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ON THE COVER

MHSAA winter sports action is in full swing. The 2006 Boys and Girls Ski Finals are slated for Feb. 27, while champions will also be crowned in Wrestling and Gymnastics during the winter. Upper Peninsula Individual Wrestling champions will be crowned on Feb. 17-18, while Team Wrestling finals take place March 3-4, with the Lower Peninsula Individual Finals being decided one week later. The Girls Gymnastics Finals are scheduled for March 10-11.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING East Lansing, Nov. 9, 2005

Members Present:

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Keith Eldred, Williamston
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Dan Flynn, Escanaba
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Staff Members Present:

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

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education. The MHSAA exercises no independent authority over schools or students.

Boyne City and Boyne Falls High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls track & field between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 512 will place the team in the Division 3 tournament. Boyne City High School sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. A league resolution supporting the agreement was received from the Lake Michigan Conference.

Chassell, Painesdale-Jeffers and Dollar Bay High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – On Oct. 13, 2005, the Executive Committee denied a request to waive the Aug. 15 deadline for submitting an application to add Dollar Bay High School to a cooperative agreement that has existed since 1998 between Chassell and Painesdale-Jeffers. The request to extend the deadline was received on Oct. 7, 2005, and there was no documentation of support from two of the three boards of education or the league. On Nov. 8, 2005, a request to reconsider the previous action was received with approval or support for the agreement in the minutes from three boards of education and from four of five schools in the Mountain Lakes Conference. The combined enrollment of the three schools would be 313, placing the team, presently in the Class D tournament (250 students and below), into the Class C tournament.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Eben Junction-Superior Central and Munising High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of baseball to a cooperative program that was established in April 2005 in football between these two schools. The combined enrollment of 430 will place the team in the Division 3 tournament. Superior Central High School sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Mid Peninsula and Central UP Conferences was received.

Fremont-Providence Christian and White Cloud High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – Because there was no indication of support from future opponents, the Executive Committee tabled the request for

the addition of girls soccer to a cooperative program that was established in May 2005 in boys soccer between these two schools which have not sponsored the sport previously and whose combined enrollment of 531 would place the team in the Division 3 tournament. Providence Christian would be the primary school.

Harbor Springs and Harbor Springs-Harbor Light Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls track & field between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 410 will place the team in the Division 3 tournament. Harbor Springs High School sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. The Lake Michigan Conference has approved the cooperative agreement.

Pentwater High School and Hart-Lakeshore Public Academy (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls soccer and girls softball between these two schools. The combined enrollment is 156 students, placing both teams in the Division 4 tournaments. Pentwater will be the primary school. Neither school previously sponsored girls soccer; Pentwater sponsored a softball team in 2004-05. Pentwater is currently in a cooperative agreement with Walkerville High School in boys golf and girls and boys cross country. Support was received from the West Michigan D League for both programs. The Pentwater Board of Education passed a resolution supporting the agreement on Oct. 19, 2005.

Royal Oak-Kimball and Royal Oak-Dondero High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of freshman and JV baseball and JV softball to a cooperative program for the 2005-06 school year between these two schools of the same district which were previously granted permission to operate cooperative freshman and JV teams this past fall in boys soccer and football for the 2005-06 school year. The two schools will be combining into one high school to begin the 2006-07 school year.

Wyoming—Tri-unity Christian and Byron Center-Zion Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive

Committee approved a cooperative program in baseball between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 196 students will place the team in the Division 4 tournament. Tri-unity Christian sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. The River Valley Conference provided a letter supporting the agreement.

Alpena High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who had attended Alpena schools through the 7th grade before moving with his mother to Florida. To begin the 2005-06 school year, the student's mother relocated again, and the student moved to live with his biological father in the Alpena School District. The student's parents never married. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was received along with child support information from the 26th Judicial Circuit Court. The student participated in eight football games prior to the discovery that an Educational Transfer Form was not submitted.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for this one time under exception 8 of the transfer regulation with the condition that the eight football games are forfeited and the student is withheld from competition for the number of contests specified by the executive director under Interpretation 270.

Ashley 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 school in California. The student moved to the home of his oldest brother and enrolled at Ashley High School on Oct. 4, 2005, two school days following the fourth Friday after Labor Day.

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

Bloomfield Hills-Andover and Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High Schools (Regulation I, Section 9) – Staff referred to the Executive Committee two requests for interpretation of the transfer regulation which involved students' attendance at private

schools in Florida while attending a sports academy for the second semester of the 2005-06 school year. In each case, the student plans to move with a portion of his family to Florida, attend a private school, train at a golf academy, and then return to Michigan and reenroll for the fall of 2006-07 at the MHSAA member school he currently attends, hoping to be eligible for the fall 2006 golf season.

The Executive Committee ruled that if a student actually changes his school enrollment to a Florida school, that student must return to Michigan with all the persons with whom he was living during the last 30 calendar days of the Florida institution's school year; otherwise, the transfer student is ineligible for one full semester at the MHSAA school to which he returns.

The Executive Committee directed the staff to develop language for the Representative Council's consideration to prohibit the situation described above or at least limit it to occurring only one time for a student while enrolled in grades 9 through 12, consistent with the association's stated purpose of promoting competitive equity within and between member schools.

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 2005-06 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who had previously attended West Bloomfield High School before enrolling at Cranbrook to begin the 2005-06 school year. The student did not compete in athletics at West Bloomfield High School.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are actually conducted in the second semester of the 2005-06 school year at Cranbrook-Kingswood High School.

Byron Center-Zion Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 10th-grade student who had previously attended Middleville-Thornapple Kellogg High School for the 9th grade before enrolling to begin the 2005-06 school year at Zion Christian. The student did not partici-

pate in athletics at Thornapple Kellogg, but the request was for full eligibility as there are no subvarsity teams at Zion Christian. The student changed schools because her parents preferred a different environment for their child.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Concord High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who had previously attended Parma-Western High School while residing with his mother before changing to the father's residence in the Concord High School District and enrolling Oct. 11, 2005. The student's parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents and a pay stub showing that the father paid child support.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver, noting that the student may not again use exception 8 of the transfer regulation.

Engadine High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who lived with his mother and attended Newberry High School for the 2004-05 school year. He was sent to a detention center in St. Ignace on Aug. 4, 2005. The student entered the Great Lakes Recovery Center in Marquette on Aug. 15, 2005, and was released on Oct. 10 or 19, 2005. While at the Recovery Center, he was considered a student of the Alger County ISD. The student enrolled at Engadine on Oct. 13, 2005, and resides with a sister and her family in the Engadine School District.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Kenowa Hills High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B] & [D]) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only until the 91st school day of enrollment on behalf of a 10th-grade student who had attended Grand Rapids-West Catholic High School before enrolling at Kenowa Hills on Oct. 6, 2005. The student resides in the Kenowa Hills High School District and has not participated in athletics at either school.

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

Kalamazoo-Hackett Catholic Central 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 Portage Central High School where she participated in subvarsity swimming and volleyball. The student's decision to enroll at Hackett on Oct. 31, 2005 centered on a combination of spiritual, academic and social changes desired by the student.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Kentwood-East Kentwood High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended East Kentwood for the 9th grade while residing with his grandmother. Over the summer the student moved in with his divorced father and enrolled in school in Indiana before reenrolling at East Kentwood on Oct. 6, 2005.

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

Lansing-Eastern 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 2005-06 school year on behalf of a 9th-grade student who enrolled at Eastern High School on Oct. 24, 2005. The student began the school year at Lansing-Sexton High School where he did not participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year at Eastern High School.

Mattawan High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who resides in the Mattawan School District with his father and enrolled at Mattawan High School to begin the 2005-06 school year. The student previously attended Kalamazoo Central High School, residing

with both parents, who filed for divorce on Aug. 17, 2005. The divorce is not finalized, and thus an incomplete Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a copy of the Complaint for Divorce.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Middleton-Fulton 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 2005-06 school year on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended school in Florida while residing with his mother. The student's parents are separating and the student is now residing with his father in the Middleton-Fulton district, enrolling on Oct. 31, 2005. The student did not participate in athletics in Florida.

The Executive Committee granted the request or waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year at Fulton High School.

Okemos High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Lansing-Sexton High School through the end of the 2004-05 school year. The student was living with his mother and grandmother only in Okemos beginning on May 20, 2005 through the end of the school year at Sexton. The student had previously been living with both parents before moving to Okemos in May 2005. The mother has recently returned to Lansing to live with the student's father.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Sturgis High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who attended school for two weeks in Baltimore, Maryland and played on the school volleyball team there before moving to Sturgis to reside with her grandmother, enrolling on Sept. 20, 2005. The student was living in Baltimore with an aunt and uncle who are in the military and were recently deployed elsewhere. The student's mother died in 2002, and her parents were divorced.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Westland-Lutheran High School Westland (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended school in Ohio, residing with his mother and two autistic siblings. The student's father lived in Ann Arbor and was recently elevated from interim to the full presidency of Concordia Lutheran College in Ann Arbor. Now that the father has the full position, the son is moving here to join him in the closest school of the same denomination to their new residence. The student's mother and siblings will wait until the end of the school year to reside with the father.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Alpena High School (Regulation II, Section 11) – Pursuant to Interpretation 217, a request to waive the three-player rule was tabled by the Executive Committee at its Aug. 2, 2005 meeting. The request was made on behalf of the boys and girls bowling coach who is also the owner and operator of a local bowling center. The school stated that the coach's ownership of the business echoes the circumstances of Interpretation 217. Additional information was requested and received.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Kentwood-East Kentwood High School (Regulation II, Section 11) – Pursuant to Interpretation 217, a request to waive the three-player rule was made on behalf of the school's boys and girls tennis coach who works third shift at a local factory. During his off hours, the coach is a tennis teaching pro at three different clubs in the area where he conducts private, semi-private and group lessons to all ages at various times during the week.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Manistee-Catholic Central Junior High School (Regulation III, Section 1) – A request was made to waive the enrollment regulation to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th- and 8th-grade students in boys basketball for the 2005-06 school year. The high school enrollment is 76. There are 29 students in grades 7 and 8.

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

Albion Middle School (Regulation V, Section 3[A]) – On Oct. 19, 2005, the 8th-grade girls basketball coach at Albion Middle School removed his team in protest midway through the fourth quarter in a game at Dansville Middle School. Reports from the game officials and responses from the school were presented for Executive Committee review.

The Executive Committee approved the internal actions of the school which included a game suspension, required attendance in the Coaches Advancement Program, and letter of reprimand.

Detroit-University Prep High School (Regulation V, Section 3[A]) – On Sept. 19, 2005, the varsity girls basketball coach at University Prep removed his team in protest with 7:22 remaining in the second quarter of a game against Taylor-Baptist Park High School. Reports from the game officials, the opposing athletic director and a response from the school were presented for Executive Committee review.

The Executive Committee found that the school's internal actions were insufficient and requested further action be taken or that the school's coach and administration meet with the Executive Committee.

Lacrosse Tournament Calendar Changes – The Executive Committee approved for consideration by the Representative Council on Dec. 2 a revised calendar for the 2006 Boys and Girls Lacrosse Tournaments, based on experience of the first tournament that followed the May 2005 meeting of the Council.

Representative Council – The Executive Committee reviewed a second draft of the Dec. 2 Council agenda.

Mileage Reimbursement Concerns –

For a second meeting, the Executive Committee reviewed mileage reimbursement policies and the effects of various modifications. The Executive Committee will recommend to the Representative Council at its Dec. 2, 2005 meeting that reimbursements to teams participating in MHSAA tournaments be doubled, beginning with the winter tournaments of the 2005-06 school year; that mileage reimbursements be subject to annual review; that further consideration of changes in mileage reimbursements for MHSAA tournament officials be delayed to the regular biennial review during the 2006-07 school year; and that there be no further consideration of changes for other constituents at this time.

Constitution/Due Process – The Executive Committee reviewed a second draft of proposed revisions to the MHSAA Constitution and Due Process Procedure. Also reviewed was a history of the Representative Council's makeup and a current summary of the number of schools eligible to vote for each of the Council's 14 elected positions.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 1, 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing (Representative Council Dec. 2); Wednesday, Jan. 18, 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing, followed by the Classification Committee meeting; Wednesday, Feb. 22, 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing, followed by the Finance Committee meeting; Wednesday, March 22, 1:30 p.m., and Thursday, March 23, 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing, with the Representative Council meeting March 24; Tuesday, April 25, 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing, followed by the Finance Committee meeting; Saturday, May 6, 6 p.m. at Garland Resort, with the Representative Council meetings May 7-9; and Tuesday, June 13, 9 a.m. in East Lansing. ■

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tournament. The team does not participate in a soccer league but letters supporting the agreement were received from three member schools scheduled as opponents for the 2005-06 school year. Providence Christian will be the primary school.

Zeeland West and Zeeland East High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys lacrosse, which will be offered as a school sport for the first time in this agreement between two schools of the same district. Lacrosse is in its second season as an MHSAA sport and new teams are being accepted through January. Regions are not yet finalized. The combined enrollment of these two schools will be 1,610, placing the team in the Division 2 tournament. Zeeland West High School will be the primary school. The OK Conference approved the agreement.

Ann Arbor-Pioneer High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request to waive the previous semester record regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose academic records are not available due to damage to the former school from Hurricane Katrina. The student lived in New Orleans, Louisiana (70129) with her mother. After the hurricane, the student attended school in Lafayette, Louisiana for three weeks and lived with family friends. The student has recently moved to Ann Arbor to reside with her mother (exception 2). The parents are divorced.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Flint-Central High School (Regulation I, Sections 8 & 9) – A request was made to waive the enrollment and transfer portions of the eligibility regulation and specifically Interpretation 47 (base/original school) on behalf of a 12th-grade student who had previously attended Flint-Powers Catholic High School before enrolling at the start of the 2005-06 school year at a non-traditional school of the Flint Community Schools, named School of Choice, to catch up on credits and graduate on time. The student's base/original school (school of residence) is Flint-Northern High School. No change of residence has occurred. The student wishes to play basketball for Flint-Central High School at the end of the first semester.

Students from School of Choice are counted and the program listed on both schools' 2005-06 Enrollment Declaration Forms.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver. Insofar as these sections of the eligibility regulation are concerned, the student would become eligible at the start of the second semester of the 2005-06 school year at Northern High School.

Grand Rapids-Creston High School (Regulation I, Section 8) – A request to waive the enrollment portions of the eligibility regulation and specifically Interpretation 47 (base/original school) was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who will be enrolling in a non-traditional school (Youth Career Development Center) to begin the second semester of the 2005-06 school year. This program is listed and counted on the Creston High School 2005-06 Enrollment Declaration Form. The student's residence is in the Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills School District. The student has attended Creston since the 9th grade and wishes to continue his eligibility there.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Bangor High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who began the school year at Battle Creek-Lakeview High School before enrolling at Bangor on Nov. 14, 2005. The student previously lived with his mother and was sent to live with an uncle due to parental issues. The student participated in football.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver because sufficient documentation was not available for any other determination.

Benzonia-Benzie Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade foreign exchange student from a CSJET-listed program whose placement has changed from the Bear Lake School District to the Onkama School District because the host family is moving to Oklahoma. The student is enrolling at Benzie Central High School because the new host family has 7th- and 9th-grade students enrolled in Benzie Schools.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Brighton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who began the 9th grade at Brighton High School, enrolled at Farmington Hills-Mercy High School for the 10th and 11th grades and has returned to Brighton High School for the 12th grade. The student was threatened as a 9th grader, has seen health professionals for two years, has suffered academically and returned to Brighton to begin the 2005-06 school year after two of the older students who threatened her graduated from Brighton High School.

Due to the lateness of the submission and absence of independent documentation, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Canton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who enrolled at Canton High School on Nov. 7, 2005, after one quarter attendance at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High School which relocated to Novi from Redford in the fall of 2005. The student had attended Catholic Central previously and began the 2005-06 school year there. The father drives the student to school and the drive from school to the father's work is an accommodation that the parents are unable to continue.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Canton-Plymouth Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who had previously attended Plymouth-Agape Christian High School. Over the spring and summer of 2005, the father accepted a job based in Ohio, placed his home up for sale and purchased a home in Delaware, Ohio contingent upon the sale of the Michigan home. In August 2005, the family was unable to sell their home in Plymouth and the family opted out of the contract for the Ohio house. All three students have enrolled at Plymouth Christian High School to begin the 2005-06 school year, still residing in their original home which is closer to Plymouth Christian than their former school, Agape Christian. The family did not actually reside in Ohio;

there was no change of residence by the student.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Farmington Hills-North Farmington 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 2005-06 school year on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice High School and played freshman football before enrolling at North Farmington on Oct. 31, 2005.

Noting the specific condition for this section – that the student had not previously participated in a high school sport – the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Flint-Powers Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Lapeer West High School before enrolling at Powers Catholic in March.

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

Kentwood-East Kentwood High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment on behalf of a 9th-grade student who enrolled at Hastings while living with her parents to begin the 2005-06 school year and participated in athletics. The student is now living with her sister in the East Kentwood School District, enrolling Nov. 9, 2005. The student's family had moved into Hastings over the summer.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver, noting that the date of enrollment was beyond the brief number of days described in Interpretation 93 and no compelling reason for the transfer was offered.

Livonia-Franklin 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

2005-06 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Livonia-Churchill High School before enrolling to begin the school year at Franklin. The student did not participate in interscholastic athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are actually conducted in the second semester of the 2005-06 school year at Franklin High School.

Madison Heights-Bishop Foley High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B] & [D]) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended Romeo High School before enrolling at Bishop Foley in October 2005. The student did not participate in athletics at Romeo High School.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level until the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Bishop Foley High School.

Morenci High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who had previously attended Hudson High School before being placed in temporary legal guardianship in the Evergreen, Ohio School District by the Lenawee County Probate Court. The student enrolled at Morenci High School to begin the 2005-06 school year. Morenci is the closest school geographically to the student's residence in Ohio.

Based on the limited information received, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Muskegon-Oakridge High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade foreign exchange student who was placed by a CSIET-listed program, Youth for Understanding, in Muskegon Technical Academy (a charter/alternative education school) to begin the 2005-06 school year. The student enrolled at Oakridge High School on Nov. 11, 2005. Due to the absence of extracurricular activities, several students have been relocated from Muskegon Technical Academy. The host family resides in the

Oakridge School District. The school and the agency believe the placement was incorrect and the student is a victim of circumstances not within his control.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver. It also directed staff to report the situation to the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET).

Muskegon-Western Michigan Christian 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 2005-06 school year on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended Muskegon High School before enrolling at Western Michigan Christian on Nov. 11, 2005. The student has not participated in a scrimmage or contest in an MHSAA tournament sport.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year.

Onekama 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 Onekama for grades 9-11 before enrolling at Manistee High School to begin the 2005-06 school year on Sept. 5, 2005. The student reenrolled at Onekama on Sept. 13, after attending Manistee High School for six school days.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Onekama High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B] & [D]) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who had previously attended Frankfort High School as a 9th grader to begin the 2005-06 school year, residing with his mother. The student enrolled at Onekama High School in October 2005. The student had not previously participated in athletics at either school.

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

Parma-Western High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to

waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who has lived in the Western School District since three years of age and attended school there until the 4th grade when the student transferred to The Da Vinci Institute where she continued until enrolling at Parma-Western High School to begin the 2005-06 school year. The student did not compete in athletics at The Da Vinci Institute.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Redford-Thurston High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who resides in the South Redford School District and previously attended Redford-Detroit Catholic Central High School, which relocated this fall to Novi. The student enrolled at Thurston High School to begin the 2005-06 school year.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver because of the significant change in the previous school's location in relation to the student's residence and the fact that the student transferred at the start of the first school year after the location changed.

Rochester Hills-Stoney Creek High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended school in New York and was residing with both parents, who were never married, shared custody and lived blocks away from each other in the same school district. The father's work location changed and he has moved with the student to the Stoney Creek attendance area, enrolling to begin the 2005-06 school year. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate identifying both parents.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Saginaw-Arthur Hill High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B] & [D]) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year on behalf of a 9th-grade student who had previously attended Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High School and enrolled at Arthur Hill High School in October 2005.

The student had not previously participated in athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level until the 91st school day of enrollment at Arthur Hill High School.

Sandusky High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended school in Indiana, residing with his parents until the student left Indiana to reside with an aunt in the Sandusky School District. For confidential reasons, the student enrolled on Nov. 22, 2005. The school determined that this student had no involvement with others who were involved in a school disciplinary action resulting in suspension or expulsion, but was being targeted by the other students to the point that he feared for his safety. The student did not participate in athletics while in high school but wishes now to participate in wrestling.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Sanford-Meridian 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 2005-06 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Meridian High School for the 9th grade and Midland-Dow High School for three weeks to begin the 2005-06 school year before reenrolling at Meridian High School on Sept. 19, 2005. The student had not participated in athletics at either school.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are actually conducted in the second semester of the 2005-06 school year at Meridian High School.

Shelby Township-Utica Eisenhower High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who had enrolled at Utica Eisenhower High School to begin the 2005-06 school year. Over the summer, the student had moved with his parents from Southfield to the Utica Eisenhower School District where he participated in JV football. On Nov. 7, 2005, the

student enrolled at Romeo High School, attending for six school days before reenrolling at Utica Eisenhower on Nov. 15.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Warren-Lincoln High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who had previously attended school in Croatia, Europe, residing with her mother. To begin the 2005-06 school year, the student moved to the residence of her father in Warren and enrolled at Lincoln High School. The parents never married. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a copy of the birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Whittemore-Prescott High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously lived in Texas with his father and attended Shoemaker High School. The father is in the military and will be deployed to Iraq the first week of December. The student has moved to Whittemore with a sister and is currently residing with grandparents in the Whittemore-Prescott School District, enrolling approximately Nov. 9, 2005. The student's parents are divorced and the mother is not involved with the family.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Wyandotte-Our Lady of Mt. Carmel High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who had attended Woodhaven High School to begin her 9th grade year in 2004-05 and then enrolled at Mt. Carmel High School. To begin the 2005-06 school year, the student attended Woodhaven High School for four days before reenrolling at Mt. Carmel on Sept. 7, 2005.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Grandville High School (Regulation II, Section 8) – This school is hosting a three-day, eight-team ice hockey tournament commencing Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006.

Participating schools requested unlimited overtimes if necessary in all rounds, including the opening round on Thursday which precedes a school day and, therefore, is limited to a single overtime period by Representative Council policy established May 4-6, 2004. Subsequent rounds are allowed unlimited overtime.

Noting that the current policy is the result of recent and specific action of the Representative Council and that options for breaking ties exist without exceeding the Council's action, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Bloomfield Hills-Marian High School (Regulation II, Section 11) – Pursuant to Interpretation 217, a request to waive the three-player rule was made on behalf of the girls swimming coach who is also the head coach and head administrator of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Atlantis (BBA) swim team. The club consists of swimmers from 13 different high schools and includes age levels from elementary to high school. Marian High School swimmers are involved in numerous clubs other than the BBA.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for the current school year, noting that approvals for subsequent years will require submission of a list of previous program participants by school and grade.

Bloomfield Hills-Marian High School (Regulation II, Section 11) – Pursuant to Interpretation 217, a request to waive the three-player rule was made on behalf of the girls varsity and junior varsity tennis coaches who are professional tennis coaches who generate their total income from teaching tennis full-time at two different racquet clubs in the area of the school.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Grosse Pointe North High School (Regulation II, Section 11) – The Executive Committee was requested by staff to review the following situation for an interpretation as to compliance and/or application of Interpretation 217.

The Grosse Pointe School District has hired the Grosse Pointe North High School boys and girls swimming & diving coach to be director of Grosse Pointe Swim Camps. A

former Grosse Pointe North High School assistant coach is employed by the school district to run the camps. The current Grosse Pointe North coach often helps with coaching at the camps, working with any number of females and up to three males at a time during the girls high school season, and any number of males and up to three females during the boys high school season; and during the spring he works with 6th graders and below. The camps are for technique and training; there is no competition. They generate significant revenue for the school district. The camps are appropriately publicized. To date, the camp has included 20 participants from Grosse Pointe South High School, 16 from Grosse Pointe North and 6 from other high schools.

The Executive Committee determined that waiver under Interpretation 217 was not possible because its wording states specifically that a condition of waiver is that the program cannot be connected to the school. The school coach for a sport may not be involved in coaching a school district run out-of-season program in that sport during the school year. Staff was requested to further review other aspects of the swim camp program, as well as the school district's camp programs in other sports, to assure compliance with the essence of several Handbook Interpretations.

Northville High School (Regulation II, Section 11) – Pursuant to Interpretation 217, a request to waive the three-player rule was made on behalf of a girls swimming coach who is also employed full time by the Bulldog Aquatic Club, a non-school program located at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Participation in the club includes students from 10 different school districts. It is anticipated that 8 of the 102 participants in 2006 are Northville School District students from elementary to high school.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for the current school year, noting that approvals for subsequent years will require submission of a list of previous program participants by school and grade.

Burton-Faithway Christian Middle School (Regulation III, Section 1) – A request was made to waive the enrollment

regulation to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th- and 8th-grade students in boys basketball during the 2005-06 school year. Nine students are going out for the 7th- and 8th-grade team. The enrollment of Faith High School is 55 students.

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

Pentwater Junior High School (Regulation III, Section 1[C]) – A request to waive the enrollment regulation was made to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th- and 8th-grade students in boys basketball during the 2005-06 school year. There are 31 students in the junior high school and 103 students enrolled in Pentwater High School.

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

Basketball – The Executive Committee discussed venue options for future MHSAA Semifinals and Finals.

Litigation Support – The Executive Committee discussed leading options for a succession plan for legal services.

Trophies – The Executive Committee approved in concept a plan by which the current provider of MHSAA tournament trophies will supply trophies for the 2006-07 through 2009-10 school years using modernized, composite figures at a price frozen at approximately six percent above current prices.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 8:30 a.m., followed by the Classification Committee Meeting; Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 8:30 a.m., followed by the Finance Committee Meeting; Wednesday, March 22, at 1:30 p.m., and Thursday, March 23, at 8:30 a.m., with the Representative Council Meeting March 24; Tuesday, April 25, at 8:30 a.m., followed by the Finance Committee Meeting; Saturday, May 6, at 6 p.m. at Garland Resort, with the Representative Council Meetings May 7-9; and Tuesday, June 13, 9 a.m. ■

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

East Lansing, Dec. 2, 2005

Members Present:

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

Also Present:

Mike Hawks, Lansing
Ed Sikorski, Ann Arbor
Bill Zaagman, Lansing

Staff Members Present:

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

Accounts of Meetings - Motion by Randy Salisbury, supported by Pete Ryan, to approve the following accounts of meetings: Representative Council Meeting of May 1-3, 2005; Executive Committee Meetings of April 30, May 27, June 15, Aug. 2, Aug. 19, Sept. 19, Oct. 13 and Nov. 9, 2005; Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee Meeting of Sept. 16, 2005; and Board of Canvassers Meetings of Sept. 9 and Sept. 26, 2005. Adopted.

REPORTS

Legislation – Mike Hawks and Bill Zaagman of Governmental Consultant Services, Inc. updated the Council on activity of the Michigan Legislature during 2005.

Litigation – Attorney Edmund Sikorski reported on the only two active cases in which the MHSAA is a defendant. The executive director provided an historical summary of litigation involving the MHSAA and reviewed succession planning for providing litigation support to the MHSAA in the future.

Administration – Services to athletic directors, coaches and officials were highlighted. There has been record attendance at fall Athletic Director In-Service programs, record attendance at the MHSAA coaches

education programs during the fall, and a record-setting pace for officials registrations and ratings.

The Council discussed the Fair Labor Standards Act and the difficulty it is creating for schools to hire non-certified staff members to coach extracurricular activities. This is a matter of national concern, and changes in agency regulations or federal laws will require coordinated nationwide effort.

Staff discussed preparations to implement two changes made previously by the Representative Council which take effect Aug. 1, 2006: the 3,500-student limit for cooperative programs and the requirement that all school-sponsored competition in cheerleading must be in the MHSAA competitive cheer format. A reminder will be sent to all schools affected by the 3,500-student limit on cooperative programs. Staff is planning for an increase of at least 52 new teams in the 2006 MHSAA Competitive Cheer Tournament.

In May, the Representative Council requested two studies: (1) of the transfer regulation, which was assigned to a committee that has concluded there should be no change in the current regulation; and (2) of out-of-season coaching, which is proceeding through conversations statewide with admin-

istrators and coaches. The focus is on open gyms, conditioning programs and sport-specific curriculum courses. Draft proposals will be prepared for the Council's review in March.

Staff presented four recommendations for "best practices management" of a nonprofit association, consistent with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that applies only to for-profit companies. The Council will be asked to vote in March on: (1) an ethics policy that will be placed in the Representative Council Manual and the Staff Manual; (2) a whistleblower policy that will be placed in the Staff Manual and Financial Procedures Manual of the MHSAA; and (3) a document retention and destruction policy that will be placed in the MHSAA Staff and Financial Procedures Manuals and the Disaster Recovery Plan.

A fourth recommendation, to formally recognize an Audit and Finance Committee, will be part of a package of proposals to amend the MHSAA Constitution that will be considered by the Representative Council in May and voted on by MHSAA member schools in November.

An outline of the procedure to review and revise the MHSAA Constitution and Due Process Procedure was presented. The purpose is to update the MHSAA Constitution and to propose those changes that will assure the greatest likelihood of preserving the authority of schools to voluntarily participate in the MHSAA as well as the authority of the MHSAA to independently serve those schools. These tasks are involved: (1) to prepare a package of editorial proposals for clarity, to be more current or to better reflect the actual operations of the MHSAA; (2) to prepare proposals for structural changes; and (3) to prepare proposals for procedural changes. The Council will review these proposals in March and vote on them in May. The pages in the Due Process Procedure approved by the Council will take effect Aug. 1, 2006; the proposals for amending the MHSAA Constitution which receive the Council's approval will be given to the membership for a vote in November, following staff presentations of these proposals at meetings in June through October, including MHSAA Update Meetings. The effective date for Constitutional changes which receive a favorable vote from two-thirds of voting schools is Aug. 1, 2007.

Among the proposals to amend the MHSAA Constitution will be one to eliminate the provision that allows a designee to sign for the superintendent of schools on the ballot to elect Representative Council members. The provision, intended to serve large urban school districts, has actually resulted in an inordinate number of incomplete or illegally completed ballots.

Results of the 2005 Update Meeting survey were reviewed. This non-binding survey instrument allows the MHSAA to assess ideas that may have enough constituent support to deserve additional time and study by MHSAA committees and Council.

OLD BUSINESS

Cross Country Coaches – In May, the Representative Council did not approve the Cross Country/Track & Field Committee recommendation to establish separate rules meetings for cross country coaches and officials, but directed the staff to survey schools to determine the percentage of cross country coaches who are also track & field coaches before considering further action with respect to this recommendation. The survey conducted during the fall of 2005 indicated a lack of support for additional or separate rules meetings for cross country coaches and officials. The Council took no additional action.

Girls Gymnastics Season – In May, the Representative Council responded to constituent requests that the MHSAA Girls Gymnastics Tournament be scheduled for the conclusion of a fall season by directing staff to survey athletes, coaches, administrators and judges. The surveys were conducted in the fall of 2005 and do not support a change in the girls gymnastics season at this time. The Council took no further action.

NEW BUSINESS

Girls Gymnastics – Motion by Fred Procter, supported by Scott Grimes, to not approve the Girls Gymnastics Committee recommendation to require a spring floor at all MHSAA Regional Tournaments. Adopted (no change). As a point of information, however, all four Regional sites will have the spring floor in 2006.

Ice Hockey – Motion by Eric Federico, supported by Kathy McGee, to approve the Ice Hockey Committee recommendation to

use a coin flip instead of a bracket position to determine home teams (last line change) for all tournament games. Adopted. This change is effective for the 2006 tournament.

Lacrosse – Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Kathy McGee, to approve the Executive Committee recommendation to revise the calendar for the 2006 Boys and Girls Lacrosse Tournaments. Adopted. This extraordinary action, first presented at a meeting that involved most lacrosse schools on Oct. 14, 2005, is intended to improve the tournament schedule to be less compacted, including the provision of two days between the Semifinals and Finals. It is only because the first MHSAA Lacrosse Tournament occurred after the Council's May meeting that this mid-year change in the tournament schedule would be considered at this time.

Constituent Travel Expenses – Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the Executive Committee proposal to (1) double the mileage reimbursement formula for schools participating in MHSAA team tournaments, effective with the winter tournaments of the 2005-06 school year; (2) subject the mileage reimbursement formula to annual review by the Finance Committee (neither the increase of 2006 nor previous levels of reimbursements continue automatically but are subject to economic conditions and the MHSAA budget considerations); (3) consider changes in mileage reimbursements for MHSAA tournament officials according to the regular biannual review during the 2006-07 school year; and (4) give no further consideration in mileage reimbursement policies for other constituents at this time. Adopted.

Calendar Issues – The Council discussed practical and philosophical matters

related to school sports being conducted outside of the school year in the fall and the spring. Discussions will continue through the 2006-07 school year as more schools experience a later start to academic schedules.

Awards – There were seven nominees for the MHSAA Women in Sports Leadership Award, reduced by the Awards Committee to six candidates. Council members were asked to vote for their preference. The recipient will be announced and the award presented at the MHSAA Women in Sports Leadership Conference on Feb. 13, 2006.

There were 13 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. The names of the recipients will be released at an appropriate time and the recipients will be honored during the 2006 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 24, 2006, at 8:15 a.m. at the MHSAA building in East Lansing. The spring meeting of the Representative Council will be May 7-9, 2006, at Garland Resort in Lewiston. The fall meeting will be held on Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, at a site to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned. ■

And We Quote —

"What counts in sports is not the victory, but the magnificence of the struggle."

—Joe Peterno

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Dan Flynn, Escanaba
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Leroy Hackley, Byron Center
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

Also Present:

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Ed Sikorski, Ann Arbor

Staff Members Present:

Randy Allen
Tom Minter
Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts (Recorder)
Mark Uyl
Kathy Westdorp
Karen Yonkers

Election of Officers - Officers elected to serve through the fall 2006 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 2006, with 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 2006.

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.”

Leroy Hackley was reappointed for a second two-year term.

Renee Bird, Board member for the Tawas Area Schools, was appointed to a two-year term.

Recognition – Council members and staff expressed gratitude to **Kathy McGee**, the outgoing member of the Representative Council. ■

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*. ■

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

EDUCATED COACHES FOR EDUCATIONAL ATHLETICS

This is an excerpt from the opening message of MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts at 2005 MHSAA Update Meetings across Michigan.

I begin with a question that I suspect many of you can answer: "Do you know why we have sports in schools; do you know why schools decided to sponsor and conduct competitive athletics?"

As many of you know, it's because the people in charge of schools 60, 80 and 100 years ago saw a benefit to students and a benefit to schools. Physical activity and competition are good for students, they believed; physical education programs, including competitive athletics, are good for schools, they thought.

Because of my job, people expect me to recite many of the good things that school sports can do for kids, schools and communities. For example, we know from many surveys that participants in high school sports generally have higher grade point averages, lower dropout rates, better daily attendance, and fewer discipline problems than do non-participating students; and we know that these benefits are more often found in three-sport athletes than students who only participate in two sports or one sport.

We know that students who participate in interscholastic athletics feel better about school than non-participating students. We know they do better on standardized tests than non-participating students. But most impressive, we know that participation in school sports is a better predictor of success in later life than either grade point average or results on standardized tests.

What we don't know is if this is cause and effect or if it is motivated and talented kids who choose to participate in our programs.

An answer is not all that important to most parents, who just want their kids involved and associating with a bright, motivated peer group. And the answer is not all

that important to most educators either: they just know that the extracurricular life of a school can energize the educational mission of that school.

However, the good that can happen in school sports, the life lessons that can accrue from school sports, are not automatic. In fact, the program has as much potential to harm as to help kids, schools and communities.

For every positive statistic about participation, there may be a negative stat. For example, males outnumber females in school sports participation by a 3:2 ratio; yet males are 1.5 years behind females in reading and writing, less likely to go to college, follow less rigorous curricula, take fewer advance placement classes, are less involved in student government, honor societies and the school newspaper, do less homework, do less extra credit work, read fewer books, perform lower in arts and music, and are less likely to study abroad.

Meanwhile, males are more frequently expelled than females, more frequently held back, more frequently drop out, and are more frequently involved in crime, drugs and alcohol abuse.

If participation is so good, and so many more boys than girls participate, why do boys behave and perform so badly compared to girls?

Obviously, there are several factors contributing to these statistics. But the deciding factor in whether an interscholastic athletic program is great for boys and girls, merely good for boys and girls, or bad for them is the coach. Whether the program teaches sportsmanship and leadership or merely gamesmanship, it's the coach. Whether the program teaches discipline and dedication or is a contributor to delinquency, it's up to the coach. Whether the program teaches hard work and teamwork or the No. 1 syndrome, it's largely in the hands of the coach.

To assure that classroom outcomes are positive and constantly improving, our edu-

cational system has established an elaborate program of continuing education requirements for classroom teachers. Meanwhile, in an arena where the potential to harm students is at least as great as the potential to help them, where we compete with great emotion in front of spectators with risk of injury, there are no laws or policies requiring continuing education for coaches.

However, that there are no "requirements" doesn't mean there are no obligations or no standards or no expectations or no easy opportunities to meet the obligations, standards and expectations. The MHSAA Coaches Advancement Program meets the obligations, standards and expectations that do exist at least morally, ethically and educationally, and therefore, I think, also legally.

Nineteen years ago I said, and I still believe, that nearly everything we hope for in educational athletics can be accomplished through good coaching, and nearly every-

thing that we don't want in school sports results from coaches with improper philosophy or inadequate preparation. If we want better sportsmanship, less specialization, fewer injuries in practice and competition, and healthier lifestyles after high school sports are over, the coach is the most effective person to deliver those messages and achieve those worthy goals.

Coaches can redeem even bad decisions by administrators and boards of education, and poor coaches can ruin the best decisions that were ever made.

Let's help coaches help us maximize the good and minimize the bad of school sports. Educational athletics requires educated coaches: continuing education for every coach, every year, starting right now.

Improving the education of coaches is the best thing that we can do to improve educational athletics. ■

MESSAGE-DRIVEN SPORTS FOR MARKETPLACE SCHOOLS

Today's schools, both public and non-public, are competing in the marketplace for students, knowing that financial health depends on student enrollment.

Today's schools are marketing themselves with fabulous facilities, great faculties, and comprehensive and creative curricula.

And today's most successfully marketed schools will also attract customers through an extracurricular program that is broad and deep, free of charge and message-driven. A program of many sports and many levels of teams, without the obstacle of participation fees, doggedly pursuing a mission of participation percentage more than win/loss record, variety more than specialization, opportunity more than elitism.

While this is slightly exaggerated to

make a point, think of school sports as the loss leader that gets the customer in the door, as the extra features that make the sale (enroll the student), and the value added benefit of being educated through your school system.

This doesn't work if the program is ill-conceived and sends the wrong message. For this to work, for school sports to be a healthy and effective marketing tool, the extracurricular program must be evaluated differently than all other sports by school boards, administrators, coaches and citizens. It must be evaluated with more than lip service to the mission of learning at every opportunity rather than winning at any cost.

Keep message-driven sports as a tool of integrity in your marketplace schools. ■

REVEIING THE REGULATIONS

2005-06 NOTES AND CLARIFICATIONS: OUT-OF-SEASON COACHING

The following specific penalties were added by the Representative Council for violation of out-of-season coaching Regulation II, Section 11 (H):

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

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

Regulation V, Section 4 may also be applied

The following are clarifications and points of emphasis from Interpretation 216:

216. Out-of-season during the three-player limitation period, **coaches shall not coordinate, officiate at, or in other ways assist with out of season school or non-school athletic events** which involve more than three students from the same school in a sport they coach that is sponsored by that school in grades 7 through 12 in the district in which they coach. This applies to coaches on all levels (varsity, junior varsity, etc.), for either gender, whether paid or volunteer. Violations of the three-player rule are likely, and allegations of violations are inevitable if coaches fail to heed this precaution. Administrators should work with coaches to keep them above suspicion, avoiding even the appearance of violations at out-of-season athletic events.

Generally Prohibited Under Interpretation 216:

1. A coach may not book, schedule, or make other arrangements for more than three players to participate in an out of season activity (for example: batting cages, for tennis lessons, indoor soccer or lacrosse leagues, indoor track, fall ice time, etc.)
2. A coach may not post or distribute a time or event schedule designed specifically for more than 3 players to attend out of season activities.
3. A coach may not arrange for a parent or other non staff person to act as coach in an out of season coaching activity. A coach may not arrange for a parent or non staff person to do that which the coach is prohibited from doing under the regulation.
4. A coach may not arrange transportation nor provide transportation on a regular basis to more than three individuals so they may be part of an out of season activity.
5. The three player limitation period applies to all out of season environments during the school year including club and AAU teams, camps, clinics, combines, leagues profit or non profit facilities or enterprises.

Generally Permitted Under Interpretation 216:

1. A coach may be a spectator at an out of season activity but should have no contact with the athletes in competition.
2. A coach may be present as an employee of a facility where sport coaching is taking place and where they are not providing coaching directly to more than three players from their district but are providing coaching to other players from other school districts.
3. A coach may be present as a school employee or volunteer at school sponsored competition as an administrator or contest worker (scorer, timer, announcer, etc). ■

HIGH SCHOOL PERSPECTIVE

PLAYING WITH HONOR: WHY IS IT SO HARD TO DO?

There was a feature on ESPN's *Sportscenter* recently which addressed ethics in sports, and a prime-time show that chronicled an academic cheating scandal in college football. At issue were things that took place between the lines and outside the lines – issues of sportsmanship, gamesmanship and honestly that affected the game at hand.

The questions were simple – what happens when the officials, in doing their job to the best of their ability, accidentally give you a gift – something you didn't deserve? Is there a difference between gamesmanship – acts devised to gain an advantage – and sportsmanship? And what do you do when you personally, knowingly, cheat?

What do you do when an official's mistake suddenly snatches victory from the jaws of defeat? Do you participate in a scheme in which everyone knows you're intentionally breaking the rules? What kind of a message is sent to our kids – in high school and younger – when we perform acts of gamesmanship that basically say – it's OK to cheat?

If our games are truly educational, then they must be honorable. You do what you can to point out and change the official's mistake; and you don't commit that act of cheating or gamesmanship meant to deceive or otherwise tip the scales in your favor.

We hear stories at times of acts of honesty on the part of our student-athletes; stu-

dents who point out such wrongs and try to make them right. But we also hear stories of reaction and retaliation by teammates and their parents, schoolmates, and community members who criticize and abuse such individuals for making the right choice, because it cost the rest of the team a victory or an opportunity to advance in a tournament.

Let's put it in a real life terms – what do you do when the cashier at the grocery store or the teller at the bank gives you back more money than you're supposed to receive? I think everyone knows what you should do, and everyone would applaud you for doing the right thing.

Why should it be any different in sports? Especially school sports?

— John Johnson

MHSAA Communications Director

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HEALTH & SAFETY

SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR MANAGEMENT OF HEAD TRAUMA IN SPORTS

From the National Federation of State High School Associations

Head trauma is a common problem in sports and has the potential for serious complications if not managed correctly. Even what appears to be a "minor ding or bell ringer" without loss of consciousness has the real risk of catastrophic results when an athlete is returned to action too soon. The medical literature and lay press are reporting instances of death from "second impact syndrome" when a second concussion occurs before the brain has recovered from the first one regardless of how mild both injuries seem.

At many athletic contests across the country, trained and knowledgeable individuals are not available to make the decision to return concussed athletes to play. Frequently, there is undo pressure from various sources (parents, player and coach) to return a valuable athlete to action.

A.S.A.P. In addition, often there is unwillingness by the athlete who wants to play to report headaches and other findings because the individual knows it would prevent his or her return to play.

Outlined below are some guidelines that may be helpful in establishing a protocol at your institution. Please bear in mind that these are general guidelines and must not be used in place of the central role that physicians and certified athletic trainers must play in protecting the health and safety of student-athletes.

SIDELINE MANAGEMENT OF ACUTE HEAD INJURY

- 1 Did a head injury take place? Based on mechanism of injury, observation, history and unusual behavior and reactions of the athlete, even without loss of consciousness, assume a concussion has occurred if the head was hit.
- 2 Does the athlete need immediate referral for emergency care? If confusion, unusual behavior or responsiveness, deteriorating condition, LOC, or concern about

neck and spine injury exist, the athlete should be referred at once for emergency care.

- 3 If no emergency is apparent, how should the athlete be monitored? Every 5-10 minutes mental status, attention, balance, behavior, speech and memory should be examined until stable over a few hours.
- 4 No athlete suspected of a head injury should return to the same practice or contest, even if clear in 15 minutes, without clearance by an appropriate medical physician.

EXAMPLE OF SPECIFIC INSTRUMENTS BEING USED TO DO SIDELINE ASSESSMENT OF ATHLETES WITH CONCUSSION

Outlined below is a fairly comprehensive list of signs, symptoms and observations that can be utilized to determine if an athlete is "clear" of any abnormalities that should prevent return to play. Abnormalities of attention, processing speed, memory, balance, reaction time, and ability to think and analyze information appear to be those areas most likely to be involved and persist after a head injury. Several instruments such as the Sideline Concussion Checklist (SCC) and the Sideline Assessment of Concussion (SAC) have been developed as reasonably user-friendly methods of monitoring an athlete on the sideline to determine whether he or she is stable or needs immediate referral for emergency care. The CDC has also developed a tool kit (Heads UP: Concussion in High School Sports"), which has been made available to all high schools, and has information on head injuries for coaches, athletes and parents. The NFHS is proud to be a co-sponsor of this initiative. Computerized tests that evaluate similar domains (IMPACT, Sentinel, CRI, or ANAM) are being used by some schools, professionals and others. Cost and availability vary. Balance studies such as

Balance Error Scoring System (BESS) may also be a helpful sideline tool for monitoring athletes.

The NFHS will continue to monitor developments in this research as investigators seek ways of making these instruments more practical.

MANAGEMENT OF HEAD INJURIES THAT INTERRUPT RETURN TO PLAY (SEE "SIDELINE MANAGEMENT")

Any athlete who is removed from play because of a head injury will require medical clearance before being allowed to return to play or practice. The second international conference on concussion held in Prague suggests an athlete should not return to practice or competition in sport until he or she is asymptomatic and appears normal for a minimum of one week. The athlete must be able to progress through a return to play (RTP) protocol as outlined below without any return of signs or symptoms before actually competing. These recommendations have been based on the awareness of the increased vulnerability of the brain to concussions occurring close together and of the cumulative effects of multiple concussions on long-term brain function. Research is now revealing some fairly objective and relatively easy-to-use tests which appear to identify subtle residual deficits that may not be obvious from the traditional evaluation. These identifiable abnormalities frequently persist after the obvious signs of concussion are gone and appear to have relevance to whether an athlete can return to play in relative safety. The significance of these deficits is still under study and the evaluation instruments represent a work in progress. They may be helpful to the professional determining return to play in conjunction with consideration of the severity and nature of the injury; the interval since the last head injury; the duration of symptoms for clearing; and the level of play.

SIGNS OF CONCUSSION

Concussions can appear in many different ways. Listed below are some of the signs and symptoms frequently associated with minor head trauma (e.g., "ding", "bell rung", dazed or concussion). Most symptoms, signs and abnormalities after a head injury fall into

the four categories listed below. A coach or other person who knows the athlete well can usually detect these problems by observing the athlete and/or by asking a few relevant questions to the athlete, referee or a teammate who was on the field or court at the time of the head injury. Below are some suggested observations and questions a non-medical professional like a coach or school administrator can use to help determine whether an athlete has suffered a concussion and how urgently he or she should be sent for medical care following a head injury.

1. PROBLEMS IN BRAIN FUNCTION:

- a. *Confused state* – dazed look, vacant stare, confusion about what happened or is happening.
- b. *Memory problems* – Can't remember assignment on play, opponent, score of game, or period of the game. Can't remember how or with whom he or she traveled to the game, what he or she was wearing, what was eaten for breakfast, etc.
- c. *Symptoms reported by athlete* – Headache, nausea or vomiting, blurred or double vision, oversensitivity to sound, light or touch, ringing in ears, feeling foggy or groggy.
- d. *Lack of Sustained Attention* – Difficulty sustaining focus adequately to complete a task or a coherent thought or conversation.

2. SPEED OF BRAIN FUNCTION: Slow response to questions, slow slurred speech, incoherent speech, slow body movements, slow reaction time.

3. UNUSUAL BEHAVIORS: Behaving in a combative, aggressive or very silly manner, or just atypical for the individual. Repeatedly asking the same question over and over. Restless and irritable behavior with constant motion and attempts to return to play or leave. Reactions that seem out of proportion and inappropriate. Changing position frequently and having trouble resting or "finding a comfortable position." These can be manifestations of post-head trauma difficulties.

- 4. PROBLEMS WITH BALANCE AND COORDINATION:** Dizzy, slow clumsy movements, acting like a "drunk," inability to walk a straight line or balance on one foot with eyes closed.

CHECK FOR CONCUSSION

In addition to observation and direct questioning for symptoms, asking the athlete specifics about the contest or the injury, having the athlete repeat a series of numbers forward and backward, or recite the months of the year in reverse order may help identify problems in brain function. Checking coordination and agility such as touching a finger to the nose and to another object, balancing on one foot, and walking heel-to-toe on a straight line can be helpful in analyzing the athlete's state of coordination.

Any athlete being returned to play because he or she seemed not to have actually had a head injury should be assessed after exercise, such as push-ups, sit-ups, sprints and deep knee bends, before concluding a return to play would be appropriate.

Increasing evidence is suggesting that initial signs and symptoms, including loss of consciousness and amnesia, may not be very predictive of the true severity of the injury and the prognosis or outcome. More importance is being assigned to the duration of such symptoms and this, along with data showing symptoms may worsen some time after the head injury, has shifted focus to continued monitoring of the athlete. This is one reason why these guidelines no longer include an option to return an athlete to play even if clear in 15 minutes.

PREVENTION

Although all concussions cannot be prevented, many can be altered or avoided. Proper coaching techniques, good officiating of the existing rules, and use of properly fitted equipment can minimize the risk of head injury. Although the NFHS advocates the use of mouthguards in nearly all sports, there is no convincing scientific data that their use will prevent concussions.

MHSAA Staff Profile

GINA MAZZOLINI CAME HOME

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

Gina Mazzolini is a product of high school athletics in Michigan, one of the best athletes in the history of St. Johns High School, where she participated in four sports, and a Hall of Famer at Central Michigan University where she was a four-year starter in both basketball and volleyball. And only then did she get serious about school sports.

This assistant director of the MHSAA since August of 1993 coached volleyball and softball at Ovid-Elsie High School. Then, while earning her Master's degree at Michigan State University, she assisted the MSU women's volleyball team and was an MHSAA registered basketball and volleyball official. She moved to the University of Texas as assistant volleyball coach in 1981, joined the staff of the MHSAA's Texas counterpart – the University Interscholastic League – in 1983, and was named assistant athletic director there in 1988.

Since joining the MHSAA staff five years later, Mazzolini has administered the MHSAA's services and tournaments in skiing, swimming & diving, tennis and volleyball while assisting with soccer. She has gained national prominence while serving several national committees, now as chair of the National Federation Volleyball Rules Committee and a member of the Board of Directors of the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel, the national body that assists schools in matters relating to foreign exchange students.

"Gina administers a group of sports that, per capita, generates more questions than any other, questions she handles with grace and expertise," according to MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts. "We were blessed to have her come home to Michigan a dozen years ago."



2005-06 MHSAA BUDGET

The following budget for operation of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc., for the 2005-06 school year was considered and approved at the May 2005 Representative Council Meeting.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	\$2,486,915
GENERAL PRINTING	191,100
GENERAL OFFICE EXPENSES	996,585
GENERAL MEETINGS	114,000
COACHES & OFFICIALS	351,738
BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS	225,000
BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS (NET)	415,000
BOWLING TOURNAMENTS	30,000
COMPETITIVE CHEER	90,000
CROSS COUNTRY MEETS	100,000
FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS	1,275,000
GOLF TOURNAMENTS	70,000
GYMNASTICS MEETS	25,000
HOCKEY TOURNAMENTS	240,000
LACROSSE TOURNAMENTS	50,000
SKI MEETS	20,000
SOCCER TOURNAMENTS	220,000
SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS	225,000
SWIMMING MEETS	45,000
TENNIS TOURNAMENTS	110,000
TRACK MEETS	240,000
VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS	280,000
WRESTLING TOURNAMENTS	620,000
RADIO/TELEVISION	20,000
TOTAL BUDGET FOR 2005-06	\$.8,441,238

Independent Auditor's Report

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

August 16, 2005

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc. as of July 31, 2005 and 2004 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, 2005. 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 2004 financial statements and, in our report dated August 18, 2004, 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, 2005 and 2004, 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, 2005 AND 2004

	ASSETS	2005	2004
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Cash and cash equivalents		\$180,549	1,045,367
Short-term investments		2,230,389	1,076,252
Accounts receivable		166,525	164,113
Prepaid expenses		<u>251,440</u>	<u>229,172</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>2,839,842</u>	<u>2,514,904</u>
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, less accumulated depreciation		<u>2,215,297</u>	<u>2,225,958</u>
OTHER ASSETS:			
Long-term investments - designated		1,662,082	1,452,189
Cash value of life insurance		<u>194,880</u>	<u>154,681</u>
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS		<u>1,856,962</u>	<u>1,606,870</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$6,912,101</u>	<u>\$6,347,732</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Current portion of long-term debt		\$134,293	\$141,869
Accounts payable		70,931	25,761
Accrued compensation and related items		58,409	58,409
Deferred revenue - officials' registration fees collected in advance		<u>346,763</u>	<u>352,353</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		612,166	578,392
LONG-TERM DEBT, less current portion		772,000	906,261
DEFERRED COMPENSATION		131,978	109,091
OTHER POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS		<u>17,600</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>1,533,744</u>	<u>1,593,744</u>
NET ASSETS:			
Unrestricted:			
Undesignated		3,716,275	3,301,799
Designated:			
Women in sports leadership		194,481	174,013
Insurance replacement fund		1,071,480	1,001,942
Building maintenance fund		158,846	51,977
Student services fund		<u>237,275</u>	<u>224,257</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>5,378,357</u>	<u>4,753,988</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		<u>\$6,912,101</u>	<u>\$6,347,732</u>

See notes to financial statement

**MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
YEARS ENDED JULY 31, 2005 AND 2004**

	2005	2004
REVENUES:		
Tournament and meet income	\$7,474,195	\$7,301,706
Officials' registrations for current school year	498,238	503,097
Investment income	284,682	240,487
Royalties, advertising and sponsorships	391,623	384,837
Bulletins and publications	21,072	22,966
Miscellaneous	14,063	7,329
Loss on disposal of equipment	<u>(5,626)</u>	<u>(8,436)</u>
Total revenues	<u>8,678,247</u>	<u>8,451,986</u>
EXPENSES:		
Tournaments, meets and grants	6,634,688	6,337,591
Coaches and officials	750,702	647,399
Management and general	<u>668,488</u>	<u>601,827</u>
Total expenses	<u>8,053,878</u>	<u>7,586,817</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	624,369	865,169
NET ASSETS:		
Beginning of year	<u>4,753,988</u>	<u>3,888,819</u>
End of year	<u>\$5,378,357</u>	<u>\$4,753,988</u>

See notes to financial statement

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2005
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2004

	<u>Tournaments</u>	<u>Coaches and officials</u>	<u>Mgt. and general</u>	<u>Total</u>	
				<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
OFFICE ADMINISTRATION:					
Salaries and wages	\$199,949	\$ 84,179	\$ 91,504	\$ 375,632	\$ 568,160
Accounting and audit			21,355	21,355	18,048
Stationery and supplies	24,913	7,922	7,726	40,561	31,139
Maintenance and repairs	56,080	17,832	17,394	91,306	77,760
Telephone	12,489	3,971	3,874	20,334	22,217
Equipment lease	15,749	5,008	4,884	25,641	44,471
Incidentals	28,000	8,903	8,685	45,588	52,004
Postage	91,716	29,163	28,447	149,326	124,786
Payroll taxes	66,097	21,017	20,500	107,614	102,181
Health and life insurance	171,201	54,438	53,099	278,738	215,251
Retirement	133,117	42,328	41,288	216,733	184,160
Utilities	14,908	4,741	4,624	24,273	24,981
Depreciation	110,563	35,156	34,292	180,011	187,269
Data processing expense	<u>25,612</u>	<u>8,144</u>	<u>7,944</u>	<u>41,700</u>	<u>61,105</u>
Total office administration	<u>950,394</u>	<u>322,802</u>	<u>345,616</u>	<u>1,618,812</u>	<u>1,713,532</u>
ADMINISTRATION:					
Salary -professionals	706,680	203,983	189,571	1,100,234	796,793
Travel -professionals	27,264	7,870	7,314	42,448	39,533
Travel, meals, lodging	41,949	12,108	11,253	65,310	62,555
National Federation dues	3,071	977	952	5,000	5,000
Insurance -general	10,814	3,439	3,354	17,607	14,566
Insurance -catastrophic	30,451	9,683	9,444	49,578	49,578
Insurance -liability	52,723	16,765	16,352	85,840	81,680
Litigation expense	137,442	43,703	42,629	223,774	193,293
Officials' liability insurance	37,840			37,840	32,778
Automobile expense	22,845	7,264	7,085	37,194	26,750
Committee meetings	3,524	1,121	1,093	5,738	5,581
Web site	10,916	3,471	3,386	17,773	13,897
Meetings -general	10,199	3,243	3,164	16,606	19,357
Clinics and workshops	14,246	4,530	4,419	23,195	13,167
Appropriations -other assoc.	<u>6,505</u>	<u>2,068</u>	<u>2,018</u>	<u>10,591</u>	<u>9,137</u>
Total administration	<u>1,116,469</u>	<u>320,225</u>	<u>302,034</u>	<u>1,738,728</u>	<u>1,363,665</u>

See notes to financial statement

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2005
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2004

	<u>Tournaments</u>	<u>Coaches and officials</u>	<u>Mgt. and general</u>	<u>Total</u>	
				<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
GENERAL PRINTING:					
State association bulletins	\$88,430			\$88,430	\$84,642
Officials' Guidebook		8,577		8,577	8,535
Forms and blanks	17,520	11,005		28,525	30,887
Films		536			536
Rule books	158,713			158,713	170,094
Officials' directory		13,980		13,980	13,036
Handbooks	9,898			9,898	9,969
Publications and books	48,575	30,512		79,087	86,393
Book of Champions	9,951			9,951	12,790
Mentor		27,712		27,712	
General printing	<u>22,257</u>	<u>7,077</u>	<u>6,904</u>	<u>36,238</u>	<u>9,819</u>
Total general printing	<u>355,344</u>	<u>99,399</u>	<u>6,904</u>	<u>461,647</u>	<u>426,165</u>
OTHER:					
Committee meetings	9,328		5,860	15,188	15,281
Grants	32,113			32,113	29,750
Taxes	3,646	1,159	1,131	5,936	6,922
Interest expense	<u>22,383</u>	<u>7,117</u>	<u>6,943</u>	<u>36,443</u>	<u>32,646</u>
Total other	<u>67,470</u>	<u>8,276</u>	<u>13,934</u>	<u>89,680</u>	<u>84,599</u>
Total operating expenses	2,489,677	750,702	668,488	3,908,867	3,587,961
TOURNAMENT AND MEET EVENT EXPENSE-DIRECT					
	<u>4,145,011</u>	_____	_____	<u>4,145,011</u>	<u>3,998,856</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 6,634,688</u>	<u>\$ 750,702</u>	<u>\$ 668,488</u>	<u>\$ 8,053,878</u>	<u>\$ 7,586,817</u>

See notes to financial statement

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
YEARS ENDED JULY 31, 2005 AND 2004

	2005	2004
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:		
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	<u>\$ 624,369</u>	<u>\$ 865,169</u>
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Realized and unrealized gain on investments	(198,004)	(177,005)
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	5,626	8,436
Depreciation	180,011	187,269
Accounts receivable	(2,412)	34,333
Accrued interest	(10,939)	
Prepaid expenses	(22,268)	(50,608)
Accounts payable	45,170	(29,623)
Accounts payable -Officials for Kids	2,017	
Accrued compensation and related items	(247)	(15,664)
Deferred revenue -officials' registration fees collected in advance	(5,590)	(14,226)
Deferred compensation	22,887	21,389
Other postretirement benefits	<u>17,600</u>	<u> </u>
Total adjustments	<u>33,851</u>	<u>(35,699)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>658,220</u>	<u>829,470</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of property and equipment	(174,976)	(171,759)
Purchases/sale of investments - net	(1,166,026)	(175,929)
Increase in cash value of life insurance	<u>(40,199)</u>	<u>(43,572)</u>
Net cash used by investing activities	<u>(1,381,201)</u>	<u>(391,260)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Repayment of long-term debt	<u>(141,837)</u>	<u>(131,345)</u>
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(864,818)	306,865
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year	<u>1,045,367</u>	<u>738,502</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of year	<u>\$ 180,549</u>	<u>\$ 1,045,367</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 \$757,656 and \$796,886 in 2005 and 2004, 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>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Land	\$ 255,606	\$ 255,606
Building and improvements	2,197,042	2,190,797
Furniture, equipment and automobiles	<u>951,477</u>	<u>833,014</u>
	3,404,125	3,279,417
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>1,188,828</u>	<u>1,053,459</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>\$ 2,215,297</u>	<u>\$ 2,225,958</u>

Depreciation expense amounted to \$180,011 and \$187,269 in 2005 and 2004, 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>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Short-term investments:		
Certificates of deposit	\$1,000,000	
Money market	\$ 1,887	\$1,861
Mutual funds	1,228,502	<u>1,074,391</u>
	<u>\$ 2,230,389</u>	<u>\$ 1,076,252</u>
Long-term investments:		
Money market	\$ 779,888	\$ 729,275
Mutual funds	<u>882,194</u>	<u>722,914</u>
	<u>\$ 1,662,082</u>	<u>\$ 1,452,189</u>

Investment income for the years ended July 31, 2005 and 2004 consists of the following:

Interest and dividends	\$ 86,678	\$ 63,482
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	<u>198,004</u>	<u>177,005</u>
	<u>\$ 284,682</u>	<u>\$ 240,487</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 4.25% at year end. The note is payable in amounts ranging from \$10,700 to \$14,200 per month plus interest through July 2016.

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
	\$ 900,400	\$ 1,028,800
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>	<u>19,330</u>
	906,293	1,048,130
Less current portion	<u>(134,293)</u>	<u>(141,869)</u>
	<u>\$ 772,000</u>	<u>\$ 906,261</u>

Year ended <u>July 31,</u>	
2006	134,293
2007	128,400
2008	128,400
2009	149,400
2010	170,400
Thereafter	<u>195,400</u>
	<u>\$ 906,293</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 \$194,481, \$1,071,480, \$158,846 and \$237,275, respectively at July 31, 2005 and \$174,013, \$1,001,942, \$26,977 and \$224,257, respectively at July 31, 2004.

NOTE 7 - RETIREMENT PLANS

Effective January 1, 2002 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 \$216,733 and \$184,160 for the years ending July 31, 2005 and 2004, 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 \$44,224.

Interest paid on the notes payable amounted to \$36,443 in 2005 and \$32,646 in 2004.

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 upon retirement. The liability is recorded at its estimated net present value.

NOTE 10 - CONTINGENCIES

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 \$17,600 at July 31, 2005. 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>	
2006	
2007	1,000
2008	6,000
2009	6,000
2010	5,500
2011 and Thereafter	111,100

NOTE 11 - LEASES

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

2006	\$ 17,318
2007	7,045
2008	<u>4,977</u>
	<u>\$ 29,340</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. In May, the U.S. Supreme Court vacated an adverse judgment of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals on the merits of this case. 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



The MHSAA Girls Basketball Finals will return to the Breslin Center on the campus of Michigan State University for 2006, where the event has enjoyed record crowds in 2004 and 2005.

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF THE MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC. SCHOOL YEAR - 2004-05

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 12th time.

RULES MEETINGS/CLINICS - General meetings and rules meetings held in baseball/softball, competitive cheer, football, basketball, bowling, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, golf, wrestling, gymnastics, volleyball, soccer, and ice hockey for coaches and registered officials. The Officials' Awards and Alumni Banquet honored 20, 30 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. Regional Sportsmanship Summits were conducted.

PARTICIPANTS - There were approximately 305,000 participants on interscholastic athletic squads of the 766 member high schools during the 2004-05 school year.

REGISTERED OFFICIALS - There were 12,060 officials registered in one or more sports during the year.

COMMITTEES - Over 900 different individuals served on the following Association committees during the 2004-05 school year:

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

UPDATE MEETINGS - Meetings for 1,268 people were conducted during the fall in Traverse City, Frankenmuth, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Gaylord, Warren, Comstock Park, and Marquette.

CAP SEMINARS - There were 1,031 participants who completed one or more courses in the Coaches Advancement Program at sites throughout the state during the 2004-05 school year.

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS IN-SERVICE - 500 athletic directors participated in the Athletic Directors In-Service programs at 11 sites throughout the state during the fall of 2004. ■

MHSAA Student Leadership Grant Dollars Available

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

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

Scholarships are available to students to attend existing student leadership camps, and schools can receive grant money to create student leadership programs in their communities.

In the last year, \$500 grants have been awarded to:

- The **Cascades Conference** for its one-day leadership workshop with students representing all the league's schools.
- **Ann Arbor Greenhills** for its two-day workshop for students and coaches.
- **Farmington, North Farmington and Farmington Hills Harrison** to help host collaborative Captain's Club workshops throughout the year.
- The **Highland Conference** and the **Ski Valley Conference** both hosted day-long leadership workshops for its member schools with the assistance of Double D consultants.

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

To be eligible for funds:

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

To apply:

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

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

MIAAA PRESENTS SIXTH EXEMPLARY ATHLETIC AWARD



Michigan's professional organization of high school administrators (MIAAA) recently recognized Leslie and Mattawan high schools as having an Exemplary Athletic Program.

Representatives of each school's athletic program were recognized by the MIAAA and the MHSAA at halftime of the MHSAA Class B Girls Basketball Final on Dec. 3.

The Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA), in partnership with the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA), conducted an extensive review program this Fall prior to recognizing the schools as two of Michigan's model high school athletic programs. Leslie and Mattawan went through a rigorous screening process and written documentation of the program's strengths. The schools also hosted an on-site visit by an MIAAA evaluation team made up of veteran athletic administrators.

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.

The Mattawan Athletic Program is a vital component of the overall school community. As part of the Office of Student Activities which includes fine/performing arts, clubs, and student organizations, athletics provides opportunities for students to make connections and build positive, life-long relationships. Mattawan continues to strive to compete for the sake of educational athletics, with coaches, players, and spectators displaying respect and sportsmanship. The school's athletic vision states, "We will always strive to win, but only if it brings honor and Mattawan Pride to our school and community." As enrollment goes up within the school district, athletic programs continue to grow and expand. In just over 15 years, Mattawan has changed MHSAA classification from class C to class A. To accommodate student interest and participation, Mattawan has added nine varsity sports programs (five women's and four men's) for a total of 26 interscholastic sports at the varsity level.

Ken Mohney, athletic administrator at Mattawan states, "Exemplary athletic program recognition is a tribute to the commit-



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Members of the Leslie and Mattawan athletic departments display the Exemplary Athletic Program Award banners presented by the MIAAA at the Girls Basketball Finals on Dec. 3.

ment and support of educational athletics by the entire Mattawan school community. We appreciate the outstanding effort of athletes, coaches, parents, teachers, administration, and support staff in receiving this award.”

Leslie Athletic Director Scott Farley reports the mission of their athletic program aims to assist in the development of the physical, social, mental and emotional well-being of the student. Good sportsmanship and integrity are emphasized. The program encourages participation of all students while maintaining a winning tradition. They believe that participation in athletics is an excellent method for preparing students to be positive, productive citizens and leaders in their community.

Four areas of note stood out making the Leslie athletic program worthy of statewide

recognition: unique revisions and continual updating of athletic policies; recent facility upgrades, competitive success and numerous methods to recognize and celebrate outstanding athletic accomplishments. Said Farley, “This award represents validation that as a community we really are doing good things and it is a tribute to all the hard work of our constituent groups who took part in the process.”

New sections of the athletic policy include topics such as hazing, criminal behavior, and unsportsmanlike conduct. A separate middle school athletic policy was adopted in 1997. The “no-cut” policy for middle school teams has resulted in significant increases in participation and allowed for hiring more coaches and offering a greater variety of programs. ■

CHAMPS CLINIC DRAWS A CROWD AT GIRLS BASKETBALL FINALS

To enhance the atmosphere of selected girls tournament finals, the Michigan High School Athletic Association is in its seventh year of conducting youth clinics, entitled CHAMPS (Cooperation, Hard Work, Attitude, Motivation, Participation, Sportsmanship).

The clinics target local female junior high/middle school-aged students and their parents in a morning-long workshop designed to provide game skills and life skills information.

The 2005 Girls Basketball CHAMPS Clinic held Dec. 3 at Michigan State University (free of charge) drew 20 participants and their parents. While the youngsters improved their game skills, their parents heard from different members of the Michigan State University Youth Sports Institute Staff about sports nutrition, academic eligibility requirements, sports parenting and the role of high school sports.



John Johnson, Okemos

Participants in the MHSAA's CHAMPS Clinic are recognized at halftime of the Class D Girls Basketball Final at the Breslin Center in East Lansing on Dec. 3.

GLADWIN, DETROIT NORTHEASTERN, WARREN WOODS 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, 1975 champions Detroit Northeastern, Warren Woods and Gladwin were honored at halftime of the Class C Girls Basketball Final.

Can it be 30 years since Gladwin coach Ruth Ann Joslin's blue towel hit the basketball courts throughout northern Michigan? Since Warren Woods' postgame celebrations at guard Kathy Bieniek's parents' home? Since the boy vs. girl scrimmages at Detroit Northeastern, where the cheerleaders and girls basketball players good-naturedly imitated one another throughout one extraordinary season?

Cold signs of the times will tell us that, yes, it's been all of three decades. Of the three teams being honored at this weekend's "Legends of the Game" festivities, only Gladwin still has a place to call home.

Detroit Northeastern no longer exists, and Warren Woods consolidated with Warren Tower to form current school Warren Woods-Tower.

Time goes on, buildings close, seasons end. But, memories live on for members of three teams who made their one and only MHSAA Finals appearance count in the Fall of 1975.

At Detroit Northeastern, the Falcons entered the 1975 campaign with one mission: perfection. Close would no longer count, not when one loss in each of the previous two seasons meant an end to the season.

In 1973 and 1974, the first two years of the MHSAA Girls Basketball Tournament, The Falcons lost just one time, each coming in the tournament to eventual champion Detroit Dominican. The one-point loss to Dominican in the 1974 Regional was particularly tough to swallow.



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Detroit Northeastern - 1975



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Gladwin - 1975

Once again, Northeastern brought an unblemished record into the tournament, running its mark to 19-0 entering the 1975 Semifinals vs. Dominican. This year belonged to Northeastern, however, as the Falcons got revenge with a 75-69 victory and a trip to the Finals vs. Framington Our Lady of Mercy.

"After all we've been through, winning this time really feels good," Northeastern coach Brenda Gatlin told reporters afterward. "We set our goal this season to win the state title."

Little doubt that Mercy had that same goal after coming up on the wrong side of a 59-58 score to Dominican in 1974. The two teams had faced each other earlier in the season, with Northeastern coming out on top by nine points.

There was much more at stake in the rematch, and Northeastern, led by sisters Helen and Sheila Williams, were not to be denied. The Williams sisters poured in 51 points in the 67-62 victory, the first MHSAA girls cage crown for a Detroit Public School League team.



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Warren Woods - 1975

It was a fitting finish for the 21-0 Falcons, who could consider the mission accomplished.

"I'll always remember how the cheerleaders and men's basketball team helped us out throughout the year," guard Sylvia Jackson said. "The men played us in scrimmages. They played us hard and made us tough. The cheerleaders and our team would imitate each other and have a lot of laughs. We were a family."

Just up the road in Warren Woods that same Fall, Kathy Bieniek's parents welcomed an extended family on many occasions.

"One of my fondest memories is all the celebrations at Kathy Bieniek's house," recalls Jeanne Mason, a guard/forward on the Warriors' Class B championship team. "Her parents were so kind."

Much more hospitable than the Warriors were to opposing teams en route to a 21-2 record under Coach Carol Susalla. Like Northeastern, Warren Woods was facing a formidable task in reaching its destination, defeating a favored Fenton team, 42-40, in overtime in the Regional Final, then advancing to the Final with a 54-44 win over Jenison.

The reward for the Warriors' hard work was a date with defending champ Tecumseh, which brought a 45-game winning streak into the contest.

"We saw them play in the Semifinals and felt they were good, but not unbeatable," Susalla told reporters. "I think the key was slowing the game down and not letting Tecumseh run."

The result was 18 points from center Debbie Waschewski, and 16 from Bieniek in a 46-43 Woods victory. Bieniek poured in 35 in the Semifinal win over Jenison, and Waschewski had come up big with a couple of buckets in the overtime vs. Fenton.

In the northern regions of the state, meanwhile, **the Flying G's of Gladwin** were also making a run at the school's first MHSAA crown in any sport.

Coach Ruth Ann Joslin's teams were perennial contenders for the title, and with a 48-33 win in the Class C Final over Hopkins, she and the school had their first championship.

The win gave Gladwin a 25-1 mark, and capped an eight-year run that saw Joslin guide the team to a 110-10 record, but the real start to the 1975 season came at the end of 1974.

"We lost the Quarterfinal game the year before," Joslin said. "It was a horrible loss for us. The team met the next day to vote on a team MVP and turn in uniforms. At that meeting, they told me that would never happen again and proclaimed that, 'We will be state champions next year.'"

Kathy Flynn was instrumental as the team's defensive stopper, while Amy Huber led the team from point guard. Lisa Woods averaged 15 points per game, and Becky Kern dominated the boards during the season. Guard Cheri Jo Card recalled the intensity of the team, and how it mirrored Joslin's approach – and the signal for the team to step it up a notch.

"You could always count on Coach Joslin to throw her blue towel on the floor if someone was not where they should have been," Card said. "It showed her emotion and drove us to play hard and do our best no matter what else was going on." ■

2005 FALL COACH EJECTION LISTING

City	School	Coach	Sport
Addison	Addison HS	Andrew Hoaglin	Girls Basketball
Albion	WG Middle School	Thomas Spratley	Girls Basketball
Algonac	Algonac HS	Chris Viney	Boys Soccer
Alpena	Alpena HS	Rob Borchard	Girls Basketball
Beverly Hills	Wylie E Groves HS	Joe McCarthy	Boys Soccer
Big Rapids	Crossroads Charter Acad	Jason Eads	Girls Basketball
Capac	Capac Middle School	Troy Schneider	Football
Caro	Caro HS	Jeff Sauser	Girls Basketball
Caseville	Caseville HS	Jim Quinn	Girls Basketball
Cassopolis	Ross Beatty HS	Brian Taylor	Girls Basketball
Centreville	Centreville HS	Sheila Moore	Girls Basketball
Centreville	Centreville HS	Cory Smith	Girls Basketball
Clarkston	Clarkston HS	Dan Stevens	Girls Basketball
Climax	Climax-Scotts HS	Phil Sayers	Girls Basketball
Clio	Clio HS	Dexter Ali	Boys Soccer
Coldwater	Coldwater HS	Joe Hayes	Girls Basketball
Corunna	Corunna HS	Blake Golab	Boys Soccer
Dearborn Heights	Riverside Middle School	Maurice Brantley	Girls Basketball
Delton	Delton Kellogg HS	Mark Nabozny	Football
Eaton Rapids	Eaton Rapids HS	David Moncada	Girls Basketball
Eau Claire	Eau Claire HS	Mike Claeys	Girls Basketball
Farwell	Farwell Area HS	Joe Zavaglia	Football
Flint	Northern HS	Darren Hughly	Girls Basketball
Garden City	Garden City HS	Barry Patterson	Girls Basketball
Gaylord	Gaylord HS	Sean Byram	Boys Soccer
Grand Rapids	NorthPointe Christian HS	Matt Smith	Boys Soccer
Grandville	Grandville HS	Jim Barcheski	Football
Hart	Hart HS	Bill Burd	Boys Soccer
Hastings	Hastings HS	Brian Roderick	Boys Soccer
Holland	Holland HS	Jim Cech	Girls Basketball
Holly	Holly HS	Mike Jones	Boys Soccer
Inkster	Cherryhill School	Ware	Girls Basketball
Inkster	Inkster HS	Gregory Carter	Football
Jenison	Jenison HS	Jason VanEssen	Girls Basketball
Kalamazoo	Hackett Catholic Central HS	Travis Martin	Boys Soccer
Kalamazoo	Hillside Middle School	Terrence Bell	Girls Basketball
Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo Central HS	Rudy Myles	Football
Lansing	Everett HS	Wayne Smith	Football
Middleville	Thornapple Kellogg HS	Christian Niles	Boys Soccer
Muskegon	Reeths-Puffer HS	Merritt Archer	Football
Muskegon	Western Mich. Christian HS	Ron Jenkins	Girls Basketball
Orchard Lake	St Mary Preparatory HS	Pete Orman	Football
Oscoda	Oscoda HS	Bill Hobart	Girls Basketball
Otsego	Otsego HS	Mike Amible	Football
Parma	Western HS	Craig Withrow	Girls Basketball
Ravenna	Ravenna Middle School	Heather Hommerson	Girls Basketball
Reese	Reese HS	Dennis Gruber	Girls Basketball

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Roseville	Roseville HS	Mike Gohl	Football
Saginaw	Arthur Hill HS	John Wilson	Girls Basketball
Saginaw	Nouvel Catholic Central HS	Steve Walker	Boys Soccer
Sterling Heights	Bethesda Christian HS	Donald Owens	Girls Basketball
Traverse City	Traverse City West HS	Andy Wares	Boys Soccer
Trenton	Trenton HS	Larry Gates	Girls Basketball
Waterford	Waterford Kettering HS	Tony Williams	Boys Soccer
Wyandotte	Roosevelt HS	Tony Jesus	Girls Basketball
Ypsilanti	Willow Run HS	Greg Burris	Girls Basketball

SCHOOLS WITH THREE OR MORE OFFICIALS REPORTS — Fall 2005

School	City	No. of Reports
Byron Center HS	Byron Center	5
Center Line HS	Center Line	5
Bedford HS	Temperance	5
Garber HS	Essexville	4
Northwest HS	Jackson	4
Dakota HS	Macomb	4
Troy HS	Troy	4
Wylie E Groves HS	Beverly Hills	3
Woodhaven HS	Brownstown	3
Buckley HS	Buckley	3
Charlotte HS	Charlotte	3
Coldwater HS	Coldwater	3
Fordson HS	Dearborn	3
Crestwood HS	Dearborn Heights	3
Creston HS	Grand Rapids	3
Milford HS	Highland	3
Hillsdale HS	Hillsdale	3
Jackson HS	Jackson	3
Hackett Catholic Central HS	Kalamazoo	3
East Kentwood HS	Kentwood	3
Everett HS	Lansing	3
JW Sexton HS	Lansing	3
Lapeer West HS	Lapeer	3
Riverview Community HS	Riverview	3
Rudyard HS	Rudyard	3
Athens HS	Troy	3
Vicksburg HS	Vicksburg	3
John Glenn HS	Westland	3

OFFICIALS REPORTS SUMMARY FOR FALL 2005

Sport	Concern	Praise	Player Ejection	Coach Ejection	Other Ejection	Taunting
Boys Soccer	217	17	183	14	3	0
Football	156	52	142	11	0	1
Girls Basketball	58	5	19	31	5	2
Girls Swimming	1	0	0	0	0	1

Distribution of Reports

Reports of Concern	No. of Schools	Reports of Praise	No. of Schools
1	184	1	53
2	72	2	9
3	24	3	1
4	4		
5	2		
6	1		

2006 Swimming and Diving Finals

LOWER PENINSULA FINAL BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING SITES Friday-Saturday, March 10-11, 2006

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 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor -- Chris Onsted, Mgr.
DIVISION 2 at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti -- John Dudley, Mgr.

UPPER PENINSULA FINAL SWIMMING & DIVING SITE FOR BOYS & GIRLS Saturday, February 18, 2006

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

2005-06 BOYS & GIRLS QUALIFYING TIMES				
EVENT	GIRLS D1	GIRLS D2	BOYS D1	BOYS D2
200 MED. RELAY	1:57.99	2:02.59	1:44.59	1:48.19
200 FREESTYLE	2:01.89	2:06.59	1:49.59	1:54.99
200 IND. MEDLEY	2:18.99	2:23.19	2:04.99	2:11.99
50 FREESTYLE	:25.79	:26.29	:22.79	:23.39
100 BUTTERFLY	1:02.99	1:05.19	:55.79	:58.39
100 FREESTYLE	:56.19	:57.59	:49.89	:51.59
500 FREESTYLE	5:28.19	5:37.99	4:59.39	5:12.99
200 FREE RELAY	1:44.99	1:47.99	1:32.99	1:35.79
100 BACKSTROKE	1:03.99	1:05.99	:57.19	:59.99
100 BREASTSTROKE	1:11.59	1:13.99	1:03.99	1:06.39
400 FREE RELAY	3:51.59	3:58.99	3:25.59	3:31.59

2006 GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER REGIONALS

(March 4)

No.	Class	School	City	Manager
1	A	Portage Northern HS	Portage	Carl Latora
2	A	Ladywood HS	Livonia	Sal Malek
3	A	Lake Orion HS	Lake Orion	William Reiss
4	A	Brighton HS	Brighton	John Thompson
5	A	Mt. Pleasant HS	Mt. Pleasant	Jim Conway
6	B	Otsego HS	Otsego	Don Knight
7	B	Columbia Central HS	Brooklyn	Mark Hubbard
8	B	OA Carlson HS	Gibraltar	Tracy Richardson
9	B	Chippewa Hills HS	Remus	Ronald Reardon
10	B	Comstock Park HS	Comstock Park	Janet Gillette
11	C	Schoolcraft HS	Schoolcraft	Ted Manning
12	C	Michigan Center HS	Michigan Center	Greg Pscodna
13	C	Whitmore Lake HS	Whitmore Lake	Robert Henry
14	C	Merrill HS	Merrill	Michael Thayer
15	C	Shelby HS	Shelby	Steve Guy

2006 COMPETITIVE CHEER FINALS

(March 11)

Class	Facility	City	Manager
All Classes	DeltaPlex	Grand Rapids	Janet Gillette

2006 GIRLS GYMNASTICS REGIONALS

(March 4)

No.	School	City	Manager
1	Rockford HS	Rockford	Keith Vree
2	Plymouth HS	Canton	Suzanne Heinzman
3	Hartland HS	Hartland	Kirk Evenson
4	Haslett HS	Haslett	Jamie Gent

2006 GYMNASTICS FINALS – March 10-11

Class	School	City	Manager
All classes	Athens HS	Troy	Bob Dowd

2006 LOWER PENINSULA INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING FINALS

March 9-11

Site	City	Manager/Coordinator
The Palace of Auburn Hills	Auburn Hills	Ron Nagy, Manager Scott Strickler, Coordinator

2006 UPPER PENINSULA INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING FINALS

February 17-18

Site	City	Manager
Marquette HS	Marquette	Mark Mattson

2006 TEAM WRESTLING TOURNAMENT FINAL PAIRINGS

March 3-4
Kellogg Arena Battle Creek

QUARTERFINALS
(Friday, March 3)

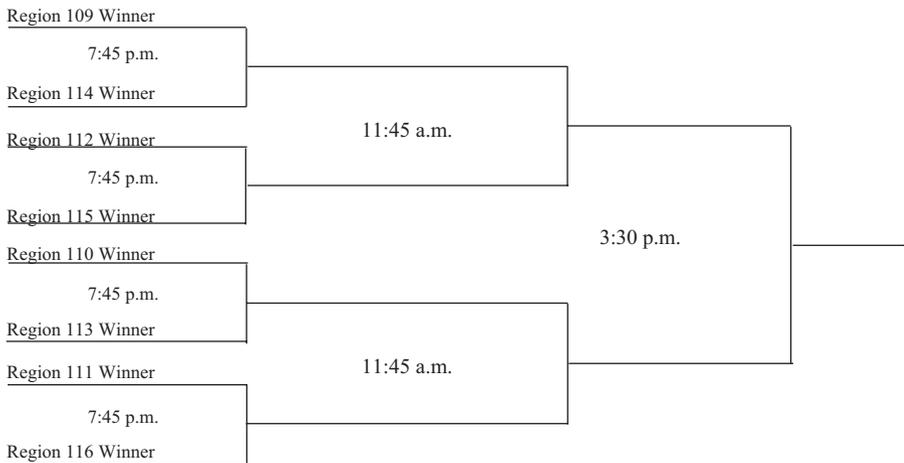
SEMIFINALS
(Saturday, March 4)

FINAL
(Saturday, March 4)

DIVISION 1



DIVISION 2



Note: All District and Regional Assignments can be found at mhsaa.com

2006 TEAM WRESTLING TOURNAMENT FINAL PAIRINGS

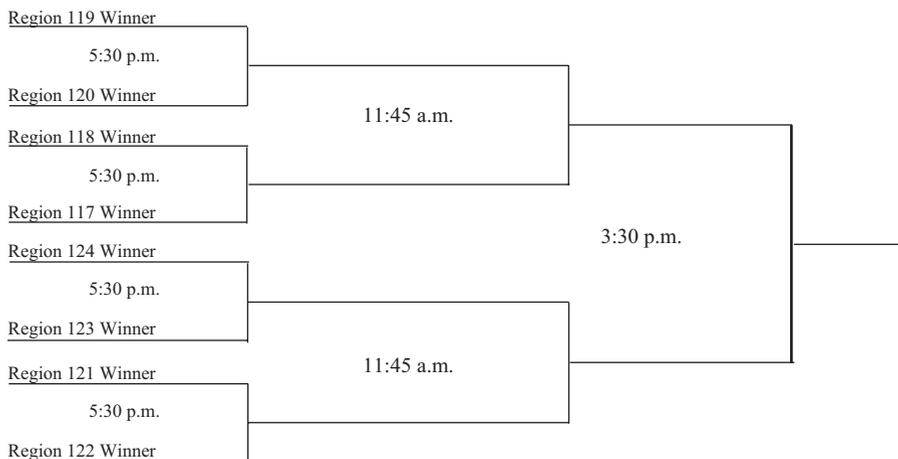
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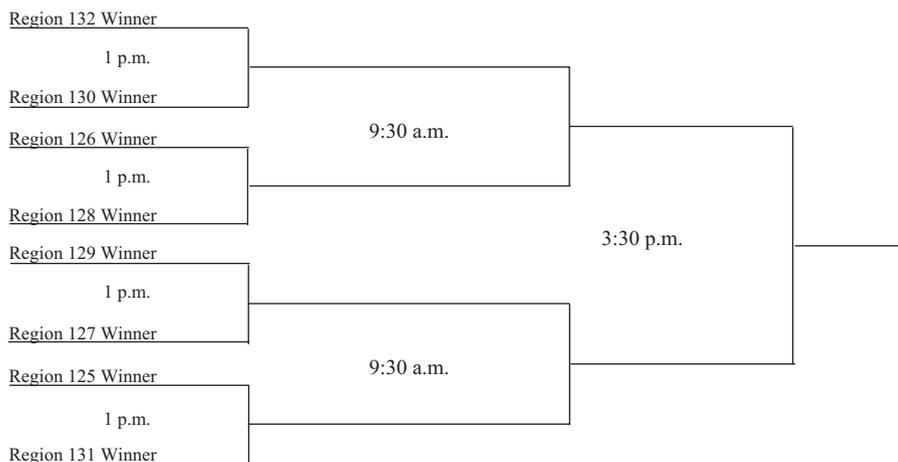
SEMIFINALS
(Saturday, March 4)

FINAL
(Saturday, March 4)

DIVISION 3



DIVISION 4



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Transfer Study Group Meeting

East Lansing, September 27, 2005

Members Present:

Mel Atkins, Grand Rapids
Rich Burdis, Flushing
Marilyn Crighton, Rochester
Keith Eldred, Williamston
Jamie Gent, Haslett
Rudy Godefroidt, Hemlock
Cody Inglis, Suttons Bay
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Fred Procter, Beverly Hills

Staff Member Present:

Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

Legal Counsel Present:

Edmund Sikorski

The executive director welcomed and introduced all study group members, half of whom had served in 2002 on the panel that had most recently given comprehensive review of the transfer regulation. The executive director stated:

1. The most litigated rule in the history of the MHSAA has been the transfer regulation. Litigation peaked in the early 1980s, and the rule has been rarely litigated since the Michigan Court of Appeals ruled in 1986 that courts are not the place to settle transfer eligibility matters; rather, transfer eligibility rules should be determined through the organizational processes of the association.
2. As it appears in the MHSAA Handbook, the transfer regulation has more stated exceptions and interpretations than any other rule. It is more often the subject of schools' requests for waiver than all other regulations combined (67 percent of 430 requests in 2004-05 involved transfer students).
3. Because of the high percentage of time and space required to administer the transfer regulation, the Executive Committee has reviewed and reaffirmed each year since 1985 a written rationale to assist its understanding and application of the transfer regulation.
4. There is a principle of athletic administration that we tend to regulate most what we agree upon least, and where we compete hardest, and therefore is most prone to abuse. In addition, there are other reasons the MHSAA spends so much time administering the transfer regulation:
 - a. An increasingly mobile society;
 - b. An increasingly destabilized family structure; and
 - c. Expanding school of choice.
5. In response to politicized legislative pressures or adverse judicial decisions, several state high school associations have abandoned a tough transfer or residency rule, tending to some variation of the principle that students are eligible wherever they are enrolled on the first day of the academic school year, but ineligible for two semesters if they transfer at a later date. Several states have reported that students have participated at four different high schools in four consecutive years or that teams made up entirely of transfer students have won state championships. One neighboring state has returned to a more traditional transfer rule after a few problematic years of "open enrollment."
6. The comprehensive transfer rule of the MHSAA is only two dozen years old. The one semester of ineligibility is briefer than the majority of states and half what is recommended by the National Federation of State High School Associations. There is more pressure from member schools and the media to toughen rather than weaken the current MHSAA rule.
7. The purposes of the Council's reactivation of this study group are to examine how brief or long the MHSAA's "one semester" rule can be, depending on the date of transfer; to determine if this is a problem that needs fixing; and to consider if there are solutions that do not create different or worse problems.

The study group's discussion included

the following:

1. The current transfer regulation is applied in a way that places academics before athletics, does not encourage mid-semester transfers and is relatively easy for school personnel to administer at their own schools and monitor at others, and none of these strengths should be lost in addressing any perceived weaknesses in the current rule.
 2. The current transfer regulation is a well refined and tested but still imperfect tool. Its imperfections include the different lengths of eligibility that result from different dates of transfer and the disparate effect on winter sports in comparison to fall and spring sports. These imperfections have been partially addressed as follows:
 - a. Section 9(E), which deals with athletic-motivated transfers, is a relatively recent addition to the transfer regulation that has been modestly successful in frustrating those who attempt to time their transfers so they are ineligible during sports seasons that are less important to them and eligible for the sports that hold their primary interest.
 - b. Section 9(D), the 90-school-day provision, is another newer feature of the transfer regulation that has allowed the MHSAA Executive Committee, on request from member schools, to shorten the period of ineligibility for students who transfer within a few days after the fourth Friday after Labor Day or the fourth Friday of February and would otherwise face nearly two full semesters of ineligibility.
- The study group explored without consensus several ways to count the 90 days differently:
- (1) Including days of practice or competition;
 - (2) Stipulating "MHSAA count days" which must be used by all schools regardless of whether or not academic classes were scheduled;
 - (3) Using a fewer number of days to eligibility for students who just miss the fourth Friday of February.
3. While considering a 90-school-day period of enrollment, regardless of the date of transfer, for all students who do not

qualify for a stated exception to the transfer regulation, the study group cited the following concerns:

- a. It would result in many different dates of eligibility and thus be more difficult to administer locally.
 - b. It would be more difficult to monitor eligibility of athletes at other schools.
 - c. It would encourage more transfers of all kinds and especially those motivated by athletics and timed to minimize the effect on a student's sports participation, regardless of the timing with respect to the academic calendar.
4. The study group considered a proposal that would allow students who transfer before the fourth Friday after Labor Day to become eligible on the first full day of academic classes after Jan. 1. While this would tend to lessen the negative effect on winter sports, it might encourage more transfers. Some study group members thought it important to continue to have a change in eligibility status occur at semesters: it was symbolically and philosophically preferred; it would generally coincide with and assure an adequate previous semester record before the student was allowed to participate; and it would assure that students who had to wait until the start of the second semester to regain eligibility under the previous semester record regulation were not treated differently than transfer students.

The study group acknowledged that changing state education laws will require continuing review of the transfer regulation. Just as expanded school of choice affected the number of transferring students, so might requirements to count instructional hours rather than days impact how periods of ineligibility are assessed; and a post-Labor Day start to the academic year will not only depress student sports participation, it will also mean in many years that four weeks of football and three weeks of other fall sports will be conducted without certainty that transfer students have adequate previous semester records and have spent a minute in a classroom of their new school.

The study group did not have consensus for any changes. Its report will be published and considered by the Representative Council before another meeting is scheduled. ■

Athletic Equity Committee Meeting

East Lansing, October 6, 2005

Members Present:

John Brown, Principal, Coloma
Jan Gillette, Comstock Park
Bereket Habtemariam, Lansing
Dewayne Jones, West Bloomfield
Paul Jones-Salaam, Baldwin
Shelly Millis, Blanchard
Fred Procter, Beverly Hills
Teri Reyburn, DeWitt
Pat Richardson, Grass Lake
Meg Seng, Ann Arbor
Jeff Zonyk, Three Rivers

Member Absent:

Terry Mileski, Rapid River

Staff Members Present:

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

The meeting continued with a review of recommendations made to the Representative Council by the Equity Committee from its start in 1986 to the present.

LITIGATION UPDATE

MHSAA Executive Director John E. Roberts provided information relating to current litigation that involve MHSAA member schools. Mr. Roberts' discussions centered on the following:

- Sport seasons case now in its 8th year of litigation. The US Supreme Court remanded the case back to the US Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals for additional review and ruling.

At the time of this meeting the only information known is that the same three-judge panel will review the remanded case. A time schedule is not known for a ruling or if additional oral arguments or presentations will be allowed.

Sport Participation: Participation topped 300,000 participants for the first time in 2004-05 in MHSAA tournament sports. Girls set an overall record for the third consecutive year; highest ever in bowling, competitive cheer, cross country, soccer, swimming and diving, and tennis; volleyball is still most popular. Boys set participation records in bowling, ice hockey, soccer and tennis. Football is still more popular. During the past decade when high school enrollment

increased 11 percent in Michigan, girls athletic participation increased 22 percent, while boys athletic participation increased 14 percent. Based on these 2004-05 participation numbers Michigan ranks 6th nationally in boys participation and 4th nationally in girls participation, while 8th is high school age population.

- The Jewish Academy of Metropolitan Detroit is continuing a lawsuit that would require the MHSAA to arrange for tournament competition dates and facilities that will not conflict with the Jewish Sabbath and holidays that are observed by this specific school. The Circuit Court judge has allowed the case to continue so that it may affect at least the fall season of 2005-06.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS

The committee was provided with a list of current MHSAA cooperative programs for high schools and junior high/middle schools. Mr. Roberts identified a brief history of cooperative programs noting that cooperative programs at its earliest beginnings were specifically designed to create additional participation opportunities for schools that may not have had sufficient student enrollment to sponsor an independent team.

Currently cooperative programs serve MHSAA member schools with the following specific policies:

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

If none of the schools involved in a proposed cooperative agreement sponsored

the sport at any level on an interscholastic basis during the previous school year, then the 3,500 maximum enrollment may be waived by the Executive Committee. However, the cooperative agreement may not exist beyond three school years.

The Executive Committee will continue to monitor cooperative programs and review requests for waiver when requested. The issues under discussion balance the association's interest in expanding participation opportunities vs promoting fairness and competitive equity.

GYMNASTICS

A survey will be distributed in November asking school administrators, coaches, students, and judges their opinions on change from winter to fall for the girls gymnastics season and the MHSAA tournament.

WOMEN IN SPORTS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Assistant Director Kathy Vrugink Westdorp presented the committee with this year's plans for the Women in Sports Leadership Conference that will be held in Lansing, Michigan at the Sheraton Hotel on February 12 and 13, 2006. The conference will again include a training session for new and emerging women officials (TWO DAE) and coaches education (CAP). The conference will present dynamic general sessions and break out speakers that will enhance leadership training for current administrators, coaches of girls teams, and student-athletes.

CAP: Mrs. Westdorp also shared information relating to CAP (Coaches Advancement Program) which enrolled and served over 350 coaches in levels 1, 2, and 3 in August and September of this year. A valued added incentive for CAP participation is a one million dollar liability insurance policy (current school year and next), for enrollees who complete any level of the program. Also, during the off year of the WISL Conference wherein mini-grants are offered, leagues and local programs may use mini-grant monies to sponsor coaches of girls sports to enroll in the CAP program.

SPORTS OFFICIALS

Assistant Director Mark Uyl provided the committee with information relating to officials recruitment, retention and current arrangements for criminal history checks.

Noting that the MHSAA will lose approximately 1,500 (overall) officials each year for various reasons, the MHSAA will register approximately 2,000 new officials (overall). It is estimated that of the approximately 2,000 new officials, only 500 of this group will remain registered in four years. Efforts are increasing to retain greater numbers of those not re-registering within this critical period. A review of the working environment, unsporting behavior by coaches and in particular, spectators, and tournament assignments will continue.

Officials Criminal History Checks: Procedures were established last year in an effort to identify those individuals registered or desiring to register as officials that have felony criminal histories, especially involving violence and/or crimes against children. Of the approximately 12,100 registered officials, it is estimated that approximately 50 persons were not allowed registration and approximately 200 others choose not to re-register for cause. This effort is in line with similar or even more restrictive standards established and required by schools and school districts for all employees.

Mr. Uyl also discussed the latest requirement that in selected sports, officials must be members in good standing with local officials associations in order to receive MHSAA tournament invitations. This requirement will be reviewed with each specific sport officials assignment committee.

Also discussed was the opportunity to use electronic systems to rate officials online.

The committee was asked to review selected data relating to the gender of registered officials over a six year period, and was asked to make suggestions on the specific kinds of data the committee would like to review. Suggestions included:

- Registrations overall in increments of 1-5, 5-10, 10-15, etc. by gender and ethnicity.
- By region (zone), by gender and ethnicity.
- A listing of colleges and universities and schools that offer officiating classes.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

The committee reviewed and discussed the following:

- 2004 Equity Committee minutes.
- 2005 National Federation Equity Committee minutes.

- Executive Summary, School Sports in Michigan.
- 2005 Update Meeting Agenda and Survey.
- 2005 May Representative Council Meeting minutes.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

The committee was asked to discuss viable and reasonable accommodations to assist physically challenged students in sport participation. The committee listened to some of the latest requests from MHSAA member schools and several of the committee members shared their own experiences with accommodation requests. The committee supported current office interpretations that allowed written approval for accommodations that are reasonable, that would not incur additional risk for participants or officials and that would not alter sport playing rules or the administration of competitions.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO STAFF

Review Women in Sport Leadership mini-grant program, sportsmanship initiatives, leadership training grants or other available sources to assist in funding student sports officials training either in local schools or sport official associations.

Suggest to the MIAAA to include in its conference schedule a session or sessions on student officials training and best practices for accommodating officials hired for contests.

Include in new athletic director in-service best practices for accommodating officials and expectations of administrative staff, and spectator conduct.

DISCUSSION

Changing demographics in urban areas may cause increased racial and socioeconomic intolerances in communities that are seeing increases in these diverse groups. The committee suggested that there may be need to better educate parents and community groups on acceptable sporting behavior at the junior high/middle school levels and possible other sub-varsity groups to stem what some think is a growing intolerance.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. ■

Gymnastics Committee Meeting

East Lansing, October 12, 2005

Members Present:

Heather Carrigan, Fraser
Jeanne Caruss, Royal Oak
Bob Dowd, Troy
Deanna Fakhouri, Troy
Ron Hammye, Livonia
Barry Hobrla, Lowell
Tracy Hoebeke, Grand Rapids
Jason Rapp, Rochester
Linda Scholl, Parma
Anne Witherall, Holt

Members Absent:

Larry Edlund, Portage
Kirk Evenson, Hartland
Keith Vree, Rockford

Members Present:

Kathy Vrugink Westdorp (Recorder)

GENERAL REVIEW AND PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE

The 2005 Gymnastics Committee met at the Michigan High School Athletic Association to review Representative Council action from 2003-04 and 2004-05; as well as to examine current MHSAA policy in respect to out-of-season coaching; determine 2006 Regional qualifying scores; and draw for Finals order.

PRIOR REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL ACTION

Through review of prior meeting minutes and Representative Council action, there had been prior discussion regarding the number of current gymnastics cooperative programs. Many committee members indicated that they felt that there were too many cooperative programs which were working with a large number of gymnasts, sufficient enough to field more than one team. Information from the Executive Summary prepared for Update Meetings was referenced which indicated that beginning in 2006-07, cooperative programs may not exist between schools whose combined enrollment exceeds 3500 students unless:

- a. none of the schools involved has sponsored the sport previously, in which case the cooperative program may be approved for up to three years; or
- b. the schools have received MHSAA Executive Committee approval to continue. Applications for this approval must be completed by March 15, 2006.

Reminders were given regarding the actions taken by the MHSAA Representative Council in May 2004 and the require-

ment of a vaulting table for the 2005-06 season. Additional clarification was reviewed and repeated which included the National Federation Girls Gymnastics Committee's approval of the new height parameters of 100 – 135 cm for the 2005-06 season.

The committee also discussed the need to survey member schools and gymnastics judges in response to continued requests to move the MHSAA Girls Gymnastics Tournament from the winter season to the fall season. Due to the more frequent the requests, there is a survey in place for all MHSAA member schools sponsoring gymnastics and all gymnastics judges. The survey will be disseminated to gymnastics judges at November Rules Meetings and will be sent to member schools on October 31, 2005 requesting opinions of the pros and cons of having the interscholastic gymnastics season in the fall. Included within the survey information is a request that member schools survey their student-athletes for their opinion and summarize the response of the student-athletes. All of the survey responses are requested to be returned by November 20, 2005.

CLARIFICATION OF OUT OF SEASON COACHING

MHSAA Interpretation 216 was reviewed by the Committee and questions were asked regarding the general prohibitions and permissions that were allowed within the rule. In essence, a reiteration was made regarding what a coach may and may not do out-of-season during the three-player limitation period. Emphasis was made that coaches shall not coordinate, officiate at, or in other ways assist with out-of-season school or non-school athletic events which involve

more than three students from the same school in a sport they coach that is sponsored by that school in grades 7 through 12 in the district in which they coach.

COACHES AND JUDGES EDUCATION

Information was shared regarding the need for coaches to receive continuing education in all aspects of coaching. The multi-leveled Coaches Advancement Program was reviewed by the committee and discussion included the need for both new and veteran coaches to continue striving for additional educational opportunities.

Each committee member also received a copy of the Gymnastics Meet Referees Manual which provides further consistency and uniformity to provisions for Meet Referees.

MHSAA TOURNAMENT SITES

The 2006 Regional and Final sites were determined and the committee members notified. The Regionals will be hosted by Rockford, Canton-Plymouth, Hartland, and Haslett. Troy-Athens High School will be the site of the 2006 Finals.

TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL QUALIFYING SCORES

A review of 2005 Regional participation information and scoring distribution for events at each site was received and discussed in order to assist the committee's charge to establish 2006 qualifying scores. There was discussion regarding National Federation gymnastics rules changes and how the rule changes might affect difficulty values of the routines normally performed in Michigan. Discussion included that individual and team qualifying scores have been consistent for close to a decade. In all cases, team entries can be accommodated by Regional hosts but there are some Regional sites that have many qualifiers. The summary of Regional scoring showed that in all cases the D2 -15th place score far surpassed the 2005 qualifying scores. The committee determined that the 2006 Regional qualifying scores will be as follows:

Vault – 7.8 (.1 increase/changed from 7.7)

Bars – 7.0 (no change)

Beam – 7.4 (no change)

Floor Exercise – 8.0 (.1 increase/changed from 7.9)

Team Score will be 119 (1.0 increase/changed from 118)

FINAL TOURNAMENT DRAW AND HOSTING

Committee members verbalized the tasks, equipment and procedures that are necessary to conduct an efficient meet. These procedures included judge's use of headsets, the use of a spring floor in warm-up and competition, score table personnel who time coaches inquiry, the need for a visible scoreboard and the necessity of having conscientious score flashers and timers. In addition, committee members participated in a draw for order of competition at the 2006 Finals. First, second and third place teams at each Regional were assigned a number by blind draw. The number the team received determined the order of competition on vault, bars, beam and floor exercise.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Because of the success of requiring a spring floor at the Finals tournament, the committee recommended that a spring floor be required at all 2006 Regional Gymnastics Tournaments. Conversation included the additional expense that would be incurred if a school did not own their own spring floor and requested a Regional tournament.

An additional consideration and recommendation to Representative Council was given to request a 5th Regional in gymnastics for the 2006-07 school year. The rationale included safety, transportation and consistency in judging between all meets. There was concern however as to whether there were enough judges for a 5th Regional to be held on any one date as well as accommodation by the Finals site for additional teams.

EDUCATION

There was a desire to make certain that the education of new officials and coaches remained a priority in gymnastics. The officials who were present indicated a willingness to continue to encourage more graduates to their ranks who would be mentored by veterans.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. The committee recommends that a spring floor be required at all 2006 Regional Gymnastics Tournaments (10-0).
2. The committee recommends that a 5th Regional be considered for the 2006-07 school year (10-0). ■

Ski Committee Meeting

East Lansing, November 3, 2005

Members Present:

Jim Bartlett, Nub's Nob (Advisory)
Bill Chilman, Cadillac (MASSP)
Dan Costigan, Beverly Hills
John Dolce, Grand Rapids
Michelle Funk, Rockford
Cody Inglis, Suttons Bay
Shaun Johnson, Benzonia
Gary Hice, Petoskey (MIAAA)
Dwayne Jones, West Bloomfield
Brad Miller, Traverse City (MHSSCA)
Sue Miller, Charlevoix (MHSSCA)

Richard Niesen, Kalamazoo
Deb VanKuiken, Holly

Members Absent:

Reg Cavender, Bloomfield Hills
Jessica Hartman, Roscommon
Randy Josey, Flint
Allan Nelson, Flushing
Hugh Potter, East Lansing

Staff Member Present:

Gina Mazzolini (Recorder)

The MHSAA Ski Committee met on November 3, 2005 at the MHSAA office. The committee was reminded of its responsibility and of the process for rule changes. After a brief welcome and introductions, the following action was taken.

PROPOSALS BY MHSSCA

1. Divide alpine ski into two equal divisions.
2. Advance four teams (each gender) from the Regional to the Final, pending approval of two equal divisions.
3. Change the distance between turning pole to turning pole of successive gates in slalom from no more than 15M to 13M.

REGIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

The committee selected Regional and Final hosts, made several changes to the Regional assignments and denied a request from a school for placement in another Regional.

Region 1 Cannonsburg - Rockford HS

Region 2 Mt. Holly - Holly HS

Region 3 Alpine Valley - W. Bloomfield/Milford

Region 4 - Boyne Mtn. - Charlevoix HS

Region 5 - Crystal Mtn. - Manistee HS

Region 6 - Timber Ridge - Kalamazoo Hackett HS

**The committee voted to continue the rotation which would have Alpine Valley host. The feeling was that Alpine Valley*

stepped up to host last year when a location was denied so they should retain their scheduled opportunity to host this year.

LIST OF REMINDERS FOR 2005-06

The committee approved a list of FAQ's to be placed in the MHSAA Ski Coaches Manual with the addition of an explanation of Limited Team Membership. (*MHSAA Handbook* – Regulation II, Section 13)

REVISIONS TO THE MHSAA

SKI COACHES MANUAL

1. Delete 7B1C – last half of first sentence – all of second sentence.
2. Change “must” to “may” in B1(d).
3. Change the distance from turning pole to turning pole of succession gates in the slalom to not more than 13M.

Make a notation of what is required versus recommended in the manual.

SECURE CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP FOR LYCRA BIBS AT THE FINALS

The committee wants to give National City the first right of refusal for sponsorship since they provided the Lycra bibs last year.

BACK-UP TIMING

Require back-up timing at the Regional and Final meets.

APPROVAL OF CUSSA/MHSAA MEETS

Region III

1. January 7-8	Age/Ability	Nub's Nob
January 6-8	Boyne MidAM Series	Boyne Highlands
2. January 28-29	Age/Ability	Boyne Mtn.
3. February 4-5	Age/Ability	Cannonsburg
February 3-6	Spirit/Atmore MidAm	Spirit Mtn.
4. February 11-12	Region III Championships	Boyne Mtn.
5. February 18-19	Age/Ability	Schuss Mtn.
February 17-18	Divisional Champs MidAm	LaCrosse

Region II

1. December 17-19	Norway High School
2. December 19-20	FIS – Nub's Nob
3. December 30-31	Mt. Ripley
4. January 6-8	FIS – Boyne Highlands
5. January 7-8	Indianhead
6. January 28-29	Marquette
7. February 3-5	Spirit

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Allow skiers to compete in both disciplines at the Final Meet if they qualify in one.
2. NASTAR timing programs.
3. Coaches breaking rules.
4. Communication with athletic director.
5. Local school support.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Divide alpine ski into two equal divisions (13-0).
2. Advance four teams (each gender) from the Regional to the Final, pending approval of two equal divisions (13-0). ■

DELAYS IN SPORTS SEASONS LITIGATION

The Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals has notified the parties in the sports seasons litigation that oral argument previously scheduled for Feb. 2, 2006 has been delayed. The parties will be notified of the exact date at a later time.

The briefing deadline has been changed from Jan. 3 to Jan. 24, 2006.



Volleyball Committee Meeting

East Lansing, November 8, 2005

Members Present:

Rich Burdis, Flushing
John Christianson, Houghton
Catherine Cost, Troy
Diane Davis, Paw Paw
Angie DelMarone, Flint
Terry Emery, Pellston (MASSP)
Cathy Erickson, Roscommon
Kathi Frank, Onsted
Claire Gentile, Grand Blanc
Jan Gillette, Comstock Park
Vicky Grant, Battle Creek
Leroy Hackley, Jenison
Kim Hagan, Okemos

Blake Hagman, Kalamazoo
Sharon Hammerschmidt, Harper Woods
Linda Hoover, Marshall
Cody Inglis, Suttons Bay (MIAAA)
Renee Kent, Big Rapids
Carl Latora, Portage
Heather McNitt, Hartford
Meg Seng, Ann Arbor
Roxanne Steenhuysen, Kentwood
Troy Walls, Detroit
Betty Wroubel, Pontiac

Staff Members Present:

Gina Mazzolini (Recorder)

The MHSAA Volleyball Committee met on Nov. 8, 2005, at the MHSAA office. After a brief welcome and introductions, the committee was reminded of its responsibility and the process for rule change.

PROPOSALS FROM MIVCA

- A. The committee proposed the sport of volleyball be classified into four equal divisions.
- B. Prematch Warmup - Last year, the committee approved the following warmup for Semifinals and Finals to be used in 2006:
 - 4 minutes – shared time
 - 4 minutes – home team
 - 4 minutes – visiting team
 - 4 minutes – home team
 - 4 minutes – visiting teamThe committee proposed the described warmup be used for all postseason matches beginning this year.
- C. Allow coaches to stand at the sideline during the match, as listed under NFHS proposed rule changes.

DISTRICT LINE JUDGES

The committee addressed concerns about the lack of trained line judges at the District level. The committee then approved the following concept: Qualified line judges must be used for all matches at the District level.

If student groups are used, there should not be any relationship to either team.

NFHS PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

- A. Change the back row player (9-5-4) to the NCAA rule.
- B. Change 5-4-e from “referee” to “game official”. (This change allows either official to sign the scorebook at the end of the match.)
- C. Allowance to stand:
 1. During play, the head coach may not enter the substitution zone. Coaches may stand directly in front of and near their bench or any portion of the scorekeeper’s table that extends toward their end line past the substitution zone, to the end of the bench, provided they are not disruptive.
 2. When the ball is out of play, the head coach may approach the court briefly to instruct players on the court in a non-disruptive manner, provided they are in the bench area and do not enter the court or substitution zone.
 3. When the ball is out of play, the head coach may address the referees for the purposes of quickly clarifying a non-judgmental ruling, confirming the number of timeouts or substitutions their team has used, requesting a substitution, lineup check, or timeout, or logging a

protest. Coaches may not enter the substitution zone to address the referees concerning judgmental decisions.

4. The head coach must be near the substitution zone to request timeouts, substitutions, or lineup checks.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- NFHS blocking rule
- Announcer duties during the postseason tournament
- Shift Regional assignments of schools.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

- A. The committee proposed the sport of volleyball be classified into four equal divisions (24-0).
- B. Change NFHS back row player to NCAA rule (24-0).
- C. Allow coaches to stand at the sideline during the match (22-1-1). ■

Golf Committee Meeting

East Lansing, November 30, 2005

Members Present:

Jim Bennett, Grosse Ile
Kevin Dean, Edwardsburg
Dave Hutton, Grandville
Larry Judson, Gaines
Gregg Kirchen, Holland
Bob Lober (MIGCA)
Nancy Mohre, Charlotte
Michael Morris, Centreville
Jim Neubecker, Byron
Pat Nowak, Ithaca
Roger Perkins, Grand Rapids
Teri Reyburn, DeWitt
Paul Sternburgh, St. Johns
Scott Street, Walled Lake

John Thompson, Brighton
John Verdura, Detroit
Jeff Whitely, Flint

Members Absent:

Ken Dietz, Hartford
Tom Hardy, Traverse City
Chad Loe, Petoskey
Chuck Schira, Portage
Deb VanKuiken, Holly

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

Executive Director Jack Roberts updated the committee on the seasons litigation. The MHSAA awaits review by the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati after the United States Supreme Court vacated an earlier Appeals Court decision and remanded the case for reconsideration by the Sixth Circuit. Schools, leagues and conferences are advised

to maintain contingency plans for a possible change in girls and boys golf seasons.

2005 TOURNAMENT REVIEW

A lengthy review and discussion took place of the new District level format instituted for the MHSAA Boys Tournament in the fall of 2005. There was general satisfaction from golf schools, coaches and managers on the District level addition. Feedback from District & Regional manager surveys was shared with the committee. Suggestions were made to make instructions more clear to schools on how to submit roster forms, better communication between District and Regional managers on forwarding information regarding advancing teams and individu-

als and to emphasize that managers send information to participating schools and coaches regarding their event. Pairings of players by team waves will continue with average season score, District place and Regional place serving as the base criteria.

The committee was updated on future plans for more on-line tools for tournament managers and participating schools. The numbers of teams and individuals that qualify from Districts to Regionals were discussed with no changes recommended. The committee was informed that communications have been made with the Golf Association of Michigan and Michigan PGA for potential assistance in Finals rules adjudication.

Policies on use of motorized carts by coaches at tournament venues were discussed, with the committee recommending that carts be made available for use by coaches at all tournament levels. Courses may charge nominal fees for cart rental which will be the responsibility of the coach and/or school.

Finals venues, greens fees, manager/host school fees, manuals and collateral materials were also reviewed and suggestions made for clarity. Support was given for lifting the blackout policy for practice rounds on Finals courses on the weekdays immediately prior to the Finals. A motion was made to eliminate the blackout and advance the recommendation to the Representative Council.

OBSERVERS, COACHING PRIVILEGES

Much discussion took place regarding the role of observers at MHSAA Tournament competition, as well as replacement observers for coaches who exercise their coaching privileges. Policies and procedures from neighboring state associations were shared with committee members. As more coaches choose to have replacements, it was recommended there be more emphasis to schools and coaches on having knowledgeable and capable persons serving in observer capacities. It was suggested it be mandatory for replacement observers to attend a meeting at the Finals site.

To further clarify observer duties, a sub-committee will update existing language to be used in future tournament manuals and school information. It was also suggested that the MHSAA Tournament policy regarding spectator conduct be recommended for regular season meets.

OUT OF SEASON COACHING RESTRICTIONS

Associate Director Tom Rashid updated committee members of the review discussions that have taken place regarding MHSAA Regulation II, Section 11(H) limiting schools coaches to coaching a maximum of three students in grades 7-12 of their school district in their sport out of season during the school year. Feedback from coaches and school administrators will be shared with the MHSAA Representative Council.

GENERAL DISCUSSION TOPICS

The committee heard reports on Finals course rotation, rules meeting content, marketing proposals and design changes for Finals scorecards. It was agreed that manager meetings for both boys and girls should continue to be conducted. Policies regarding the groupings of schools at the District level, and selection of host schools and courses for tournaments were also reviewed.

RECOMMENDATION TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Eliminate blackout dates for practice rounds on the weekdays prior to the Boys and Girls Golf Finals. Allow each participating school one practice round on the Monday through Thursday (boys) or Tuesday through Thursday (girls) of the week immediately preceding the Finals (17-0). ■

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