an odd number the individual goes to the 6th Flight).
2. When selecting a host venue, one of the criteria shall be that the venue must have facilities to have two slalom runs and two giant slalom runs.  
Also, change the Ski Manual to read:  
The Course
  - A. An event must always be decided by two runs on two different courses. For hosting the Regional or Final, the venue must be able to accommodate two separate race courses for each discipline.

3. Add language in the Ski Manual to define the composition of the Regional Course Review Committee and continue with the current Final Committee. The manual would read:

(E)(1) At the Regional Ski Meet – a course review committee should consist of representatives from three participating teams.

(E)(2) At the Final Meet, the Course Review Committee...

### SELECT REGIONAL HOSTS AND APPROVE ALIGNMENTS

#### Regional Sites - Hosts

1. Schuss Mountain - Traverse City Central
2. Mt. Holly - Grand Blanc
3. Alpine Valley - Milford
4. Marquette Mountain - Houghton
5. Crystal Mountain - Benzie Central
6. Cannonsburg - East Grand Rapids

#### Final Sites - Hosts

1. Nub's Nob - Brighton
2. Boyne Mountain - Traverse City St. Francis

The Ski Committee made a few adjustments to the alignments which were prepared by staff and then approved. There was discussion on placing schools at Regional sites where they traditionally practice and have a season pass, but while it was desired by some schools, it was not possible nor did it fit the criteria of balancing numbers of teams per Regional or geographic grouping of schools.

### FINAL SITE ROTATION

- 2008 1 – Nub’s Nob  
2 – Boyne Mountain
- 2009 1 – Boyne Mountain  
2 – Marquette Mountain
- 2010 1 – Boyne Highlands  
2 – Nub’s Nob
- 2011 1 – Marquette Mountain  
2 – Boyne Mountain
- 2012 1 – Nub’s Nob  
2 – Boyne Highlands

### APPROVAL OF CUSSA/ MHSAA MEETS

The committee approved the CUSSA Meets presented for CUSSA Regional II and CUSSA Region III.

### ITEMS DISCUSSED – NO ACTION

1. Binder height
2. Ironwood request (to allow fewer than four skiers per discipline per team).
3. USSA (2008-09) requirement of a course setter needs to be a licensed referee.
4. Out of State Travel Form.
5. Mt. Hood ski camps during high school dead period.
6. Decrease distance between turning pole to turning pole from 13 to 12 meters.
7. Increase the number of allowed meets.

### RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

None. ■

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## GOLF COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, November 29, 2006

### Members Present:

Jim Bennett, Grosse Ile  
Pat Nowak, Ithaca  
Mike Clark, Holland  
Terri Clock, Muskegon (MIAAA)  
Jack Foster, Cadillac  
Mike Garvey, Otsego  
Leroy Hackley, Jenison  
Tom Hardy, Traverse City  
Dave Hutton, Grandville  
Larry Judson, Gaines  
Bob Lober, Traverse City (MIGCA)  
Chad Loe, Petoskey  
Carol Melcher, Saline  
Mike Morris, Centreville (MASSP)

Jim Neubecker, Byron  
Mike Neuman, Grand Rapids  
Gary Newcomb, Highland  
Teri Reyburn, DeWitt  
Barry Shanley, Lawton  
Paul Sternburgh, St. Johns  
Scott Street, Walled Lake  
John Thompson, Brighton  
Deb Van Kuiken, Holly  
Jeff Whitely, Flint  
Ken Wright, Beverly Hills

### Staff Member Present:

Randy Allen (Recorder)

The MHSAA Golf Committee met at the MHSAA to review policies and procedures for boys and girls golf. Agenda items were compiled from correspondence, staff, committee members and the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association.

### TOURNAMENT REVIEW

Tournament procedures and policies were reviewed with particular emphasis on coaching privileges and substitute observers. The committee suggested the MHSAA work through the coaches association to better edu-

cate coaches on the need for better qualified observers. It was also agreed that substitute observers be physically able to walk the course when weather conditions prohibit use of carts, or coaches must fulfill observer duties themselves. Additional on line information, rules meeting emphasis and printed materials were suggested, as well as required attendance at Finals coaches meetings for substitute observers. It was suggested that the MHSAA create written policies and expectations for spectators and galleries and to distribute them to participating Finals

schools and coaches in advance and give to spectators at the Finals to help eliminate problems of inappropriate conduct or interference.

The committee reviewed and supported the following existing tournament policies: Requiring player rankings to be submitted in advance of District and Regional tournaments; not allowing use of radios by coaches or distance finders by players at MHSAA tournament competition; maintaining current policies on use of carts by coaches and observers; enforcing dress codes for players, coaches and observers; maintaining existing substitution rule.

A request from Finals courses to begin the Saturday round at 8 a.m. for the spring Boys Finals was supported. Season dates for boys spring and girls fall tournament dates were discussed. There was no support for moving the Girls Finals dates a week earlier than the current third weekend in October. The committee supported development of a written agreement for courses at the District and Regional level that would specify rain dates, practice round access, fees, concessions and other issues to for better understanding.

Establishing course set-up specifications for MHSAA tournaments was discussed. The committee felt that yardage, tee locations, pin placements, etc. should be determined by tournament managers and course management rather than adopting specific standards.

Finals course assignments and course rotation were reviewed. A preliminary statement of interest in hosting a boys or girls Final by the University of Michigan was shared with the committee. The MHSAA will follow up with Michigan course officials to determine feasibility of hosting future Finals tournaments.

The new policy allowing more days between the MHSAA Regional and Final events for qualifying schools to schedule practice round at Finals courses was approved. Committee members reported much satisfaction with the change. It was agreed that a Finals practice round could not be conducted over more than one day, i.e. not allowing partial rounds of 9 holes on two separate days.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the girls tournament structure as it relates to the number and size of Regional events and current three Division structure. Several options were considered to deal with the growth of programs prior to the change of seasons and the large size of Regional fields, including increasing the number of Regionals in each Division, adding a District round of play or adding a Division. A proposal for changing to a four Division MHSAA Girls tournament in 2008-09 or 2009-10 was unanimously approved.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION TOPICS**

Policies for use of motorized carts for players with medical needs was reviewed with approval given for new language that more specifically states the criteria that will be used for granting such permission at both the regular season and tournament level.

A proposal to return to mandatory attendance at MHSAA rules meetings for coaches and schools sponsoring golf was approved. It was suggested that an on line component be developed that would give coaches an option for meeting the attendance requirement, and that adequate live meetings be scheduled in both the fall and spring. New USGA rules changes should be properly communicated to coaches through the rules meeting process.

A plan to increase the number of rules officials at MHSAA Golf Finals was discussed and supported. Contact with the Golf Association of Michigan and Michigan PGA will take place to expand on-site rules officials and to plan in advance how rules enforcement and cooperation with tournament management will be handled.

Representatives of the Michigan High School Golf Coaches Association (MIGCA) gave the committee an update on their recent All-State banquet and efforts to increase membership, especially for new coaches.

The committee was presented data from MHSAA fall sports surveys showing that while there was an increase in school sponsorship of girls golf in the lower peninsula, actual individual participation was down by 10.5%. Several MHSAA exploratory initiatives to maximize participation in all sports affected by the seasons change were presented, including adjusting the fall and winter

golf season dates, and consideration for a separate summer season conducted under an alternate format. Concern over coaching duties and compensation for a summer season was expressed, but the committee took no position in favor of or opposed to the initiatives.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

1. Conduct the MHSAA girls golf tournament in four equal Divisions in the 2008-09 or 2009-10 season. Conduct five Regionals in each Division with three teams and three individuals in each Regional advancing to the Finals, maintaining a 15 team, 15 individual Finals field in each Division (15-0).

**Rationale:** As girls golf has grown from under 250 schools six years ago to 288 schools, the existing three division format has created crowded Regionals with as many as 21 teams. If the change of seasons does not affect Regional growth, a four division tournament is preferred over adding a District level or increasing

the number of Regionals. It allows for additional growth of girls teams in future years and becomes the same divisional structure as the MHSAA Boys tournament. An additional Finals site would not be a problem as the same group of four courses used currently is available.

2. Require head coaches of all MHSAA schools sponsoring boys or girls golf to attend an annual rules meeting. Content will include rules of golf and MHSAA regulations covering regular season competition and tournament procedures. Create an on line rules meeting alternate for schools and coaches to access to meet the attendance requirement. Allow attendance at the MHSAA meeting conducted during the May golf coaches clinic to count for the following season (15-0).
3. Approve new language clarifying criteria for use of motorized carts for players with medical needs during regular season and MHSAA tournament competition. Such use to be allowed only with MHSAA written permission (15-0). ■

## **2008 MICHIGAN MERIT EXAM DATES**

### **SPRING 2008**

Tuesday, March 11 - ACT Plus Writing®

Wednesday, March 12 - WorkKeys® + Michigan Math

March 12-14 - Michigan Science and Social Studies - ***Makeup***

Tuesday, March 25 - ACT Makeup

Wednesday, March 26 - WorkKeys® + Michigan Math - ***Makeup***

March 26-28 - Michigan Science and Social Studies - ***Makeup***

*The established dates – not the makeup dates – conflict with the following MHSAA Tournaments:*

March 11 – Boys Basketball Quarterfinals

# AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, November 29, 2007

## Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan  
William Newkirk, Meridian  
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven  
James Derocher, Negaunee

## Staff Members Present:

Nate Hampton  
Tom Minter  
Peggy Montpas  
Tom Rashid  
Jack Roberts (Recorder)  
Kathy Westdorp

In February of 2007, the executive director requested that the Audit and Finance Committee schedule a meeting as late as possible, but before the Nov. 30 Representative Council meeting, to assess two situations and continue to work on Football Playoff Financial issues, as well as to consider any other issues that were ready for the committee's consideration in advance of its normal February and April meeting schedule.

**Litigation** – The committee discussed potential fee liabilities in the sports seasons litigation and how the association would attempt to deal with various outcomes.

**Fall Tournaments** – The committee reviewed fall tournament attendance, revenue and expenses. While reports are still outstanding for approximately one-quarter of fall tournament venues, it could nevertheless be concluded that:

- Football Playoff finances would finish about midway between the record fall of 2005 and the very poor fall of 2006, as budgeted.
- LP Boys Soccer Tournament finances would finish much closer to the excellent 2005 tournament than the poor 2006 tournament.
- Girls Volleyball Tournament finances for the fall of 2007, compared to the winter of the 2006-07 school year, would be slightly improved at preliminary rounds, but down significantly at the semifinals and finals.
- Expenses for boys LP tennis were up and expenses were nearly unchanged for girls LP golf.

- Too many sites were unreported to make assessments for cross country and LP girls swimming and diving.

Based on these reports, it was not necessary to discuss implementation of the second level of previously discussed financial contingency plans.

**Participating Teams** – The committee approved the following recommendations to the Representative Council regarding participating team reimbursement policies for MHSAA tournaments.

- Lodging – (1) Increase the distance from 50 to 100 miles (one way) for qualifying for MHSAA reimbursed lodging. (2) Modify the lodging policy to four persons per room in competitive cheer.
- Mileage – Increase the distance deductible from 50 to 75 miles (one way) for MHSAA reimbursed mileage.

**Scorers and Timers** – The committee approved the following recommendation to the Representative Council: Increase volleyball scorers' (2) and timers' pay to \$15 for the first match and \$10 for subsequent games (\$2,820 total/year).

**Football Playoffs** – The committee reviewed a new Football Playoff financial plan which had the primary objective of responding to the recommendations of the association's auditors to improve local accounting procedures. A key feature of the new plan is to provide numbered tickets to all host sites and to require that unused tickets must be returned with financial reports.

Hosts would receive a portion of gross ticket sales from which they would pay their local expenses. The balance, less an amount to pay game officials, would be sent to the MHSAA, which would forward a smaller portion of the gross to opponents who would pay their own travel expenses. The MHSAA would add a mileage bonus for especially long trips.

The committee requested the staff provide detail and options for the mileage bonus before the committee's February meeting, at

which the entire proposal would be finalized for presentation to the Representative Council at its March meeting.

The committee also discussed approaches to designating a tournament ball for the MHSAA Football Playoffs, which will be considered further by the committee at its February meeting.

**Business Plan** – The committee discussed a draft of the Future Business Plan for the MHSAA which had been prepared for the Nov. 30 Representative Council meeting. ■

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## 2007-08 NATIONAL TESTING DATES

Please advise students of the 2007-08 test date schedule. Your students should be aware of athletic tournament dates and should attempt to schedule their respective test date away from tournament dates of the sport or sports in which they are interested and participate. Following are test dates for 2007 and dates where tournaments would create conflict.

ACT ASSESSMENT DATES	CONFLICTS
<b>October 27, 2007</b> .....	<b>LP Cross Country Regionals; Boys Soccer</b>
.....	<b>Regionals; Football Pre-Districts</b>
December 8, 2007 .....	None
February 9, 2008 .....	None
April 12, 2008 .....	None
<b>June 14, 2008</b> .....	<b>Baseball Finals; Girls Soccer Finals; Softball Finals</b>

SAT TESTING DATES	CONFLICTS
October 6, 2007 .....	None
November 3, 2007 .....	LP Cross Country Finals; Boys Soccer Finals;
.....	Football Districts; Volleyball Districts
December 1, 2007 .....	None
January 26, 2008 .....	None
March 1, 2008 .....	<b>Team Wrestling Finals; Girls Competitive Cheer Regionals;</b>
.....	<b>Girls Gymnastics Regionals; Ice Hockey Regionals; Boys &amp; Girls Bowling Finals</b>
May 3, 2008 .....	None
<b>June 7, 2008</b> .....	<b>LP Boys Golf Finals; Boys &amp; Girls Lacrosse Finals;</b>
.....	<b>Baseball Regionals; Softball Regionals; Girls Soccer Districts;</b>
.....	<b>UP Boys Soccer Finals</b>

AP EXAM DATES	CONFLICTS
May 5-9, 12-16, 2008 .....	None
<i>(Advanced Placement Exams are administered over a five-day period for each subject)</i>	

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