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MHSAA winter sports action is in full swing. The 2007 Boys and Girls Ski Finals are slated for Feb. 26, while champions will also be crowned in Wrestling and Gymnastics during the winter. Upper Peninsula Individual Wrestling championships take place Feb. 16-17, while Team Wrestling Finals are set for March 2-3, with the Lower Peninsula Individual Finals being decided one week later. The Girls Gymnastics Finals are scheduled for March 9-10.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, Nov. 13, 2006

Members Present:

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

Suttons Bay and Northport High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative agreement in baseball and softball between these two schools whose combined enrollment is 410 students, placing the teams in the Division 3 tournaments. Both schools have sponsored the sports previously; however, Northport has been unable to field teams for the past two seasons. Suttons Bay will be the primary school. Support was submitted from the Northwest Conference.

Covert High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) - A request to waive the maximum semesters portions of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended South Haven High School for the 9th and 10th grades, repeated the 10th grade at Covert High School and participated in basketball during his 11th-grade year (2005-06), which were his seventh and eighth semesters since first enrolling in the 9th grade. The 2006-07 school year will be the student's ninth and tenth semesters of enrollment.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Hazel Park High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) - A request to waive the semesters of enrollment and competition portions of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Utica Ford II High School for six semesters (grades 9-11) from 2002 to 2005. The student withdrew from Utica Ford II after 15 days of attendance to begin the 2005-06 school year and did not attend school for the remainder of the first semester of the 2005-06 school year. His transcript shows six failures and one "NC" and a "leave date" of 1/20/06. The student then enrolled at Rochester Hills-Stoney Creek from January through April 2006 but dropped out without earning any grades or credits. In June 2006, the student and his family moved to Hazel Park and the student enrolled at Hazel Park High School. The student's poor academic record and withdrawal from school were attributed to his inability to cope with the divorce of his parents. The student is currently enrolled in his

fifth first semester and ninth semester overall.

The Executive Committee noted that, by rule, the school's records for this student require the first semester of the 2005-06 school year be counted as a semester of enrollment, and the correspondence describes a second semester of 2005-06 that, by rule, must be counted as well, and there was not a compelling reason presented to overlook either semester. The request for waiver was denied.

Byron High School (Regulation I, Section 6) - A request to waive the undergraduate standing regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who enrolled at Byron to begin the 9th grade in 2004-05 and continued there until Nov. 4, 2005, of his 10th-grade year. He withdrew and reenrolled at Byron High School on Aug. 28, 2006. He had begun home schooling on Feb. 2, 2004, and had accumulated enough credits through Penn Foster Correspondence Home School that he was granted a diploma on July 6, 2006 that was mailed to him. The student is on track to graduate from Byron High School in June 2008.

The Executive Committee tabled the request until additional and clarifying information can be provided.

Flint-Kearsley High School (Regulation I, Section 7) - A request was made to waive the previous semester record regulation on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose father died in November 2005, which led to the student's withdrawal from all classes in the second semester of the 2005-06 school year. This request was denied by the Executive Committee at its Sept. 25, 2006 meeting based on the inadequate academic record for both semesters of high school. The school submitted additional information that indicated the degree of trauma and distraction to the student because of the father's illness, death, home and hospice care were more prolonged and more substantial than originally reported.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Pigeon-Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port High School (Regulation I, Section 7) - A request to waive the previous semester record regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade three-sport athlete who was in a rollover automobile accident in August 2006, resulting in

multiple contusions and a traumatic brain injury. The student continues to receive rehabilitation and is taking two classes the first and second hours of the day. The student hopes to return full time for the second semester of the 2006-07 school year.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Bangor High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 9th-grade student. The student had lived with his grandmother in Bangor for several years before moving to live with his mother. To begin the 2006-07 school year, the student enrolled in the 9th grade at Holland-West Ottawa High School. The student returned to live with his grandmother and enrolled at Bangor High School on Oct. 30, 2006. He had not previously participated in high school sports.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year.

Battle Creek-Lakeview High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose mother has taken a job in Texas and whose father commutes between Michigan and Texas. The family has maintained the original family home in Richland-Gull Lake. The student reenrolled at Lakeview, the same school he was enrolled in for the 9th grade. The 8th-grade sister had already returned to Gull Lake, living with the father, reenrolling in Gull Lake Middle School where she previously attended. The student participated in subvarsity baseball at Lakeview and no athletics while in Texas.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Bloomfield Hills - Cranbrook Kingswood High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student. The student previously attended Walled Lake-Western High School for the 9th grade,

enrolled at Cranbrook to begin the 2006-07 school year and has not participated in athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year.

Clare 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 Farwell High School before enrolling at Clare High School on Oct. 20, 2006, due to activity by a group of students at Farwell. Farwell High School wrote that the change of schools was in the best interest of the student and family.

On the basis of information provided, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Farmington Hills-Mercy High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a foreign exchange student whose host family resides in Waterford. Mercy High School is not the closest nonpublic school to the host family, but the host family's daughter attends Mercy.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Grandville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Grandville High School for the 9th grade and participated in competitive cheer. The student's father's job was transferred to Wisconsin and the family moved there over the summer and enrolled in Kewaskum High School to begin the 2006-07 school year. The student reenrolled at Grandville on Oct. 23, 2006, while residing with family friends in the Grandville district. The father will be staying in Wisconsin; the mother is intending to purchase or rent a home back in the Grandville School District.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Grandville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Grandville High School for the 9th grade and participated in competitive cheer. The student's father's job

was transferred to Pennsylvania and the family moved there over the summer and enrolled in Crestwood High School to begin the 2006-07 school year. The student reenrolled at Grandville on Oct. 10, 2006, while residing with a relative who resides in the Grandville district.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Houghton High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility in swimming & diving only during the first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Hancock High School where she actually participated in the swimming cooperative program between Houghton and Hancock High Schools. The student enrolled at Houghton High School to begin the 2006-07 school year. The principal from Hancock also signed the letter requesting waiver.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for swimming & diving only during the first semester of the 2006-07 school year at Houghton High School.

Houghton High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility in girls alpine skiing during the first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Hancock High School. The student did not participate in any athletics previously, including the cooperative program between Houghton and Hancock High Schools. The student enrolled at Houghton High School to begin the 2006-07 school year. The principal from Hancock also signed the letter requesting waiver.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only, for all sports, until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Houghton High School.

Madison Heights-Lamphere 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 school in Evansville while residing with his parents. The student moved for better living condi-

tions to the Lamphere School District and is residing with an aunt. The student enrolled on Oct. 3, 2006.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver, effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Lamphere High School starting Oct. 3, 2006.

Otisville-Lakeville High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only on behalf of a 9th-grade student for the remainder of the first semester of the 2006-07 school year. The student attended Lapeer West High School for the first two days of school (Aug 28-29, 2006) and did not participate in an athletic practice, scrimmage or contest. The student reenrolled at Lakeville, the school of his residence, attending the first day of school on Sept. 5, 2006.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Lakeville High School.

Parchment 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 Grass Lake High School for grades 9-11 while residing with his single widowed father, who has moved in with a brother who resides in Kalamazoo. Because the father has medical problems, the student enrolled at Parchment High School to be near other family members who live in Delton and Gull Lake in case of emergencies.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Petoskey High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Petoskey Schools from grades 8 through 10 before moving to begin the 2005-06 school year with her mother and joining the father in Chicago to begin the 11th grade. The student's father maintains two residences, a primary home in Harbor Springs and another home in Chicago where he works and where the mother and student also lived for the 2005-06 school year. In order to graduate with her Petoskey classmates, the student returned with her

mother to the same home in Harbor Springs. She resides intermittently with her father. The student participated while ineligible in JV tennis matches this fall, which the school is prepared to forfeit.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver, effective with the notification of forfeits to opposing schools.

Pinckney High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Saline-Washtenaw Christian Academy where he played basketball. Due to bad statewide economic conditions, the student's parents can no longer afford the financial burden of tuition.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Royal Oak High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of 10th- and 11th-grade brothers, one who previously attended Detroit-Cass Technical High School, the other Detroit-Southwestern High School, while living with their mother. The mother has congestive heart failure, and the school situation of her two sons caused too much stress. The students are residing with an older brother and his family in the Royal Oak School District.

The Executive Committee tabled the request pending receipt of additional information.

Scottville-Mason County Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only on behalf of a 10th-grade student for the remainder of the first semester of the 2006-07 school year. The student previously attended Custer-Mason County Eastern High School for the 9th grade and enrolled at Mason County Central on Sept. 5, 2006, and has not participated in athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Mason County Central High School.

South Lyon 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 2006-07 school year. The student previously attended Walled Lake Central High School, where she did not participate in athletics. She enrolled Oct. 31, 2006 at South Lyon High School.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only through the 2006-07 school year at South Lyon High School.

Tekonsha High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only on behalf of a 9th-grade student for the remainder of the first semester of the 2006-07 school year. The student began the 2006-07 school year at Coldwater High School, and did not participate in athletics before enrolling at Tekonsha High School on Sept. 22, 2006.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Tekonsha High School.

Regulation III, Section 1(C) - Pursuant to Interpretation 242, the following junior high/middle schools have been granted 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 2006-07 school year only.

Atlanta JHS
(7th & 8th-grade Boys & Girls Track & Field)

Battle Creek-Calhoun Christian
(Volleyball & Basketball)

Jackson Christian MS
(Volleyball)

Twining-Arenac Eastern MS
(Boys Basketball)

Cassopolis High School (Regulation V, Section 3[A]) - On Oct. 7, 2006, the Cassopolis High School boys varsity soccer coach removed the team from the field in protest. The Officials Report, a response by the coach, and a letter of reprimand from the principal, with additional requirements the

coach must fulfill, were received and were provided to the Executive Committee for review.

The Executive Committee accepted the school's internal actions.

401(k) Plan Amendment - The Internal Revenue Service has published final regulations relative to "hardship distributions" that require 401(k) plans to be amended by Dec. 31, 2006. The Executive Committee approved a resolution authorizing the execution of the necessary documentation by the executive director.

Future Meetings - The next Executive Committee Meetings are scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 30, 2006, at 8:30 a.m. (Representative Council meets Friday, Dec. 1); Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. (Classification Committee meets at 1 p.m.); Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. (Finance Committee Meeting follows); Thursday, March 22, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. (Representative Council meets Friday, March 23); Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. (Finance Committee Meeting follows); Saturday, May 5, 2007, at 5 p.m. (Representative Council meets Sunday, May 6); and Wednesday, June 13, 2007, at 9 a.m. ■

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver, noting that the transcript of Penn Foster indicates a diploma was granted, that the student's completed courses would satisfy current minimum graduation requirements for most MHSAA member high schools, and that waiver in this case would

establish the precedent of requiring the Executive Committee to evaluate the relative quality of academic programs and validity of accredited school's transcripts.

Albion 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 2006-07 school year. The student attended Albion High School for the entire 9th grade in the 2005-06 school year, living with his father, maternal grandmother and then an uncle to complete the school year. In July 2006, the student moved to Lansing to live with his mother and enrolled at Lansing-Everett High School where he did not participate in athletics. On Oct. 23, 2006, the student returned to the home of his uncle and reenrolled at Albion High School. The student participated in athletics at Albion High School.

Noting the specific provision of the section - that there has not been previous high school athletic participation - the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Dansville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose parents have been in the military, stationed previously in Virginia. The student's father has recently retired from the military and has returned to Dansville with the student, who enrolled at Dansville High School to begin the 2006-07 school year. The student's mother continues to work for the military in Virginia for financial and health benefit reasons and will be returning to Dansville when her employment ends in Virginia. The home in Virginia has been sold and the mother is living in temporary housing. The family is originally from Dansville, and the student attended elementary school in Dansville. The student participated in swimming while in Virginia; Dansville High School does not sponsor swimming.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Durand High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who was living with his father in Monroe and enrolled at Monroe-Jefferson

High School. On Nov. 27, 2006, the student enrolled at Durand High School, residing with his mother in the Durand School District. The student's parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee granted 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 Warren-Arts Academy in the Woods High School which recently relocated its building approximately five miles north-east to Fraser. The student enrolled at East Detroit High School, the school district of her residence, to begin the 2006-07 school year and wishes to participate in competitive cheer.

Based on the relocation of the school, the Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Farmington High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Belleville High School and is moving to the residence of his aunt in the Farmington High School attendance area. The student enrolled at Farmington High School on Oct. 13, 2006.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Farmington High School, commencing Oct. 13, 2006.

Grand Rapids Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose father is in the military, stationed in Kansas with the entire family. The family was intending to relocate earlier in the school year from Kansas to Grand Rapids. When the move was delayed due to military orders, the student and two younger siblings moved to Grand Rapids to reside with the maternal grandparents, enrolling on Oct. 4, 2006, in the Grand Rapids Christian Schools. The student's mother graduated from Grand Rapids Christian, which is the closest non-public school to the grandparents' home. The

student participated previously in high school athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who began the school year at Forest Hills Central where he practiced football but did not play in a scrimmage or contest before he enrolled at Forest Hills Northern on Sept. 19.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until second semester classes begin for the school's 2006-07 school year.

Grand Rapids-Kenowa Hills 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 2006-07 school year. The student previously attended Grand Rapids-West Catholic High School for the 9th grade and enrolled at Kenowa Hills High School to begin the 2006-07 school year. The student did not participate in athletics previously.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until second semester classes begin for the school's 2006-07 school year.

Grand Rapids-Northview High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (public high school of residence) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose parents are divorced and who is moving from the residence of his father in Grandville to the residence of his mother in the Grand Rapids Public School District. The student enrolled at Northview High School (not the school of his residence) to begin the 2006-07 school year because a sibling who lived with the mother previously has attended Northview Schools since the 2004-05 school year.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Hale High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Hale Area Schools since Kindergarten except for three

days from Sept 8-11, 2006, when he was enrolled at West Branch-Ogemaw Heights High School where he did not participate in athletics. The student reenrolled at Hale High School on Sept. 11, 2006.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Highland-Milford 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 2006-07 school year. The student enrolled at White Lake-Lakeland High School to begin the 9th grade in the fall of 2006 and did not participate in athletics prior to enrolling at Milford High School on Nov. 13, 2006.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year.

Holland-West Ottawa High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student whose father is deceased and whose mother lives in Wisconsin. The student enrolled as an 8th grader in West Ottawa Schools on Jan. 5, 2005, while residing with an uncle who was the student's primary caretaker for the past three years. On Oct. 16, 2006, the student moved by himself to Wisconsin to live with his birth mother and briefly attended Wisconsin Charter Academy. The student returned to the West Ottawa attendance area to reside with his uncle and reenrolled at West Ottawa High School on Oct. 31, 2006. The student participated in freshman football at West Ottawa.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Ishpeming-Westwood High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Ishpeming High School for the 10th grade and enrolled at Brighton High School to begin the 2006-07 school year while residing with an uncle. The student changed schools and residences because he was upset about involvement in a fatal auto accident. After one month in Brighton while living with his uncle, the student returned to the area, is living with his mother and has enrolled at near-

by Westwood High School, seeking a new environment. The situation was compounded by the prior death of the student's father.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Lansing-Eastern High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who recently moved to Chicago with his mother and attended high school there. On Nov. 14, 2006, the student enrolled at Lansing-Eastern High School and is residing with his father in the Eastern School District. The student's parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was in process. An acknowledgement of paternity dated March 23, 1995 from the Ingham County Circuit Court was also submitted.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver contingent upon a completed Educational Transfer Form being accepted by the MHSAA office.

Mancelona High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student at Mancelona High School who was sent to a residential detention unit in June 2006, took 9th-grade course work and was released in November, enrolling at Mancelona High School on Nov. 27, 2006. The student sought eligibility under exception 2 (returning to live with parents) except that the student is returning to reside with his grandparents who have had sole legal custody of the student for the past 4½ years. The student's grandparents live just outside the Mancelona School District border but have sent this student and both of his brothers to Mancelona Schools for the past three years.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Michigan Center 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 2006-07 school year. The student previously attended Jackson-Northwest High School and enrolled at Michigan Center High School on Nov. 9, 2006. The student did not participate in athletics previously.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year.

Midland-Bullock Creek 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 2006-07 school year. The student previously attended Midland High School and enrolled at Bullock Creek High School on Sept. 21, 2006. The student did not participate in athletics previously.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of classes in the school's second semester of the 2006-07 school year.

Muskegon-Reeths-Puffer High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility for swimming & diving only during the first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a student who previously attended Muskegon High School where he participated in the cooperative swimming & diving program also involving Reeths-Puffer and Mona Shores High Schools. He enrolled at Reeths-Puffer for the start of the 2006-07 school year.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver provided the student would have been assigned by his residence to the Reeths-Puffer cooperative swimming & diving team, pursuant to the agreed upon formula for creating two cooperative programs from the three schools involved, had he remained at Muskegon High School.

Norway High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Norway Schools from Kindergarten through 10th grade until the family moved to Wisconsin at the end of the 2005-06 school year because the father's job was eliminated. In October 2006, the family moved again due to a job transfer by the father's new employer. The changes have caused problems for the student, who would like to return to Norway High School and will be residing with an older brother and his family.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Onsted High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who has dual citizenship and moved to Onsted from Germany where his parents are in the process of a divorce. He is now living with family friends but never attended Onsted Schools before his enrollment at the start of the 2006-07 school year.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Petoskey High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation, and specifically the one-time allowance of immediate eligibility stipulated in exception 2, on behalf of an 11th-grade student who enrolled at Petoskey High School to begin the 9th grade in the 2004-05 school year and then transferred to Sault Ste. Marie-Sault Area High School in the fall of 2005-06 to play AAA hockey. The student returned to the home of his parents in October 2006, reenrolled at Petoskey and participated in high school hockey as a 10th grader, eligible under exception 2. The student is currently residing in Houghton and enrolled at Houghton High School to begin the 2006-07 school year. The student is playing AAA hockey and wishes to reenroll at Petoskey this spring and run track.

Noting that the rule was recently enacted by the Representative Council and appears to be applied as intended in this case, and seeing no undue hardship by its application and no compelling reason to grant waiver, the Executive Committee denied the request.

Romulus High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) -

- A. A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment on behalf of a 10th-grade student who moved with her 12th-grade sister (below) and their mother from New York in the summer of 2006, intending to reside in Dearborn Heights, and enrolled at Annapolis High School to begin the 2006-07 school year. Housing in Dearborn Heights did not materialize, so the students moved into the residence of their stepmother in the Romulus School District pending permanent residency in Dearborn Heights which

could not be established. The mother transported the students to Annapolis daily. On Oct. 12, 2006, the student and her sister enrolled at Romulus High School.

- B. A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who moved with her 10th-grade sister (above) and their mother from New York in the summer of 2006, intending to reside in Dearborn Heights, and enrolled at Annapolis High School to begin the 2006-07 school year. The student participated in two cross country meets while ineligible at Annapolis High School. That school has forfeited the meets. Housing in Dearborn Heights did not materialize, so the students moved into the residence of their stepmother in the Romulus School District pending permanent residency in Dearborn Heights which could not be established. The mother transported the students to Annapolis daily. On Oct. 12, 2006, the student and her sister enrolled at Romulus High School. The student participated in several sports while in New York. The school requested immediate eligibility after sitting out two days of competition in volleyball as is possible under Interpretation 273.

In both cases, the Executive Committee denied the request for immediate eligibility but granted eligibility effective with each student's 91st school day of enrollment, commencing Oct. 12, 2006. In the case of the 12th-grade student, waiver is contingent on the school forfeiting to opponents the entire cross country meets (two) in which this student participated.

Royal Oak High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of 10th- and 11th- grade brothers was tabled by the Executive Committee on Nov. 13, 2006, pending receipt of additional information. One student previously attended Detroit-Cass Technical High School, the other Detroit-Southwestern High School, while living with the mother. The mother has congestive heart failure, and the school situation of her two sons caused too

much stress. The students are residing with an older brother and his family in the Royal Oak School District. The school submitted additional information from the older brother that referenced gang activity in the Southwestern neighborhood as an additional reason for one of the school changes.

The Executive Committee noted that the additional information provided was not responsive to the requests that had been made and lacked substantiating documentation. The request for waiver was denied.

Saginaw-Heritage High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Saginaw-Arthur Hill High School before enrolling at Heritage High School on Oct. 25, 2006. The student participated in athletics while at Arthur Hill.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

St. Clair Shores-South Lake 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 2006-07 school year. The student began the 9th grade at South Lake High School before enrolling at Whittemore-Prescott High School for the second semester of the 2005-06 school year. The student reenrolled at South Lake to begin the 2006-07 school year and did not participate in athletics at either high school.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the school's second semester of the 2006-07 school year.

St. Johns 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 Lansing-Sexton High School while residing with his parents. A personal protection order against the father was issued on July 26, 2006. The student was living with both parents and moved with his mother and two siblings to St. Johns during the summer.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Three Rivers 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 2006-07 school year. The student previously attended school in Baltimore, Maryland while residing with her mother and did not participate in athletics. The student has moved to Three Rivers, enrolling on Sept. 7, 2006, and is residing with her aunt.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the school's second semester of the 2006-07 school year.

Three Rivers High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 87 was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who enrolled at Three Rivers High School to begin the 9th grade in the 2005-06 school year while residing with his mother in Three Rivers. On Nov. 1, 2005, the student moved to Arizona to reside with his father and enrolled in school there for the remainder of his 9th-grade year. To begin the 10th grade and the 2006-07 school year, the student reenrolled at Three Rivers, and played in seven JV football games without completing an Educational Transfer Form. On Oct. 16, 2006, the student again moved to his father's residence in Arizona and enrolled in school. One month later, on Nov. 16, 2006, the student inquired about enrolling for the third time at Three Rivers and an Education Transfer Form is being processed. The school forfeited the seven contests the student participated in while ineligible as a 10th grader this past fall (2006-07).

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Bloomington High School (Regulation I, Section 13) - A request to waive the limited team membership regulation was made on behalf of an 18 year old 11th-grade student who is participating for the first time on the high school boys basketball team and has participated the past two seasons for Special

Olympics basketball. The student would like to continue participating with the Special Olympics.

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

Regulation II, Section 11(A) - The Executive Committee provided the following interpretation until the matter can be reviewed by the Representative Council in May: "In alpine skiing, it counts as only one meet for a team and any individual to compete just once in a particular day but have that performance scored against two different teams as two separate meet results that day. The total of downhill runs for each day may not exceed the number of runs for a single meet."

Regulation III, Section 1(C) - Pursuant to Interpretation 242, the following junior high/middle school has been granted 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 2006-07 school year only.

Lake Leelanau-St. Mary
(7th-grade Girls Basketball)

Williamston and Okemos-St. Martha Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys basketball between these two member middle schools. Williamston Middle School will be the primary school and has sponsored basketball previously.

Future Meetings - Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. (Classification Committee meets at 1 p.m.); Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. (Finance Committee Meeting follows); Thursday, March 22, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. (Representative Council meets Friday, March 23); Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. (Finance Committee Meeting follows); Saturday, May 5, 2007, at 5 p.m. (Representative Council meets Sunday, May 6); and Wednesday, June 13, 2007, at 9 a.m. ■

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

East Lansing, Dec. 1, 2006

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
Fred Procter, Beverly Hills
Pete Ryan, Saginaw
Randy Salisbury, Britton
Fred Smith, Kalamazoo
Robertta Stanley, Lansing

Member Absent:

Renee Bird, Tawas

Also Present:

Ed Sikorski, Ann Arbor
Jim Thelen, Lansing
Bill Zaagman, 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
Karen Yonkers

Accounts of Meetings - Motion by Randy Salisbury, supported by Jim Derocher, to approve the following accounts of meetings: Representative Council Meeting of May 7-9, 2006; Executive Committee Meetings of May 6, June 12, Aug. 14, Sept. 7, Sept. 25, Oct. 17 and Nov. 13, 2006; Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee Meeting of Sept. 13, 2006; and Board of Canvassers Meetings of Sept. 18 and Oct. 3, 2006. Adopted.

REPORTS

Litigation - Attorney Edmund Sikorski reported that for a third consecutive school year there has been no new litigation involving the MHSAA, but there is little reportable progress on the two pending lawsuits of long-standing. He reported that the Wisconsin Court of Appeals has recently determined that the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association is not a state actor and is not a recipient of federal financial assistance and subject to Title IX, both of which are in opposition to the federal courts' rulings in the sports seasons litigation which was commenced against the MHSAA in 1998.

Legislation - Bill Zaagman of Governmental Consultant Services, Inc. updated the Council regarding pending legislation and on November elections and leader-

ship changes in the Michigan Legislature for 2007.

Administration - The executive director complimented the MHSAA staff and discussed four areas of the MHSAA operation that had been receiving special attention: information technology, human resources, building and grounds, and finance. He introduced two new staff persons and the Representative Council recognized Bookkeeper Laurie LaClear and Administrative Assistant Sue Lohman for their service of more than 20 years and 26 years, respectively, who will be retiring Dec. 31, 2006. The MHSAA staff will operate with 1 ½ persons fewer at the start of January than at the start of the school year in August 2006.

Tony Bihn, Director of Information Systems, gave a brief report of projects recently completed and priorities for the near future.

Associate Director Tom Rashid gave a brief report of the Athletic Director In-Service programs and especially the new AD Orientation programs conducted this fall.

Assistant Director Kathy Westdorp described the accomplishments of the Coaches Advancement Program, noting that curriculum now is in the phase of needing only minor revisions and that the focus is on

training and evaluation of presenters. MHSAA staff are pursuing copyright and licensing agreements in order to protect the reputation of the Coaches Advancement Program as it is utilized by other organizations and even in other states.

Assistant Director Mark Uyl reported that registration is at pace with last year and that criminal history checks are being conducted for every new applicant as well as a random sampling of renewing officials.

Andy Frushour, Marketing and Special Programs Coordinator, described the work of the Student Advisory Council and highlights of the four Sportsmanship Summits conducted this fall; and he previewed the six Captains Clinics that are scheduled in February in conjunction with six different leagues.

Results of the 2006 Update Meeting survey were reviewed. Some of the items will be considered by the Representative Council at this or future meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

Representative Council Ballots - The Representative Council reviewed the reasons that ballots were determined to be illegal and not able to be counted during the last two years of Council elections. It was clear that the requirement for two signatures and the allowance for a designee to sign for the superintendent caused confusion and the majority of illegal ballots. Nevertheless, Council members believed it was important to continue to have the signatures of both the principal and the superintendent (or his or her designee). Staff will implement several new procedures, including numbering and restating instructions and sending athletic directors an email notice when the ballots are mailed, to attempt to minimize confusion and the possibility of inaccurate results.

Master Eligibility Lists - The associate director summarized the discussions that had taken place statewide during the fall at the Athletic Director In-Service meetings regarding Master Eligibility Lists. It was clear that there are two important issues: (1) the question of catastrophic accident medical insurance coverage before the Master Eligibility List is prepared, and (2) assuring students are eligible before they participate in practices and competition. The MHSAA will continue to discuss insurance coverage with the insurance administrator and also continue to com-

municate concerns for schools that result from the participation of individuals, even in practice, before they are eligible under all regulations, and thus are not covered by the insurance policy purchased by the MHSAA. These matters will be discussed further by the Representative Council in March.

Foreign Exchange Students - Assistant Director Gina Mazzolini reported that changing federal policies will not affect athletic eligibility of foreign exchange students in 2007-08, but that before the 2008-09 school year, listed programs will have to complete an independent audit pursuant to forms provided by the Department of State and perhaps a second audit regarding athletic policies that will be prepared by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel.

Swimming & Diving Classification - In May, the Council tabled a proposal to reclassify the Lower Peninsula Girls and Boys Swimming & Diving Tournaments from two to three equal divisions. It was intended that this matter would be taken up when the staff (not coaches) has developed qualifying times for each event of a tournament divided in three equal divisions based on actual performances in the Boys and Girls Finals of the 2006-07 school year, understanding that the goal is to restrict the field in each event at each of the three-division Finals to numbers significantly less than have been entered in each event of the two-division Finals in recent years. This would allow for availability of more Final Meet venues, better meet administration, and a more enjoyable experience for both participants and spectators.

Subsequently, the MHSAA staff has been working with a Michigan researcher who is now at the University of Texas (El Paso) who has applied a more objective formula to the qualifying times for the two-division tournaments in girls and boys swimming & diving. A list of actual qualifying number for Nov. 17-18 Lower Peninsula Girls Swimming & Diving Finals was reviewed. No action was taken regarding the swimming & diving reclassification so that qualifying numbers for the March Lower Peninsula Boys Swimming & Diving Finals could also be reviewed before action is taken by the Council in March.

Upper Peninsula Wrestling - After decades of a different opinion, Upper Peninsula schools which sponsor wrestling

have voted their preference to participate in a unified statewide Individual Wrestling Tournament, and the Representative Council has previously honored the expressed wishes of Upper Peninsula schools in similar matters. Questions have been raised regarding when to make the wrestling change and how to best incorporate 18 additional schools into a unified statewide Individual Wrestling Tournament, especially at the District Tournament level where the tournaments are very lengthy.

The Executive Committee has been concerned about the extraordinary loss of classroom instructional time that will result from the combination of separate Team and Individual Wrestling Tournaments being conducted during the same weeks over vast distances and the significantly increased travel expenses for these schools. The Executive Committee has expressed the belief that while the desire of the Upper Peninsula schools to participate in a statewide Individual Tournament eventually will be accommodated, the change should not take place before there is consultation with wrestling schools from both peninsulas and consideration is given to several different formats and schedules that could reduce the negative effects of this accommodation, especially at the District level. Staff plans to review these matters with the MHSAA Wrestling Committee in January.

Motion by Dan Flynn, supported by Karen Leinaar, to eliminate the separate MHSAA U.P. Individual Wrestling Tournament in 2007-08 and include Upper Peninsula schools in a unified statewide MHSAA Individual Wrestling Tournament in 2007-08 (details of this accommodation to be reviewed at the Council's March and/or May meetings). Adopted.

Calendar Concerns - The executive director reported the results of meetings and surveys that have been conducted to try to measure the concern over the sports calendar, especially in the fall when the start of sports programs precedes the first day of class by several weeks. It is apparent that many constituents do not believe that change is needed; and it is also apparent that many of those who believe a change is desirable can find no solution that does not create more problems than it solves. There appears to be consensus for no change at varsity level football, but some interest in delaying the start of football for

younger athletes, at least at the junior high/middle school level, and only requiring the early start of practice and competition for athletes who have been a part of the school's sports culture previously. It is hoped that this will keep participation levels high among those who would be having their first experience in school sports. These discussions will be continued among member schools and at future meetings of the Representative Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership Resolutions - It was reported that, as of Aug. 24, 2006, there were 29 schools from 28 school districts for which MHSAA Membership Resolutions for 2006-07 had not been received, in spite of significant effort by MHSAA staff through mailings and telephone calls. Some Council members believed that the emphasis of this concern at Update Meetings and Athletic Director In-Service programs in the fall of 2006 will result in better compliance in 2007. In addition, the staff will send email reminders to athletic directors in late spring to remind them that the MHSAA Membership Resolution needs to be scheduled for board meetings in June, or early July at the latest.

Physical Examination and Consent Form - It was reported that schools are providing the MHSAA both educational and health records as part of requests to the Executive Committee to waive rules. The U.S. Department of Education has advised one member school that it would be prudent for participants in school sports to provide their consent to the release of such records as a condition for their participation in interscholastic athletics. Pursuant to this advice and that of MHSAA legal counsel, proposals to amend Regulation I, Section 3 as well as Interpretation 17 and the MHSAA-provided medical history/consent form had been provided to the Representative Council. It is anticipated that the Council will take action on these proposals at its March meeting for implementation not later than Aug. 1, 2008.

Cooperative Programs - The associate director reviewed the cooperative agreement renewal process and compliance problems that have been experienced. Four recommendations for changes to the renewal process were presented with the intent that they become immediately effective:

1. Eliminate the requirement for the sig-

nature of the school board presidents on the renewal form. Request and accept the signatures of both the principal and superintendent from each school.

2. Discontinue the two-year renewal form requirement except for programs involving Class A and B Schools, or agreements with three or more schools.
3. The staff will identify agreements with Class A or B schools or with three or more schools with significant additional information (large numbers trying out or being cut, significant win/loss records) and submit only those to the Executive Committee for review. All other renewals will not require Executive Committee approval. League approval will continue as part of the renewal process for these agreements (Class A or B or three or more schools).
4. Stipulate that programs that do not submit a signed renewal agreement and league approval on time will nevertheless be considered as having renewed for the purposes of determining tournament classifications/divisions in March/April.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by William Newkirk, to approve the four recommendations. Adopted.

Boys Lacrosse - Motion by Ken Dietz, supported by Scott Grimes, to approve the recommendation of the Boys Lacrosse Committee that to be eligible to officiate the 2007 MHSAA tournament, registered officials must attend an MHSAA Boys Lacrosse Rules Meeting and submit a schedule/availability. Only officials in their first two years of MHSAA registration will have the additional requirement for tournament eligibility of completing three hours of continuing education; the mechanics/rules examination will be optional. Adopted.

Representative Council Eligibility -

Motion by Jim Derocher, supported by Fred Procter, to approve the Executive Committee recommendations to amend the Representative Council eligibility policies printed in the Representative Council Manual. Adopted.

MHSAA Committees - The associate director described four categories of MHSAA committees, guidelines being used for the

number of members on sport and site selection committees, general guidelines for the number of members on officials assignment committees, and points of clarification and/or emphasis in administering MHSAA committees. Three items requiring Representative Council action were presented:

1. A two-phase nomination, selection and notification process, one in spring culminating in August, a second in October culminating in December.
2. Permitting up to four non-voting advisory members on sport committees.
3. Having the Awards Committee serve as both the nominating and screening committee, with nominations for MHSAA awards to also come from the Representative Council and staff.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, support by William Newkirk, to approve all three recommendations, effective with the committee process of 2007-08. Adopted.

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Leroy Hackley, to approve the work product release and conflict of interest statements to be made a part of the MHSAA expense form used with all MHSAA committees, effective Jan. 1, 2007. Adopted.

Awards - There were 12 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 2007 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 23, 2007, at 8:15 a.m. at the MHSAA building in East Lansing. The spring meeting of the Representative Council will be May 6-8, 2007, at Treetops Sylvan Resort in Gaylord. The fall meeting will be held on Friday, Nov. 30, 2007, at a site to be determined in or near Ypsilanti.

The meeting was adjourned. ■

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

East Lansing, Dec. 1, 2006

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
Fred Procter, Beverly Hills
Pete Ryan, Saginaw
Randy Salisbury, Britton
Fred Smith, Kalamazoo
Roberta Stanley, Lansing

Member Absent:

Renee Bird, Tawas

Election of Officers - Officers elected to serve through the fall 2007 meeting of the Representative Council were President Paul Ellinger, Vice President Keith Eldred and Secretary-Treasurer William Newkirk.

The president appointed Dan Flynn to serve on the Executive Committee on a regular basis during 2007, with Jim Derocher to be his alternate, and the fifth position filled on a rotating basis by other Council members.

Jim Derocher and Scott Grimes were invited to serve with the president and secretary-treasurer on the MHSAA Finance Committee for 2007.

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."

Linda Myers was reappointed for a second two-year term.

Also Present:

Ed Sikorski, Ann Arbor
Jim Thelen, Lansing
Bill Zaagman, 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
Karen Yonkers

Wendy Shepard, Principal at Rochester High School, was appointed to a two-year term.

Recognition - Council members and staff expressed gratitude to **Fred Procter**, the outgoing member of the Representative Council.

Personnel - The Finance Committee presented the Representative Council two matters related to the unused sick leave reimbursement policy for FLSA-exempt employees. First, that the policy for all FLSA-exempt employees who terminate employment after at least ten years' service be two-thirds of a day's pay for one-half of unused sick leave, based on a maximum accumulation of 200 days. Second, that the current executive director receive a payment in acknowledgement that he has had more than 280 unused sick days over 20 years, more than 180 of which would not be reimbursable under the revised policy.

Motion by Ken Dietz, supported by Pete Ryan, to approve the revised policy for all staff, and the payment to the current executive director for accumulated unused sick days in excess of the revised policy. ■

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LOOKING BACK

Recently I attended a lecture by the historian David McCullough, author of many significant books including *1776* and *John Adams*. At one point in his lecture he said, "It's not just ignorant, but rude, not to know and acknowledge our founders."

I felt a stab in my conscience, for I've been spending much time in great books about current and future trends in our world – like Putnam's *Bowling Alone* and Friedman's *The World is Flat* – but I feel so inadequate in my understanding of the people who struggled to create and then defend this nation more than 200 years ago. I have vowed to redirect my reading in 2007.

I am far less deficient in knowing and acknowledging the founders of school sports organizations in America; and this study of and respect for our predecessors has aided the administration of school sports in Michigan for decades. Our appreciation for the past allows us to anticipate better the threats to school sports in the future and understand

more fully the history and rationale of policies and procedures that protect and promote the educational ethic of school-sponsored sports.

I fear that as new leadership takes the helm - at all levels of school sports - they do so without adequate preparation for our problems nor sincere appreciation that the past can serve as predictor of future problems and a resource for workable solutions.

It is in 2007 that I hope to near completion of a multi-year work that will assist current and future leaders of high school athletics in Michigan to "know and acknowledge" where we've come from and the great wisdom and hard work that brought us here.

In introducing Mr. McCullough to the audience, an MSU professor said we have five senses to experience the present, but only memory to experience the past. I hope to help enhance our collective memory. Looking back deserves at least as much attention as looking forward. ■

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL COOPERATIVE PROGRAM RENEWALS STREAMLINED

On Dec. 1, 2006, the MHSAA Representative Council approved the following four changes in the renewal process for senior high cooperative programs (effective immediately):

- Eliminate the requirement for the signature of the school board presidents on the renewal form. Request and accept the signatures of both the principal and superintendent from each school.
- Discontinue the two-year renewal form requirement except for programs involving Class A and B Schools, or agreements with three or more schools.
- The staff will identify agreements with Class A or B schools or with three or more schools with significant additional information (large numbers trying out or being cut, significant win/loss records) and submit only those to the Executive Committee for review. All other renewals will not require Executive Committee approval. League approval will continue as part of the renewal process for these agreements (Class A or B or three or more schools).
- Stipulate that programs that do not submit a signed renewal agreement and league approval on time will nevertheless be considered as having renewed for the purposes of determining tournament classifications/divisions in March/April. ■

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

THE TAIL IS WAGGING, AGAIN

It's time to talk about Football Playoffs again. There is one fairly good reason to do so, and there are lots of not-so-good reasons to do so.

The good reason - although it is still unfortunate - is that the new statutory mandate to begin schools after Labor Day has widened the gap between the earliest athletic practices and the earliest academic classes. The gap makes it harder to recruit students to extracurricular activities and process their eligibility. The result appears to be (we're still investigating) that participation is down in fall activities, both athletic and non-athletic, at least in lower profile activities and subvarsity sports; and attendance at some August events is down. It has made schools less central in the lives of students and communities, a rather poor prescription for strengthening either students or schools or society.

Some people have suggested that the extracurricular world has it right, involving kids and utilizing facilities 200 or more days a year. They urge no changes in extracurricular scheduling, and they suggest that the powers that be will realize the foolishness of the 170-school-day year (or less) to which Michigan schools are retreating in academics. I'm not sure that reawakening will occur or, if it does, if there will be the resources available for schools to resume the march of ten years ago toward the 200-school-day academic year.

So we must at least consider if there are practical ways to reduce the gap between the start of extracurricular activities and the start of academic classes. And when we do so, the attention goes to football, which in many years has the earliest starting date of fall sports. And we find among the least favored "solutions" is to shorten the five-week Football Playoffs.

In fact, incredibly, we find there might be more sentiment to **lengthen** the playoffs. Again.

Since the first playoffs in 1975 when 16 schools qualified (four in each of four classes), the playoffs have been expanded four times.

- In 1977, the playoffs expanded to a three-week format involving the top two teams in each of four regions in each of four classes: 32 teams total.
- In 1985, the playoffs expanded to a four-week format involving the top four teams in each of four regions in each of four classes: 64 teams in all.
- In 1990, the playoffs expanded from four to eight classes, dividing each of the traditional classes in two (AA and A, BB and B, CC and C, and DD and D), accommodating 128 teams in a four-week format.
- In 1999, a fifth playoff week allowed 256 teams.

The genius of the 1990 expansion was that we stepped outside the box to double the size of the playoffs without adding an extra week. And then, although it added another week, it was another step outside the box in 1999 when it was decided to create the eight divisions **after** the regular season. This latest expansion has guaranteed all teams that win five games of an eight-game schedule or six games of a nine-game schedule that they would qualify for the playoffs. No longer would teams fret that a single loss or two, or even three, would keep them from the playoffs. They would no longer have to dodge the unbeatable team or two in their area.

Well, now we hear that the latest playoff scheme is creating no fewer regular season scheduling problems; that the current "race to six wins" causes as many problems as the earlier effort to avoid any losses.

All of this wears my patience thin. Years ago I said that the effect of each expansion has been to double the number of teams that just miss qualifying, thus doubling the number of people unhappy with the format.

Once again we see that no plan for Football Playoffs that excludes **any** team will suffice. And I've been around long enough to know there will be as many critics of any "all-inclusive" plan as there have been for any previous plan.

Of course, we already have a playoff system that involves every school. From the first game to the last, we collect every result, using every game to accumulate toward the necessary five or six wins and to calculate playoff points for the additional qualifiers as well as the opponents and sites for Districts and Regionals.

I think it's time to stop blaming the Football Playoffs for league stress and scheduling difficulties. It's time to refocus on the regular season, reasonable travel and rational expectations. In a collision sport like football, whose season starts in the steamy heat of August and ends on snowy fields in November, enough is enough.

SCHOOL SPORTS PERSPECTIVE

THERE'S A BETTER WAY THAN TESTING

Response of MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts to USA TODAY Column by Robert Lipsyte

I oppose drug testing of high school student-athletes; and contrary to Robert Lipsyte's column of 11/15/06, this is a valid opinion of deeply involved and committed people that is neither a state of denial nor a do-nothing attitude.

One of the recurring themes of Mr. Lipsyte's writings over the years has been that too much importance is given to school sports and its participants. I agree, and I cringe at the increase in national travel, tournaments and telecasts of high school events. Even high school athletes are being set apart from the crowd, and far too much attention is being lavished upon their temporal physical accomplishments.

Singling out high school athletes for drug testing only adds to this misguided notion that who they are and what they do somehow deserve special attention.

The only kind of drug testing that is effective as a deterrent to the use of performance enhancing drugs is that which is the most sophisticated and is administered frequently and universally. However, the only kind of drug testing that is affordable at the school level - that which is occurring in New Jersey this year - is the most simple and administered to only a random few of the

A field of 256 teams - including all teams with 6-3 and 5-3 records and some with 5-4 and even 4-4 records - is enough. A five-week playoff is more than enough.

As in 1990 and 1999, I'll be looking for another step out of the box. **But** this could be an unprecedented step - a step toward a **shorter** season . . . the eight-game schedule we hoped schools would favor when the playoffs expanded to five weeks and gave competing teams equal shares of the gate to the first round of the playoffs . . . or a step toward a **smaller** playoff field. The biggest and best step we could take outside the box might be a step back. ■

postseason tournament participants. This is barely a speed bump, hardly a deterrent. It does nothing to alter athletes' attitudes, nothing to change student behavior.

What can change attitudes and actions is education. And the kind of education that has proven to be most effective is the kind the Michigan High School Athletic Association is piloting and promoting in Michigan: the ATLAS and ATHENA programs. These are gender-specific programs, coordinated by trained school coaches, but actually led by student-athletes themselves. They provide alternatives to performance enhancing drugs and demonstrate a better way to prepare for sports. The programs deconstruct advertisements that bombard youth with unhealthy messages and wrong choices.

ATLAS and ATHENA have proven to reduce use of performance enhancing drugs and also to significantly reduce other risky behaviors and to increase healthier choices.

This is where our resources are needed. Not testing a few for performance enhancing drugs, which is not even in the top ten of drug problems facing adolescents. But teaching many of our students to make better decisions for sports and ultimately for life.

Drug testing for performance enhancing drugs in school sports is a simplistic and ultimately ineffective approach to promoting either saner sports or healthier students. ■

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CHEERING FOR SPORTSMANSHIP

This is an abbreviated version of the keynote address by John E. "Jack" Roberts at the MHSAA's regional sportsmanship summits throughout Michigan in October.

Last summer at a journalism camp, I spoke for an hour about high school sports in Michigan and the role of the Michigan High School Athletic Association. When I stopped to ask for questions, a hand and arm immediately shot up from a boy in the back, who asked: "Mr. Roberts, so what's your job?"

I paused briefly and then I said slowly, "I guess I'm the head cheerleader for high school sports in Michigan."

So then this precocious student asked: "Okay, what do you cheer for?"

This time, without pausing, I said, "I'm glad you asked." And I told him then, and I tell you today, "This is what I really cheer for in high school sports in Michigan."

I cheer for sportsmanship. Not merely good sportsmanship, but great sportsmanship throughout the Great Lakes state.

I cheer for sportsmanship, not gamesmanship.

I cheer for playing by the rules, all the time, both the letter and the spirit of the rules.

I cheer for rivalries between schools, great rivalries, based on respect, not ridicule and rudeness.

I cheer for maximum effort to win each and every competition in which we engage. I don't cheer for winning at any cost; I do cheer for learning at every opportunity.

I cheer for losing with grace, and winning with even greater grace, with modesty, with humility.

I cheer for the multi-sport student-athletes among us. I cheer for the student who is a star in one sport, perhaps a substitute in another sport, and in the stands cheering for classmates in two or three other sports.

I cheer for the student who participates in both athletic and non-athletic activities. Who is sometimes onstage, and sometimes back-

stage; who's sometimes in solo, sometimes in ensemble.

I cheer for successes and setbacks in almost equal proportions. Because I cheer for the lessons of victory, and the even greater lessons of defeat.

Think with me for a moment. Which sunset is the more beautiful? The one without any clouds in the sky, or the one on a partly cloudy evening?

The sunsets with the most color, the most different colors, the most richness and texture, the most uniqueness, the most character, are the sunsets on partly cloudy evenings.

And as clouds add character to a late afternoon and early evening sky, so do disappointments add depth and meaning in life. Without losses in sports, victories are far less sweet.

As a player, coach, parent of players and administrator of a sports program, I know with certainty that the experience of defeat is a large part of what gives value to victory.

I cheer for a definition of winning in high school sports that is different than what we see on television and elsewhere. It's not Nike's definition: that second place is the first loser. They should be ashamed of that slogan.

Ours is a definition that goes beyond the scoreboard. Win or lose, did we play our best? Win or lose, did we play by the rules? Win or lose, did we hustle? Win or lose, did we have teamwork? Win or lose, did we show heart? Win or lose, was the performance the best that we were capable of doing?

Ours is a definition that goes beyond trophies and medals. Win or lose, was there sound teaching? Win or lose, was there real learning? Win or lose, was there pursuit of character, or merely a pursuit of championships? Win or lose, did we grow as human beings through this enterprise?

It is within your power – it's totally up to each one of you individually – to be victorious in every game, meet or match that you play. Everyone here can go undefeated in

every season. This happens when **you** set the standards, and when **you** define the victory.

If victory is only by the scoreboard or the stopwatch, there are too many variables, and losses are unavoidable.

But it is in your power to be the one whom people point to after every contest and say, "Did you see that hustle? Didn't she show heart? Didn't he give us great effort? What character that kid has." Regardless of the scoreboard, and ultimately in life, that will be more important, and that will define victory.

Do you see how freeing this is? You don't have to be nervous before contests, for you will know the outcome before they start . . . if you define winning by your standards - by heart, hustle, integrity, respect, teamwork - then you can be undefeated in every competition. And I cheer for those who will define victory in this way.

I cheer for those who will judge school sports differently than it is evaluated on all other levels of sports, by all other sponsors of sports. I cheer for those who value school before sports, academics before athletics, safety before competition. I cheer for those

who value sportsmanship – a precursor to citizenship, a way of life that goes way beyond sports.

I cheer for those who cheer the positive things at games, and not jeer in negative ways. I cheer for those who cheer for our teams, not against the other team.

I cheer for clever chants, not vulgar ones. I cheer for creative signs, not mean-spirited ones.

I cheer for respect, not ridicule or rudeness, for officials and opponents.

And I cheer for each and every one of you who will cheer for these same things in these same kinds of ways in your school and conference. I will cheer for you to set the example, and to be the model.

I cheer for you to seize the opportunities to do things right. Choices will come to you in many ways every day. In almost every game, every practice and in every day, in the school halls and shopping malls. Choose to do what is right. Choose what will uplift your teammates and classmates, promote them and encourage them.

Good sportsmanship, no . . . great sportsmanship, depends on you. ■

STUDENT-CREATED CONTENT FROM SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMIT 2006

During the 2006 Sportsmanship Summit series, students were asked to help the MHSAA develop a resource to promote sportsmanship. Among other things, the students developed slogans for promoting sportsmanship.

Below is a list of the best slogans from the Summits. Please use this resource to help promote sportsmanship at your school.

For more resources, go to: mhsaa.com/studentlead/smship.htm

SportsmanSHIP – Hop on board
Sportsmanship – It starts with you!
Sportsmanship is contagious, is yours worth catching?
Sportsmanship: It's a team thing!
Sportsmanship: Be a true champion
Sportsmanship: Do you have what it takes?
Sportsmanship: Success begins here.
Respect all, Fear None!
Be the best, cheer for the rest!
Victory is by chance. Sportsmanship is by choice.
Sportsmanship: It starts with you.
Sportsmanship: It makes the game.
Attitude matters – Set the tone.
Sportsmanship: Make it happen!

SCHOOL SPORTS PERSPECTIVE

FOR LOVE OF COUNTRY

In keeping with the idea that educational athletics is a string of teachable moments, the Michigan High School Athletic Association has partnered with the National Association for Music Education, and the National Federation of State High School Associations in support of The National Anthem Project. Together, we are encouraging all Americans to learn the words and to sing “The Star-Spangled Banner” with pride, while raising awareness for the importance of school music programs.

Some consider the National Anthem to be nothing more than a ritual prior to an athletic event. That attitude is manifested in the distracted look that coaches and athletes display; of fans not removing their hats; of so-called signs of team unity involving the swaying of team members bodies or arms back and forth; of that person who has to get in the first yell during the final line of lyrics, especially when a soloist is performing the song; and of cheering sections which sometimes blare their school’s nickname to replace the word “brave” at the very end of the song.

Worse yet, some coaches prefer that their teams not be involved at all with the playing and the singing of our National Anthem, more concerned with last-minute instructions and their teams getting their game faces on.

Has everyone forgotten what the song represents? Especially in school sports? The privilege of educational athletics was won for us – not just when the lyrics were created during the War of 1812, but protected and won for us over and over again in every battle that has followed. I’m proud to be the son of a World War II veteran; to have had another family member serve our country; and shared in the suffering of a high school friend whose father was the last soldier killed in Vietnam.

Our thanks to be able to enjoy the privilege of working with young people in sports

– watching young people play sports – is embodied in words that can never go out of style, as hard as some people try to minimize them; even our own teacher-coaches, who ignore the Anthem or who allow their teams to participate in antics during the playing of the Anthem which smack of poor sportsmanship, gamesmanship and attention getting.

You couldn’t help but be impressed during the Stanley Cup Finals last spring, when the soloist of “Oh Canada” in the games at Edmonton set the tone and let thousands of people proudly sing that country’s anthem. No showmanship. No bodies or arms swinging and swaying. Just a natural outpouring of love of country.

We’d all be better off if our coaches, teams and cheering sections would take the singing of our National Anthem as seriously as the competition that follows it. For without the people who made that song possible, and who continue to make it possible, we would not have the opportunity to enjoy the privilege of educational athletics.

Editor’s Note: For more information about the National Anthem project, including the lyrics of the Star-Spangled Banner, visit nationalanthemproject.org.

— John Johnson
MHSAA Communications Director

NOTE: The weekly edition of MHSAA Perspective is heard on over 20 radio stations across the state, and is available for on-demand listening on the MHSAA Internet Broadcast Network – mhsaanetwork.com. Archived programs dating back to September are also available for on-demand listening, while the current week’s “Perspective” also appears under “MHSAA This Week” in the upper left corner of the MHSAA Home Page, mhsaa.com.

REVIEWING THE REGULATIONS

AN ON-TARGET OFF-SEASON

During a meeting last year dealing with some unique out-of-season issues for schools and coaches for the sport of ice hockey, I was gratified to hear several local athletic directors restate the reasons that certain rules and restrictions are appropriate and necessary in school-sponsored sports; and then one of those administrators recast the discussion in a very effective way. He said, "Let's not talk only about what coaches can't do out of season; let's also inform them of all the things they **can** do."

Subsequently, new regulations have been adopted which, beginning June 1, 2007, will apply to all sports – summer dead period, preseason down time, restrictions on curriculum courses. And in all the discussion of what can't occur, we might be missing opportunities to talk about what can. In fact, we may be overlooking the need to emphasize what should be occurring.

First of all, we should not forget to emphasize the need for students to get away from sports or at least to change up their sports routine. The research is clear about this: muscles and minds need to recover from periods of intense use, and an off-season that offers rest or at least provides variety can be important to peak performance in season. Repetitive use injuries are near epidemic in youth sports, and those involved in school sports should be a greater part of the solution than the source of that health problem.

But if coaches and kids (or their parents) just can't resist a restful off-season, let's

encourage them to make it a resourceful one. For example . . .

It is a fact that female athletes are 2-4 times more likely than males, depending on the sport, to suffer a non-contact ACL injury requiring reconstruction surgery. All across this state every year, in and out of season, we hear of season and career ending ACL injuries, especially to high school female student-athletes.

So, rather than jumping straight from the school season to non-school competition, rather than an off-season of camp after camp, scrimmage after scrimmage and game after game, wouldn't it make more sense for our female athletes to be engaged in a program of injury prevention? For example, strengthening the muscles that support the knee, and learning the proper techniques for jumping and landing.

Kids and coaches can be involved in such things throughout the off-season, almost without interruption or restriction. And such focused activities may have more to do with long-term health than weeks of dribbling, shooting, sets and spikes, and this may result in greater success for individuals and teams.

We need to look at the off-season in a less competitive but more creative and healthy way. Coaches associations and administrators of member schools are encouraged to put their heads together and pool their ideas to put the off-season to better use for the sake of the health and welfare of our student-athletes. ■

And We Quote —

“Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome.”

—Booker T. Washington

MHSAA COMMITTEES

In any typical year, the Michigan High School Athletic Association has nearly 50 standing committees and special task forces and study groups working on review and development of policies and procedures for the organization. There are nearly 900 positions of service filled by more than 500 different people.

Standing committees are of four different types:

- **Sport committees**, which include representation from the MIAAA and MASSP and coaches association leadership.
- **Site selection committees.**
- **Officials assignment committees.**
- **Other committees**, including Awards, Athletic Equity, Classification, Junior High/Middle School, Scholar-Athlete.

The committees range in size from 12 to 34 members, depending on the number of schools which sponsor the sport and whether an MHSAA tournament is provided for both girls and boys.

At its meeting Dec. 1, 2006, the MHSAA Representative Council reviewed general guidelines for committees and points of clarification and/or emphasis in administering MHSAA committees. The following items were enacted by the Council:

- A two-phase nomination, selection and notification process was approved, with one occurring in the spring and culminating in August, and the second beginning in October and finishing in December. Committees which meet in the first half of the school year will be determined during the first phase while committees that meet after Jan. 1 will have their membership determined in the second phase.
- Up to four non-voting advisory members will be permitted to serve on sport committees. Typically these are tournament managers who serve an undefined term, but without voting privileges.
- The MHSAA Awards Committee will now serve both a nominating and screening function, and nominations for MHSAA awards will also come from the Representative Council and staff.

Please consult the February Bulletin for a list of committees for which the MHSAA will be making appointments for the 2007-08 school year. ■

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HEALTH & SAFETY

EATING FOR ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE

Dave Ellis is a sports dietitian based in Colorado Springs who has coached and counseled about 100,000 athletes during the past 25 years, conducting and recording about 25,000 body fat tests along the way. He says his records clearly demonstrate that a structured nutrition plan allows athletes to achieve their goals, naturally, ethically and within the rules of sports.

In addition to being a Registered Dietitian, Dave is also a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist and a Master Level V USA Hockey Certified Coach. He is president of Sports Alliance Inc., which provides nutrition and body composition services to athletics and food industry. Dave's list of endorsements and clientele reads like who's who of collegiate and professional athletics.

"I'm concerned that young athletes have the impression from extensive media coverage that great athletic performance is based on the illegal use of performance enhancing drugs," Dave says. "We must teach young athletes to achieve their goals by taking a disciplined approach to nutrition and physical exercise."

Food must come first, Dave emphasizes. "It is from food that athletes minimize unnecessary illness, enhance energy levels, and speed recovery. Also, if you have a persistently high blood sugar level while inactive – which is usually associated with consuming low-fiber, fast-digesting carbohydrate sources – there is a much greater risk of health dilemmas like obesity and type II diabetes."

Dave says that athletes who switch from simple sugars and saturated fats – common ingredients of the standard American diet – to

fresh produce, lean proteins and complex carbohydrates will experience profound benefits over a period of weeks and months. Healthier foods offer more resistance to common illnesses, generate more energy, and help athletes recover faster from hard workouts.

Dave's common sense approach to nutrition is based on the balanced consumption of lean protein, fruits, vegetables, nuts, seeds, and fiber-rich starches.

"Fresh produce has anti-oxidant and anti-inflammatory properties and help the body cope with stress," he says. "The fresher, darkly colored produce is more nutritious. Lean protein is best, especially on inactive days. I encourage athletes to choose protein sources from all three categories--animal, vegetable, and dairy--and eat protein as soon as possible after exercise to help speed the muscle tissue-rebuilding process. And the smart way to supply energy to working muscles is by eating starches high in fiber like whole grain breads, pasta, brown rice and potatoes with the skin on."

Dave also recommends eating small meals and healthy snacks every four hours to help speed recovery after activity, and to minimize the accumulation of body fat; avoiding heavily spiced foods and high-fat protein sources before activity; and allowing four hours for food to digest before competition to avoid GI distress.

Dave chairs the Nutrition, Metabolism and Body Composition Special Interest Group of the National Strength and Conditioning Association and serves on the advisory board of the Professional Baseball Strength and Conditioning Coaches Society.

For more information, visit Dave's web site at fuelingtactics.com.

2006-07 MHSAA BUDGET

The following budget for operation of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc., for the 2006-07 school year was considered and approved at the May 2006 Representative Council Meeting.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	\$2,680,421
GENERAL PRINTING	197,000
GENERAL OFFICE EXPENSES	1,017,509
GENERAL MEETINGS	135,000
COACHES & OFFICIALS	363,438
BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS	225,000
BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS (NET)	440,000
BOWLING TOURNAMENTS	80,000
COMPETITIVE CHEER	125,000
CROSS COUNTRY MEETS	110,000
FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS	1,375,000
GOLF TOURNAMENTS	75,000
GYMNASTICS MEETS	28,000
HOCKEY TOURNAMENTS	260,000
LACROSSE TOURNAMENTS	55,000
SKI MEETS	27,000
SOCCER TOURNAMENTS	220,000
SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS	225,000
SWIMMING MEETS	21,000
TENNIS TOURNAMENTS	110,000
TRACK MEETS	244,000
VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS	300,000
WRESTLING TOURNAMENTS	620,000
RADIO/TELEVISION	10,000
TOTAL BUDGET FOR 2006-07	\$.8,943,368

Independent Auditor's Report

Representative Council
Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc.
East Lansing, Michigan

August 14, 2006

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc. as of July 31, 2006 and 2005 and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended together with the statement of functional expenses for the year ended July 31, 2006. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Association's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. The prior year summarized comparative information included in the statement of functional expenses has been derived from the Organization's 2005 financial statements and, in our report dated August 16, 2005, we expressed an unqualified opinion on that financial statement.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc. as of July 31, 2006 and 2005, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

(signed) MANER, COSTERISAN & ELLIS, P.C.

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
JULY 31, 2006 AND 2005

ASSETS		
	2006	2005
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,472,985	180,549
Short-term investments	1,341,605	2,230,389
Accounts receivable	220,944	166,525
Prepaid expenses	<u>243,385</u>	<u>251,440</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>3,278,919</u>	<u>2,839,842</u>
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, less accumulated depreciation	<u>2,196,453</u>	<u>2,215,297</u>
OTHER ASSETS:		
Long-term investments - designated	1,844,866	1,662,082
Cash value of life insurance	<u>246,855</u>	<u>194,880</u>
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	<u>2,091,721</u>	<u>1,856,962</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$7,567,093</u>	<u>\$6,912,101</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$128,400	\$134,293
Accounts payable	45,028	70,931
Accouynts payable - Officials for Kids	10,089	2,017
Accrued compensation and related items	62,368	58,162
Deferred revenue - officials' registration fees collected in advance	<u>396,33</u>	<u>346,763</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	642,220	612,166
LONG-TERM DEBT, less current portion	643,600	772,000
DEFERRED COMPENSATION	291,551	131,978
OTHER POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS	<u>28,811</u>	<u>17,600</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>1,606,182</u>	<u>1,533,744</u>
NET ASSETS:		
Unrestricted:		
Undesignated	4,116,045	3,716,275
Designated:		
Women in sports leadership	196,005	194,481
Insurance replacement fund	1,128,398	1,071,480
Building maintenance fund	270,598	158,846
Student services fund	<u>249,865</u>	<u>237,275</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>5,960,91</u>	<u>5,378,357</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$7,567,093</u>	<u>\$6,912,101</u>

See notes to financial statement

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
YEARS ENDED JULY 31, 2006 AND 2005

	2006	2005
REVENUES:		
Tournament and meet income	\$7,863,636	\$7,474,195
Officials' registrations for current school year	496,951	498,238
Investment income	252,529	284,682
Royalties, advertising and sponsorships	439,086	391,623
Bulletins and publications	17,776	20,572
Miscellaneous	20,264	14,563
Loss on disposal of equipment		<u>(5,626)</u>
Total revenues	<u>9,090,242</u>	<u>8,678,247</u>
EXPENSES:		
Tournaments, meets and grants	6,726,969	6,438,135
Coaches and officials	1,064,990	947,255
Management and general	715,729	668,488
Total expenses	<u>8,507,688</u>	<u>8,053,878</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	582,554	624,369
NET ASSETS:		
Beginning of year	<u>5,378,357</u>	<u>4,753,988</u>
End of year	<u>\$5,960,911</u>	<u>\$5,378,357</u>

See notes to financial statement

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2006
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2005

	<u>Tournaments</u>	<u>Coaches and officials</u>	<u>Mgt. and general</u>	<u>Total</u>	
				<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
OFFICE ADMINISTRATION:					
Salaries and wages	\$203,788	\$92,634	\$94,275	\$390,697	\$375,632
Accounting and audit			18,769	18,769	21,355
Stationery and supplies	27,224	9,308	8,541	45,073	40,561
Maintenance and repairs	51,806	17,712	16,253	85,771	91,306
Telephone	12,554	4,292	3,939	20,785	20,334
Equipment lease	12,754	4,360	4,002	21,116	25,641
Incidentals	20,377	6,967	6,393	33,737	45,588
Postage	73,073	24,983	22,926	120,982	149,326
Payroll taxes	70,313	24,039	22,060	116,412	109,142
Health and life insurance	171,903	58,772	53,933	284,608	278,738
Retirement	136,773	46,761	42,911	226,445	216,733
Utilities	19,022	6,503	5,968	31,493	24,273
Depreciation	117,676	40,232	36,919	194,827	180,011
Data processing expense	<u>36,032</u>	<u>12,319</u>	<u>11,304</u>	<u>59,655</u>	<u>41,700</u>
Total office administration	<u>953,295</u>	<u>348,882</u>	<u>348,193</u>	<u>1,650,370</u>	<u>1,620,340</u>
 ADMINISTRATION:					
Salary -professionals	810,395	250,830	219,829	1,281,054	1,100,234
Travel -professionals	23,525	7,281	6,382	37,188	42,448
Travel, meals, lodging -members	42,722	13,223	11,589	67,534	65,310
National Federation dues	3,020	1,033	947	5,000	5,000
Insurance -general	10,908	3,729	3,422	18,059	17,607
Insurance -catastrophic	27,397	9,367	8,595	45,359	49,578
Insurance -liability	57,549	19,675	18,055	95,279	85,840
Litigation expense	171,166	58,519	53,702	283,387	223,774
Officials' liability insurance		36,438		36,438	37,840
Automobile expense	29,201	9,983	9,162	48,346	37,194
Committee meetings	3,073	1,050	964	5,087	5,738
Web site	12,192	4,168	3,826	20,186	17,773
Meetings -general	15,461	5,286	4,851	25,598	16,606
Clinics and workshops	14,300	4,889	4,487	23,676	23,908
Appropriations -other assoc.	<u>6,758</u>	<u>2,311</u>	<u>2,120</u>	<u>11,189</u>	<u>10,591</u>
Total administration	<u>1,227,667</u>	<u>427,782</u>	<u>347,931</u>	<u>2,003,380</u>	<u>1,739,441</u>

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MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2006
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2005

	<u>Tournaments</u>	Coaches and <u>officials</u>	Mgt. and <u>general</u>	<u>Total</u>	
				<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
GENERAL PRINTING:					
State association bulletins	\$95,282			\$95,282	\$88,430
Officials' Guidebook		2,595	2,595		8,577
Forms and blanks	15,513	10,171		25,684	28,525
Films		8,302		8,302	536
Rule books		195,333		195,333	158,713
Officials' directory		13,888		13,888	13,980
Handbooks	11,523			11,523	9,898
Publications and books	16,281	10,674		26,955	79,087
Book of Champions					9,951
Mentor		32,056		32,056	27,712
General printing	<u>16,149</u>	<u>5,521</u>	<u>5,066</u>	<u>26,736</u>	<u>36,238</u>
Total general printing	<u>154,748</u>	<u>278,540</u>	<u>5,066</u>	<u>438,354</u>	<u>461,647</u>
OTHER:					
Committee meetings	8,478		5,558	14,036	15,188
Grants	41,182			41,182	32,113
Taxes	3,048	1,042	956	5,046	4,408
Interest expense	<u>25,577</u>	<u>8,744</u>	<u>8,025</u>	<u>42,346</u>	<u>36,443</u>
Total other	<u>78,285</u>	<u>9,786</u>	<u>14,539</u>	<u>102,610</u>	<u>87,439</u>
Total operating expenses	2,413,995	1,064,990	715,729	4,194,714	3,908,867
TOURNAMENT AND MEET EVENT EXPENSE-DIRECT					
	<u>4,312,974</u>	_____	_____	<u>4,312,974</u>	<u>4,145,011</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 6,726,969</u>	<u>\$ 1,064,990</u>	<u>\$ 715,729</u>	<u>\$ 8,507,688</u>	<u>\$ 8,053,878</u>

See notes to financial statement

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
YEARS ENDED JULY 31, 2006 AND 2005

	2006	2005
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:		
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	<u>\$ 582,554</u>	<u>\$ 624,369</u>
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Realized and unrealized gain on investments	(112,365)	(198,004)
Loss on disposal of fixed assets		5,626
Depreciation	194,827	180,011
Accounts receivable	(43,480)	(13,351)
Prepaid expenses	8,055	(22,268)
Accounts payable	(25,903)	45,170
Accounts payable -Officials for Kids	8,072	2,017
Accrued compensation and related items	4,206	(247)
Deferred revenue-officials' registration fees collected in advance	49,572	(5,590)
Deferred compensation	159,573	22,887
Other postretirement benefits	<u>11,211</u>	<u>17,600</u>
Total adjustments	<u>253,768</u>	<u>33,851</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>836,322</u>	<u>658,220</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of property and equipment	(175,983)	(174,976)
Purchases/sale of investments -net	818,365	(1,166,026)
Increase in cash value of life insurance	(51,975)	(40,199)
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	590,407	(1,381,201)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Repayment of long-term debt	<u>(134,293)</u>	<u>(141,837)</u>
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	1,292,436	(864,818)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year	<u>180,549</u>	<u>1,045,367</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of year	<u>\$ 1,472,985</u>	<u>\$ 180,549</u>

See notes to financial statement

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting -The Association utilizes the accrual method of accounting which recognizes income when earned and expenses when incurred.

Financial statement presentation - The Association is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets. The Association has no temporarily or permanently restricted activity or net assets.

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits and savings accounts maintained at the bank and cash management accounts maintained by investment brokers. Interest bearing cash accounts which result from the transition of long-term investments or the accumulation of interest within the long-term investment accounts are classified as other assets and are included in long-term investments instead of cash since these funds are designated and not available for current operating expenditures.

Investments - The Association records investments at fair value.

Accounts receivable - Accounts receivable are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. Management provides for probable uncollectible amounts through a provision for bad debt expense and an adjustment to a valuation allowance based on its assessment of the current status of individual accounts. Currently no allowance for doubtful accounts is considered necessary. Balances that are still outstanding after management has used reasonable collection efforts are written off through a charge to the valuation allowance and a credit to accounts receivable.

Property and equipment is stated at cost. Depreciation is computed over the estimated useful life of the assets on the straight-line method. Generally, the Association capitalizes items in excess of \$1,000.

Compensated absences - The liability for compensated absences (accrued annual leave) is accrued at the time such benefits are earned.

Deferred revenue - Revenue from officials' registration fees collected for the upcoming year is deferred and recognized in the period to which it relates.

It is the Association's policy to allow basketball tournament host schools to retain a portion of the tournament revenue to cover direct tournament expenses. The tournament receipts retained by the host schools under this policy amounted to \$730,549 and \$757,656 in 2006 and 2005, respectively. These amounts are not reflected in the statements.

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2 - NATURE OF THE ORGANIZATION, RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc. is a voluntary association of public, private and parochial secondary schools. The Association is exempt from federal income tax under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Unrelated business income, if any, is subject to tax. The Association receives substantially all revenue from sources in the state of Michigan.

The Association categorizes its activities into two major program categories described as follows:

Tournaments and grants - Promulgation of eligibility regulations and contest rules, meetings and publications to communicate such regulations and rules, and direct administration and costs related to tournaments for member schools and their students. The program also includes student scholarships and mini-grants to member schools.

Coaches and officials - Registration of contest officials and training programs for registered officials and coaches of member schools.

The Association is required to disclose significant concentrations of credit risk regardless of the degree of such risk. Financial instruments which potentially subject the Association to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash, cash equivalents and certain investments. The Association places its cash, cash equivalents and investments with high-credit-quality financial institutions. Although such investments and cash balances exceed the federally insured limits, they are, in the opinion of management, subject to minimal risk.

Functional allocation of expenses - The costs of providing the programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities and functional expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among programs and supporting services based on actual costs incurred and management's estimates.

The process of preparing financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the use of estimates and assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses. Such estimates primarily relate to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements. Accordingly, upon settlement, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

NOTE 3 - PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT AND OTHER DEPRECIABLE ASSETS

Property, equipment and other depreciable assets consist of the following:

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Land	\$ 255,606	\$ 255,606
Building and improvements	2,197,042	2,197,042
Furniture, equipment and automobiles	<u>974,118</u>	<u>951,477</u>
	3,426,766	3,404,125
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>1,230,313</u>	<u>1,188,828</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>\$ 2,196,453</u>	<u>\$ 2,215,297</u>

Depreciation expense amounted to \$194,827 and \$180,011 in 2006 and 2005, respectively.

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 4 - INVESTMENTS

Investments, which are presented in the financial statements at fair value, are comprised of the following:

	Year ended July 31,	
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Short-term investments:		
Certificates of deposit		\$1,000,000
Money market	1,951	1,887
Mutual funds	<u>1,339,654</u>	<u>1,228,502</u>
	<u>\$ 1,341,605</u>	<u>\$ 2,230,389</u>
Long-term investments:		
Money market	\$ 840,957	\$ 779,888
Mutual funds	<u>1,003,909</u>	<u>882,194</u>
	<u>\$ 1,844,866</u>	<u>\$ 1,662,082</u>

Investment income for the years ended July 31, 2006 and 2005 consists of the following:

Interest and dividends	\$ 140,164	\$ 86,678
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	<u>112,365</u>	<u>198,004</u>
	<u>\$ 252,529</u>	<u>\$ 284,682</u>

NOTE 5 - LONG-TERM DEBIT

Note payable -City of East Lansing Economic Development Corporation (EDC) -The EDC assigned its interest in the note to the bank who purchased the underlying bond issue. The land and related building is mortgaged to secure the note. Interest is currently payable at a variable rate which is 5.61% at year end. The note is payable in amounts ranging from \$10,700 to \$14,200 per month plus interest through July 2016.

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
	\$ 772,000	\$ 900,400
Note payable -bank -secured by equipment, due in monthly installments of \$1,216, including interest at 8.60%, through November, 2005.		<u>5,893</u>
	772,000	906,293
Less current portion	(128,400)	<u>(134,293)</u>
	<u>\$ 643,600</u>	<u>\$ 772,000</u>

Year ended <u>July 31,</u>	
2007	128,400
2008	128,400
2009	149,400
2010	170,400
2011	170,400
Thereafter	<u>25,000</u>
	<u>\$ 772,000</u>

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 6 - DESIGNATED EQUITY

Designated equity relates to the women in sports leadership fund, insurance replacement fund, building maintenance fund and student services fund which amount to \$196,005, \$1,128,398, \$270,598, and \$249,865, respectively at July 31, 2006 and \$194,481, \$1,071,480, \$158,846 and \$237,275, respectively at July 31, 2005.

NOTE 7 - RETIREMENT PLANS

The Association established a 401(k) plan which covers substantially all employees. The amount contributed is based on the employees' compensation. Association contributions made to the plans amounted to \$226,445 and \$216,733 for the years ending July 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

The Association also maintains a flexible benefit plan available to all employees.

NOTE 8 - SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOWS DISCLOSURES

The purchase of three automobiles was financed partially through the trade-in of other vehicles. The total net book value of the vehicles traded in was \$100,827.

Interest paid on the notes payable amounted to \$42,346 in 2006 and \$36,443 in 2005.

NOTE 9 - DEFERRED COMPENSATION

The Association maintains a deferred compensation plan for its executive director. Subject to certain length of service and other conditions, the payments are made over ten years. The liability is recorded at its estimated net present value.

NOTE 10 - OTHER POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT PLAN

The Association has implemented an unfunded postretirement medical benefit plan for designated executive staff administrators meeting certain age and service requirements. The Plan covers fifty percent of single subscriber premiums up to a maximum of \$500 per month from retirement or 59½, whichever is later, until the retiree reaches Medicare qualifying age providing the retiree participates in the Association Plan. The Association uses a July 31 measurement date. The \$500 per month maximum and a discount rate of 4 percent is utilized to calculate the obligation amount. The net present value of the obligation is ratably accrued over the expected services lives of the participants and amounts to approximately \$28,811 at July 31, 2006. This Plan may be cancelled by the Association without obligation.

The following benefit payments, which reflect future services, are expected to be paid as follows:

Year ended	
<u>July 31,</u>	
2007	1,000
2008	6,000
2009	6,000
2010	5,500
2011	6,000
2012 and Thereafter	138,000

NOTE 11 - LEASES

The organization has equipment under operating lease agreements with varying terms. Future lease payments under these agreements are as follows:

2007	\$ 6,636
2008	<u>4,977</u>
	<u>\$ 11,613</u>

NOTE 12 - CONTINGENCIES

There are two lawsuits outstanding in which the Association is a defendant. If the Association should not prevail in one case, it is possible that the judge may award to the plaintiffs part or all of their litigation costs, which plaintiff claims to be approximately \$2,900,000 at October 30, 2002. It is anticipated that should the plaintiff ultimately prevail, this claim will increase. On May 2, 2005, the U.S. Supreme Court vacated an adverse judgment of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. The case was reargued in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals on March 14, 2006. On August 16, 2006, the Sixth Circuit issued a divided decision which the Association is appealing. The Association, should the need arise, expects to vigorously contest the plaintiff's claim for fees. It is the opinion of management that the actual claims paid, if any, resulting from the aforementioned litigation would not have a material adverse effect on the capacity of the Association to serve its membership.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Our report on our audits of the basic financial statements of Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc. appears on page 1. Those audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The additional information on pages 14 through 20 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

(signed) MANER, COSTERISAN & ELLIS, P.C.
Lansing, Michigan
August 16, 2005

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 and are also included in the *MHSAA Handbook*. ■

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF THE MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC. SCHOOL YEAR - 2005-06

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 13th 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, gym-nastics, volleyball, soccer, and ice hockey for coaches and registered officials. The Officials' Awards and Alumni Banquet honored 20, 30 and 40 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. A statewide Women in Sports Leadership Conference was conducted. Regional Sportsmanship Summits and Captain's Clinics were conducted for students.

COMMITTEES - Over 860 different individuals served on the following Association committees during the 2005-06 school year:

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

PARTICIPANTS - There were approximately 314,000 participants on interscholastic athletic squads of the 764 member high schools during the 2005-06 school year. The MHSAA membership also included 818 junior high/middle schools.

REGISTERED OFFICIALS - There were 12,046 officials registered in one or more sports during the year.

UPDATE MEETINGS - Meetings for 1,148 people were conducted during the fall in Traverse City, Frankenmuth, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Gaylord, Warren, Comstock Park, and Marquette.

CAP SEMINARS - There were 1,022 participants who completed one or more courses in the Coaches Advancement Program at sites throughout the state during the 2005-06 school year.

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS IN-SERVICE - 637 athletic directors participated in the Athletic Directors In-Service programs at 13 sites throughout the state during the fall of 2005. ■

SANDER PRESENTED WISL AWARD

Jan Sander, a successful teacher, coach and athletic administrator in the Warren Woods School System for the past 33 years, is the recipient of the 2006-07 Women In Sports Leadership Award by the Representative Council of the MHSAA.

Each year the Representative Council considers the achievements of women coaches, officials and athletic administrators affiliated with the MHSAA who show exemplary leadership capabilities and positive contributions to athletics. The award was presented by council president Paul Ellinger (right) at halftime of the MHSAA Class A Girls Basketball Final game on Dec. 2.

By the numbers alone, Sander has been an outstanding coach. In 23 years as a basketball coach, she compiled a 427-159 record, winning seven league titles. In 21 years as a volleyball coach, her record was 532-173-41 with 12 league championships. Her teams won 17 MHSAA District titles and one Regional titles, and Sander was her league's coach of the year on 11 occasions. She was inducted into the Macomb County Coaches Hall of Fame in 1997, the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Hall of



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Fame in 2004, and the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2005.

As an athletic administrator, Sander has been active at the local, state and national levels. A member of the Michigan and National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Associations, she has served on numerous MHSAA committees and hosted many Association postseason tournaments. She was the founder of the Macomb County Girls Basketball and Volleyball Coaches Association and is the secretary of the Macomb Area Conference.

As a mentor to others, Sander has also been a presenter on many occasions at the MHSAA's Women In Sports Leadership Conference. She is a graduate of Bowling Green State University, and was nominated for the award by East Detroit High School.

"The leadership shown by Jan Sander as a teacher-coach and administrator is a model for all to follow," said John E. "Jack" Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA. "True leaders in sports are those who nurture and grow those around them as people first and athletes second." ■

MIAAA PRESENTS SEVENTH EXEMPLARY ATHLETIC AWARD



The Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA) recently recognized Midland High School as having an Exemplary Athletic Program.

Representatives of the school's athletic program were recognized by the MIAAA and the MHSAA at halftime of the MHSAA Class B Girls Basketball Final on Dec. 2.

The MIAAA Exemplary Athletic Award Program recognizes that outstanding school athletic programs greatly serve students, families, communities and schools. Michigan's athletic administrators realize these exemplary programs occur when partnerships and cooperation exist between all administrators in a school district, as well as among parents, community and student leaders.

Midland High School's Athletic Director, Bob Scurfield, CAA, reports the philosophy of its athletic program is that participation in athletics helps young people to develop physically, emotionally, and intellectually. The athletic program contributes to this goal by providing student athletes with opportunities to participate as team members in athletic competition with other schools. They believe that participation in athletics helps develop sportsmanship, citizenship, teamwork, self

discipline, loyalty, tolerance, and perseverance.

Four areas of note emerge to make the Midland program worthy of statewide recognition: student participation in the athletic program, athletic success-both as teams and individuals, success in the classroom, and student-athlete volunteerism in extracurricular activities.

Midland's high school enrollment includes students from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds and more than 40 percent of the 1,700 students participate in at least one sport; many of the students are two- or three-sport athletes.

A Master's Degree or above is held by 73 percent of the Midland High School faculty, and this has led to 86 percent of graduates pursuing their formal education past high school. Senior student-athletes have exceeded a 3.40 grade-point average in each of the last five years. Both the varsity football and boys' golf teams have been recognized as best in the state academically by their respective coaches' associations. In addition, a hockey player and a girls' golfer received the MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award in recent years. ■



Visual Image Photography

Members of the the Midland athletic department display the Exemplary Athletic Program Award banners presented by the MIAAA at the Girls Basketball Finals on Dec. 2.

THREE TEAMS HONORED IN “LEGENDS” PROGRAM

In an effort to promote educational athletics by showcasing some of the great teams of past years, the Michigan High School Athletic Association instituted a program called “Legends Of The Games” in 1997. In December, 1976 champions Allen Park Cabrini, Lake City and Marine City were honored at halftime of the Class C Girls Basketball Final. (1976 Class A Champion Marquette had been honored in a previous year.)

In 1976, the path to an MHSAA title was only four years old, but only Class B champion Marine City had yet to take an extended journey. Marquette, Lake City and Allen Park Cabrini had all advanced to the Semifinal round of the tournament a year previous then returned to win titles that fall.

For the girls from **Marine City**, it was a once-in-a-lifetime trip, as more than 30 years later, the team remains the only Marine City squad to reach the big dance.

While Marine City was expected to have a solid season in the fall of 1976, a millage failure in nearby Algonac altered the complexion of sports in the district. In 1974, Algonac had advanced to Class B Quarterfinals of the girls tournament. With the tax defeat, the district shut down the varsity sports program, and three players from Algonac High School, Doreen Grote, GiGi Yax and Brenda Venhuizen moved to Marine City. Rivals were suddenly teammates and, with the influx of talent, local expectations for the team soared.

Yet, with less than a month to go before the season, the Mariners still lacked an important ingredient – a head coach. Len Goulding, who had coached freshman football and basketball, was approached as a candidate for the position. However, he was reluctant. He had never coached girls before, and although he knew he would inherit talent, he would also inherit the pressures of high expectations. Ultimately, he accepted the job.

It was a match made in heaven.



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Allen Park Cabrini



Visual Image Photography

Lake City

“The first day of practice was scary,” recalled Yax, “with the three Algonac girls at one end of the gym and everyone else at the other, which now only seems natural. But at the time it was anything but. The way we all came together as one was unbelievable. Coach Goulding made it an easy transformation.”

Indeed Goulding turned what might have been a disaster in the making into a team that met, and perhaps even exceeded, everyone’s expectations.

Much to his delight, he found

an unselfish squad with a tremendous work ethic, willing to take instruction.

"I always had a pretty good rapport with the athletes," said Goulding. "They blended well, really willing to sacrifice for the good of the team. They made it easy."

The blend of talent was unstoppable during the regular season. A determined squad from Marysville put up a challenge before falling by the wayside in double overtime. The tournament was much the same until the Semifinal game with unbeaten Jenison, which was making its third consecutive appearance in the Semifinal round.

For the first time, the Mariners were in a fight for their basketball lives, as a see-saw game headed to overtime. Grote scored twice in the extra period for a game-high 25 points and Venhuizen sank four straight clutch free throws to seal a 64-57 win.

While the team as a whole recalls the drama and tension tied to the Semifinal win, the 52-38 victory over Three Oaks River Valley in the Final at East Kentwood High School is remembered as the final leg of a sweet journey.

"I remember cutting down the net after we won," recalled Venhuizen. "We each took a turn and cut a string at a time."

"I don't remember much of the game but I remember the celebration afterward," noted Yax. "Parents, family and friends watching us cut down the net. (Pulling) Coach Goulding into the shower. The feeling that we finally achieved our goal of winning state."

At **Lake City**, meanwhile, Coach Linda McGiness and her squad put together an outstanding season in 1975 before running into a powerful Flint Holy Rosary team in the Semifinals, bowing out with a 62-40 loss. But, the foundation had been set.

"It was a great year," recalled McGiness. "We had one senior on that team, my sister Terri, so we thought we might have a chance to come back. In fact, the girls made a pact or a promise among themselves: 'We'll be back.'"

Among the returnees was Abby Currier, described by McGiness and her teammates as a shy pioneer in the world of women's athletics.

Currier's brother, Bob, was a small forward on the Lake City squads that had advanced in 1972 and 1973, and earned all-state honors in Class D in 1973. The court at the Currier home was lighted, and served as a training ground for Currier and her teammates.

"It was the only place we could work on our game outside of practice," recalled Shelly Armstead Marcusse. "Guys from those teams, including Abby's brother, as well and our classmates, helped us develop our game."

The Trojans battled through a tough schedule in 1976 and again advanced to the final round. After downing a strong contingent from Mio in the Quarterfinals, the team once again found itself face-to-face with Holy Rosary.

After opening up a 17-7 lead in the opening minutes, the Trojans clung to a 24-23 lead at the half. During the intermission, McGiness reminded the girls that they needed to control the tempo of the game and stay out of foul trouble. However, the lead slipped away in the third period of play. Trailing 41-37, McGiness switched her defense from man to zone, igniting a comeback. Trailing 55-53, Currier was fouled with five seconds remaining and the senior calmly sank two free throws to tie the game and send it into overtime.

"How we ever did it, I'll never know," said McGiness, now coaching the 8th-grade girls at



Visual Image Photography

Marine City

Lake City. “The girls had the skills; I just had to get the strategies. I was only third-year coach, and I guess the chemistry worked for us.”

Lynne Smith, who had been held scoreless since the first quarter, and Currier each scored in the extra frame, allowing the team to advance with a 59-57 win. A 58-48 victory over Perkins on the following morning gave the school its first-ever MHSAA title in any sport. The girls returned home in their “old yellow school bus greeted with a police escort to a huge reception” from the delighted community.

Like Lake City, 1975 meant defeat in the Semifinals for **Allen Park Cabrini**.

“The previous year, we lost in the semis with a senior-laden team,” recalled Carol Valchine, the starting point guard in 1976. “We sat up that night and the other juniors and I vowed to each other that we’d work hard every day and push each other to be the best that we could be. That emotional promise we made to each other was the overriding goal of our 1976 team.”

The late Ken Quire filled the role as head coach of both the boys and girls basketball squads for the Monarchs. Running a disciplined offense with each player filling a role, Cabrini was led by seniors Janet Goschinski, Barbara Schulte, Anne Sommerville, Karen Suda and Traci Syer. Valchine was the lone junior among the starters.

“It was a group that supported each other with friendships that prevailed both on and off the court,” recalled Martha DeLisle.

“Ken Quire was a very good coach,” said Joyce Burns, a freshman brought up for the tournament. “He got the most out of all of his players. They wanted to do their best for him. The team was very close and made me feel a part of them. They were very welcoming.”

Cabrini rolled through the regular season with a single loss that came against Farmington Our Lady of Mercy, the runner-up for the Class A crown in 1974, 1975 and 1976.

Tournament time was much the same. The Monarchs coasted to an easy victory over Lake Fenton in the Quarterfinal, 53-27, thanks to lockdown defensive play by DeLisle and Karen Suda and a 26-point performance by Goschinski. Against Kalamazoo Christian in the Semifinal, Goschinski scored 20 points in the 50-34 win. Valchine added 11 points while Suda scored three and added whopping 16 rebounds.

In the MHSAA title game against Mason County Central, the road was a little rougher for Cabrini, at least for the first two quarters of play.

After opening up a 12-6 lead in the first quarter, the Monarchs were outscored 13-10 in the second and held a slim 22-19 lead at the half. Coach Quire made his displeasure known at the half.

“I let ‘em have it loud, as loud as I could yell,” said Quire at the time. “The team wasn’t executing the offense like I knew they could. I always yell at them anyway. They expect it, but they know I do it for their sake.”

The girls responded immediately with 12 unanswered points to open the third quarter. The Spartans’ outstanding guard Glenda Gruno, broke the run with a bucket with a minute remaining in the period, but the damage was done. The Monarchs ran off with a 48-35 win and the Class C crown.

Goschinski ended with 20 points, while Valchine tallied 16 points, including three of her eight field goals during the 12-point rally. The junior added seven assists and three steals, but most importantly, she held Gruno to 15 points on the day.

“The weekend of the Finals, I remember being amazed at how many of our families, friends, classmates and teachers came to support us,” said DeLisle.

“I remember my sister presenting each of us with a red rose after the final game,” added Karen O’Rourke. “She made sure my parents were at that game, and she generated excitement in the family for the event.”

— Ron Pesch

Ron Pesch is the historian for the MHSAA

2006 FALL COACH EJECTION LISTING

City	School	Coach	Sport
Alanson	Littlefield Middle School	Jon Morgan	Girls Basketball
Allendale	Allendale HS	Tyler Engbers	Boys Soccer
Almont	Almont HS	Lou Stankovich	Boys Soccer
Atlanta	Atlanta HS	Jack Moir	Girls Basketball
Bad Axe	Bad Axe HS	Dave Arnold	Boys Soccer
Bellaire	Bellaire Middle School	John Somers	Girls Basketball
Berkley	Berkley HS	Jason Hamilton	Boys Soccer
Berkley	Berkley HS	James MacDougall	Football
Boyne City	Boyne City HS	Nic Baic	Boys Soccer
Canton	Agape Christian Acad.	Robert Stockman	Girls Basketball
Caro	Caro HS	Glen Harding	Football
Deerfield	Deerfield HS	Keith Karnick	Girls Basketball
Detroit	Kettering HS	Duane Travis	Football
Eastpointe	Oakwood Middle Sch.	Daniel Graham	Girls Basketball
Evart	Evart HS	Al Kullman	Girls Basketball
Flint	Hamady HS	Isiah Gates	Football
Gibraltar	OA Carlson HS	Christian Bollar	Girls Basketball
Grand Ledge	Grand Ledge HS	Dewey Charter	Girls Basketball
Grand Rapids	East Grand Rapids HS	Adam Cooper	Boys Soccer
Grand Rapids	South Christian HS	David DeBoer	Boys Soccer
Hamtramck	Hamtramck HS	Vernes Mesic	Boys Soccer
Hart	Lakeshore Public Academy	Brent Baskin	Girls Basketball
Haslett	Haslett HS	Mike Ngonyani	Boys Soccer
Holland	Holland Christian HS	Tom Strikwerda	Boys Soccer
Holland	Holland HS	Ryan Harrell	Boys Soccer
Ida	Ida HS	Tom Walentowski	Football
Ionia	Ionia HS	Andy Barr	Girls Basketball
Jackson	Lumen Christi HS	Mike Clark	Girls Basketball
Jenison	Jenison JHS	Karl Johnson	Boys Soccer
Kalamazoo	Loy Norrix HS	Matt McCullough	Boys Soccer
Lake Orion	Lake Orion HS	Erick Pfeifer	Boys Soccer
Lapeer	Lapeer East HS	Ed Thick	Girls Basketball
Lowell	Lowell HS	Paul Legge	Boys Soccer
Macomb	L'Anse Creuse North HS	Kevin Richards	Girls Basketball
Macomb	L'Anse Creuse North HS	Keith Verellen	Girls Basketball
Mason	Mason HS	Blaine Workman	Girls Basketball
Monroe	St Mary CC HS	Chad MacDonald	Football
Monroe	St Mary CC HS	Mark Mignano	Girls Basketball
Muskegon	Muskegon HS	Johnny Brown	Girls Basketball
Napoleon	Napoleon HS	Todd Anderson	Football
Portage	Portage Central Middle Sch.	Dick Tewell	Football
Portage	Portage Northern HS	Matt Brown	Boys Soccer
Quincy	Quincy HS	Bob Stewart	Girls Basketball
Riverview	Seitz Middle School	Andrew Zulewski	Girls Basketball
Rochester Hills	Rochester HS	Mark Whitcomb	Boys Soccer
Sanford	Meridian HS	Mike Bowen	Football

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Scottville	Mason County Central HS	Joe Hill	Girls Basketball
Shelby	Shelby HS	Brian Wright	Girls Basketball
Sterling Heights	Parkway Christian School	Josh Bailey	Girls Basketball
Taylor	John F Kennedy HS	Jeff Baum	Girls Basketball
Warren	De La Salle Collegiate HS	Thaier Mukhtar	Boys Soccer
West Bloomfield	West Bloomfield HS	Dennis Darnoi	Boys Soccer
Wyoming	Wyoming Park HS	Rene Ortega	Boys Soccer
Ypsilanti	Lincoln HS	John Epps	Girls Basketball
Ypsilanti	Ypsilanti HS	Chris Slater	Girls Basketball

SCHOOLS WITH THREE OR MORE OFFICIALS REPORTS Fall 2006

School	City	No. of Reports
Grand Ledge HS	Grand Ledge	5
Woodhaven HS	Brownstown	4
Creston HS	Grand Rapids	4
Union HS	Grand Rapids	4
Loy Norrix HS	Kalamazoo	4
Lake Orion HS	Lake Orion	4
JW Sexton HS	Lansing	4
Milan HS	Milan	4
Albion HS	Albion	3
Allegan HS	Allegan	3
Avondale HS	Auburn Hills	3
Berkley HS	Berkley	3
Seaholm HS	Birmingham	3
Cadillac HS	Cadillac	3
Central HS	Grand Rapids	3
Eastern HS	Lansing	3
Everett HS	Lansing	3
Muskegon HS	Muskegon	3
Parchment HS	Parchment	3
Western HS	Parma	3
Athens HS	Troy	3
Waterford Mott HS	Waterford	3
Ypsilanti HS	Ypsilanti	3

OFFICIALS REPORTS SUMMARY FOR FALL 2006

Sport	Concern	Praise	Player Ejection	Coach Ejection	Other Ejection	Taunting
Boys Soccer	214	18	167	20	3	1
Football	124	43	104	9	0	0
Girls Basketball	43	25	12	26	1	1

Distribution of Reports

Reports of Concern	No. of Schools	Reports of Praise	No. of Schools
1	192	1	63
2	49	2	7
3	16	3	1
4	7	6	1
5	3		

2007 Swimming and Diving Finals

LOWER PENINSULA FINAL BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING SITES Friday-Saturday, March 9-10, 2007

Swimming Preliminaries at Noon Friday; Diving Preliminaries and Semifinals follow last heat of swim prelims. Finals for swimming and diving begin at Noon Saturday

DIVISION 1 at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti -- Peter Linn, Mgr.
DIVISION 2 at Oakland University, Rochester -- Pete Hovland, Mgr.

UPPER PENINSULA FINAL SWIMMING & DIVING SITE FOR BOYS & GIRLS Saturday, February 17, 2007

OPEN DIVISION at Marquette High School--Mark Mattson, Mgr.

2006-07 BOYS & GIRLS QUALIFYING TIMES				
EVENT	GIRLS D1	GIRLS D2	BOYS D1	BOYS D2
200 MED. RELAY	1:57.09	1:59.09	1:44.79	1:45.79
200 FREESTYLE	2:02.59	2:03.49	1:49.59	1:51.99
200 IND. MEDLEY	2:18.09	2:23.39	2:04.09	2:12.39
50 FREESTYLE	:25.59	:25.99	:22.99	:23.49
100 BUTTERFLY	1:02.79	1:04.19	:55.99	:58.29
100 FREESTYLE	:55.69	:56.49	:50.69	:51.79
500 FREESTYLE	5:25.89	5:35.69	4:57.89	5:10.29
200 FREE RELAY	1:44.59	1:45.69	1:31.99	1:34.19
100 BACKSTROKE	1:04.29	1:05.29	:57.69	1:00.49
100 BREASTSTROKE	1:10.39	1:12.09	1:04.19	1:06.29
400 FREE RELAY	3:49.29	3:53.59	3:23.29	3:30.89

2007 GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER REGIONALS

(March 3)

No.	Div.	School	City	Manager
1	1	East Kentwood HS	Kentwood	Blaine Brumels
2	1	Southgate Anderson HS	Southgate	Dave Pinkowski
3	1	Dakota HS	Macomb	Michael Fusco
4	1	Brighton HS	Brighton	John Thompson
5	1	Lake Orion HS	Lake Orion	William Reiss
6	2	Portage Northern HS	Portage	Chris Riker
7	2	Allen Park HS	Allen Park	Kenneth Stephens
8	2	Oxford HS	Oxford	Patrick Ball
9	2	Cedar Springs HS	Cedar Springs	Pete Bush
10	2	Mt Pleasant HS	Mt Pleasant	Jim Conway
11	3	Lakewood HS	Lake Odessa	Gary Murphy
12	3	Columbia Central HS	Brooklyn	Coley Johnson
13	3	Chesaning HS	Chesaning	Brandon Hubbard
14	3	Coopersville HS	Coopersville	Steve Bennink
15	3	Houghton Lake HS	Houghton Lake	Sue Milner
16	4	Schoolcraft HS	Schoolcraft	Ted Manning
17	4	Hudson Area HS	Hudson	Tom Durbin
18	4	Merrill HS	Merrill	Michael Thayer
19	4	Shelby HS	Shelby	Steve Guy
20	4	East Jordan HS	East Jordan	Steve Hines

2007 COMPETITIVE CHEER FINALS

(March 9-10)

Div.	Facility	City	Manager
All	DeltaPlex	Grand Rapids	Janet Gillette

2007 GIRLS GYMNASTICS REGIONALS – March 3

No.	School	City	Manager
1	Rockford HS	Rockford	Keith Vree
2	Holt HS	Holt	Rick Schmidt
3	Plymouth HS	Plymouth	Sue Heinzman
4	Haslett HS	Haslett	Jamie Gent

2007 GYMNASTICS FINALS – March 9-10

Class	School	City	Manager
All classes	Athens HS	Troy	Bob Dowd

2007 SKI REGIONALS – March 3

No.	School	Resort	Manager
1	Mattawan H.S.	Crystal Mtn.	Ken Mohny
2	Clarkston H.S.	Pine Knob	Dan Fife
3	Farmington Hills-Mercy	Mt. Brighton	Nancy Malinowski
4	Petoskey H.S.	Nub's Nob	Gary Hice
5	Cadillac H.S.	Caberfae	John Horrigan
6	Pontiac-Notre Dame Prep	Mt. Holly	Joe Kosik

2007 SKI FINALS – March 9-10

Div.	School	Resort	Manager
1	Marquette HS	Marquette Mtn.	Mark Mattson
2	Charlevoix & Boyne City	Boyne Highlands	Sue Miller & Bob Simpson

2007 TEAM WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

FINAL PAIRINGS

March 2-3 – Kellogg Arena Battle Creek

QUARTERFINALS

(Friday, March 2)

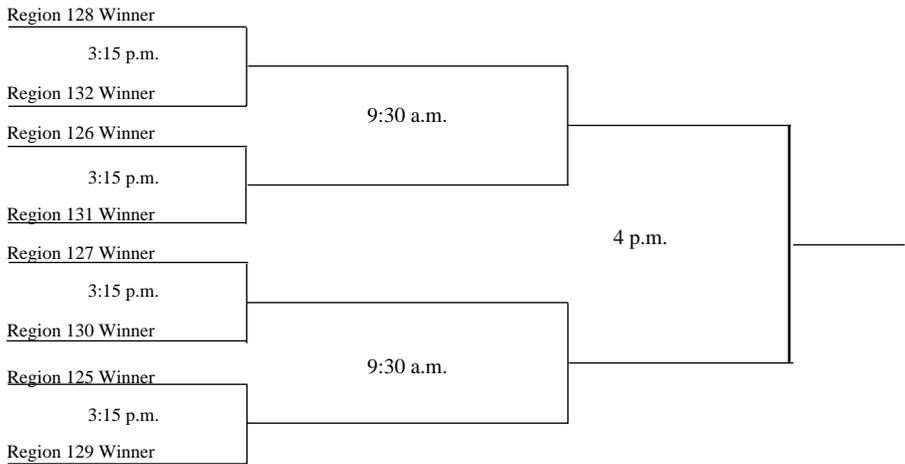
SEMIFINALS

(Saturday, March 3)

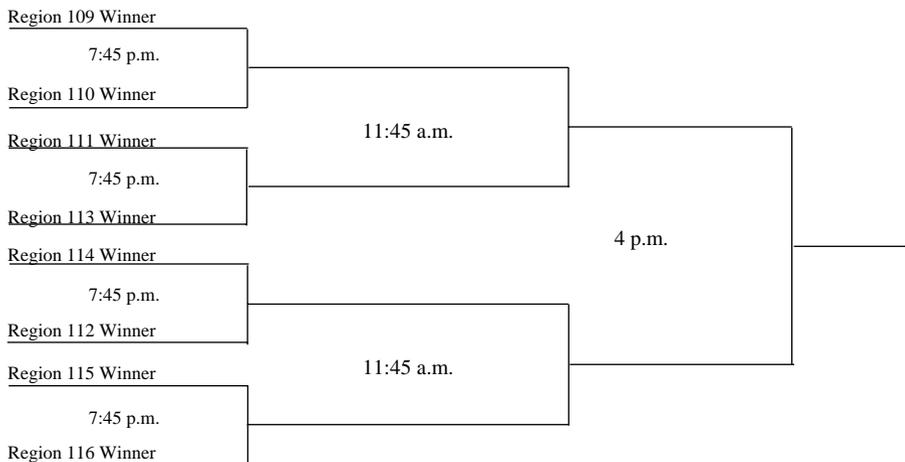
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(Saturday, March 3)

DIVISION 1



DIVISION 2



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FINAL PAIRINGS

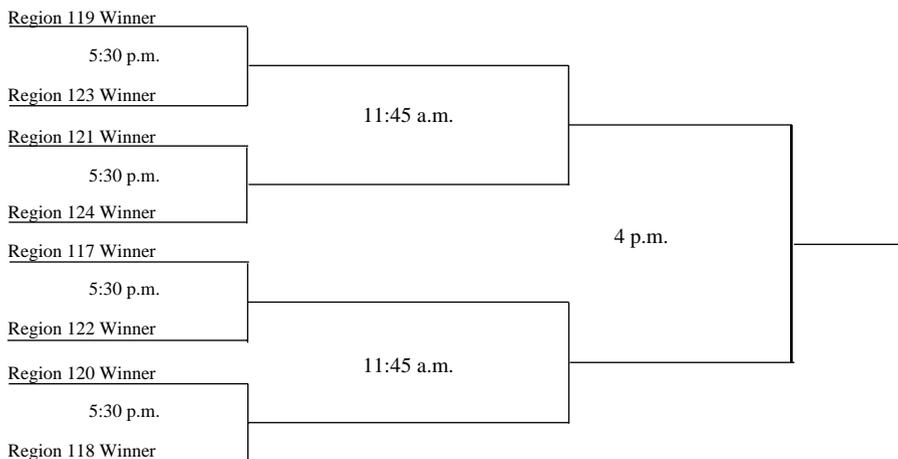
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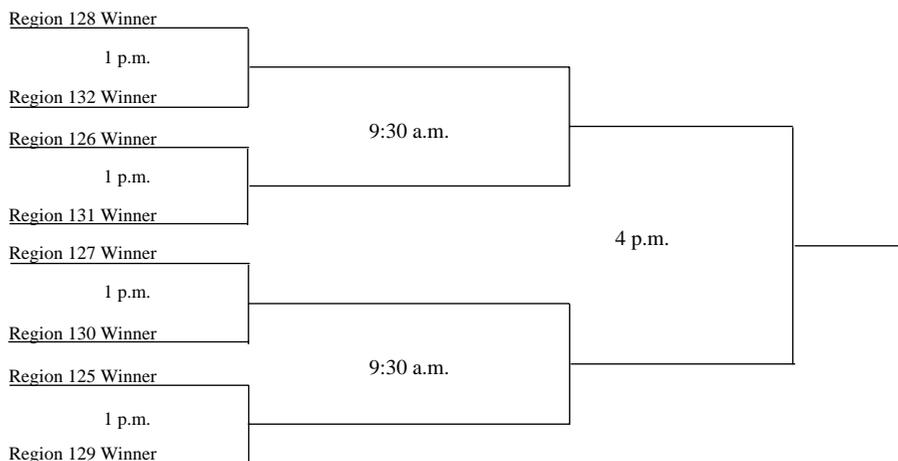
SEMIFINALS
(Saturday, March 3)

FINAL
(Saturday, March 3)

DIVISION 3



DIVISION 4



Athletic Equity Committee Meeting

East Lansing, October 5, 2006

Members Present:

Makia Alexander, Redford
Rick Dorn, New Boston
Jan Gillette, Comstock Park
Maureen Klocke, Yale
Terry Mileski, Rapid River
Shelley Millis, Blanchard
Teri Reyburn, DeWitt
Pat Richardson, Grass Lake
Patti Tibaldi, Traverse City
Tammy Wilson, Lawton

Member Absent:

Sonya Dudley, Saginaw
Paul Jones-Salaam, Baldwin
Mark Shooshanian, Dearborn
Arnetta Thompson, Grand Rapids

Staff Members Present:

Nate Hampton (Recorder)
Gina Mazzolini
John E. (Jack) Roberts (Presentation)
Mark Uyl (Presentation)

Following the welcome, introduction of committee members, and review of meeting folder materials, the committee was reminded of its authority and responsibility, noting that all recommendations will be directed to the Representative Council, or MHSAA staff, or a specific sport committee for action.

EQUITY COMMITTEE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

The Equity Committee, as with any other MHSAA Standing Committee, has the duty and responsibility to discuss matters of specific interest relating to equity opportunities for women and minority men and women and to then make recommendations of action to the Representative Council that involve all levels and positions within the governance of the MHSAA.

Goals are to include, but are not limited to:

1. Gather statewide data to define equity problems, direct actions and to monitor progress.
2. Promote through motivation, support and training competent coaches, officials, athletic directors, and governing board members regardless of race, ethnicity, or sex.
3. Sensitize and encourage organizations and employers to affirmatively seek women and minorities for athletic leadership training, placement, and promotion.
4. Promote the benefits of athletics and athletic leadership to students, educators, parents, and community.

5. Improve communication between the school districts, the Michigan High School Athletic Association, governing boards, professional associations, and higher education regarding the need for balanced staffing of athletic programs.

MHSAA Executive Director John E. Roberts presented two current issues to the committee. Concerns relating to the current MHSAA sport seasons calendar have been discussed for several years. This school year's legislative mandate that public schools may not start classes until after the Labor Day holiday has intensified the discussions and concerns.

Basic to these discussion are the following questions: Delay the start of all fall sports to the same date and not more than two weeks prior to Labor Day? Major issue: Requires shortening the football season by two weeks in some years and one week in others. Ideas:

- Reduce 14 required days of practice
- Reduce 9-game regular season
- Reduce 5-week 256 team playoff
- Delay tournament start and end one or two weeks ahead
- Allow more than one game per week during regular season
- Require more than one game per week during playoffs

These and other related questions are being posed to attendees at Update Meetings.

An online survey will be helpful to chart member schools schedules for faculty, students, vacations and examinations.

Sports Season Litigation - The current status of this lengthy litigation finds the MHSAA staff and member schools waiting for the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals to announce whether or not it will grant the petition for rehearing or rehearing en banc.

SPORTS OFFICIALS

Assistant Director Mark Uyl provided the committee with information relating to officials recruitment, retention, and current arrangements for criminal history checks. As of Aug. 30, 2006 the MHSAA has conducted 14,180 criminal background checks through the Michigan State Police ICHAT system. All currently registered 12,000+ officials have been checked at least once. Of the 14,180 ICHAT criminal background checks completed, 1,081 officials had at least one conviction. Of the 1,081 officials with a criminal conviction, the MHSAA currently has 50 officials who have had registration privileges suspended. The MHSAA will continue with three year random checks resulting in a total review at the conclusion of this 3-year period.

Mr. Uyl's comments continued with an review of current recruitment issues. Noting that each year the MHSAA will register 1800 new officials, but at the end of the first three year period, only six-seven hundred remain as registered officials from their initial class.

It was also presented that the current age range for registered officials range from 16 years (Legacy Program), up to 92 years of age. The average age of currently registered officials is 48.3 years.

The committee reviewed data relating to gender and tournament assignments of registered officials over a six-year period.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

The committee reviewed and discussed the following:

- 2005 Equity Committee minutes.
- 2006 draft of National Federation Equity Committee minutes.
- Executive Summary, School Sports in Michigan.
- 2006 Update Meeting Agenda and Survey.
- 2006 May Representative Council Meeting minutes.
- Special accommodations for the physically challenged students in NFHS sport rules and MHSAA interpretations.
- Boys practicing with girls teams or competing with girls.
- Assisting MHSAA member schools in answering Title IX questions.
- Current MHSAA policies relating to cooperative programs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Include in discussion at New AD-In-service Programs equity in use/assignments for practice and game facilities. There is still concern that girls are not sharing equally in use of prime facilities for practice, competition, and usage times (10-0).
2. Provide Web site links to appropriate sites that will share tools for self-examination or to governmental agencies or offices to better assist MHSAA member schools having Title IX/gender equity questions with answers (10-0).

Maintain current *MHSAA Handbook* regulations, interpretations, and policies relating to boys practicing and/or competing with girls (Discussion consensus).

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. ■

Ski Committee Meeting

East Lansing, November 3, 2005

Members Present:

Jim Bartlett, Harbor Springs (Advisory)
Kerry Boone, Commerce
Bill Chilman, Cadillac (MASSP)
John Dolce, Grand Rapids
Gary Hice, Petoskey
Shaun Johnson, Benzonia
Casey McGovern, East Grand Rapids
Brad Miller, Traverse City (MHSSCA)
Sue Miller, Charlevoix
Renee Rhoades, Howell

Members Absent:

Kris Agnew, Saginaw
Marilyn Crighton, Rochester
Shelly Funk, Rockford
John Horrigan, Cadillac
Hugh Potter, East Lansing
Betty Wroubel, Pontiac

Staff Member Present:

Gina Mazzolini (Recorder)

The MHSAA Ski Committee met on November 7, 2006 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.

PRESENTATION

Jack Roberts, Executive Director of the MHSAA, discussed calendar concerns, length of seasons and starting/ending dates of the school year. Committee members were given the opportunity to comment and complete a survey on the presented items.

PROPOSALS BY MHSSCA

1. Advance four teams (each gender) from the Regional to the Final.
2. A fourth team may advance if that team qualifies three athletes as individuals in both events (tabled).

REGIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

The committee selected Regional and Final hosts and made a few changes to the Regional assignments. 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.

Region 1 Crystal Mtn. hosted by Mattawan High School

Region 2 Pine Knob hosted by Clarkston High School

Region 3 Mt. Brighton hosted by Farmington Hills-Mercy High School

Region 4 Nub's Nob co-hosted by Petoskey and Harbor Springs High Schools

Region 5 Cabrefae hosted by Cadillac High School

Region 6 Mt. Holly hosted by Pontiac-Notre Dame Prep

FINAL SITES

Division 1 - Marquette Mtn. hosted by Marquette High School

Division 2 - *Boyer Highlands co-hosted by Charlevoix and Boyne City High Schools

**The original site (Schuss) was changed due to concerns on safety of course, finish area and condition of overall hill.*

REVISIONS TO THE MHSAA

SKI COACHES MANUAL

1. **Cover page add:** Equipment and eligibility requirements are for all meets. Staffing and meet management sections are for Regional and Final competition.
2. Under FAQ's add: Must a skier wear a helmet? Change "mouth guard" to "face guard." Same change on Page 1 (helmets).

3. Page 5, No. 6 delete: "Manager may shorten the meet in case of inclement weather."
4. Page 7, No. 2F add: The meet manager has the option of skiing the entire first run (allowing a 30 minute inspection of the second run) then start the second run. Delete the verbiage in parenthesis. Add: Skiers may be required to inspect both courses prior to the first run. (If you do not reset the course, there will be an immediate changeover to the second run.)

STACK HEIGHT (55mm Riser Rule)

The current rule allows the maximum stack height to be 55mm. The committee will continue to monitor the height and may consider a lower stack height in future years.

WHEN TO MEASURE A SKIER

The decision was unanimous that you do not contend the riser rule in the start area, but rather in the finish area. Have the Technical Delegate or referee randomly measure at the bottom of the hill as well as measure specific individuals based on challenges from opposing coaches.

REMINDERS FOR THE 2006-2007 SEASON

1. Join Coaches Association
2. Communicate with Athletic Director including:
 - a. local school policies
 - b. background checks
3. Maximum competition allowance

ROTATION FOR FINAL MEETS

- 2010-Boyne Mtn.; Nub's Nob
- 2011-Marquette Mtn.; Boyne Highlands
- 2012-Nub's Nob; Boyne Mtn.
- 2013- Boyne Highlands; Marquette Mtn.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Send committee information to the coach's home address.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Advance four teams (each gender) from the Regional to the Final (6-5).

APPROVAL OF CUSSA/MHSAA MEETS

Region 2 and FIS Events:

December 30-31	Mt. Ripley (Region 2)
January 5-7	Marquette (FIS)
January 13-14	Marquette-Shelly Glover Mem. Race (Region 2)
February 2-4	Boyne Mt. (FIS)
February 10-11	LaCrosse (Region 2)
February 22-24	J3/J4 Championships (Central Div. USSA)

Region 3 Events:

January 6-7	Age/Ability	Boyne Highlands
January 5-7	MidAm Series	Marquette Mt.
January 27-28	Age/Ability	Cannonsburg
February 2-4	MidAm Series	Boyne Mt.
February 10-11	Age/Ability	Boyne Mt.
February 17-18	Age/Ability	Schuss Mt.

FOOTBALL OFFICIALS ASSIGNMENT COMMITTEE

East Lansing, September 21, 2006

Members Present:

Mel Atkins, Grand Rapids
Timothy Baker, Constantine
Peter Beck, Hillsdale
Adam Benschoter, Adrian
Mitch Bohn, Sanford
Rick Catt, Ludington
Fred Davis, Johannesburg
Al DeMott, Sandusky
Joe Droski, Sparta
Lafayette Evans, Detroit
Jamie Foster, Flint
Paul Gaudard, Flint
Jamie Gent, Haslett
Gary Hice, Petoskey
Elbert Hicks, Flint
John Hoeft, Pittsford
Steve Hoffman, Muskegon
John Horrigan, Cadillac
Rich Hulkow, Marshall
Fred Jones, Battle Creek

Greg Lattig, Eaton Rapids
Dan McShannock, Midland
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Tony Petkus, Fennville
Teri Reyburn, DeWitt
Christine Schneider, Eastpointe
Cindy Short, Lansing
Keith Vree, Rockford
Mark Woodson, Romulus
Greg Younger, Dowagiac

Members Absent:

Jim Sparks, Clawson

Staff Members Present:

Nate Hampton
Tom Minter
Mark Uyl
Jamie VanDerMoere
Faye Verellen

The Committee was presented with the entire list of approved officials in Football who had completed availability forms at 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 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 1,242 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 available for the Pre-District, District and Regional playoff games totaled 175. Crew assignments included over 100 crews assigned to Pre-District (128 games), District (64 games), Regional (32 games). Nearly 1000 officials are involved in this year's playoffs. ■

GIRLS BASKETBALL OFFICIALS ASSIGNMENT COMMITTEE

East Lansing, October 3, 2006

Members Present:

Tim Aldrich, Petersburg
Mel Atkins, Grand Rapids
Peter Beck, Hillsdale
Mitch Bohn, Sanford
Keisha Brown, Mt Pleasant
Tony Burton, Brown City
Pete Bush, Cedar Springs
Teresa Cole, Mio
Ken Dietz, Watervliet
Denny Fulk, Laingsburg
Mike Fusco, Macomb
Paul Gaudard, Flint
Leroy Hackley, Jenison
Erik Harrelson, Bath
Dewayne Jones, West Bloomfield
Dan McShannock, Midland
Mike Messner, Constantine
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Michael Neuman, Grand Rapids
Phil Odlum, Lansing
Mike Phelps, Holland

Pat Richardson, Grass Lake
Tracy Richardson, Gibraltar
Cindy Short, Lansing
Brian Swinehart, Westland
Marshall Thomas, Saginaw
Marc Throop, Richland

Members Absent:

Lafayette Evans, Detroit
Rich Kimball, Jackson
Kathy McGee, Flint
Glen Metcalf, Muskegon Heights
Ellen Pugh, West Branch
Archie Robinson, Flint

Staff Members Present:

Andy Frushour
Nate Hampton
Tom Minter
Mark Uyl
Faye Verellen

The Committee was presented with the entire list of approved officials in Girls Basketball who had completed availability forms at 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 the availability of the officials and the criteria outlined in the *Officials Guidebook*.

RATINGS

Minimal ratings required for consideration were 2.1 for Final officials; 2.4 for Semifinal and Quarterfinal officials; 2.7 for Regional and District officials. Officials recommended by one or more leagues/conferences and/or officials associations were qualified to be considered for the next higher tournament level.

TOURNAMENT INVITATIONS

Officials are assigned to work only one game per day in any tournament competition. The District, Regional and First-Round Management were sent copies of Official Response Forms for those officials assigned to their site. At Regional Tournaments, officials are assigned to work one game of the three available.

OFFICIALS AVAILABILITY

Seven hundred sixty seven (845) officials indicated their availability for Tournament assignments. Of this number, 806 were assigned to the Districts. Regional assignments for officials this year totaled 263 for the Lower Peninsula; 48 officials were selected for the Quarterfinals; 24 Semifinal officials and 12 Final officials were selected. ■

TRAVEL FORM FOR OUT-OF-STATE PRACTICE

The following schools have submitted the travel form for out of state practice which is required by the *MHSAA Handbook*, Regulation II, Section 6(B). The regulation states that: Schools which desire to conduct practice out of state at a site more than 600 highway miles round-trip from their location must complete and submit to the MHSAA office the "Travel Form for Out-Of-State Practice" at least 30 days in advance of departure.

WINTER

Alpine Ski: Clarkston
Cranbrook Kingswood
Detroit Country Day
Manistee
Pontiac Notre Dame Prep

SPRING

Baseball: Coldwater
Essexville Garber
Mason
Shepherd
Wyoming Park
Zeeland East

Softball: Alma
Brighton
Coldwater
Flint Kearsley
Holt
Portland
Wyoming Rogers

Track & Field: Coldwater

MHSAA Offers Mini-Grants For Women in Sports Leadership Initiatives

Are you interested in providing professional development opportunities for students, coaches and administrators of girls sports programs? Are you a teacher or administrator organizing a leadership event for female-athletes within your school? Are you interested in encouraging young women to consider a profession or an occupation in sports related fields?

The MHSAA has earmarked funding in 2006-07 to assist in the development of programs for women in sports leadership. Financial support is available to provide professional development opportunities and/or to create student leadership programs. Applications will be accepted and money will be distributed throughout the 2006-07 school year. Mini-grants of \$50 to \$500 are available. To apply, fill out the form on the next page, or:

1. Visit the MHSAA Web site and click on administrator under the user section. Find the Women in Sports Leadership link under "In-services and Programs."
2. Download the application.
3. Send the application and appropriate documentation to the MHSAA (Allow 30 days for processing).

For more information, call Kathy Vrugink Westdorp, MHSAA Assistant Director at 517-332-5046 ■

MINI-GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2006-07 WISL INITIATIVES

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION (School District, League, etc.)

Name of Organization: _____

ORGANIZATION CONTACT PERSON

Name: _____ Title: _____

Street: _____ City: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

INITIATIVE INFORMATION

Target Audience of Initiative: _____

Date(s) of Initiative: _____

Site(s) of Initiative: _____

PURPOSE/GOALS OF GRANT

Total Cost of Initiative: _____

Itemization of Major Expenses: _____

Total Revenue: _____

Itemization of Major Sources: _____

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION – Please attach an outline which provides the schedule, topics and resources.

Please return to:

Kathy Vrugink Westdorp, Assistant Director
Michigan High School Athletic Association
1661 Ramblewood Drive
East Lansing, MI 48823-7392
FAX: 517/332-4071

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.

SEASONS LITIGATION UPDATE/ SCHOOL CALENDAR ISSUES

Executive Director Jack Roberts updated the committee on the seasons litigation. The MHSAA awaits a decision by the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals on its request for a review by the full court. Schools, leagues and conferences are advised to maintain contingency plans for a possible change in girls and boys golf seasons.

Roberts also reviewed the MHSAA ongoing analysis of the affects of the post-Labor Day start of academic classes as mandated by the state legislature. Committee members reported that in some leagues and conferences where some competition is not allowed before the start of school, the season becomes compressed. In areas of the state where meets take place prior to the start of school there is less lost school time. It was noted that the later start created problems for eligibility determinations for transfer students and academic requirements for all students in that nearly one half a season may be completed before current semester grade checks take place. The MHSAA will continue to evalu-

ate start dates and length of season as it relates to this matter during the 2006-07 school year.

2006 TOURNAMENT REVIEW

All facets of the 2006 boys and girls tournaments were reviewed, including the numbers of qualifying teams and individuals who advance through each level of the tournament. MHSAA staff will prepare additional data for the committee regarding the performance of qualifiers for future discussion. With the growth of girls golf programs in recent years, the MHSAA Girls Regional Tournament configuration was reviewed. There was no recommendation for change in either the number of Regionals, or in the divisional structure, although there is concern about the size of Regional fields under the current plan. The Coaches Association will study options for future changes and bring to the committee a recommendation in 2007.

Use of private courses as tournament venues was reviewed and concern expressed about access for practice rounds, rain dates, and cost of greens fees. It was decided that private courses can still be tournament locations, but more clear requirements must be agreed to in advance. It was suggested that a standard course agreement form be developed for schools and courses to use when committing to tournament hosting.

Tournament coaching privileges at all

tournament levels were discussed. It was recommended that more emphasis be placed on school approval of replacement observers and the parameters of coaching privileges be clarified on the form submitted by coaches and in the Manager Manual and the Participating School Tournament Information booklet. Coaches will continue to be allowed use of carts at their own expense, but fees will be identified in advance at each venue so coaches may plan accordingly.

Much discussion took place regarding weather policies, suspension and resumption of play and the decision making process. The committee requested MHSAA staff to expand language in school and manager materials to better explain procedures for all weather related circumstances. With the majority of Regionals in the boys 2006 tournament being postponed to Monday due to bad weather, or when bad weather limits access to practice rounds at Finals courses on weekend days, the committee supports a change in the Finals course blackout policy. A recommendation was made to allow one practice round for each school with a team or individual in the Finals to take place after their Regional and prior to the first day of the Finals. It was acknowledged that the Representative Council denied a change in the blackout policy in 2006; it was agreed the new recommendation is a substantial change and worthy of consideration.

The application of USGA and MHSAA rules regarding late arrivals was reviewed. No changes will be made in the rule but greater emphasis placed on the subject at rules meetings and in manager materials. Use of distance finders for regular season and tournament play was discussed. The USGA allows use by local committee adoption. There was no support for adoption to allow distance finders in the MHSAA Tournament, but to allow local leagues, conferences to adopt a policy allowing their use for the regular season.

MHSAA staff reviewed the process for determining tournament host schools, courses and tournament groupings. The committee was satisfied with the process and how input

is gathered from schools and coaches regarding course choices and did not support creation of a site selection committee.

GENERAL DISCUSSION TOPICS

A plan to better coordinate rules authority at all levels of the MHSAA tournament was presented by staff. The committee supported continued work on the plan and discussions with GAM and USGA personnel regarding the issue. Concern was expressed about sportsmanship of players and coaches. The golf coaches association will develop its own code of conduct to support MHSAA standards with the topic being a mainstay of future MHSAA coaches rules meetings. It was suggested that Finals course set-up plans be shared with coaches at the Finals practice round when possible and/or available.

Committee members, including coaches association representatives were unanimous in support of a return to mandatory rules meetings for coaches with an emphasis on USGA playing rules as well as MHSAA regulations. A recommendation was approved for Representative Council consideration for required meetings beginning in 2007-08, replacing the current voluntary policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Allow one practice round at the Finals course for each participating school after the completion of the school's Regional and before the first day of the Finals tournament (20-0).
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. Allow attendance at the MHSAA meeting conducted during the May golf coaches clinic to count for the following fall season (20-0). ■

2007 MICHIGAN MERIT EXAM DATES

(held during the school day)

- Tuesday, March 13 – ACT
- Wednesday, March 14 – WorkKeys® + Michigan Math
- March 14-21 – Michigan Science and Social Studies (not weekends)
- Tuesday, March 27 – ACT Makeup
- Wednesday, March 28 – WorkKeys® + Michigan Math Makeup
- March 28-April 5 – Michigan Science and Social Studies Makeup (not weekends)

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

- Boys Basketball Regionals – March 13-17
- Girls Volleyball Quarterfinals – March 13
- Girls Volleyball Semifinals – March 15 & 16
- Boys Basketball Quarterfinals - March 20

2007 NATIONAL TESTING DATES

ADMINISTRATION - COUNSELORS - COACHES

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

ACT ASSESSMENT DATES

CONFLICTS

- February 10, 2007None
- April 14, 2007None
- June 9, 2007Boys and Girls Lacrosse Finals; Baseball Regionals;
Girls Soccer Regionals; Softball Regionals**

SAT TESTING DATES

CONFLICTS

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

AP EXAM DATES

CONFLICTS

- May 7-11, 14-18, 2007None
- (Advanced Placement Exams are administered over a five-day period for each subject)*

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