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ON THE COVER

The 2007-08 school year is underway, as student-athletes, coaches and athletic administrators have returned to schools across the state for another exciting year of interscholastic athletics. Highlighting the Fall Finals schedule are Football, Girls Golf and Boys Tennis.

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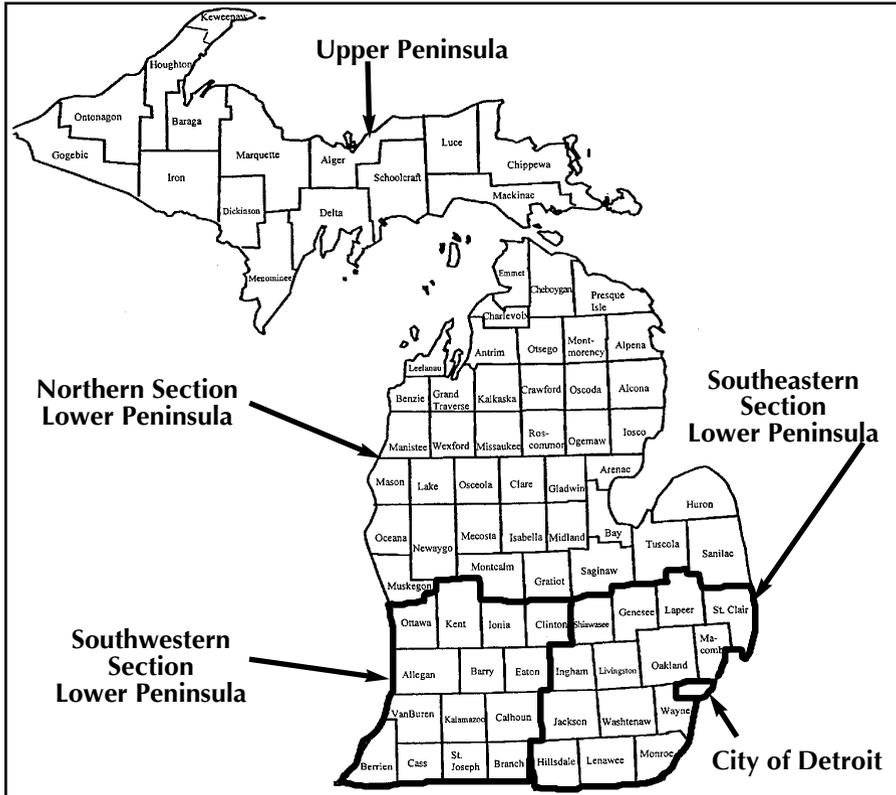
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REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AND UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Ballots to be Sent to Schools August 30, 2007

MAP OF REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL SECTIONS



Ballots for Representative Council elections will be mailed to principals of member schools from the MHSAA office Aug. 30, 2007. The ballots will be due back in the MHSAA office Sept. 13, 2007.

Six positions for membership on the Representative Council will be up for election this fall. Vacancies for two-year terms beginning December 2007 will occur as follows: Class C-D Southwestern Section, Lower Peninsula; Class C-D Southeastern Section, Lower Peninsula; Class A-B Upper Peninsula; Statewide At-Large; Junior High/Middle School, and City of Detroit.

In addition to the above named Represent-

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

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

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

Following the due date of Sept. 13, 2007, the Board of Canvassers as provided in Article IV of the Constitution of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, will meet and declare the winners for the various vacancies.

In accordance with the approved nomination and election procedures, listed candidates have submitted their desire to run for a position by March 15, 2007. They have included an approval to serve from their respective Superintendent or Principal and have certified their qualifications to run for the office which they seek. No write-ins will be possible because each candidate must be approved by March 15 in order to run for a position on the Representative Council.

Following are the declared candidates and the vacancies which will occur in December 2007:

**REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL
CANDIDATES FOR
SEPTEMBER 2007 ELECTION**

Southwestern Section, Lower Peninsula - Class C and D Schools — Ken Dietz, Athletic Director, Watervliet High School; Bob Guse, Athletic Director, Cassopolis-Ross Beatty High School; Chris Miller, Athletic Director, Gobles Middle/High School

Southeastern Section, Lower Peninsula - Class C and D Schools — Martin Covert, Faculty Member, Byron High School; Kristen M. Isom, Athletic Director, Adrian-Madison High School

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

Statewide At-Large — Darren Kecskes, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, Manton High School; Karen S. Leinaar, CAA, Athletic Director, Benzonia-Benzie Central High School; Dail Prucka, Board Member, Monroe-Jefferson Schools

Junior High/Middle Schools — Rudy Godefroidt, Superintendent, Hemlock Public Schools

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

**UPPER PENINSULA
ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

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

Class C Schools — Don Gustafson, Principal, St. Ignace-LaSalle High School

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

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to make all personnel, telephone and
address revisions necessary for the
2007-08 school year**

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

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Gaylord, May 6-8, 2007

Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan
Keith Eldred, Williamston
William Newkirk, Meridian
Renee Bird, Tawas City (May 6 & 7)
Jim Derocher, Negaunee
Ken Dietz, Watervliet
Lafayette Evans, Detroit
Eric Federico, Gibraltar
Dan Flynn, Escanaba
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Leroy Hackley, Jenison
Karen Leinaar, Benzonia
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Linda Myers, Morley
Pete Ryan, Saginaw
Randy Salisbury, Britton
Fred Smith, Kalamazoo
Wendy Shepard, Rochester Hills
Roberta Stanley, Lansing

Also Present:

Ed Sikorski, Ann Arbor (May 6 & 7, a.m.)
Jim Thelen, Lansing (May 7, a.m.)

Staff Members Present:

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

Accounts of Meetings - Motion by Randy Salisbury, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the minutes of the Representative Council Meeting of March 23, 2007; and the Executive Committee Meeting minutes of March 22 and April 18, 2007. Adopted.

Dan Flynn and Jim Derocher provided an oral report of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee Meeting held in Escanaba on April 26, 2007, and meeting minutes were provided. Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Dan Flynn, to approve the minutes. Adopted.

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

REPORTS

Legislation - The executive director distributed a report from the association's legislative liaisons.

Litigation - The Representative Council

reviewed the following documents related to the sports seasons litigation:

1. A booklet dated April 8-11, 2002, which outlined a variety of seasons changes and other scheduling mechanisms considered by MHSAA constituents at more than 50 meetings during December through April in preparation of the Compliance Plan submitted by the MHSAA, pursuant to the Order of the US District Court on Dec. 17, 2001.
2. The Compliance Plan of the MHSAA submitted to the US District Court on May 22, 2002.
3. The Injunctive Order and Opinion of the US District Court, Aug. 1, 2002, outlining the choices available to schools for changing seasons that would comply with the Court's findings in December 2001.
4. The Amended Compliance Plan submitted by the MHSAA on Oct. 30, 2002, pursuant to the District Court's Order of

Aug. 1, 2002.

5. The District Court's Order and Opinion of Feb. 27, 2003, disposing of Plaintiffs' objections to the Amended Compliance Plan.

The Council discussed developments since the announcement on April 2, 2007, that the US Supreme Court would not review the court-ordered change of MHSAA tournament dates, including a Motion to Intervene, filed by an individual in the US District Court, requesting that the Court modify its previous Orders which found that fall is a disadvantageous season for girls tennis and approved the plan to conduct the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Girls Tennis Tournament in the spring. The District Court has ordered the MHSAA to respond to this motion by May 15, 2007; and the nature of the MHSAA's response was discussed.

The Council then reviewed its previously approved "MHSAA Tournament Contingencies," as well as nine policies previously approved for modification if appeals failed and MHSAA contingency plans would be required. The staff reported several "transition initiatives" it had undertaken related to MHSAA officials and tournament venues. Additional "transition concerns" were presented for Council action.

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Fred Smith, to give the Executive Committee authority to be flexible with the application of cooperative program deadlines for all sports during the 2007-08 school year if the application delay is demonstrated to be the direct result of changing seasons and declining participation on existing teams. Adopted.

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Eric Federico, to approve for both boys and girls golf and tennis in the Lower and Upper Peninsulas during 2007-08 that students may participate in a maximum of four (not two) non-school events in a particular sport during their high school season in that sport under the Limited Team Membership rule (Regulation I, Section 13[A]). Defeated.

The Council discussed but took no action on two other general matters:

1. Considering the establishment of a point where a drop in school sponsorships of a sport is significant enough that staff would be authorized to reclassify the

sport for MHSAA tournaments in 2007-08.

2. Considering slight adjustments of MHSAA tournament dates to help students continue to participate during 2007-08 in the same sports they participated in during 2006-07 but will find difficult to do because of changing seasons. Several scenarios were examined.

The Council then reviewed several issues unique to the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Golf Finals. There was no action to allow the Finals for different divisions to be scheduled on different days of the week, and there was consensus the starting times should be 9 a.m. on Friday and 7:30 a.m. on Saturday at all venues. There was long discussion but no action regarding items presented in a May 3, 2007 letter from the executive director of the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association.

The Council then reviewed Michigan's high school athletic participation statistics that are very high in comparison to other states, and the dramatic drop in boys and girls basketball and girls volleyball participation in those states which had been forced to change those high school sports seasons in recent years. There was concern that if Michigan schools merely switch seasons, and do not take a more imaginative approach, the result in Michigan will be little better than elsewhere.

Motion by Dan Flynn, supported by Keith Eldred, that to help maintain Michigan's historically high participation rates, the MHSAA should lead its constituencies through a study and discussion of the various alternative scheduling mechanisms that were presented in 2002, including a "summer season" for golf, tennis and other sports, as well as additional ideas to continue to maximize student participation in interscholastic athletics, with results and recommendations for Council consideration at its Nov. 30, 2007 meeting. Adopted.

Administration - The executive director reported that **MHSAA membership** during the 2006-07 school year was 762 high schools and 814 junior high/middle schools as of April 1, 2007. This compares to 762 and 818, respectively, as of April 1, 2006.

Eligibility advancement applications were received and approved for 12 students during the 2006-07 school year, the lowest since this provision was first established for the 1987-88 school year. The record high was 94 applications during the 1991-92 school year.

As of April 5, 2007, there were 205 **cooperative program agreements** for high schools (an increase of eight over the previous year) and 57 cooperative program agreements for junior high/middle schools (an increase of four). Additional programs had been approved by the Executive Committee at its meetings on April 18 and May 5. The most frequent sports involved in cooperative programs at the high school level are ice hockey, boys swimming & diving, girls swimming & diving, football and gymnastics. At the junior high/middle school level, the sports most frequently involved in cooperative programs are boys and girls track & field, football and wrestling.

It was reported that 242 **Educational Transfer Forms** were processed for the 2006-07 school year through April 12, 2007, a decrease of four over 2005-06. Public school to public school transfers continue to be the most common (194), and the divorce exception (No. 8) continues to be the most frequent reason (184) for the Educational Transfer Form to be used.

Travel Forms for Out-of-State Practice were filed by a record 105 schools for the 2006-07 school year, reflecting that the Representative Council's ideas and the staff's efforts to improve reporting have been successful. Such efforts should be continued to assure fuller compliance with this requirement than was first established in 1994-95.

The eight **Update Meetings** of September and October 2006 were attended by 1,135 persons. The schedule of eight Update Meetings for 2007 was presented.

A summation of **mailings** from the MHSAA office to Representative Council members during 2006-07 was provided.

A listing of **violations** by schools and officials between April 11, 2006 and April 10, 2007 indicated that the total number of violations for the year was well below average. It appears that in spite of turnover among administrators, but because of the convenience of technology, the association

may be headed toward a time of fewer administrative/paperwork violations.

The associate director described the **Athletic Director In-Service** programs conducted by the MHSAA during 2006-07, reporting that the previous year's record attendance of 637 was surpassed by 77. The schedule for the fall of 2007 was presented and the three sessions for First-Year Athletic Director Orientation were emphasized. Discussion ensued about ways to encourage better participation in training events by administrators of small schools and charter schools, including a session specifically for administrators of small and charter schools in southeast Michigan in the fall of 2007.

Assistant Director Kathy Westdorp reported that 36 sessions of the **Coaches Advancement Program (CAP)** have been conducted, with more scheduled for May and June, in another aggressive year of coaches education in the Michigan High School Athletic Association that will reach more than 1,000 coaches. Among highlights was the training of 180 coaches of the Public School League of Detroit and 100 of the Macomb Area Conference. More than 4,000 coaches who have completed CAP now receive the online newsletter Game Plans six times a year. Many school districts are starting or ending their school year with CAP as a part of their staff professional development programs.

Looking forward, the summer will be filled with curriculum review and training of presenters. The MHSAA will be convening representatives of Michigan's colleges and universities to assist its presentation of CAP to undergraduate and graduate students. CAP Level 6 will be offered twice regionally during 2007-08, presenting a modification of the NAIA Champions of Character "Coaching for Significance" program.

Assistant Director Mark Uyl reported that **officials' registrations** for 2006-07 will finish a near record high, once again with over 12,000. It was reported that over one-half of all officials renew their registrations online.

Officials Reports for the spring 2006, fall 2006, and winter 2006-07 seasons were reviewed, revealing no particular trends.

Criminal history checks had been performed on 15,591 MHSAA registered offi-

cial as of April 16, 2007. The association is finding that approximately ten percent of potential registrants have had at least one conviction of any kind; and of those, approximately 12 percent have had multiple convictions. Of the officials with criminal convictions, the association revoked the registration privileges of 5.4 percent because of the nature of the offense and/or frequency of offenses. The goal is to assure that no person who is unable to be employed by schools becomes registered as an MHSAA official.

The association uses multiple sources to conduct these checks, including the Michigan Public Sex Offender Registry and the Michigan State Police ICHAT system; and the requirement that registering officials provide their driver's license number not only provides another source of information, but also reduces false positives. The MHSAA's individual and confidential procedures include the opportunity for officials to respond to findings before registration is denied or suspended.

Representative Council member Linda Myers provided a report of her service on the **Student Records Review Group** of the National Collegiate Athletic Association which provides NCAA staff an experienced panel to review appeals by students whose credits are not being accepted for initial eligibility for intercollegiate athletics at NCAA member institutions.

Student Advisory Council - Representative Council member Keith Eldred updated his colleagues on the first year's activity of the MHSAA Student Advisory Council, and the selection of the second group of eight members; and the Council discussed ways to utilize the 16-member SAC in preparing policies, procedures and programs for the consideration of member schools.

The Council discussed at length its concerns, and those of other state high school associations, for the operations and directions of the National Federation of State High School Associations.

OLD BUSINESS

Rules Meetings/Publications - Motion by Ken Dietz, supported by Jim Derocher, to accomplish the following:

1. (a) Make online rules meetings available to coaches and officials in all

sports on an emergency basis if economic, fuel or other unforeseen conditions make that necessary, otherwise on an optional basis in 2008-09, with the ideal of maintaining face-to-face rules meetings at a few sites for each sport in every year meetings are conducted (unless a more urgent schedule is needed, the phase-in of online meetings will commence with track & field in January of 2008); and (b) take no action at this time regarding sport committee proposals to change rules meetings frequency and requirements in golf, swimming & diving and tennis.

2. Complete the move to alternate-year rule publications by 2009-10; and determine the source of rules, the frequency of rules changes (annual or biannual), online availabilities and other details by the March 2008 meeting of the Council.

Adopted.

Calendar Proposals - A comprehensive proposal related to practice and competition start dates and MHSAA tournament schedules had been prepared for the Council's approval for dissemination to the membership and constituent discussion throughout the state during the fall of 2007. The intent is to respond to the later start of classes mandated for public schools and to address other issues - including (a) policies to prescribe minimum number of team practices before competition in all sports, and (b) adjustments that would reduce overlap between seasons - all of which is consistent with the Council's previous actions to de-pressurize out-of-season periods for coaches and athletes (pre-season down time, summer dead period, limitations on physical education courses).

Because of the court-ordered change of seasons, and the need to explore alternative scheduling mechanisms to maintain high participation rates, the Council considered delaying action to disseminate and discuss these comprehensive proposals; but eventually the Council determined these issues to be pressing and not inconsistent with many of the alternative scheduling options that will be considered to offset the decline in participation that has not been avoided following

court-ordered changes of girls volleyball and basketball seasons in other states.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Pete Ryan, that the MHSAA lead a comprehensive discussion this fall of calendar issues related to season start and end dates and minimum practice requirements, and report results and recommendations to the Council at its meeting Nov. 30, 2007. Adopted.

REGULATIONS

Non-Traditional Schools/Programs -

The Executive Committee had asked staff to investigate options for counting and determining the school of eligibility for students enrolled in non-traditional schools or programs. The executive director described the brief discussion of the MHSAA Classification Committee and reviewed the minutes of an ad hoc committee that met Feb. 27, 2007 for the express purpose of reviewing current rules and possible changes in policies and procedures. The result of the meetings was strong consensus favoring retention of current rules, and serious reservations regarding proposed changes. Therefore, no proposals were presented to the Council, and no action was taken.

Trimesters - The Council reviewed the treatment of trimester academic schedules within the *MHSAA Handbook* and a two-step plan by the staff to respond to the apparent trend toward an increased number of schools with trimester schedules so the *Handbook* is equally usable to school administrators, regardless of their school calendar. In Step 1, the staff will attempt to give trimesters status equal to that of semesters within the language of the 2008-09 *Handbook*. In Step 2, occurring simultaneously, staff will involve constituents in a review of the substance of the *Handbook* and propose to the Council any substantive changes found to be necessary to assure students involved in interscholastic athletics are treated as equally as possible under all rules, regardless of the academic schedule of their schools. Council members suggested several new and old ideas to be included in these deliberations during the 2007-08 school year.

Consolidation/Collaboration - The Council reviewed current *Handbook* regulations and interpretations, as well as answers by staff to frequently asked questions related

to school consolidations, closings, annexations and mergers as well as collaborations between schools for economic savings.

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

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

Regulation I, Section 1 - Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Randy Salisbury, to approve 2006-07 *Handbook* Interpretation 11 to read as follows: "With district administration approval, students in grades seven and eight, or grade nine of a junior high/middle school, may observe high school practices, and schools may conduct separate practices for junior high/middle schools at the same site and time as senior high school students if the schools are part of the same district. However, the senior high school students shall not engage in direct participation with or against junior high/middle school students during such practices. If it is not the junior high/middle school season or the junior high/middle school does not sponsor the sport, out-of-season coaching controls and/or undue influence rules may apply. MHSAA member high school teams may not practice or compete with or against junior high/middle school teams or students (except as permitted in Section 1[D])." Adopted.

Regulation I, Section 12 - Motion by Keith Eldred, supported by Jim Derocher, to approve the rewriting of Interpretations 119-122 as indicated in Appendix "1" to these minutes. Adopted.

Regulations I and III, Section 13(B) - Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Randy Salisbury, to modify these sections, related to high school national championship and all-star competition, to begin as follows: "After once representing any MHSAA member school in competition in any MHSAA tournament sport . . ." Adopted.

Regulation II, Section 11(H) 2-b(3) - Motion by William Newkirk, supported by Linda Myers, to approve the following new

Interpretation:

“The summer dead period is intended to provide at least seven consecutive days when school coaches will have no contact with students in grades 7-12 of the school district in any manner related to any sport sponsored by that school. Unplanned, casual, normal community contact is permitted.

“It is intended that no sport-related involvement, including attendance at school sport-related fundraisers and functions, take place during the summer dead period.

“It is intended that no sport activities occur on school premises during the summer dead period that involve school coaches or are sponsored by the school or supported by the school.

“Because school personnel are prohibited from holding such activities, it is intended that no school facilities be planned for use by non-school groups or individuals for athletic purposes (including student-led practices or conditioning) during the summer dead period.”

Adopted.

Regulation II, Section 11(H) 2-b(4) -

Motion by Randy Salisbury, supported by Scott Grimes, to approve the following additional language for the preseason down time: “Regardless of what they are called or where they are held, coach-conducted running or swimming sessions which involve the structure of distances and timing and/or teach sport-specific technique shall not be provided even on a voluntary basis during the down time prior to cross country, track & field or swimming & diving seasons if they are conducted by the school coaches of those sports.” Adopted.

Regulation V, Section 2 - Motion by Randy Salisbury, supported by Linda Myers, to approve the following addition to this Section: “Note: The MHSAA will not be involved in investigating or mediating contract disputes between member schools of the same league or conference.” It is intended that this apply to schools in different divisions of the same league or conference. Adopted.

Non-Traditional Schools - Motion by Jim Derocher, supported by William Newkirk, to approve the changes to the classification procedures described on page 93 of the 2006-07 *Handbook*, as indicated in Appendix “2” to these minutes (Items 8-13 are renumbered 9-14). Adopted.

Game Suspension Policies - Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Eric Federico, to approve the following provisions in the game suspension policies in the 2006-07 *Handbook*, pages 98 and 99:

1. Revise IV-A to read as follows: “Delays for contests scheduled prior to 3 p.m. must not exceed three hours. Delays for contests scheduled for 3 p.m. or later must not exceed one and one-half hours. Delays on nights not followed by school for all the competing teams may be longer by mutual agreement of participating schools. A postponed contest shall be rescheduled on a date/time mutually agreed to by the schools involved.”
2. Revise the Note to read as follows: “NOTE: MHSAA tournament policies for MHSAA tournament contests, or more restrictive local policies for regular season contests, would supersede these policies and should be shared with the opponents and officials prior to the contest, preferably in writing. Otherwise, and to the extent allowed by the playing rules code, the official(s) shall make the final decision regarding game suspension once the game begins.”

Adopted.

Regulation I, Section 13 - Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Scott Grimes, to approve the following new Interpretation to the end of this Section:

“Olympic Development Programs' or 'national teams' do not gain the exclusive and exceptional treatment of Section 3(C) because of what they are called. They are evaluated on the basis of what they are. Regardless of what they are called, the following situations (not all-inclusive) do not qualify for the exception of Section 13(C):

- “a. state, regional or national championships for non-school club/community teams; and/or
 - “b. any team whose makeup is less than statewide; and/or
 - “c. any competition that involves residents of Michigan only.
- “A program containing any one of the above (but not limited to these situations) is NOT an Olympic Development Program for the purposes of this Section.” Adopted.

Regulation II, Section 11(H) - Motion by Keith Eldred, supported by William Newkirk, to approve the following changes to 2006-07 *Handbook* Interpretation 217-d (underscored is new): “The program or business the coach is involved with is in strict compliance with MHSAA member school prohibitions against national high school championships and high school all-star competition, and the coach is not involved during the school year in any way with any form of national competition involving athletes of the age of junior high/middle school or high school students.” Adopted.

Regulation II, Section 11(H) 2-b(3) - Motion by Dan Flynn, supported by Karen Leinaar, to continue only to recommend that the required seven-day dead period include the Fourth of July. Adopted (no change).

Sample Forms - Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Vic Michaels, to remove the Sample Forms from the *MHSAA Handbook*, but reference their availability at mhsaa.com and continue to emphasize their availability at Athletic Director In-Service programs. Adopted.

MEMBER CONCERNS

Canton High School requested consideration of the addition of girls ice hockey to the list of sports the MHSAA serves with a post-season tournament. Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Dan Flynn, to authorize the staff to invite the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League to stage its championship game as a preliminary to the 2008 MHSAA Ice Hockey Finals on Saturday, March 8, at Compuware Arena, provided the MHSAA tournament schedule is not delayed to the inconvenience of participating teams and the arrangements will improve the overall finances of the MHSAA Ice Hockey

Finals. Adopted.

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools requested consideration of a policy that would limit to two the number of its three high schools that could be placed in the same MHSAA District tournament. Motion by Dan Flynn, supported by William Newkirk, to not approve this variance in MHSAA tournament assignment procedures. Adopted (no change).

ATHLETIC EQUITY

Motion by William Newkirk, supported by Eric Federico, to approve the Athletic Equity Committee recommendation to include in MHSAA New Athletic Director Orientation programs the topic of equity in the use/assignments of facilities for practices and games. Adopted.

Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Ken Dietz, to approve the Athletic Equity Committee recommendation to provide Web site links to appropriate sites with tools for self-examination of equity issues. Adopted.

JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOLS

The Junior High/Middle School Committee recommendation to provide an explicit prohibition for football, ice hockey and wrestling in Regulation IV, Section 1, Interpretation 242 in the 2006-07 *Handbook*, that describes the waiver process for 6th-graders' participation, was included in the previously adopted *Handbook* consent package.

Motion by Keith Eldred, supported by Lafayette Evans, to approve the Junior High/Middle School Committee recommendation to revise Regulation IV, Section 5, Interpretation 251 of the 2006-07 *Handbook*, to read: “Member school teams and individuals may not participate in any event that is or purports to be a state junior high/middle school championship.” Adopted.

Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Jim Derocher, to approve the Junior High/Middle School Committee and Lacrosse Committee recommendations to include in Regulation IV, Section 10, a 13-week junior high/middle school season with a 12-game limit, including two multi-team tournaments, effective with the 2008-09 school year. Adopted.

CLASSIFICATION

The Council reviewed the Classification Summary for 2007-08.

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Randy Salisbury, to approve the Classification Committee recommendation to continue the current policy for Boys and Girls Soccer Tournament classification, placing 20 percent of sponsoring schools in Division 4 and placing the remaining 80 percent equally in Divisions 1, 2 and 3. (This proposal is in opposition to the Soccer Committee recommendation.) Adopted (no change).

OFFICIALS

Motion by Ken Dietz, supported by Scott Grimes, to approve the following modification of the Officials Review Committee recommendation: Beginning in 2007-08, establish a 30-question online rules examination (randomized from 50 questions) available (optional) to all officials in baseball, basketball, football, ice hockey, boys and girls lacrosse, soccer, softball, volleyball and wrestling, with the results provided to MHSAA tournament officials selection committees in those sports; and to not approve the Officials Review Committee recommendation to require tournament officials to complete the above referenced test to be eligible to work MHSAA tournaments beginning in 2007-08. Adopted.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Vic Michaels, to approve the Officials Review Committee recommendation to base the number of tournament assignments each zone receives in all levels of all sports on the number of approved officials in that zone during the previous year, rather than where the host sites are located. Adopted.

Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Keith Eldred, to approve in concept an online program for officials to rate schools' sportsmanship. Details will be submitted to the Council for approval at its Nov. 30, 2007 meeting. Adopted.

Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Fred Smith, to eliminate the annual registration patch for officials but require an undated (permanent) patch unique for registered officials, to be worn on the chest (effective 2008-09). Adopted.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by

Keith Eldred, to allow MHSAA staff to approve, for registered officials who are Michigan residents, membership and attendance in out-of-state associations as an acceptable alternative to being a member in good standing of an MHSAA approved association. Before staff would approve a request, the MHSAA will review the policies, requirements and meeting schedules of these out-of-state associations to be certain the important elements are similar between these groups and MHSAA approved associations. Adopted.

Motion by Dan Flynn, supported by Fred Smith, to allow non-Michigan residents who are members of MHSAA approved associations to be eligible for selection to work the entry level of MHSAA tournaments provided they meet all published criteria (rules meeting attendance, submission of schedule, "approved" status, member in good standing of MHSAA approved association where applicable). Adopted.

COMMITTEES

The Council was supplied with a description of MHSAA committees, a copy of the MHSAA Sport Committee Guide, a review of the committee appointment procedures adopted by the Representative Council in May of 1987 and modified in December 2006, a list of those who had identified themselves as candidates for committees in 2007-08, a list of schools not represented on any committees for the past five years, and a list of those who had declined committee appointments in 2006-07. Council members were encouraged to submit nominations for committees, making special efforts to provide nominations from principals, small schools, females and minorities, and any school which has not been represented in recent years. The staff will compile the suggestions and submit them to the Executive Committee for review and appointment. Names of committee members selected to serve during the 2007-08 school year will be published in the MHSAA Bulletin. The only exceptions are those committees involving the selection of tournament officials and award recipients.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Baseball/Softball - Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Randy Salisbury, to not

approve the Baseball/Softball Committee recommendation to conduct the Regional tournament on Friday (the day before the current tournament date) with the following day (Saturday) as the rain date. Adopted (no change).

Basketball - Motion by Randy Salisbury, supported by William Newkirk, to not approve the following three recommendations of the Basketball Committee:

1. Allow schools to experiment with at least a portion of regular-season varsity games in two 18-minute halves, rather than four 8-minute quarters.
2. Allow member schools to add to the 20-game regular-season schedule an additional tournament of not more than two games.
3. Establish a group to study interest in expansion of the MHSAA Basketball Tournament classifications and, if the consensus is favorable, to formulate a recommendation for a specific number of classes/divisions and a tournament format.

Adopted (no change).

Bowling - Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Pete Ryan, to approve the following five Bowling Committee recommendations:

1. Standardize team tournament lane rotation at the Regionals and Finals as follows: even lane rotates one pair right and the odd lane rotates one pair left.
2. Change the order of Regional qualifying to team competition on Friday and singles competition on Saturday (as the Finals).
3. Change the qualifying round format at the Finals to two regular games and eight Baker games; change the team match game round format at the Finals to one regular game and four Baker games.
4. Standardize the regular season format to be two regular and two Baker games for all conference team competition with a 30-point system. Schools and conferences may determine the order of games and tiebreaker policies, and other formats may be used for invitational events and non-conference matches.

5. Establish tiebreaker procedures for champions and final qualifier position at Regionals and Finals as follows: Singles - one regular game, and if still tied, then a ninth and tenth frame roll-off, repeated until the tie is broken; Team - one Baker set (two games), and if still tied, then a sixth through tenth frame Baker format roll-off, repeated until the tie is broken.

Adopted.

Motion by Eric Federico, supported by Keith Eldred, to approve the following two Bowling Committee recommendations:

1. Advance to the Classification Committee a recommendation that when the number of school-sponsored bowling programs reaches 320, then the MHSAA tournament should be conducted in four equal divisions with six Regionals in each division.
2. Should the number of schools sponsoring bowling exceed 300 but not reach 320, add a seventh Regional to the existing three-division tournament, and adjust the Finals qualifiers to maintain approximately the same size Finals field.

Adopted.

Girls Competitive Cheer - Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Leroy Hackley, to approve the following recommendations of the Girls Competitive Cheer Committee:

1. Allow a high school flyer to pass through an inverted position for an entrance under the specific six conditions listed and updated for the 2007-08 Manual.
2. Allow junior high/middle school teams to perform a double- or triple-base straddle lift V-sit (with spotter).
3. In an effort to rate officials with consistency, require that all category scores of all teams in the division be made available (upon request) to coaches following the meet, and recommend that a copy be provided to all coaches.
4. Continue having 4-16 participants in competitive cheer; keep the 2-participant differential between the rounds; include a competitor multiplier in Round 2 which will balance the risk

of entering more participants in the round. This competitor multiplier will range from a 1.0 for 4 competitors to a 1.120 for 16 competitors.

5. Reduce penalties in all rounds and make the penalties relate to the risk of the competitor.
6. In order to enhance the value and role of Round 1 in the whole of competitive cheer and to clarify the score sheet (making it more consistent with similar categories in Round 3), divide the current "Team Coordination" category of 10 points into two 10-point categories: "Team Coordination of Motions" and "Execution of Motions."
7. Stipulate that a penalty should be given only if the requested paperwork is not received before 4 p.m. the day before a meet. The meet director may request that the paperwork be received earlier; however, the paperwork is not required until 4 p.m. the day before the meet.
8. Monitor the number of teams that are added to competitive cheer and consider Pre-regional competition.

Adopted.

Cross Country/Track & Field - Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Pete Ryan, to not approve the following Cross Country/Track & Field Committee recommendations:

1. In cross country, advance to the Finals the top 20 runners who are not on qualifying teams from Regionals where there are more than 80 finishers.
2. Allow watches to be worn in both cross country and track & field competition.

Adopted (no change).

Football - Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Dan Flynn, to approve the Football Committee recommendation to adopt specific policies for when bands may play during MHSAA Football Playoff games, stating that bands may play during the pregame, any dead ball, halftime and after the game, and that bands may play from the official's dead ball whistle until players break the huddle for traditional huddle offenses or to the official's whistle for ready-to-play when non-tradition-

al, no-huddle offenses are used. Adopted.

Motion by Lafayette Evans, supported by Dan Flynn, to add this additional requirement to Pre-District scheduling in 2007: "Unless teams mutually agree to a different time, Pre-District games scheduled on Saturday, Oct. 27, shall be at 7 p.m. or, where host facilities lack lights, at 2:30 p.m. Adopted.

Golf - Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Vic Michaels, to approve the Golf Committee recommendation to allow one practice round at the Finals course for each qualifying team and individual after completion of the school's Regional and before the first scheduled day of the Final tournament. Adopted.

Action on the Golf Committee recommendation to require head coaches of all MHSAA member schools sponsoring boys or girls golf to attend an annual rules meeting was delayed as a part of Rules Meetings/Publications under Old Business.

Ice Hockey - Motion by Eric Federico, supported by William Newkirk, to approve the Ice Hockey Committee recommendation that, effective with the 2008 MHSAA tournament, officials assigned to the Quarterfinal, Semifinal or Final round of the tournament will be required to have worked a minimum of 10 high school games during that regular season and submit a schedule to the MHSAA. Adopted.

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Scott Grimes, to approve the Ice Hockey Committee recommendation to double existing National Federation rule book game suspensions for player and coach disqualifications due to unsportsmanlike and/or flagrant conduct, fighting and all other situations when a game disqualification is assessed. Adopted.

Boys Lacrosse - Motion by Scott Grimes, supported by Dan Flynn, to approve the Boys Lacrosse Committee recommendation to discontinue offering a Tier III tournament but to continue on a permanent basis the tournament structure (seeding/geography) of the Boys Lacrosse Tournament, with the Boys Lacrosse Committee developing and refining criteria as necessary. Adopted.

The Boys Lacrosse Committee recommendation to establish limits on competition at the junior high/middle school level was acted on previously under Junior

High/Middle Schools (approved).

Motion by Dan Flynn, supported by Fred Smith, to not approve the Boys Lacrosse Committee recommendation to establish additional requirements for open gyms. Adopted (no change).

Girls Lacrosse - Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Jim Derocher, to approve the Girls Lacrosse Committee recommendation to discontinue the Tier III tournament. Adopted.

The Girls Lacrosse Committee recommendation to establish limitations on junior high/middle school girls lacrosse was the subject of previous action under Junior High/Middle Schools (approved).

Alpine Skiing - Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Karen Leinaar, to not approve the Ski Committee recommendation to advance four teams of each gender from the Regional to the Final. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Dan Flynn, to approve the waiver procedure recommended by the Executive Committee. See Appendix "3." Adopted.

Soccer - Motion by William Newkirk, supported by Vic Michaels, to not approve the Soccer Committee recommendation to allow a 12th-grade student who is 17 years of age or older to officiate high school varsity soccer games as an assistant referee. Adopted (no change).

The Soccer Committee recommendation to reclassify the MHSAA Soccer Tournament into four equal divisions was the subject of earlier action under Classification (not approved).

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Jim Derocher, to approve a staff modification of a Soccer Committee recommendation that will allow the staff to have the authority in case of extreme travel to change the site and also the time, if necessary, for Semifinal games as well as Regional games. Adopted.

Motion by Eric Federico, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the Soccer Committee recommendation to stipulate that when the disciplinary action against a player, coach or bench personnel involves the display of a yellow and a red card simultaneously, the penalty for the infraction shall be increased to include a next day of competition suspension. Adopted.

The Soccer Committee recommendation

to survey schools regarding the amount of practice time prior to the first competition will be a part of the comprehensive study authorized under Old Business.

Swimming & Diving - Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Vic Michaels, to approve the following three Swimming & Diving Committee recommendations:

1. Modify the cut process for diving at the Regional meets so that all divers, regardless of the size of the field, will perform five dives, then cut to 20 divers to do three more dives, and then cut to 16 divers who will finish their list, advancing the top 12 to the Finals.
2. Allow the Diving Regional manager to select the start time of the meet, but no earlier than 3 p.m. and not later than 5 p.m.
3. Stipulate that no one, including the host school's divers or any diver coached by the host school's coach, may use the Regional diving facility within one hour of the scheduled warm-up.

Adopted.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Eric Federico, to not approve the Swimming & Diving Committee recommendation to stipulate that any swimmer or diver, whether exhibition or scoring, may use his or her result to qualify for the Regional Diving Meet or Final Swim Meet. Adopted (no change).

Action on the Swimming & Diving Committee recommendation to require rules meetings every year for coaches, and also for officials who wish to officiate postseason events, was delayed as a part of Rules Meetings/Publications under Old Business.

Tennis - Action on the Tennis Committee recommendation to require mandatory attendance by coaches every other year at a rules meeting and that newly appointed coaches attend on a mandatory basis in their first year of coaching, was delayed as a part of Rules Meetings/Publications under Old Business.

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by William Newkirk, to approve the Tennis Committee recommendation to institute a set break at the end of the first set which would take place regardless of whether the set ended

in an even or odd number of games (the set break could last up to two minutes maximum and coaching would be allowed during that time). Adopted.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Jim Derocher, to not approve the Tennis Committee recommendation to provide three balls to start each match at the Final tournament, and if there is a split set, to provide three more balls. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the staff modification of the Tennis Committee recommendation that the Limited Team Membership rule for tennis be like that of alpine ski, applying from the point of the team's first competition. Adopted.

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Vic Michaels, to not approve the Tennis Committee recommendation to limit the number of teams assigned to the Regionals to eight teams or a maximum of nine if necessary. Adopted (no change).

Volleyball - Motion by Jim Derocher, supported by Eric Federico, to not approve the Volleyball Committee recommendation to allow the head coach to stand in the area in front of the team bench during play. Adopted (no change).

The Volleyball Committee recommendation to increase the MHSAA's reimbursement of line judges at MHSAA tournaments was referred to the Audit and Finance Committee for action.

The Volleyball Committee recommendation to change the language referencing the junior high/middle school net height was approved in the *Handbook* consent package previously adopted.

Wrestling - Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Pete Ryan, to approve the Wrestling Committee recommendation regarding home weigh-in procedures, to read as follows:

1. Leagues and conferences may adopt home weigh-in procedures by written mutual consent prior to the regular season for all league/conference competition.
2. For regular-season duals meets and invitational tournaments, home weigh-in procedures shall be specified on contracts or other written correspondence as a condition of partici-

pation. Schools that agree to the conditions of the competition agreement may not subsequently request an onsite weigh-in.

Note: Agreements and consent for home weigh-in procedures shall be done through school athletic administration.

3. For regular-season competition not governed by league or conference adoption or contractual agreements between schools that specify a home weigh-in as a condition of participation, an onsite weigh-in on the day of competition shall be conducted.

Adopted.

Tournaments - MHSAA staff is engaged in a sport-by-sport review of tournament policies and procedures, and the Council was presented the worksheets with 44 categories being considered in three different groupings. Individual wrestling has advanced furthest in this study, and for a variety of reasons the next sports to be put through this evaluation will be boys golf, boys and girls basketball, girls volleyball, girls competitive cheer and football.

MHSAA staff has also begun an examination of the larger issues affecting high school sports in general and MHSAA tournaments in particular. Six focus issues were presented to the Council. It is anticipated that this study will be data driven and that at least preliminary reports will be delivered to the Representative Council at its Nov. 30 meeting.

OPERATIONS

Calendar - Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Randy Salisbury, to approve the seven-year calendar of MHSAA events. Adopted.

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

Future Meetings - The next meeting of the Representative Council is Nov. 30, 2007, at the MHSAA office in East Lansing, with a full-day schedule anticipated.

The March meeting of the Representative Council will be March 14, 2008, at the MHSAA office.

The spring 2008 meeting of the Representative Council was previously determined to be May 4-6 at Treetops Resort in Gaylord.

Allen W. Bush Awards - Council members were invited to vote for up to three candidates from seven presented, screened from a larger list by the MHSAA Awards Committee. Those who receive the most votes will be notified in May and honored at events important to them during the fall of 2007 or early in 2008. The recipients will be featured in the August Bulletin of the MHSAA.

Women in Sports Leadership Award - Council members were invited to vote for one candidate from among the four presented, screened from a larger list by the MHSAA Awards Committee. The person who receives the most votes will be notified in May and honored during the Women in Sports Leadership Conference in February 2008.

Finance - Motion by Linda Myers, supported by Ken Dietz, to approve the following six recommendations of the Audit and Finance Committee:

1. Reduce the frequency of the MHSAA printed Bulletin from eight to seven issues annually, combining

the April and May issues, saving approximately \$10,000 annually.

2. Reduce MHSAA committee positions by 25 to 33 percent, saving \$18,000 to \$25,000 annually.
3. Take no action at this time to increase by one-third the mileage allowances for personnel and MHSAA tournament officials (more than \$100,000 annually).
4. For the 2007-08 school year, return to normal levels the mileage reimbursements for MHSAA team tournament participants, which had been doubled since the winter of 2006 (approximately \$60,000 annually).
5. Take no action at this time on any proposal to modify the formula or increase the honoraria for managers of multi-day MHSAA tournaments.
6. Require that line judges at MHSAA Volleyball Tournaments are non-high-school-student adults and that there be no action at this time to increase line judges' pay.

Adopted.

Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Dan Flynn, to approve the 2007-08 revenue and expense budgets of \$8,364,076 and \$8,688,052, respectively, and a capital improvements budget that would result in reductions to cash of \$418,089. Adopted. ■

Please see Representative Council Appendices 1-3 on the following pages

The Only Official Interpretations Are Those Received In Writing

Changes for Tennis Players in Non-School Events

The Limited Team Membership rule previously allowed an individual student in tennis unlimited non-school events until that individual student played in a school scrimmage or contest and then two non-school events were permitted after that point. **The rule has been changed effective this school year (2007-08):** The Limited Team Membership Rule will apply to each individual tennis player from the point of the **TEAM'S** first participation in a scrimmage or contest, rather than the first practice or competition for the individual tennis player. This modification has been applied to alpine skiing for many years.

Representative Council Appendix 1

Amateur Status Clarifications

2006-07 MHSAA Handbook Interpretations 119-122 are revised to read as follows:

119. Students may not accept reduced or waived tuition from those who sponsor or conduct **specialized** (single-sport focus) team or individual athletic camps, clinics, competitions or leagues unless such is available to all other participants or based on economic need (as interpreted by a neutral, non-athletic interest), not athletic ability or potential.
120. Students may accept reduced or waived tuition (scholarships) to specialized (single-sport focus) team or individual athletic camps, clinics, competitions or leagues without violating the amateur regulation, provided the funds are paid by:
 - a. the student's parents, grandparents or siblings; or
 - b. the school district, not with general funds but with funds generated through school-approved fundraising activities of booster clubs, school teams, student groups, and community, civic or service groups, and are not provided on the basis of athletic ability or potential, subject to the limits of Interpretation 121.
121. A student may accept in kind up to \$200 per sport per year (September through August) from approved school fundraisers for **entry fees** to participate out of season in specialized team or individual athletic camps, clinics, competitions or leagues (but not tryouts or combines).
122. In general, students may engage in school or non-school fundraising either as individuals or as part of a group, to pay the costs to attend specialized team or individual athletic camps, clinics, or leagues or to participate in cultural/athletic exchanges, or travel to and enter team or individual competitions.
 - a. Funds must be in the form of checks made out to the camp, clinic, exchange coordinator or competition sponsor, or to the school or tax-exempt organization for which the student is fundraising.
 - b. If cash is donated on behalf of a student, it must be paid directly to the organization.
 - c. Neither cash nor checks payable to the student may be accepted by the student unless the student has been employed and performed labor or service for which the payment is reasonable compensation. By its definition, and consistent with part (a) of Interpretation 120, fundraising by students involves financial support from more than one person (small contributions from many persons versus large contributions from a few people).

Representative Council Appendix 2

Classification of MHSAA Member High Schools

2006-07 MHSAA Handbook page 93 is revised to read as follows:

7. Students enrolled on a "shared-time" basis shall be counted by the school where the permanent records are on file.
8. The determination of which school, if any, must count students in non-traditional programs is controlled by Interpretation 47-d.
 - a. For a student to be considered eligible in the interscholastic athletic program of a traditional MHSAA member school, the student must meet at least the minimum requirements of *MHSAA Handbook* Regulation I. In addition, the governing board of the traditional school must have determined that the students of this non-traditional school may participate on its interscholastic sports teams.
 - (1) The traditional school must have named the actual program(s) and counted on the MHSAA Enrollment Declaration Form of the previous February all the students who are enrolled in the non-traditional program who reside in the attendance area of the traditional program.

- (2) In a school which sponsors a non-traditional program for its students only, all students enrolled in the non-traditional program, regardless of residence, must be counted and the actual program(s) named on the Enrollment Declaration Form if any of those students are permitted to participate on that school's interscholastic teams.
 - (3) Traditional schools without attendance boundaries must name the non-traditional program on the form and count all former students who were enrolled in that traditional school **immediately** before they began to take their course work in the non-traditional program.
- b. Once MHSAA classifications or tournament divisions are publicized the previous March or April, a school may add a non-traditional school or program and adjust its count upward when three conditions exist: (1) The Board of Education or governing body of a nonpublic school officially adds a newly created non-traditional program that did not exist at the time the Enrollment Declaration Form was submitted; (2) Students in the new program were counted in the basic enrollment count submitted on the Form; and (3) The program addition does not cause a change in division/classification that would alter that school's published tournament division unless the change is prior to when MHSAA tournament assignments are made for the sport(s) involved or Oct. 15, whichever occurs first. This may be granted on a case-by-case basis by the executive director upon the written request of a member school.
- (Items 8-13 are renumbered 9-14.)

Representative Council Appendix 3

Alpine Skiing Waiver Procedures

1. Add to the waiver procedure for **individuals** approved by the Representative Council in May 2006: "cancellation of meets due to weather conditions." The full policy shall read:

"If a student has been a member of the high school ski team since the earliest practice within the MHSAA season - including dry land training, classroom preparation and on-hill practice - but has not skied in four high school meets due to cancellation of meets **due to weather conditions**, injury, illness or family tragedy (not ineligibility under MHSAA rules or school action for academic or discipline reasons), an administrator of that school may make a written request to the MHSAA for that student to participate in the MHSAA tournament. The request must describe the student's involvement with the team and the reason he/she does not have four starts. The student's name must have been included previously on the Master Eligibility List. If the MHSAA administrator in charge of alpine skiing and the executive director or his/her designate concur that this is a reasonable request, the school may allow this student to participate in the MHSAA tournament. The request must be received by Noon of the last business day prior to the MHSAA meet."
2. Establish a waiver procedure for **teams** as follows:

"A school administrator may make a written request to the MHSAA staff if weather conditions caused the cancellation of one or more ski meets and the school team has not competed in the required minimum four meets. The request . . .

 - a. must include the season's pre-arranged schedule;
 - b. must include an explanation of conditions which led to the cancellation of meets;
 - c. must demonstrate that good faith efforts were made to reschedule;
 - d. must be received by Noon of the last business day prior to the Regional meet;
 - e. must include that all other entry requirements (eligibility list, rosters) have been met.

"If the MHSAA administrator in charge of alpine skiing and the executive director or his/her designate concur that this is a reasonable request, the school may be allowed to participate in the MHSAA Alpine Skiing Tournament."

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Gaylord, May 5, 2007

Members Present:

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

Staff Member Present:

Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Buckley and Mesick High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys soccer between these two schools. Both schools sponsored the sport previously. The combined enrollment of 412 students will place the team in the Division 3 tourna-

ment. Buckley will be the primary school. League support was received.

St. Ignace-LaSalle and Mackinac Island High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football between these two schools whose combined enrollment will be 289 students. LaSalle has sponsored football previously and will be the primary school. The Straits Area Conference submitted a league resolution supporting the program.

South Lyon and South Lyon East High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - The Executive Committee approved the addition of boys and girls alpine skiing to recently approved cooperative agreements in boys and girls bowling, boys and girls swimming & diving, boys and girls lacrosse and ice hockey between these two schools of the same district. South Lyon East is a new high school which will be opening for the first time to begin the 2007-08 school year with 9th- and 10th-grade students only. South Lyon High School sponsored alpine skiing previously and will be the primary school. The combined projected enrollment for the 2007-08 school year is 2,146 students (431 students at South Lyon East) and will place the teams in the Division 1 tournament. Support from the Kensington Valley Conference was received.

Taylor-Truman and Taylor-Kennedy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - The Executive Committee approved the addition of ice hockey to a cooperative agreement that currently exists in boys and girls swimming & diving between these two schools of the same district. Truman sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. The combined enrollment of 3,391 students will place the team in the Division 1 tournament. The Michigan Mega Conference approved the agreement.

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

A. Pursuant to instructions revised by the Representative Council in December 2006, the MHSAA staff presented information on the Cooperative Team Renewal Forms that required Executive Committee review, including those involving Class A or B schools or three or more schools of any size which indi-

cate large numbers of students trying out or being cut, or a significant win/loss record. All agreements included conference approvals. The following cooperative program renewals were reviewed and approved:

Bloomfield Hills-Lahser and Bloomfield Hills-Andover High Schools in ice hockey.

DeWitt and St. Johns High Schools in ice hockey.

Gladwin, Beaverton and Harrison High Schools in ice hockey.

Warren-Cousino and Sterling Heights High Schools in ice hockey.

B. Pursuant to instructions of the Representative Council in 1997, the Executive Committee must review Cooperative Team Renewal Forms in girls soccer where the combined enrollment exceeds the maximum for Class B. These programs were established before 250 schools had sponsored girls soccer. An agreement between Suttons Bay, Lake Leelanau-St. Mary, Leland and Northport High Schools was approved by the Executive Committee.

Wyoming-Lee High School (Regulation I, Section 4) - A request to waive the maximum semesters portion of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a student who will be a 12th-grader in 2007-08 and who began the 9th grade in the fall of the 2003-04 school year, earning only one quarter of credit and repeating the 9th grade. The student did not participate in athletics in the 9th grade and moved into a more stable family and school environment. A transcript was submitted showing classes and grades for a total of four first and four second semesters since first enrolling in the 9th grade.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Romulus 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 Romulus High School for the 9th and 10th grades while living with her birth father in Romulus. In April 2006, the student's stepfather was killed, causing the student to change residence over the summer of 2006 to that of

her mother in Canton and enroll at Salem High School to begin the 2006-07 school year. In January 2007, the student moved back to her father's residence and reenrolled at Romulus High School on Jan. 30. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate listing both parents.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Taylor-Kennedy 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 student who will be a 12th-grader in 2007-08 and who attended Kennedy High School for the 9th and 10th grades before moving with her father to Florida to begin the 11th grade in the 2006-07 school year. The student has returned to Taylor to live with family friends, reenrolling at Kennedy High School on March 5, 2007.

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

Warren-Cousino High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student whose parents are divorced and who enrolled at Cousino High School and began the 9th grade of the 2006-07 school year while residing with his mother and stepfather. On March 6, the student moved to the residence of his father and enrolled at Imlay City High School on March 8, 2007. An Educational Transfer Form was completed and the student participated in one track meet on March 28, 2007. After 16 school days of attendance at Imlay City, the student reenrolled at Cousino High School.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Calumet High School (Regulation II, Section 6) - A request to waive the 600-mile round-trip travel limitation was made to play a football game against a Minnesota school because Calumet's traditional opponent for the sixth week recently dropped the game.

Because of the school's remote location and the refusal of MHSAA member schools to schedule Calumet, the Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for

the 2007 season only with the condition that if the game is played in Minnesota, it must not be scheduled on a day of school for any participating team.

Escanaba High School (Regulation II, Section 6) - A request to waive the 600-mile round-trip travel limitation was made to play a football game, only its fourth home game of the season, against a Minnesota school.

Because of the school's size and location and the refusal of MHSAA member schools to schedule Escanaba, the Executive Committee granted the request for Escanaba to complete this one-year contract for a home game on the third week of the 2007 season.

Menominee High School (Regulation II, Section 6) - Request to waive the 600-mile round-trip travel limitation was made to play a football game against a Minnesota school on the third week of the 2007 season.

Because the school had exceeded the travel limitation without requesting and receiving waiver on previous occasions, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Grosse Pointe North High School (Regulation II, Section 11) - Pursuant to Interpretation 217, a request to waive the three-player rule for the 2007-08 school year was made on behalf of the girls and boys swimming & diving coach who is a retired teacher now employed full-time as the director of The Pointe Aquatics Club. The program currently involves 81 swimmers, 55 younger than grade 6; 26 are in grades 7-12, 11 of whom come from seven schools outside the Grosse Pointe Public Schools. It is estimated there will be ten Grosse Pointe North students and five Grosse Pointe South students in the program in 2007-08. Waiver was previously granted for this coach and program in 2006-07.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for 2007-08.

Midland-Dow High School (Regulation II, Section 11) - A request was made to waive the three-player rule pursuant to Interpretation 217 on behalf of the boys and girls swim coach at Dow High School who has worked with the Midland Dolphins Swim Team in many capacities for more than 20 years. He has been able to avoid conflicts with the three-player rule during his six years as the boys coach at Dow and three years as

the girls coach at Dow, but this is becoming increasingly difficult as the school and non-school girls programs have grown. The swim club has approximately 200 members, ages 5-21, including many participants from Bay City, Saginaw and Midland County, with a wide range of ability levels. This coach is a retired employee of Dow Chemical who continues to do consulting work as well as coach for the club and the school.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for 2007-08.

Petoskey High School (Regulation II, Section 11) - A request was made to waive the three-player rule pursuant to Interpretation 217 on behalf of the boys and girls tennis coach at Petoskey High School. Her occupation is also as a USPTA teaching professional involved with the North Country Junior Development Program where lessons are taught to middle school students only out of the Petoskey Racquet Club and on school and community courts. The program is open to the public and includes students from Petoskey Middle School as well as St. Francis Xavier and three other public school districts in the area. Also included was a request to permit participation by this coach and students in an event during the Petoskey High School summer dead period (July 1-8, 2007) known as the North Country Junior Classic and to allow participation by this coach and Petoskey School District students in the Ann Arbor Junior Open held during the tennis preseason down time (Aug. 1-13, 2007).

The Executive Committee denied the request to waive the three-player rule under Interpretation 217, denied the request to make an exception to the school-selected summer dead period, and denied the request to make an exception to the preseason down time.

Fowler-Waldron Middle School and Fowler-Most Holy Trinity Junior High School (Regulation III, Section 1) - The Executive Committee approved the addition of girls volleyball to a cooperative agreement which already exists in six sports between these two member schools (boys and girls

basketball, boys and girls cross country and boys and girls track & field). Waldron Middle School will be the primary school.

Regulation III, Section 1(C) - Pursuant to Interpretation 242, the following junior high/middle schools were granted waiver of the enrollment regulation to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th and 8th-graders for the sports listed in the 2007-08 school year only.

DeTour Junior-all boys & girls sports
Northport- boys & girls sports

Eight schools of the Northern Lakes Conference (annual) - boys & girls basketball, cross country, track & field, girls volleyball (Alanson-Littlefield, Alba, Boyne Falls, Ellsworth, Harbor Springs-Harbor Light Christian, Mackinaw City, Vanderbilt, Wolverine).

New Member School - Pursuant to the MHSAA Constitution adopted by member schools and according to procedures for MHSAA membership approved by the Representative Council on March 27, 1997, membership was approved for **Redford-Michigan Technical Academy High School**, chartered through Central Michigan University, located in a former elementary school. It is a 9-12-grade school of approximately 320 students, anticipating 500+ in 2007-08. It intends to sponsor boys and girls basketball and boys and girls golf. The earliest the school may participate in MHSAA tournaments is in the fall of the 2008-09 school year, provided the school submits timely Membership Resolutions for 2007-08 and 2008-09 and is in good standing in all other respects. Michigan Technical Academy Junior High School was also approved for membership.

Future Meetings - The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Wednesday, June 13, 2007, at 9 a.m.; Monday, Aug. 13, 2007, at 8 a.m.; Thursday, Sept. 6, 2007, at 8:30 a.m.; Monday, Oct. 1, 2007, at 9 a.m. (following Annual Business Meeting); Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2007, at 8:30 a.m.; and Thursday, Nov. 29, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. (Representative Council meets Friday, Nov. 30). ■

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, June 13, 2007

Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan
Keith Eldred, Williamston
William Newkirk, Meridian
Dan Flynn, Escanaba
Leroy Hackley, Jenison

Staff Member Present:

Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

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

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

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

The Executive Committee is not authorized to grant waiver based on alleged or

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

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

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

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

A. Pursuant to instructions revised by the Representative Council in December 2006, the MHSAA staff identified

Cooperative Agreement Renewal Forms that may require Executive Committee review, including those involving a Class A or B school or three or more schools of any size which indicate large numbers of students trying out or being cut, or a significant win/loss record. All agreements include conference approvals. The program renewal form below was reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee:

Rochester-Adams and Rochester Hills-Rochester High Schools in ice hockey. (Note: This was previously a three-school agreement. In 2005-06, Rochester Hills-Stoney Creek was dropped from the agreement and formed a separate team to comply with the 3,500-student enrollment cap.)

- B. Pursuant to instructions of the Representative Council in 2002, the Executive Committee must review Cooperative Team Renewal Forms for cooperative agreements in girls golf where the combined enrollment exceeds the maximum for Class B. These programs were established before 250 schools had sponsored girls golf. The agreement between Battle Creek-Central and Battle Creek-Pennfield High Schools was reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee.

Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern High School (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - A request in concept was made to waive the cooperative agreement regulation to permit schools whose enrollments are in excess of Class B to form cooperative agreements in girls golf. There are two returning players and three incoming 9th-graders who indicated an interest in girls golf who will play volleyball now that litigation has caused both sports to move to the fall. The request did not specify what the cooperating school(s) would be.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-South Christian and Grandville-Calvin Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these two schools in ice hockey. South Christian sponsored hockey previously

and will be the primary school; Grandville and Grandville-Calvin Christian were in a cooperative agreement which previously dissolved. The combined enrollment of 1,222 students will place this program in the Division 3 tournament. Support from the OK Conference was received.

Rochester-Adams High School (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - A request was made to extend by one school year the three-year allowance for cooperative agreements of sports sponsored for the first time related to a boys lacrosse cooperative agreement formed in the 2004-05 school year between the three schools of the Rochester School District: Adams, Rochester and Stoney Creek High Schools. While Adams High School has 49 students returning as participants in 2007-08, there will be only two 10th-grade and two 12th-grade students from Rochester High School and 13 returning lacrosse students from Stoney Creek, which the school considers to be insufficient numbers and experience to sponsor a new varsity team (no returning students from Rochester or Stoney Creek participated in varsity lacrosse previously). The school requested to maintain three cooperative teams among the three schools for the 2007-08 school year (9th grade, junior varsity and varsity) and, for 2008-09, is committing to forming a new cooperative team between Rochester and Stoney Creek High Schools (Adams would maintain a stand-alone team). Each program would sponsor a subvarsity team and a varsity team in 2008-09. The Rochester cooperative team record in 2007-08 was 9 wins and 8 losses.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver. The schools may come into compliance by withdrawing one of the schools from the agreement, or by forming a second team on its own at one of the three schools or splitting evenly the enrollment of one school to contribute to cooperative programs with each of the other two schools. If a school is withdrawn from the agreement, then all 11th and 12th-graders of that school, and any 10th-grade student of that school who actually participated in a contest on the varsity cooperative team in 2006-07, may continue to participate until his/her graduation, provided the student is eligible under all other regulations; and the cooperative program shall compete in Division 1 of the

MHSAA Boys Lacrosse Tournament regardless of its combined enrollment as long as any of these students is a participant.

Rochester Hills-Rochester High School (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - A request was made to extend by two school years the three-year allowance for cooperative agreements of sports sponsored for the first time related to a girls lacrosse cooperative agreement formed in the 2004-05 school year between the three schools of the Rochester School District: Adams, Rochester and Stoney Creek High Schools. No students have been cut from the team since it began in 2004-05; 47 students tried out for two teams, 23 were on the varsity, 24 on the junior varsity team. The Rochester cooperative team record in 2007-08 was 7-8-2. The school district feels that it will not have enough students interested to field a team in the future under any configuration and not enough interest for a stand-alone team at any one school.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver. The schools may come into compliance by withdrawing one of the schools from the agreement, or by forming a second team on its own at one of the three schools or splitting evenly the enrollment of one school to contribute to cooperative programs with each of the other two schools. If a school is withdrawn from the agreement, then all 11th and 12th-graders of that school, and any 10th-grade student of that school who actually participated in a contest on the varsity cooperative team in 2006-07, may continue to participate until his/her graduation, provided the student is eligible under all other regulations; and the cooperative program shall compete in Division 1 of the MHSAA Girls Lacrosse Tournament regardless of its combined enrollment as long as any of these students is a participant.

Manchester High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) - A request to waive the maximum semesters of enrollment and competition regulations was made on behalf of a student who is special needs certified and completed his fourth year of high school in June 2007. The special education staff has observed significant improvement when the student is involved in sports in the fall and spring as compared to the winter season when the student does not participate. The

student turns 18 on June 25, 2007.

The Executive Committee noted that the student has been enrolled and had the opportunity to achieve eligibility for participation in eight semesters, the maximum allowed all students of MHSAA member schools. The request for waiver was denied.

Hudsonville-Freedom Baptist High School (Regulation I, Sections 7 & 9) - A request to waive the previous semester record regulation and Interpretation 59 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of an 11th -grade student who was diagnosed and underwent chemotherapy and surgery for cancer in February 2007 and only passed one class in the second semester of the 2006-07 school year. The request was for waiver of the previous semester record regulation in the event the student is unable to complete the goal of passing 3.5 credits of summer school classes that have been prescribed. The student attended Wyoming-Rogers High School for the 9th grade to begin the 2004-05 school year and attended an alternative boarding school in Minnesota beginning with the second semester of the 10th grade in the 2005-06 school year and continued through the second semester of the 11th grade when he was diagnosed. The student will be enrolling at Freedom Baptist to begin the 2007-08 school year and has moved home to the residence of his mother in Grandville. The student would be eligible under Exception 2 except that Freedom Baptist is not the closest nonpublic school to his residence. The student's younger brother attended Freedom Baptist prior to being home schooled for health reasons.

The Executive Committee granted waiver of both sections of the eligibility regulation.

Auburn-Bay City Western High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who began the 9th grade at Bay City Central High School in the 2005-06 school year and attended Bay City Western High School for the second semester. Since the fall of 2005, the student has been forced to change residence three times due to family problems. The student's father is older and he could not care for the student, so the student moved in with an aunt in the Ann Arbor area and

enrolled at Howell High School for the first semester of the 2006-07 school year. Then the student moved in with his maternal grandparents in Saginaw. The grandmother had multiple surgeries and hospitalizations, and the student moved in with another aunt in Midland who reenrolled the student in Bay City Western High School on April 10, 2007. The student played football in 2005 and did not play another sport at any other school.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Battle Creek-Harper 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 lived with his grandmother in Tennessee and intends to return to Michigan to live with his father and stepmother who reside in the Harper Creek School District. At age 6, the student moved to Tennessee with his mother and grandmother. The mother moved out approximately one year ago, and the student continued to live with the grandmother. The student's biological parents never married.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for this one time only.

Bay City-All Saints Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - A request was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Essexville-Garber High School before enrolling at All Saints Central on March 5, 2007.

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

Bloomfield Hills-Marian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who participated in girls swimming & diving and volleyball as a 9th-grade student at Farmington Hills-Mercy High School and who will be enrolling at Marian High School to begin the 2007-08 school year. Had litigation not caused the change of seasons, this student would have been eligible for the latter half of the volleyball season in the second semester of the 2007-08 school year. With the change

of seasons, the student is now ineligible for both sports in which she competes. The school requested waiver so the student may compete in one sport during the first semester of the 2007-08 school year.

Citing the absence of a compelling reason necessitating the transfer and noting the transfer rule's required semester of ineligibility is not sport-specific, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Caro High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of 10th- and 11th-grade brothers who are currently enrolled at Cass City High School and are considering attending Caro High School. The students are also members of a cooperative program between Cass City and Caro High Schools in swimming & diving which was first established in March 2005. Support from Cass City High School was not received, as stipulated in the regulation.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Essexville-Garber High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who began the 9th grade at Holland-West Ottawa High School and resided with his father until the father's drug dependency caused the student to change schools and residences to that of an uncle in the Garber School District for the remainder of the 9th grade and 10th grade when the student participated in football. On March 26, 2007, the student's mother took the student back and the student enrolled in Saginaw-Buena Vista High School. When legal issues arose with the student's mother, the student moved in with the parents of a classmate who do not reside in the Garber School District, but all their children have attended the Garber Schools throughout their careers.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Flat Rock High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student (grade 11 in 2007-08) who attended Flat Rock High School for a portion of both the 9th and 10th grades before enrolling at Blissfield High School on Dec. 18, 2006, when the student's father threw him

out of his home. The student moved in with his mother and stepfather and attended Blissfield High School until reenrolling at Flat Rock High School on April 24, 2007. The mother has taken a new job in New Mexico; the stepfather is expected to follow in 2008. The student's birth father would not take the student back and the student has moved in with another family in the Flat Rock School District.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Grosse Pointe North High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer rule to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the first semester of the 2007-08 school year. The student previously attended 9th grade at Orchard Lake-St. Mary's High School, did not participate in athletics, and intends to enroll at Grosse Pointe North to begin the 2007-08 school year.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day of classes of the second semester of the 2007-08 school year at Grosse Pointe North High School.

Hillsdale Academy (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student (grade 11 in 2007-08) to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Pittsford-Freedom Farm Christian School before enrolling at Hillsdale Academy on March 5, 2007.

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

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

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

until the first day of classes of the second semester of the 2007-08 school year at Catholic Central High School.

Muskegon-Western Michigan Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended a feeder school of Western Michigan Christian for grades K-8 before enrolling at Grand Haven High School to begin the 9th grade in the 2006-07 school year, participating in 9th grade volleyball and junior varsity soccer. The family contemplated returning to Western Michigan Christian for educational and religious reasons in December 2006 and visited the school this spring, but decided to finish the school year and to enroll the student to begin the 2007-08 school year. Had litigation not caused the change of seasons, this student would have been eligible for the latter half of the volleyball season in the second semester of the 2007-08 school year. With the change of seasons, the student is now ineligible for the entire volleyball season. The school requested waiver so the student may compete in volleyball during the first semester of the 2007-08 school year.

Citing the absence of a compelling reason necessitating the transfer and noting the transfer rule's required semester of ineligibility is not sport-specific, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Portland 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 Portland-St. Patrick High School, participated in volleyball and intends to enroll at Portland High School to begin the 2007-08 school year due to academic and administrative restructuring at St. Patrick. The family had made its decision to change schools prior to the announcement in April that volleyball would be played in the fall. Had litigation not caused the change of seasons, this student would have been eligible for the latter half of the volleyball season in the second semester of the 2007-08 school year. With the change of seasons, the student is now ineligible for the entire volleyball season. The school requested waiver so the student may compete in at least part of the volleyball season during the first semester of the 2007-08 school year.

Citing the absence of a compelling reason necessitating the transfer and noting the transfer rule's required semester of ineligibility is not sport-specific, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

St. Louis High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended St. Louis High School for the 9th and 10th grades until Jan. 24, 2007, when the student withdrew from school, moved to Poland with his parents who are missionaries there and was home schooled for less than 270 calendar days. The student intends to return to St. Louis to begin the 2007-08 school year. His parents will remain in Poland. The student will reside in the same residence as previously with his grandparents within the St. Louis School District.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Warren-Cousino 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 the 9th grade at Roseville-Eastland Junior High School in the 2006-07 school year while residing primarily with her father in Roseville. The student participated in basketball. The student has changed her address to that of her mother in Warren and enrolled at Cousino High School on March 12, 2007. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate identifying both parents and an Order of Filiation and Support.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Warren-Immaculate Conception High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - The Executive Committee discussed the application of exceptions 6 and 11 to the full closing of Immaculate Conception High School at the end of the 2007-08 school year. The school intends to allow 11th- and 12th-grade students to continue and graduate for one school year (2007-08). No incoming 9th-graders will be accepted, and 10th grade will not be offered.

The Executive Committee confirmed that those Immaculate Conception High School students who are moving from the 9th to 10th

grade in 2007-08 are immediately eligible at the next school in which they enroll, insofar as the transfer regulation is concerned. Those Immaculate Conception students moving from 10th and 11th grades into 11th and 12th grades are not eligible at any other high school unless they qualify for a different exception to the transfer regulation.

Unless their circumstances meet the requirements of another exception to the transfer regulation, those 11th- and 12th-grade students who remain enrolled at Immaculate Conception are not immediately eligible at any other school. However, options exist for cooperative programs in winter and spring sports following all policies and procedures for cooperative agreements.

Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) - Request was made to revise an interpretation of or waive the summer "dead period" on behalf of a school coach who has been employed by Beachwood Recreation which is a member of the Northwest Suburban Swim League which, like many summer baseball and softball programs, has been in existence for many years and traditionally operates during the summer months.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

DeWitt High School (Regulation II, Section 11) - Pursuant to 2006-07 *Handbook* Interpretation 217, a request to waive the three-player rule for the 2007-08 school year was made on behalf of the boys tennis coach who is employed full time at the Michigan State University Tennis Facility where he works with groups of tennis players at the high school and senior citizen levels. There are over 25 students from many different schools including those he coaches against. Previously, the coach has avoided coaching more than three players from DeWitt, but rearranging the schedule to avoid DeWitt students is becoming more difficult. If multiple sessions are not offered at the facility (due in part to declining interest in fall or spring tennis), it is feared that there will be no other options for DeWitt students to take other lessons or group courses while other schools' students would have this opportunity.

After consideration of other requests involving tennis and the options for compli-

ance that are available in that sport, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Hartland High School (Regulation II, Section 11) - Pursuant to 2006-07 *Handbook* Interpretation 217, a request to waive the three-player rule for the 2007-08 school year was made on behalf of the girls assistant swimming & diving coach who works full time with the Hurricane Swim Club and whose sole income beyond retirement is from coaching. There are 105 participants registered for 2007-08 from ages 5-18 from six different school districts (Brighton, Linden, Milford, Howell, Fenton) and includes 1-15 students from Hartland High School. The request was granted previously by the Executive Committee for the 2006-07 school year for the same coach and program.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Livonia-Stevenson High School High School (Regulation II, Section 11) - Pursuant to 2006-07 *Handbook* Interpretation 217, a request to waive the three-player rule for the 2007-08 school year was made on behalf of the boys swimming & diving coach whose sole income is from coaching the Livonia Community USA Swim Club which involves approximately 100 students ages 6-18 from seven different school districts (South Lyon, Plymouth-Canton, Novi, Northville, Redford, Westland). The program includes 15-17 students from Stevenson High School. The request was for the 2007-08 school year and to waive the preseason down time restriction to permit this coach to coach these students from Aug. 1-13 when practice begins.

The Executive Committee granted the request to waive the three-player rule for this coach in 2007-08, pursuant to Interpretation 217. However, the request to waive the preseason down time for this coach was denied.

Midland High School (Regulation II, Section 11) - Pursuant to 2006-07 *Handbook* Interpretation 217, a request to waive the three-player rule for the 2007-08 school year was made on behalf of the boys and girls swimming & diving coach who is a teacher at Midland High School who supplements her income as one of many coaches of the Midland Dolphins Swim Club. The Dolphins have over 200 participants from

ages 5-21 from five different school districts, including approximately 50 students enrolled in the Midland Public Schools in grades 7-12.

The Executive Committee found that the circumstances of this request did not comply with the conditions of the interpretation, which intends to assist schools in hiring as school coaches those whose nearly full-time employment involves coaching a non-school program; and the request for waiver was denied.

Zeeland East High School (Regulation II, Section 11) - Pursuant to 2006-07 *Handbook* Interpretation 217, a request to waive the three-player rule for the 2007-08 school year was made on behalf of the boys and girls swimming & diving coach who is a retired teacher whose sole income is from coaching the West Michigan Swimmers which trains at the Holland Aquatic Center and at Zeeland high school pools. There are approximately 140 students involved in grades 7-12 from six different school districts and the two Zeeland high schools which are in a swimming cooperative agreement. The request was granted previously for this coach in the 2006-07 school year. In addition, a request was made to waive the preseason down time restriction to permit this coach to coach students in the USA Swim Championship meet scheduled for Aug. 2-6, 2007.

The Executive Committee granted the request to waive the three-player rule for this coach in 2007-08, pursuant to Interpretation 217. However, the request to waive the preseason down time for this coach was denied.

Highland Park High School (Regulation II, Section 13) - An appeal was received regarding the decision of the executive director to place the wrestling program on probation and, as a condition for participation in the 2008 MHSAA Wrestling Tournament, to require the school to not allow two individuals to coach at Highland Park High School for the 2007-08 school year. The two wrestling coaches were observed via an Internet video to be coaching a Highland Park student on the mat in competition at the NHSCA High School Senior Nationals Wrestling Championship in Virginia Beach, Virginia from March 29 - April 1, 2007.

The school was represented by the two coaches, the assistant principal of Highland Park Community High School, the school district superintendent and the president of the board of education, who was the principal spokesperson.

The school district does not deny that the event in question is a prohibited event under MHSAA rules and that two persons identified who coached the Highland Park Community High School wrestling team during the 2006-07 season actively coached at this event. It is the school district's position that these persons were not its high school coaches at the time of the event and that MHSAA rules do not prohibit the practice of having coaches resign at the conclusion of the high school season and be rehired for the next high school season, and they do not expressly prohibit those persons from doing what coaches who remain under contract cannot do. It is the district's position that it can't control these persons outside the contracted school season. The issue, according to the district superintendent, is that these persons were not acting as instruments of the school or board of education when they coached at the prohibited event.

During discussion, Executive Committee members made inquiries into the specific administration of the district's policy, questioning how the policy applies to the pre-season and postseason responsibilities of coaches as well as to out-of-season activities such as conditioning and open gym. The board president referred to these questions as a "fishing expedition," refused to provide details and repeatedly said only: "We follow your *Handbook*."

It was reported that the board of education members were polled on the issue of providing financial support to participants in the event in question, but the board was unanimously opposed; and the superintendent said he told the coaches and parents the school district was opposed to anyone's involvement in the event. However, none of the district's personnel present said he would oppose the rehiring of these persons as coaches for 2007-08 even though these persons had acted contrary to the superintendent's instructions.

During deliberations (staff investigator excluded), the Executive Committee recalled

previous occasions when schools had made requests to waive out-of-season coaching rules for persons whom they wished to rehire or hire for the first time, which reveals the understanding that member schools have for the year-round application of rules even to a person whose coaching agreement is less than a 12-month contract. These Executive Committee matters are in addition to the many more times when, in response to schools' questions, staff have confirmed that out-of-season coaching restrictions apply to all coaches, including nonfaculty and volunteer (unpaid) coaches, before and after the school season for which they have been hired and no appeal was made to the Executive Committee.

The Foreword to the *MHSAA Handbook* notes that "Entry into the MHSAA's tournaments requires season-long, sometimes school-year-long and even year-round adherence to basic rules . . ." The interpretation of MHSAA rules advanced by the school district has not previously been advocated to the Representative Council by any member school. To the contrary, Executive Committee agendas frequently include requests to waive out-of-season coaching limitations for persons who are nonfaculty coaches during the school season and whose primary employment might create situations where off-season violations could occur; and further demonstrating schools' understanding of the application of coaching rules. The Executive Committee noted that other MHSAA member schools have already taken the action of suspending personnel who actively coached at the event in question, and other schools will do so soon.

The Executive Committee determined that the grounds on which the appeal was made are without merit. To allow coaches to resign at the end of the season of one school year, be rehired at the start of the season of the next school year and be unaccountable to school district and MHSAA rules during the intervening period, would be unreasonable and detrimental to school sports. It would allow these coaches to act in violation of the intent of school district and MHSAA rules without consequence, and thus provide these coaches and their school teams competitive advantages unavailable to schools which comply with rules which have been devel-

oped through this voluntary association of schools, are adopted by each school district which chooses to participate in the MHSAA and must be enforced locally as a condition of membership in the organization. The approach advocated here by the Highland Park Community Schools would permit coaches to provide out-of-season coaching and inducements to students without limitation; and it would create unregulated year-around coaching and an "arms war" in interscholastic athletics which MHSAA member schools have clearly and repeatedly confirmed they cannot afford and do not want.

The Executive Committee noted that the year-around application of many rules by all member schools is essential to the self-evident need for competitive equity - a level playing field - in interscholastic athletics. Competitive fairness is at the core of any truly competitive activity; and the many rules of schools and the MHSAA work together, each contributing a part of what is necessary to achieve the important interests schools have for fairness in school-sponsored sports. Schools' interests in having competitive equity for interscholastic athletics are both legitimate and substantial and form the basis for the unanimous Michigan Supreme Court decision in *Cardinal Mooney v. MHSAA*, 437 Mich 75, 88, 468 N.W.2d 21 (1991).

If the peculiar interpretation and on-again, off-again application of rules advanced by this one school district were the standard policy and universal understanding, no rules would be enforceable outside the defined school sports season. There would be no limits on coaches' recruitment of athletes, no limits on coach-conducted practices and contests, no limits on awards; and schools' expectations for coaches' behavior out of season would be unenforceable.

The Executive Committee noted that the prohibitions of Regulation II, Section 13(A) are clear, as are the consequences of violations stated in Sections 13(B) and 13(C). Moreover, the single Interpretation of the 2006-07 *MHSAA Handbook* which accompanies this Section states emphatically:

"The membership of the Michigan High School Athletic Association is opposed to all-star events and national championships and urges its member schools and their per-

sonnel and booster clubs to have no involvement with such events at any time. The meaning of Section 13(A) is to prohibit any involvement."

As recently as May 2006, the MHSAA Representative Council reaffirmed existing policies with respect to national tournaments and all-star contests which are consistent with the philosophy that school competition beyond Michigan's borders and the defined school season is usually unnecessary and, if uncontrolled, leads to excessive travel, excessive absences from school, specialization in a single sport, and overemphasis by individuals and entire institutions toward one athlete over others, or the overemphasis of sports in comparison to the other academic and non-academic activities of the school. The policies tend to keep students in class and in other sports and activities of the school, and tend to keep students from engaging in events that more often exploit athletes than enrich them academically, athletically or culturally.

The Executive Committee confirmed that the actions of the MHSAA staff with respect to Highland Park Community High School complied with all requirements of the regulation and the organization's due process. The Executive Committee denied the request to waive the stated penalty: the school is placed on probation and its wrestling teams will not be permitted to participate in the 2008 MHSAA Team and Individual Wrestling Tournaments if these two persons are allowed to coach any teams for Highland Park Community Schools during the 2007-08 school year on either a paid or volunteer basis. At the present time, no participation opportunities are affected for Highland Park Community High School students in other MHSAA tournaments.

Regulation III, Section 1(C) - Pursuant to Interpretation 242, the following junior high/middle schools were granted waiver of the enrollment regulation to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th and 8th-graders for the sports listed in the 2007-08 school year only.

Atlantic Mine-E. B. Holman-boys & girls basketball and track

Cooks-Big Bay de Noc-boys & girls basketball

Deerfield-girls basketball & volleyball
Fairview 7th-grade boys basketball
Hillsdale Academy-boys & girls cross country, basketball, volleyball & track
Holland-Calvary-boys & girls basketball & soccer; girls volleyball
Marquette-Father Marquette-boys & girls basketball, cross country & track
Owendale-Gagetown-boys & girls basketball, girls volleyball

Canton High School (Regulation V, Section 3) - The varsity softball coach removed the team from the field in the third inning, arguing that the opposing pitcher from Plymouth High School was throwing intentionally at a Canton batter. The school promptly suspended the coach from any involvement with the team for one week.

The Executive Committee determined the action of the school was appropriate and did not require a personal appearance by the coach and an administrator at this time.

Cooperative Agreement Application - The Executive Committee reviewed, further modified and then approved a draft of a

revised cooperative agreement application form for senior high schools which is intended to request only relevant information, be easier to understand and easier for schools to complete.

Personnel - New rules imposed by the Internal Revenue Code require that the Deferred Compensation Agreement of May 5, 1998, be amended. It is no longer possible for the benefit to be delayed on a year-to-year basis and several changes are now needed in the change of control language. The Executive Committee approved a resolution to amend the Deferred Compensation Agreement and authorize the secretary-treasurer to execute the documentation.

Future Meetings - The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Monday, Aug. 13, 2007, at 8 a.m.; Thursday, Sept. 6, 2007, at 8:30 a.m.; Monday, Oct. 1, 2007, at 9 a.m. (following Annual Business Meeting); Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2007, at 8:30 a.m.; and Thursday, Nov. 29, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. (Representative Council meets Friday, Nov. 30). ■

Women in Sports Leadership Conference February 10-11, 2008

The 18th MHSAA Women in Sports Leadership Conference will be held in Lansing, Michigan at the Sheraton Hotel on **Sunday, Feb. 10 and Monday, Feb. 11, 2008**. There will be numerous opportunities throughout the conference for young women to gain a better understanding of the many responsibilities in leadership. Mark your calendar for these dates and encourage young women who are interested in leadership and interscholastic athletics to attend, as well as men and women who are responsible for recruiting, hiring, training and retaining women as coaches, administrators and officials.

Coupled with this opportunity, the MHSAA is offering Level 5 of the Coaches Advancement Program on **Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008** in the MHSAA Office. This is an opportunity for the coaching staff of your school to attend a program of coaches education and a leadership conference in one weekend. In addition, there is the opportunity for WISL officials' training on **Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008** at DeWitt Junior High School.

Additional information regarding the WISL Conference will be sent to member schools in November.



UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Bark River, April 26, 2007

Members Present:

James Derocher, Negaunee
Dan Flynn, Escanaba
Don Gustafson, St. Ignace
Paul Polfus, Carney-Nadeau
Joe Reddinger, North Dickinson
Catherine Shamion, Ewen
Tom Smith, Escanaba

Staff Members Present:

Nate Hampton (Recorder)
Tom Rashid

The Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee met in Escanaba in conjunction with the Upper Peninsula Athletic Directors' Annual Spring Meeting and Upper Peninsula Football Coaches Clinic. The meeting was chaired by Jim Derocher, superintendent, Negaunee Public Schools.

CALENDAR CONCERNS/SPORT SEASON TRANSITIONS

The committee reviewed the revised sport season calendars for 2007-08 and 2008-09, paying close attention to the court-ordered Upper Peninsula changes in sport seasons; with special attention and discussion on Upper Peninsula soccer which will now be played in different seasons than Lower Peninsula schools and schools in Wisconsin. While understanding the forces that caused this, the committee shared the specific concern for soccer to be aligned with Lower Peninsula schools.

The committee was advised of a recently sent form and notice to Upper Peninsula schools which sponsor soccer that will identify their intent to participate in the revised MHSAA Upper Peninsula soccer tournament. Soccer tournament host sites and pairings will be discussed and already set during the September 2007 meeting.

ENROLLMENT LISTINGS

The committee reviewed the 2007-08 enrollment listings and division list for all current member schools, but with particular interest to Upper Peninsula schools in the following sports: boys and girls swimming, boys and girls tennis, boys and girls track and field, boys and girls golf and boys and girls cross country.

WRESTLING

Upper Peninsula schools which offer wrestling will be included in a revised Individual Tournament for all schools statewide starting in 2007-08. The MHSAA will no longer sponsor a separate Upper Peninsula tournament for individual wrestling.

BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS SELECTION

Committee discussions centered on the expected process that will be used in January for the selection of and invitations to basketball officials for both the boys and girls tournaments. Discussion also included the number of varsity games in both boys and girls seasons that an official is expected to work in order to receive an invitation.

TOURNAMENT SITES

VOLLEYBALL

Class B

District 64 - Escanaba

Class C

District 93 - Newberry

District 94 - Gwinn

District 95 - Iron Mountain

District 96 - Hancock

Class D

District 124 - Brimley

District 125 - Engadine

District 126 - Bark River-Harris

District 127 - Baraga

District 128 - Crystal Falls

Regional

Class C - Negaunee

Class D - Ewen-Trout Creek

Quarterfinal 16 - St. Ignace

2008 GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL SITES

Girls

District 12 TBA
District 64B - Menominee
District 93C - Manistique
District 94C - Negaunee
District 95C - Ironwood (*may involve geographical pairings)
District 96C - Norway
District 123D - Detour
District 124D - Cooks Big Bay de Noc
District 125D - Rock Mid Peninsula
District 126D - Crystal Falls-Forest Park
District 127D - Wakefield-Marenisco
District 128D - Chassell

Regional sites

Class C - Marquette
Class D - Kingsford
Class D - Sault Ste. Marie

Quarterfinals

Class C - TBA
Class D - Negaunee

Host sites are reminded of the specific need to schedule Girls District games on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, while the boys regular season should conclude on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday of the same week.

Girls Regional week will be played Tuesday and Thursday while Boys Districts will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Girls Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Finals will be played Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday while the Boys Regional play will be Monday and Wednesday.

CROSS COUNTRY FINALS

Sault Ste. Marie (begin not before Noon EST) Fall 2007

TENNIS

Girls - Fall 2007

Division 1 - Kingsford
Division 2 - Ishpeming

Boys - Spring 2007

Division 1 - Marquette
Division 2 - Iron Mountain

Boys

TBA
Kingsford
Rudyard
Gwinn
Hancock

Iron Mountain
Pickford
Eben Junction
Carney-Nadeau
Baraga
Ewen-Trout Creek
Painesdale-Jeffers

Escanaba
Michigan Tech
St. Ignace

TBA
Escanaba

GOLF

Spring 2007

Division 1 - Gladstone (Boys and Girls)
Division 2 - Munising (Boys and Girls)
Division 3 - Bark River-Harris (Girls)
Division 3 - Rock-Mid Peninsula (Boys)

HOCKEY

Regional - Escanaba

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee will be held in Escanaba on Wednesday, September 12, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. EDT. ■

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DEPENDING ON CAPTAINS

Excerpts from comments by MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts at the 5th Annual Captains Banquet of the Blue Water Area Conference on May 30, 2007

It pleases me immensely to attend tonight's event, to see this focus on team captains and to see this effort to deliver on some of what we promise in school sports.

Don't we often say that school sports builds character? Don't we often say that school sports develops lifetime values, like the values of hard work and teamwork? Don't we often say that school sports teaches sportsmanship and leadership?

But sometimes we fall short of delivering on all we promise in school sports. Which is why tonight's event, featuring team captains and focusing on them, excites and encourages me.

Merely naming captains is not enough. We need to nurture them. We need to equip them to lead our teams at school and to lead successful lives after their school sports days are over.

Earlier this month, at the annual spring meetings of the MHSAA Representative Council, I shared "Five Big Plans" to be pursued in our next decade. And the first of those big plans was this: "Caring for Captains." Listen to what I said:

At the heart of the MHSAA mission are student-athletes, and assisting schools in providing them life lessons. Besides the obvious - our 28 different postseason tournaments - the current inventory of most visible MHSAA student-centered programming includes:

- **Women in Sports Leadership Conference, and mini-grants.**
- **Regional Sportsmanship Summits, and mini-grants.**
- **Scholar-Athlete program.**
- **Student Advisory Council.**
- **ATLAS/ATHENA training.**
- **Captains Clinics.**

It will soon become obvious that the centerpiece of the MHSAA's non-competitive student-centered programming is its services to the team captains of MHSAA member schools. From one clinic in 2004-

05, to two in 2005-06, to six in 2006-07, we now bring our crawl-walk-run method of program development toward its fulfillment:

- **We will conduct no fewer than 18 regional Captains Clinics during the 2007-08 and 2008-09 school years, co-sponsored by local leagues.**
- **We will provide each participating school's athletic administrator a packet of follow-up plans to work year-round with the school's team captains and their coaches.**
- **We will conduct the first statewide "MHSAA Captains Academy" in the summer of 2009, and grow that annual event to the most prestigious training in athletic leadership for high school students in the United States.**

Within a decade, the most sought-after honor for a student in Michigan high school athletics will be a "scholarship to the MHSAA Captains Academy."

I believe we can do this. I believe we must do this to match our efforts with our promises about our programs.

If I have my way, the first theme of the first Captains Academy may come from a man who didn't know much at all about sports, but who knew lots of other stuff: Albert Einstein. He said this: "Try not to be a success; try to be of value."

We'll focus on being of significance more than on being a success. We'll lead our captains to care less about things of value, and more about being of value.

And the value we will focus on is this: dependability. About being dependable. Where people can rely on you. Can rely on your word and can rely on your work. Can rely on what you say and what you do.

I cannot think of any value or any character trait that is more needed in a team captain, or that is more valued in a life after

school sports. In the working world? Dependability; reliability; trustworthiness. In the military? Dependability. In being a spouse? Dependability. In raising a family? Dependability.

Learning to be at practice on time every day is just one simple demonstration of dependability in school sports that applies to life after sports. Few are successful in college or the work world or the military who are not punctual, who are not dependable.

If we teach it in school sports and our team captains model it on our teams, we have coaches and captains working together to deliver on one of the promises of school sports.

School sports are filled with these little lessons of leadership that our athletes take into life after sports. But of course, because school sports operates in full public view, where crowds gather and emotions are high, there is also potential for large lessons of leadership. Lessons like these:

Wheaton Christian and Waubonsie Valley, two high schools in suburban Illinois, were playing an intense boys soccer match several years ago when, with one minute remaining, Waubonsie Valley scored to go ahead 3-2. With less than a minute to play, Wheaton Christian put the ball in play and made its last offensive surge. Eventually the ball got to their senior captain, the highest scorer in the school's history, who moved the ball upfield toward the Waubonsie Valley goal. He managed to get by several defenders until the goal was in range. Then he faked the goalkeeper left, kicked high and right, into the net, tying the score 3-3.

As Wheaton Christian's crowd roared,

the senior captain went over to the referee and asked if the official time was on the scoreboard clock, or being kept by the referee. The referee replied that the scoreboard clock was official.

The senior captain told the referee something and then went over to tell his coaches the same thing: that the scoreboard clock at the end of the field behind the goal to which he had kicked had ticked down to zero before his goal. He said the kick was late, the goal shouldn't count, the other team should win.

Which is exactly what happened that day. And here's how the senior captain was quoted in the *Chicago Tribune* a few days later: "Doing the right thing is important, it lets you have peace. In my opinion, every time you're lucky enough to be given the opportunity to do something right, you shouldn't pass it up."

That is dependability. That is a team captain on whose words and deeds people can rely. That is a person who has learned the lessons of sports and will take them into life after sports and continue to be a captain, a leader, in life after sports.

Athletes, this is what we hope for all of you and all who follow you on your sports teams. Learning to lead in school sports and then leaving school sports as a leader for life. That's what we intend when we appoint team captains.

Captains, we urge you to seize every opportunity to do what is right in sports and in life and to be the leader in life that we need you to be for the sake of your community and our state and nation and shrinking world. Leadership like this is desperately needed, and you can provide it. We're depending on you. ■

Scholar-Athlete Award Materials Available Online

Application materials and background information for the MHSAA-Farm Bureau Insurance Scholar-Athlete Award are available via the MHSAA Web site.

The deadline for the 2007-08 competition is Nov. 30, 2007. Schools must submit all of its applications in one packet. All application materials must be delivered to the MHSAA by the end of the business day on Nov. 30. Applications that arrive after the deadline will not be considered.

If you have any questions, visit the Scholar-Athlete page on the MHSAA Web site, or contact Andy Frushour in the MHSAA office at afrushour@mhsaa.com.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CHARGE!

Last Easter Sunday, our church organist brought the worship service to a close with a loud hymn that resonated in the sanctuary for several moments after the final note was played. Nobody moved.

Whereupon my wife leaned toward me and whispered: "If you play that loudly, you'd better not make a mistake."

I think she was cautioning **me**, not the organist.

"Words are the bugles of social change," states writer, lecturer, broadcaster Charles Handy in *The Leader of the Future*.

Concepts are needed, both ethereal and practical; stretching but also thoughtful of unintended consequences.

And of course, it is action that is ultimately required ("one's philosophy is not expressed in words; it's expressed in the choices one makes" - Eleanor Roosevelt).

But words sound the charge. They shape and share the message. They describe and detail the course. They motivate the bold to move and many more to follow.

An extraordinary communicator can do this in a quiet voice. Like Emerson. In her introduction to *The Essential Writings of*

Ralph Waldo Emerson, Bennington College teacher and author Mary Oliver writes: "... it is not a simple matter to be both inspirational and moderate." Emerson's prose was like a slow, wandering brook, not a rushing river of rhetoric. He could touch both banks, present both sides, and yet move people in one intended direction.

But for most mortals of letters, arguments must sometimes be overstated and language a bit edgy to get the attention of people and to push them where we want them to go.

Those who speak and write as often and as intemperately as I about the highest ideals of school sports have the same responsibility as that organist on Easter Sunday. A wrong note won't be missed, and it will greatly compromise the message.

If we merely whisper our beliefs, not much will be made of the mistakes we make. But neither will much become of our message.

If we boldly broadcast our beliefs, our missteps will not be overlooked. If we sound the bugle, we must be prepared also to lead the charge. ■

Captains Clinics Series Continues in 2007-08

The MHSAA will present a series of 12 Captain's Clinics throughout the fall and winter of the 2007-08 school year. MHSAA staff members are currently working to select leagues & conferences to receive programming, as well as conference centers to host the clinics.

The MHSAA works closely with the Institute for the Study of Youth Sports at Michigan State University to provide pertinent curriculum that is geared toward developing leadership skills for current and future team captains. Topics at each clinic include, among other things, the role of the team captain, effective communication with your coach and teammates, team building and motivation, and ways to handle common team problems.

Athletic Directors, administrators, coaches, and student-athletes are welcome to contact Andi Osters at the MHSAA for more information, or to express interest in hosting/attending a clinic - aosters@mhsaa.com.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

COLLABORATING FOR A CHANGE

Note: These are closing excerpts from a presentation by MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts at the June 11, 2007 Annual Meeting of the Michigan District of the Amateur Athletic Union

The sports seasons changes we confront in Michigan, when they occurred in other states during the last two dozen years, greatly reduced school sports participation rates. Some states experienced double-digit percentage drops in participation by both boys and girls in basketball and by girls in volleyball.

As good as we think we are in Michigan high school sports, and as hard as we know schools will work to minimize that kind of outcome in Michigan, it may be foolish for us to believe that we can do much better than our hard-working colleagues in other states if all we do is rearrange things in a three-seasons setup. That was a recipe for failure elsewhere.

Therefore, we are bringing back to the table some ideas raised in 2002 during more than FOUR dozen meetings across the state of Michigan, but rejected by school sports constituents then, perhaps because they were not facing the immediacy of sports seasons changes, or were not experiencing the damage of those changes.

- For example, there is discussion again of a summer season for high school sports, perhaps with boys golf and/or boys tennis or possibly even girls tennis as the test cases for such a summer season.
- It is possible – not likely of course, but possible – that if enough boys sports move from spring to summer, then the high school boys basketball season might move from its place in the winter to later winter or even spring.
- Even less likely perhaps, but to be discussed nevertheless, is a four-seasons setup over 48 weeks, taking July off. Four slightly overlapping seasons of 12 or 13 weeks each, with one or two weeks for practice, 7-9 weeks of contests, and two or three weeks for MHSAA tournaments. Two seasons

before the Christmas break, two seasons after.

- If we stay with the three-seasons setup, it's possible - again not likely, but possible - that we could have split seasons for some MHSAA tournament sports. For example, Division 4 boys golf playing in a different season than Divisions 1, 2 and 3. Or Division 3 boys soccer playing in a different season than Divisions 1, 2 and 4. Or Divisions 3 and 4 boys tennis playing at a different time than Divisions 1 and 2. The size of schools, the number of sports they sponsor, and the necessity for students to participate in more than one sport in smaller schools, suggests different seasons might work better for many smaller schools than for most larger schools.
- It is also possible that there would be dual seasons, with the MHSAA providing two tournaments per year in some sports. For example, fall and winter swimming & diving; fall and spring golf, or fall and spring tennis. Schools would make the choice locally to participate in the MHSAA tournament season that serves their constituents best.

While these split and dual tournament ideas might lower the profile and prestige of MHSAA championships, they also might maximize student participation – a goal of greater importance in school sports than the MHSAA's prominence. Schools would choose locally the tournament season they prefer, doing what is best for their constituents locally.

It is likely that these ideas would require the US District Court's approval if they affect any of the six sports at issue in the sports seasons litigation and would modify the court-ordered plan.

These sorts of considerations have a chain reaction, solving some problems, perhaps, but creating some new problems as well.

We know that the District Court Order to switch girls basketball and girls volleyball seasons statewide, and to switch Upper Peninsula boys and girls soccer seasons and Lower Peninsula boys and girls golf and tennis seasons, affects non-school programs. So we also know that more imaginative responses to the court order, including alternatives to the three-seasons setup, will affect non-school programs as well.

The time when kids are available for your programs is being changed as a result of the sports seasons litigation. Because of the court order, the time when coaches are available is being changed for you. When officials are available is being changed for you. When facilities are available is being changed for you. We know we provide many facilities for non-school programs, and we know we share many personnel with you. Our Yin is your Yang. We know we don't operate in a vacuum.

Which makes all the more important an initiative we began 15 months ago.

On three occasions over these past 15 months, the MHSAA has hosted at its headquarters the leadership of youth sports organizations in Michigan, from baseball and basketball through all of our sports to volleyball and wrestling.

- In our first meeting we talked about our common need for more and better coaches and more and better officials. We heard what each organization was doing to recruit, train and retain coaches and officials, and to hold them accountable. We each considered how we might improve organizations and programs by working together.
- In our second meeting we focused on sportsmanship, and especially the parent component of sportsmanship.
- In our third meeting we discussed medical aspects of youth sports and how to put the child before the coach, the child before championships.

It is our hope that the future of these initiatives is the establishment of a "Michigan

Youth Sports Collaborative" where we share our best ideas and intentions on a regular basis, where we pool our energy and our resources.

It is our hope that within ten years, this Michigan Youth Sports Collaborative is the most powerful force and voice for the improvement of youth sports in Michigan, crossing over organizational boundaries to build better youth and, through them, better citizens for Michigan's future.

This Michigan Youth Sports Collaborative won't shake up school and non-school sports quite as suddenly as the sports seasons litigation has, but ultimately, it could be as important or more so. In any event, it is an internal initiative of the MHSAA to which I am personally committed.

Things are changing. Whether the changes are good or bad may be left up to our attitudes and our actions, how we respond to the changes in front of us.

For my part – and while I lead the MHSAA, I hope for its part – we will not give up on what we believe: that schools benefit from sponsoring sports, and that students benefit from participating in school-based sports. That school sports do more good with rules than without them. That school sports do more good with less commercialization rather than more, with less specialization rather than more, and with less nationalism rather than more.

We believe sports have value for students in schools only if sports have standards for students and schools. We believe for our programs, and believe it is true for non-school programs as well, that we tend to increase the value of programs as we increase the standards for those programs – standards of conduct, sportsmanship and eligibility; and that we tend to reduce the value of our programs as we lower such standards.

In Michigan high school sports, we will continue to establish and even elevate standards; and we will continue to enforce them.

The Youth Sports Institute at Michigan State University has reported that more than four out of every five kids who ever play organized youth sports quit organized sports by age 13 - quit before they ever reach the high school level.

Our hope for the Michigan Youth Sports Collaborative is to give more youth a better

experience before they reach high school – better coaching, better officiating, better sportsmanship, better conditioning and training and medical care.

We believe this has a better chance of happening if youth sports groups - school and non-school – work together, dream together, build together, and create together the healthiest youth sports model in America.

And we think one key to this could be reexamining how we work with organizations

like the AAU, and redesigning how we work with organizations like the AAU.

That's what I've tried to convey to you today. Thanks for listening, and thanks for considering the positive possibilities of what I've discussed. Teaching our youth to have active and healthy lifestyles, as well as leadership and sportsmanship, teamwork and hard work and respect for rules, are goals we should all hold very high and in common. ■

Electronic Eligibility Lists New in 2007-08

After discussion in the fall of 2006 at Athletic Director In-service programs across the state, the Representative Council approved 2007-08 *Handbook* language which will allow schools to maintain an electronic eligibility list on file and send eligibility lists to tournament managers, or to other schools when requested to do so, **via e-mail without the actual principal's signature present**. Regulation II, Section 4, Interpretation 166 was amended with language similar to that used when official ratings are submitted online:

Regardless of the method used to submit an eligibility list (electronic or otherwise), the school principal or superintendent shall verify that the list which is submitted is truthful and accurate, has met the approval of the appropriate school administrator and is submitted on the school's behalf.

The requirement that “Schools shall prepare a Master Eligibility List or its equivalent for all students of that sport under the provisions of the regulations” has not changed. Schools may continue to use formats that are similar to the actual MHSAA Master Eligibility List provided they contain all required information. One list per sport including **all grades and all levels** is preferred and strongly recommended. What has changed is the recognition that eligibility lists are often stored electronically and now may be transmitted in this form with the implied certification of the school principal or superintendent that they are truthful, accurate and submitted on the school's behalf.

Only eligible athletes are covered by the MHSAA Catastrophic Insurance Coverage. Because there may have been gaps in the actual preparation of a paper list and the start of practices in the fall, the Representative Council and insurance carrier concurred that an electronic list is a list for eligibility purposes. If a student is injured and catastrophic claim is made, the eligible student-athlete would be covered provided the principal attest in writing that the student was eligible at the time of the injury and the MHSAA agrees.

Two reminders:

- 1) **BE CERTAIN** that only eligible athletes participate in games or scrimmages. Students who practice while not eligible are not covered by the MHSAA Catastrophic Insurance policy. This is especially problematic in August before school begins when paper lists are more challenging to prepare. **When in doubt, sit the student out and determine eligibility**, occasionally with the assistance of MHSAA staff.
- 2) **DO NOT** e-mail eligibility lists to the MHSAA unless requested to do so.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

OUT OF THE BOX (NOT OUT OF OUR MINDS)

Sports Seasons Scheduling

Michigan's history is to maximize students' school sports participation through scheduling systems that have most effectively utilized facilities and personnel. Because this scheduling resulted in some girls sports seasons that differed from later established college women's sports seasons and/or earlier established high school boys sports seasons, the federal judicial system determined some seasons were disadvantageous to girls and discriminatory.

The changes in Michigan resulted in drops in participation rates when they were imposed in other states; so while Michigan's schools are moving forward to implement the court-ordered seasons changes in 2007-08, they are also participating in a process to explore scheduling alternatives to the 2007-08 schedule that will preserve high participation rates within the constraints of the court order.

Among emerging ideas are these:

1. **Summer Seasons**

To test this concept, we might choose first from among boys golf and/or boys tennis and/or girls tennis.

2. **Split Seasons** (Different times for different divisions/classes)

To test this concept, we might choose first from among Division 3 boys soccer and/or Division 4 boys golf and/or Division 3 and 4 boys tennis.

3. **Dual Seasons** (Tournaments offered twice a year, and schools choose)

To test this concept, we might choose first from among golf and/or tennis.

Some of these ideas expose the different opinions that different size schools have regarding the optimal time of year for certain sports. For example, Division 4 schools find it difficult to field a golf team in the spring when baseball and track & field are scheduled. Division 3 schools find it difficult to sponsor both boys soccer and football pro-

grams. Division 3 and 4 schools fear loss of boys tennis programs against football and soccer in the fall.

Our innovations have always been driven by the need for consensus among the membership. Now, at least for the sports at issue in the seasons litigation (basketball, golf, soccer, swimming & diving, tennis and girls volleyball), innovations may also be subject to review by the court.

Any change involving these six sports that would reduce the number of girls sports in the court-anointed advantageous season would be subject to the approval of the US District Court. However:

- Innovations with the scheduling of sports outside of this litigation are not likely to require the court's review or approval.
- Innovations that place more of these six listed girls sports in the court-designated "advantageous" season wouldn't require review and approval by the court.
- Innovations which move one of these listed sports between two seasons where neither has been identified by the court as the advantageous season – like moving boys golf from spring to summer – are not likely subject to judicial review and approval.

Not to be overlooked in discussions, but a likely long-shot to occur, is a four-seasons schedule over 48 weeks: two seasons before the late December holidays, two seasons after; from slightly overlapping seasons of 1-2 weeks of practice, 7-9 weeks for contests and 2-3 weeks for tournaments.

Some of the innovations could reduce the profile of MHSAA tournaments, which would be disappointing, but less important than reduced participation. If participation matters most – and I think it does – we won't let tournament "prestige" be an obstacle to whatever it takes to keep participation rates high. ■

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

THE BIGGEST PLAN

On May 6, 2007, at a dinner for current and former Representative Council and staff, five initiatives were presented for the MHSAA's pursuit over the next decade. Three of these are actually expansions of current services, while two are new in content and scope. One of these five big plans, one of the three that is an expansion of current services, is this:

“Nothing even remotely conceivable will change the reality that the most critical person in determining the quality of school sports in the future will be the same person it has always been. The coach. And there is nothing the MHSAA has done or will do that is more important to maintaining school sports against decline and improving the overall quality of school sports in the future than causing increasing numbers of coaches to complete the Coaches Advancement Program. The goal is ten times the number of coaches completing one or more levels of CAP in 2016-17 than in 2006-07.

“We will reach this goal the old fashioned way: CAP will earn it. No state law or MHSAA rule will mandate it. The quality of the program, and the moral imperative that those we entrust with our children be qualified to teach and safeguard those children, will propel us toward the goal.

“We have prepared for this surge by charging a dynamic educator/leader – Kathy Westdorp – to redesign the MHSAA coaches education effort into an inspiring, interactive, student-centered program. Specifically trained and evaluated facilitators who are passionate about their purpose, crisscross the state for the MHSAA to deliver this program face to face. The written materials are presented in highly practical, constantly improving adult learning packets.

“This is the only high school association in the United States that has

attempted to do what we have done: design a coaches education program ourselves, administer it ourselves and deliver it face to face upon request to every corner of the state. We are one of a kind already; and we will outdo ourselves and provide the greatest service possible to school sports in Michigan by multiplying CAP's reach by ten times within ten years. Nothing – not recent disappointments or any future obstacle – should keep us from this goal.”

This grand goal will be achieved with great partnerships, of five different types:

- With **leagues and conferences** of Michigan. Every one of them should promote and host at least one level of CAP for the coaches of the conference. In fact, there should be at least one session scheduled for every different sport sponsored by the league.
- With **coaches associations**. The coaches association for every sport should include CAP in at least its annual conference or convention.
- With **school districts**. Many do, and many more should include CAP in their professional development programs for staff.
- With **youth sport organizations**. Their coaches are ours, and vice versa. We should be working together on coaches education, with the MHSAA providing the training that is appropriate for coaches, regardless of the sport; and each coaches association providing sport-specific sessions or units.
- With **colleges and universities** of Michigan. Some institutions are doing this, and more will provide CAP to students, some levels to undergraduate students, other levels to graduate students.

Ten times as many coaches in ten years. From just over 1,000 coaches during 2006-07 to more than 10,000 through one or more levels of CAP during the 2016-17 school year.

If that seems too large or abstract, put it this way: an increase of 1,000 coaches per year, achievable by the addition of just five good partnerships each year, just one from each category. Ought to be a slam dunk.

The MHSAA decided to get involved in coaches education 20 years ago, and it was not to make money or to make its program the nationwide model. The MHSAA is in coaches education for this purpose: to serve middle school and high school sports of Michigan. That's our pure purpose.

We believe so much in coaches education that we have not relied on any outside

organization to deliver to our needs. We have designed the program, administer its details and are delivering face to face anywhere in the state what we have learned coaches want to have in coaches education, and what we have learned their athletes and administrators want them to have.

We are doing this as a service, not for profit; and we are searching for sponsorships to make it less expensive if not almost free to interscholastic coaches across this state.

Some of the MHSAA's big plans for the next ten years are of greater scope. None is of greater importance. ■

MHSAA Student-Advisory Council Selected

In May 2007 the MHSAA selected its newest eight members to the Student Advisory Council. The four boys and four girls are all from the Class of 2009 and will serve a two-year term. The council meets on matters related to maintaining and promoting a proper perspective and sensible scope for high school sports in Michigan.

The eight members selected from the Class of 2009 include:

- Abby Cohen, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood
- Willie Cruz, Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse
- Michelle DeMuro, Muskegon Reeths-Puffer
- Adam Dingman, Cedarville
- Matthew Herman, East Kentwood
- Molly Lockwood, Fife Lake Forest Area
- Jeffrey Petsch, Montague
- C.C. Weber, Goodrich

The members of the Class of 2008 serving their second year on the council are:

- Andria Baker, Constantine
- Dustin Baker, St. Louis
- Bryce Bilinski, Southgate Anderson
- Brittany Bullock, Lansing Catholic
- Rachel Gebauer, Alpena
- Eric Howard, Hudsonville Freedom Baptist
- Blake Laethem, Caro
- Molly Waterhouse, Vicksburg

Among other things, the council:

- Acts as the voice of Michigan's student-athletes.
- Serves as a student sounding board for the MHSAA's Representative Council.
- Assists in planning Sportsmanship Summits, Captain's Clinics and other student leadership events.
- Participates in a yearly focus group about the state of high schools sports for Michigan State University's Institute for the Study of Youth Sports.
- Helps with medal ceremonies at MHSAA championship events

SAC is funded through one of the MHSAA's corporate sponsors – AT&T. AT&T is working with the MHSAA to help promote the proper perspective on high school sports through this Student Advisory Council, as well as the new SCOPE Award given to schools that show a continuous emphasis on promoting a sensible scope for school sports. In addition, each school athletic department represented on SAC will receive a check for \$1,000 recognizing the student's involvement with the SAC.

The MHSAA will be seeking members of the Class of 2010 starting in March 2008. ■

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WHAT DOES MEMBERSHIP MEAN?

Article II of the MHSAA Constitution includes these sections:

Sec. 2 For a school to become a member of this organization, its board of education/governing body must complete the annual Membership Resolution stating that the board of education/governing body has adopted the organization's rules as its own and agrees to primary enforcement of such rules as to its own schools. Failure to implement required effects of policies and procedures promulgated by the organization to govern eligibility, competition and tournaments shall require that members of the administration and board of education/governing body appear before the Representative Council or Executive Committee to show cause why the school is not in violation of the terms of its Membership Resolution.

Sec. 3 It is an essential part of the responsibility for the supervision and control of interscholastic activities that each board of education/governing body adopt a code of good sportsmanship for its athletes, coaches and spectators, an educational program to promote good sportsmanship, and a system of progressive discipline for failures to behave according to the code of good sportsmanship.

The concept of **institutional control** is inherent in these Sections, and reference to this concept is a consistent theme of the *MHSAA Handbook*. For example:

From the "Code for the Administration of Athletics - Statement of Relationship" (p. 8) -

The **superintendent** is responsible for the athletic activities of the school system. The duties will vary according to the size of the school system, ranging from the larger schools where all duties are delegated, to the smaller schools

where the superintendent may be both the administrative and executive officer. In either case, it is a duty to have set up a definite school athletic policy and have a complete understanding of that policy by those concerned.

The **principal** usually is the official representative of the member school and is directly responsible for the general attitude of the student body and the conduct of athletic affairs by the athletic director and the coach.

It is the duty of the above-named officers to derive from the athletic program a full measure of educational value in developing good sportsmanship on the part of the student body, faculty, parents and general public. Mutual cooperation is essential in order to carry out properly the work of any or all of these officers.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association offers voluntary in-service programs for **athletic directors** and the Coaches Advancement Program (CAP) for **coaches**. Appropriate institutional control requires that schools help facilitate athletic directors' and coaches' learning and supervise their athletic activities.

The expectations of member schools include the following:

- **Educating** student-athletes, staff and other involved personnel about MHSAA rules and procedures.
- **Monitoring** compliance year-around.
- **Investigating** possible violations and reporting findings.
- **Administering** penalties.

Local schools have latitude in how they educate and monitor, which is appropriate given the great diversity of schools in the MHSAA; but there is no variety in what they must teach, in what they must demand and what they must do when violations occur. It is **one MHSAA Handbook** for all schools; and "institutional control" – the meaning of membership – requires that its content be widely known and uniformly enforced.

Following are the athletic codes for school administrators as printed in the 2007-08 *MHSAA Handbook*.

AN ATHLETIC CODE FOR ADMINISTRATORS

School Administrators at the local level are the final authorities for the athletic activities of the school. In realization of this responsibility these guiding principles should prevail:

For the Superintendent

1. Use all means possible to bring to the community a full realization of the value of athletics as an educational tool in training citizens.
2. Develop district-wide policies that foster good sportsmanship, protect civil rights of all constituents, and promote maximum opportunities for participation by students.
3. Create a definite understanding with principals and athletic directors concerning the school athletic policy and expect and give mutual support in carrying out that policy.
4. Evaluate those in charge of the athletic program by the conduct and attitude of contestants and spectators rather than on the number of games won or lost.
5. Advise the board of education of the privileges and obligations of schools' membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association, keep the board informed of proposed and adopted changes in MHSAA regulations, and hold the board accountable for the support and enforcement of regulations it adopted when it accepted membership for its school(s) in the MHSAA.

For the Principal

1. Develop a complete understanding of the athletic policy of the school system and of the individual responsibility of all concerned.
2. Certify eligibility of contestants and base that certification on complete information concerning the student's athletic and scholastic status. Questionable cases will be referred to the Michigan High School Athletic Association before the privilege of competition is given.
3. Support coaches in their efforts to carry out MHSAA and local athletic policies.
4. Instruct the student body of its responsibilities in making the athletic program a valuable one and require desirable types of conduct at "home" and "away" games.
5. Endeavor to foresee possible differences and misunderstandings with other schools and, as far as possible, settle them or provide means of settlement before they materialize.
6. Insist that any misunderstandings that may arise be settled privately between official representatives of the schools concerned.
7. Have a definite understanding with the athletic director about officials, schedules, finances, care of fields and gymnasiums, handling of spectators, supervision of coaches, etc., and give that person every assistance in carrying out such duties.
8. Present promptly and privately to the school involved any information received about possible rule violations by that school; and if the internal investigation and action by that school is not satisfactory, report that potential violation to the MHSAA.
9. Attend as many of the athletic contests of the school as responsibilities will allow.
10. Commend opposing schools for outstanding examples of fine citizenship and sportsmanship.

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For the Athletic Director

1. Place the athletic policy of the school district in writing and communicate it often to coaches, athletes, parents, spectators, and support groups.
2. Cooperatively lead the school and community in creating and maintaining an atmosphere which is conducive to an educationally sound athletic program.
3. Develop schedules which are educationally and physically sound for the athlete.
4. Originate contracts with schools and officials which are complete and specific.
5. Hire officials who have the confidence and agreement of both teams, and arrange for their comfort and security.
6. Support officials in cases of adverse rulings, and rate officials objectively on the basis of all parts of their effort and all events, not isolated parts of a single contest.
7. Provide every athlete on each level in all sports proper equipment and uniforms for practice and competition.
8. Prepare and maintain the contest site in the best possible condition.
9. Maintain sidelines for exclusive use of players, coaches and officials, and handle crowds so there is no encroachment on playing space.
10. Refuse admission to athletic contests to persons who have shown a lack of sportsmanship.
11. Provide printed programs which accurately report names of players and help spectators understand the purpose and rules of the sport and encourage good sportsmanship.
12. Provide working accommodations for media covering the contest.

2007 FOOTBALL NOTICES

Please note that the Annual Football Playoff Rules and Regulations previously printed in the August *Bulletin* may be obtained online only on the Football Page of mhsaa.com. Beginning with this year's *Bulletin* series, all sport-specific tournament materials – brackets, regulations, manuals – will be accessible online only under the appropriate sport pages of the MHSAA Web site.

Keeping Score

After a highly successful pilot program in 2006, the MHSAA again requires all football schools to report game results to mhsaa.com **WITHIN ONE HOUR of the completion of the game**. Once the score is entered, the appropriate MHSAA football team pages will automatically update, as well as a page featuring results of all games played that day.

The Football Playoff Points page will also automatically update each week, but it will not be official until all scores from all football playing schools are reported. Thus, it is vital that schools designate a responsible person to complete this important task during the season. Schools will be sent instructions via e-mail in August as a refresher for “veterans” of the system and as a tutorial for new ADs.

Due to the success and popularity of the football score-reporting program, the MHSAA plans to implement a similar procedure for boys and girls basketball tournament games in 2008 as well.

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TOURNAMENT NOTIFICATION FORM & OPT-OUT PROCEDURES

A **Tournament Notification Form (TNF)** is sent to each member school athletic director in the fall, winter and spring. The **Tournament Notification Form (TNF)** is based on a prior year's postseason tournament participation or earlier notice given to the MHSAA. The TNF also includes the first-round tournament site and manager information for each sport. Current District, Regional and Final assignments and all tournament materials are on mhsaa.com.

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

1. Schools must notify the tournament manager if they **DO NOT** intend to participate (to "opt out") as noted on the TNF by the stated opt-out date. There is a fax form enclosed with the TNF.
2. Schools must notify the MHSAA if they **DO NOT** intend to participate (to "opt out") as noted on the TNF by

the stated opt-out date. There is a fax form enclosed with the TNF.

3. Schools which plan to participate in the MHSAA Tournament must submit an accurate roster and MHSAA Eligibility List (electronic or otherwise) to the tournament manager.

All school teams have the same responsibility to meet the requirements of participation by the opt-out date. Schools which fail to withdraw or submit materials in a timely manner face the same penalties as in prior years. These penalties include late fees payable to the tournament host schools and possible removal from future MHSAA tournaments.

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

ELIGIBILITY ADVANCEMENT REMINDERS

School administrators, counselors and coaches are reminded to present advanced eligibility opportunities to overage 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-grade high school system if their birthday occurs before Sept. 1.

If the local school administration and parents can agree and arrange, these overage 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. ■

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GAME SUSPENSION PROCEDURE REVISED

The MHSAA Representative Council clarified game suspension procedures at its recently completed May meeting. Section IV-A has been revised as follows:

“Delays for contests scheduled prior to 3 p.m. must not exceed three hours. Delays for contests scheduled for after 3 p.m. must not exceed one and one-half hours. **Delays on nights not followed by school for all the competing teams may be longer by mutual agreement of the competing schools.** A postponed contest shall be rescheduled on a date/time mutually agreed to by the schools involved.”

This revision allows competing schools to extend weather delays (e.g. lightning and

thunder delays) if all competing teams do not have school the following day. This revision will give schools more flexibility in completing contests that are interrupted by weather but conditions improve thereafter.

The Council also approved an additional note under IV-A that states that MHSAA tournament polices for MHSAA tournament contests, or more restrictive local polices for regular season contests, would supersede these policies and should be shared with the opponents and officials prior to the contest, preferably in writing. Otherwise, and to the extent allowed by the playing rules code, the official(s) shall make the final decision regarding game suspension once the game begins. ■

NEW IN 2008-09: THE PERMANENT PATCH

Beginning with the 2008-09 school year, MHSAA registered officials will be issued a “permanent” patch that shall be displayed on the uniform while officiating. This patch will replace the annual registration patch, which had required officials to change patches each and every year. This change should make uniform preparation more convenient for officials, while still maintaining the

MHSAA insignia while working contests for member schools.

School administrators and registered assignors must verify that officials hold a current registration by using the MHSAA Officials Directory, available in both the online (real time) and published formats, as well as continuing to request an official's current registration identification card. ■

JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL CHANGES CLARIFY RESTRICTION ON STATE EVENTS

Acting on a recommendation from the Junior High/Middle School Committee, the MHSAA Representative Council approved language that clarifies the *Handbook* Restriction on member schools participation in state championship events for athletes and teams in grades 7-8. *MHSAA Handbook* Regulation IV, Section 5, Interpretation 253 now states: “MHSAA member school teams or individuals may not participate in any event that is or purports to be a state junior high/middle school championship in any MHSAA tournament sport.” Previously the regulation stated only that the MHSAA did not “approve” of such activity. The new reg-

ulation now states clearly that such participation is not allowed by member school teams or individuals.

The Council also approved a recommendation to clarify Regulation III, Section I, Interpretation #243 that specifically restricts football, wrestling & hockey from the Executive Committee waiver process schools may submit for 6th-grade participation on junior high/middle school teams. Also approved was the MHSAA Lacrosse Committee recommendation for specific junior high/middle season length of 13 weeks, and a 12-game limit with two multi-team tournaments effective in 2008-09. ■

CHANGES IN LIMITED TEAM MEMBERSHIP RULE (REG. I, SECTION 13 C)

OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS (ODP) ALLOWANCE DEFINED

A marked increase in non-school Olympic Development Programs (ODPs) in some sports, especially soccer, has resulted in the Representative Council's adoption of a new interpretation (152) in the MHSAA 2007-08 *Handbook*. Bona fide ODPs are those training events or competitions which are conducted or funded by the US Olympic Committee or the National Governing Body for the sport involved. (See exact *Handbook* language for specifics).

The Limited Team Membership rule limits a student's participation in team sports (except ice hockey) in that sport during that sport season. The rule is activated for **team** sports (except hockey) once the student begins **practice** with the school team in that sport (individual sports apply the rule at the first contest). Students in a **bona fide** ODP are allowed to participate in one event per school year without a loss of eligibility, provided the school principal notifies the MHSAA 30 days in advance that school work would be made up and the event did not take place during the MHSAA tournament in that sport.

The intention of this special exemption for an ODP or national team athlete was to allow that small number of highly skilled athletes from MHSAA member schools to receive training in preparation for high level international play. It is not for a large number of multi-state or intra-state programs to assume the name "ODP" and add pressure on students to train and compete out of state while in conflict with the perspective and schedule of high school sports. New for 2007-08 is Interpretation 152 which states the following:

"Olympic Development Programs" or "national teams" do not gain the exclusive and exceptional treatment of Section 13(C) because of what they are called. They are evaluated on the basis of what they are. Regardless of what they are called, the following situations (not all-inclusive) do not qualify for the excep-

tion of Section 13(C):

- a. state, regional or national championships for non-school club/community teams; and/or
- b. any team whose makeup is less than statewide; and/or
- c. any competition that involves residents of Michigan only.

A program containing any one of the above (but not limited to these situations) is **NOT** an Olympic Development Program for the purposes of this Section.

In addition to timely notification from the principal, the make up of program should be reviewed to be certain that it is bona fide in accordance with the stated regulations and qualifies for the exception based upon the above evaluation.

UNDERSTANDING THE RULE FOR INDIVIDUAL SPORTS (GOLF, TENNIS, ETC.)

Schools and individual athletes should watch very closely their compliance with the limited team membership rule since the switching of seasons for golf and tennis may leave many non school activities **unchanged**. The limited team membership rule for the **individual sports** of bowling, cross country, golf, gymnastics, swimming and diving, track & field, wrestling (and ice hockey) apply the limited team membership rule once the **student participates in a scrimmage or contest** rather than in a practice as it is for all team sports.

Alpine skiing and (**new in 2007-08**) tennis apply the limited team membership rule to each individual from the point of the teams first interscholastic contest or scrimmage rather than the first practice for individuals.

In addition the above individual sports (but not ice hockey) allow a student to participate in a maximum of two non-school meets or contests in that sport even after they participate in a contest or scrimmage for the school team.

Applying the rule **after** the first competition and allowing **two non-school events**

after the first school meet or scrimmage should be ample flexibility. These two features of the rule for individual sports extend both the time and opportunity that a student may be involved as an individual in non-school events in their individual sport during that season. For the purposes of this rule, we consider the season to end after the individual student has participated in his/her last contest or scrimmage.

In summary the opportunity for students to participate on their own in non-school individual events while still complying with what some states call the "Loyalty Rule" is significant. Any number of events before the first school scrimmage or contest, two events once they participate in a scrimmage or contest, and then any number after that season ends for that student athlete.

ALL-STAR AND NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS PROHIBITED

These above allowances for individual non-school participation do not remove the strict prohibition against activities that are or purport to be all-star or national high school competitions. Athletes (or coaches and other adult personnel as covered in Reg. II, Sect. 13) who are involved in all-star or national high school championship events which involve students enrolled in an MHSAA member school at the time of the event are ineligible for one school year. Some high school all-star events take place in the summer and only involve high school graduates so that eligibility is not affected since there the participating students are not enrolled in a member school – they have graduated. As recently as May 2006 the Representative

Council affirmed opposition to all-star and national high school championships as a means of maintaining the proper perspective of high school sports as part of the educational mission of schools.

What is new to the limited team membership rule is the adjustment for 2007-08 that the all-star and national high school championship restriction is not applied until "**a student has represented any MHSAA member school in competition in any MHSAA tournament sport.**" Those who have never participated in an MHSAA tournament sport as a member high school or middle school may begin their high school career without penalty due to previous involvement in an all-star or national high school championship event. The delay in activating this portion of the rule allows for students who may have been in an all-star type activity (cheerleading) while in middle school or before participation in school sports to leave that aspect behind and start a fresh and new high school career.

Also new is a clarification of the application of the prohibition on involvement with activities in MHSAA Tournament sports that call themselves all-star. Interpretation 149 states in part that students may not compete in all-star contests but may be named to an all-star team and practice with that team. A violation occurs when students **compete** with or against an all-star team or in an event or program termed "all-star" or meeting the all-star criteria of Interpretations 144-148.

As always, these are examples to assist with understanding the rules. Consult the full context of the most recent *MHSAA Handbook*. ■

FAILURE TO RATE OFFICIALS

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

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

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

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

For the winter season of 2006-07, the following schools have failed to rate any officials:

Boys Basketball

Burton-St. Thomas More Academy
 Canton-Plymouth Christian Academy
 Charlevoix-Northwest Academy
 Dearborn Heights-Robichaud
 Detroit-Cooley
 Detroit Community
 Detroit-Mackenzie
 Detroit-University Prep
 Detroit-Westside Christian Academy
 Ferndale-Academy of Oak Park
 Ferndale
 Free Soil
 Grand Rapids-Gateway
 Grand Rapids-West Catholic
 Hancock
 Hart-Lakeshore Public Academy
 Highland Park
 Inkster-Cherryhill School of Performing Arts
 Jackson-The Da Vinci Institute
 Kinross-Maplewood Baptist Academy
 Marcellus-Howardsville Christian
 Monroe-Jefferson
 Reed City
 Warren-Immaculate Conception

Competitive Cheer

Auburn Hills-Avondale
 Brighton
 Canton-Plymouth Christian Academy
 Commerce-Walled Lake Northern
 Farmington Hills-North Farmington
 Fraser
 Fremont
 Grand Rapids-Catholic Central
 Harrison

Hartford
 Haslett
 Highland-Milford
 Jackson-East Jackson
 Macomb-L'Anse Creuse North
 Muskegon-Reeths-Puffer
 Oscoda
 Quincy
 Romeo
 Saline
 Shepherd
 South Haven
 Southgate Anderson
 Stevensville-Lakeshore
 Walled Lake Western
 Wayne Memorial
 Webberville
 West Bloomfield
 Wyoming-Rogers

Ice Hockey

Grand Rapids-Catholic Central
 Muskegon Catholic Central
 New Boston-Huron
 Shelby Township-Utica
 Eisenhower
 Ypsilanti-Willow Run

Volleyball

Ann Arbor-Gabriel Richard
 Ann Arbor-Rudolf Steiner
 Baldwin
 Bellevue
 Birch Run
 Breckenridge
 Bridgeport
 Burton-Genesee Christian
 Cooks-Big Bay de Noc
 Covert
 Dearborn Heights-Robichaud
 Detroit-Mackenzie
 Detroit-Marilyn F. Lundy Academy

Detroit-Northern
 Detroit-Southwestern
 Detroit-Westside Christian Academy
 Dexter
 Free Soil
 Glen Arbor-The Leelanau School
 Hancock
 Highland Park
 Hillsdale
 Inkster
 Ironwood-L. L. Wright
 Kalamazoo Central
 Kinross-Maplewood Baptist Academy
 Mackinaw City
 Marcellus-Howardsville Christian
 McBain-Northern Michigan Christian
 Muskegon Catholic Central
 Paradise-Whitefish Township
 Pontiac Academy of Excellence
 Sterling Heights-Parkway Christian
 Three Oaks-River Valley
 Warren-Immaculate Conception

Wrestling

Bellevue
 Dearborn-Edsel Ford
 Garden City
 Hartford
 Hazel Park
 Hemlock
 Highland Park
 Mt. Morris-E. A. Johnson
 Muskegon Catholic Central
 Ortonville-Brandon
 Shepherd

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ONLINE RATINGS

The MHSAA is pleased to offer online ratings availability to our member high schools and junior high/middle schools. Athletic directors can now log on to password-protected sections of our Web site to submit officials ratings. Additionally, athletic directors have the option to assign passwords to their coaches to rate officials. **Ratings due dates are Dec. 1 for fall sports, April 1 for winter sports and June 1 for spring sports.**

TO ACCESS THE ONLINE RATINGS SYSTEM:

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

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

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

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

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

TERRY WAKELEY RECEIVES 2007 NORRIS AWARD

A servant-leader of 40-plus years to interscholastic athletics as a referee, recruiter of referees and educator of officials, Terry Wakeley (right, middle) of Grayling received the MHSAA Vern L. Norris Award for 2007.

The Norris Award is presented annually to a veteran official who has been active in a local officials association, has mentored other officials, and has been involved in officials' education. It is named for Vern L. Norris (left), who was executive director of the MHSAA from 1978-86, and well-respected by officials on the state and national



levels. Wakeley was presented the award at the MHSAA's 28th annual Officials' Awards and Alumni Banquet on Saturday (May 12) at the Lansing Sheraton Hotel. To the right of Wakeley is current MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts.

In his 42nd year as a registered MHSAA official, Wakeley has worked baseball, basketball and football games at the high school level, earning assignments in championship games on the hardwood and the gridiron. His contributions to educational athletics and officiating, however, transcend the working of title games.

Wakeley is active with the North Central Officials Association and Superior Officials Association. He has served the NCOA as the organization's President and Treasurer, and is currently a trainer and assignor for the Association. He took a leadership role in the training of three-person officiating crews in basketball.

It might be in the recruiting and teaching of young officials where Wakeley has made his mark. Numerous adults launched their officiating careers because of his encouragement, and he has also introduced high school students to officiating through the MHSAA's Legacy Program.

The Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan inducted Wakeley into its Hall of Fame in 2001, and he has received service awards from Houghton Lake and Mio High Schools.

In the community, Wakeley has officiated everything from youth football to adult softball and basketball games, is a volunteer for the Michigan Special Olympics and the Grayling Youth Booster Club. He was nominated for the Norris Award by Houghton Lake High School.

"Those who know Terry Wakeley best know that he gives his all at every game, that he has been a tireless promoter of the avocation of officiating, and that when he steps on the playing surface, they can relax in knowing that the game will be administered in a fair manner," said John E. "Jack" Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA. "Perhaps what makes Terry stand out is that he is truly, by anyone's standards, a teacher-official.

He has made his mark in seizing every moment in a game or scrimmage as a teachable one; whether that is with an up-and-coming official or a student-athlete. Our games are better because of his contributions, and he is an outstanding selection for the Norris Award." ■

UPDATE MEETING/A.D. IN-SERVICES REGISTRATION

Athletic Director In-Service Programs, Update Meetings and mandatory new AD meetings will be sponsored by the MHSAA throughout the fall. Again this year, at five statewide locations, the Athletic Director In-Service program will be held in conjunction with the annual Update Meeting.

Registration forms appear on the next two pages of this *Bulletin*, but the preferred method is to download the forms from the Administrator page of mhsaa.com.

**2007-08 MHSAA ATHLETIC DIRECTOR IN-SERVICE AND UPDATE MEETINGS
REGISTRATION FORM**

Athletic Director In-Service Programs and Update Meetings will be sponsored by the MHSAA throughout five statewide locations, the Athletic Director In-Service program will be held in conjunction with the annual Update Meeting.

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

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

School: _____ **School I.D. Number:** _____

School Address: _____ **City:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

◆ **List those attending both AD In-Service and Update Meeting:** (name & title)

◆ **List those attending AD In-Service only:** (name & title)

◆ **List those attending Update Meeting only:** (name & title)

◆ **Please complete the appropriate boxes below. Lunch is served at Update Meetings Only. Combined AD In-Service/Update Meeting times: AD In-Service 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon, all Update Meetings start at 12 noon.**

Meeting	AD In-Service Only (\$10)	Update Only (\$18)	Both (\$25)
1. Wed, Oct. 3 – Kalamazoo, Pine West	# _____ Total \$ _____	# _____ Total \$ _____	# _____ Total \$ _____
2. Mon, Oct. 8 – Comstock Park, English Hills Country Club	# _____ Total \$ _____	# _____ Total \$ _____	# _____ Total \$ _____
3. Wed, Oct. 10 – Frankenmuth, Zehnder's	# _____ Total \$ _____	# _____ Total \$ _____	# _____ Total \$ _____
4. Mon, Oct. 15 – Gaylord, Hidden Valley Otsego Club	# _____ Total \$ _____	# _____ Total \$ _____	# _____ Total \$ _____
5. Wed, Oct. 17 – Lansing, Holiday Inn South (Please note location change)	# _____ Total \$ _____	# _____ Total \$ _____	# _____ Total \$ _____

◆ **The following are Update Meetings only not in conjunction with an AD In-Service Meeting. Lunch will be served (except Marquette).**

Meeting	Update (\$18)
6. Wed, Oct. 24 – Warren, De Carlos Conference Center (12 noon – 2 p.m.)	# _____ Total \$ _____
7. Fri, Oct. 26 – Marquette (no fee)	UP A.D.'s Meeting

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

Meeting	Update MASSP
8. Mon, Oct. 1 – Traverse City, Grand Traverse Resort	

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Check Number: _____



**2007-08
New Athletic Director
Orientation Program
Advance Registration**

By Representative Council Action, attendance is **required** for 1st year athletic directors and athletic directors at new MHSAA member schools. Consult the 2007-08 MHSAA Handbook (page 73) Regulation II, Section 15 (H). The requirement may be waived for a new athletic director who has served in a member high school as an athletic director for at least one school year of the previous five.

New AD Orientation Session I

(two possible dates - preferred for new ADs)

Thursday, August 9, 2007 – MHSAA Office (8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)

- or -

Tuesday, August 21, 2007 – MHSAA Office (8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)

New AD Orientation Session II

(content differs from August programs)

Tuesday, November 20, 2007 – MHSAA Office (8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)

The cost of the New Athletic Director Orientation is \$20 per program. August and November programs are separate programs with new material covered in November. Registration material for these events will be available on mhsaa.com and the August *Bulletin*.

Name: _____

School: _____ School ID: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: (W) _____ Phone: (other) _____

Please mail at least 10 days in advance with \$20 per program registration fee to:

*Camala Kinder, MHSAA
1661 Ramblewood Dr
East Lansing, MI 48823
Phone: 517-332-5046*

Amount Enclosed: _____

Check Number: _____

2007-08 MICHIGAN MERIT EXAM DATES

FALL 2007

Saturday, October 27 - ACT Plus Writing®
 Tuesday, October 30 - WorkKeys® + Michigan Math
 October 30-31 - Michigan Science and Social Studies
No makeup dates are scheduled in the fall cycle

SPRING 2008

Tuesday, March 11 - ACT Plus Writing®
 Wednesday, March 12 - WorkKeys® + Michigan Math
 March 12-14 - Michigan Science and Social Studies - *Makeup*
 Tuesday, March 25 - ACT Makeup
 Wednesday, March 26 - WorkKeys® + Michigan Math - *Makeup*
 March 26-28 - Michigan Science and Social Studies - *Makeup*

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

- Oct. 27 – L.P. Cross Country Regionals, Football Pre-Districts, U.P. Girls Soccer Final
- Oct. 30 – Girls Volleyball Districts
- March 11 – Boys Basketball Quarterfinals

2007-08 NATIONAL TESTING DATES

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

ACT ASSESSMENT DATES

CONFLICTS

October 27, 2007 LP Cross Country Regionals; Boys Soccer
 Regionals; Football Pre-Districts
 December 8, 2007 None
 February 9, 2008 None
 April 12, 2008 None
June 14, 2008 Baseball Finals; Girls Soccer Finals; Softball Finals

SAT TESTING DATES

CONFLICTS

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

AP EXAM DATES

CONFLICTS

May 5-9, 12-16, 2008None
(Advanced Placement Exams are administered over a five-day period for each subject)

MHSAA STUDENT LEADERSHIP GRANT DOLLARS AVAILABLE

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

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

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

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

To be eligible for funds:

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

To apply:

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

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

MHSAA ADOPTS TOUGHER SOCCER CONDUCT RULES

In a continuing effort to maintain high standards of sportsmanship and conduct for players and coaches during interscholastic soccer contests, the MHSAA Representative Council approved a recommendation from the Soccer Committee to increase subsequent game suspensions for game ejection penalties.

Effective with the 2007-08 season, any player, bench personnel or coach who receives a second yellow card penalty in the same game will now also be suspended from participating or coaching in the next day of competition. This penalty in soccer is similar to the disciplinary action required in several other MHSAA-sponsored tournament sports when a participant receives a second disciplinary action.

A second game ejection penalty for a coach or a third ejection for a player in the same season will prohibit that player or coach from participating in the MHSAA soccer tournament.

The game suspensions are more severe than the existing National Federation rules book and take precedent in all MHSAA competition. It is mandated that officials report game ejections in a timely manner to the offending school and the MHSAA, and that school coaches and administrators monitor such penalty accumulations and enforce the suspensions. Michigan joins several states that sponsor interscholastic soccer in adding supplemental game suspensions for such penalties. ■





**COACHES
ADVANCEMENT
PROGRAM®**

2007-08 Overview

CAP 1	6 Hours
2 hours:	Coaches Make the Difference: MHSAA Philosophy and Regulations
2 Hours:	Effective Instruction: The Coach as Teacher
2 hours:	Sports Medicine and First Aid
CAP 2	6 Hours
2 hours:	Effective Communication: Characteristics of Coaches who are Great Communicators
2 hours:	Legal Issues in School Sports: A Game Plan to Meet Legal Needs
2 hours:	Psychology of Coaching
CAP 3	6 Hours
2 ½ hours:	Additional Coaching Responsibilities: Becoming Aware of your Many Resources
2 hours:	Effectively Working with Parents
1 ½ hours:	The Coach as Performer: Managing Your Time and Energy Level
CAP 4	6 Hours
2 hours:	Teaching Technical and Tactical Skills
2 ½ hours:	Strength and Conditioning: Designing Your Program
1 ½ hours:	Preparing for Success
CAP 5	6 Hours
2 hours:	Healthy Living
2 hours:	Controlling Emotions in Pressure Situations
2 hours:	Resolving Conflicts in Athletics
CAP 6	6 Hours
6 hour	Champions of Character

Coaches Advancement Program Certification

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

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

Check mhsaa.com for schedule and enrollment form.



ENROLLMENT FORM

Please complete and mail to Jamie VanDerMoere, MHSAA, 1661 Ramblewood Dr., East Lansing, MI 48823

- Registration is \$60 per level and includes instruction, binder and refreshments.
- CAP Beginning Certification is achieved after completing CAP1 and CAP2; additional certification occurs after completion of subsequent levels.
- Payment must be received with registration form. (Make checks and money orders payable to MHSAA)
- No refunds will be issued. Money paid can be transferred to another program.

Name: _____ Gender: F M
(Print name exactly as you would want it to appear on certificate)

Home Street Address) _____

(City) _____ (Zip) _____ Email: _____

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

(School & School ID No.) _____ (Amount enclosed) _____

_____ (Level)	_____ (Date)	_____ (Site)

Date of Birth (for insurance): ____/____/____

Years of Coaching Experience: _____

Sport(s) you coach: _____

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

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

Why are you attending this Coaches Education program? _____

2007-08 Schedule Appears on "Coaches" Page at mhsaa.com

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

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

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

“When a school-sponsored team, or group of students which resembles the school team, intends to conduct practice

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

MHSAA catastrophic insurance does not cover such events.

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

A list of schools which completed the form in 2006-07 appears below.

Schools Submitting Out-of-State Travel Forms for 2006-07

<p>FALL No forms submitted</p>	<p>Farmington Fowlerville Fulton-Middleton Grand Ledge Grand Rapids Catholic Central Grand Rapids West Catholic Grandville Hamilton Harper Creek Holland West Ottawa Holt Holton Howard City-TriCounty Hudsonville Kenowa Hills Laingsburg Lowell Mason Morenci Northview Monroe Jefferson Petoskey Richland Gull Lake Saline Shepherd Southfield Christian Vermontville Maple Valley Whitehall Wyoming Park</p>	<p>Zeeland East Golf: Detroit Country Day Greenville LaCrosse: Detroit Country Day Bloomfield Hills Andover Soccer: Ann Arbor Pioneer Grandville Lowell Softball: Allendale Alma Anchor Bay Bath Bellevue Brighton Chelsea Clinton Coldwater Detroit Country Day East Kentwood Farmington Fenton</p>
<p>WINTER Alpine Ski: Clarkston Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood Detroit Country Day Lake Orion Manistee Pontiac Notre Dame Prep</p>	<p>SPRING Baseball: Adrian Lenawee Christian Bath Benzie Central Blissfield Chelsea Coldwater Columbia Central Coopersville Cranbrook-Kingswood Deckerville DeWitt Dexter East Kentwood Essexville Garber</p>	

Frankfort
 Flint Kearsley
 Grand Ledge
 Grand Rapids NorthPointe
 Christian
 Grand Rapids Northview
 Grand Rapids West Catholic
 Grosse Pointe University
 Liggett
 Hartland
 Hemlock
 Holt
 Holton
 Hudsonville

Jenison
 Laingsburg
 Lake Odessa Lakewood
 Lansing Everett
 Lowell
 Maple City Glen Lake
 Monroe Jefferson
 Petoskey
 Portland
 Rockford
 Southfield Christian
 Sparta
 St. Joseph Lake Michigan
 Catholic

Temperance Bedford
 Wyoming Park
 Wyoming Rogers
 Tennis:
 Ann Arbor Greenhills
 G.R. NorthPointe Christian
 Whitehall
 Track and Field:
 Coldwater
 Muskegon Mona Shores
 Vicksburg

Sanctioning Procedures

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

1. No action by MHSAA – Competition held in Michigan, conducted by member schools, needs no MHSAA approval. All such meets shall use MHSAA registered officials and rules of competition adopted by the MHSAA for that sport.
2. Approval by the MHSAA – Any meet or tournament with three or more teams held within Michigan for Michigan schools and sponsored by a non-member school or organization must be approved by the MHSAA prior to the contest.
 The non-member school/organization must submit in writing the terms and conditions of the competition. The sponsors must assure that the competition will be conducted in accordance with MHSAA eligibility regulations, using MHSAA registered officials and rules of competition adopted by the MHSAA for that sport.
3. Sanction by State Association – Interstate competition, which is sponsored by a member school and involves three or more schools from border states, must be sanctioned by the state association of the host school, as well as the respective association of the state or states of participating schools.

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

4. Sanction by the NFHS –
 - A. Any interstate competition involving two or more schools which is cosponsored by or titled in the name of an organization outside the high school community (e.g. a university, shoe company, etc.), in addition to being sponsored by a member school, shall require sanction by the NFHS office.
 - B. Schools must also receive NFHS sanction and state association sanction when:
 - (1) More than eight schools, at least one of which is from a state that does not border the host state; or
 - (2) Five or more states, at least one of which does not border the host state.
- * Whenever an event requires NFHS approval, there is a \$100 fee made payable to the NFHS. This payment must be sent along with the request for sanction to the state association office. The host school or the organization that is hosting the event should submit the request submitted to the state association office at least 90 days before the event to avoid being charged a late fee. ■

REGISTER ALL NONFACULTY COACHES BEFORE THEY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

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

There are two ways to fulfill the registration requirement:

1. The easiest way to register nonfaculty varsity head coaches is online at mhsaa.com, as you provide School Directory information. Click on "School Login" on the left-hand nav bar.
2. Forms for registering other nonfaculty coaches may be requested from the MHSAA or may be found on the MHSAA Web site. Forms may be submitted throughout the school year as nonfaculty coaches are assigned. ■

SUMMARY OF MHSAA NONFACULTY COACHES

The following includes only those coaches identified by method No. 2 (Nonfaculty Coaches Form), and does not include coaches identified by method No. 1 (online).

1980-81	2,172 SHS (404) 166 JHS (62)	1991-92	8,326 SHS (570) 395 JHS (99)	2001-02	9,808 SHS (547) 1,233 JHS (249)
1981-82	2,455 SHS 176 JHS	1992-93	7,677 SHS (578) 406 JHS (84)	2002-03	6,807 SHS (339) 1,016 JHS (174)
1982-83	2,748 SHS 172 JHS	1993-94	7,328 SHS (509) 340 JHS (75)	2003-04	6,683 SHS (321) 897 JHS (160)
1983-84	3,276 SHS (441) 191 JHS (59)	1994-95	8,695 SHS (559) 392 JHS (94)	2004-05	6,690 (HS 337) 818 (JHS 141)
1984-85	3,495 SHS (442) 225 JHS (71)	1995-96	8,742 SHS (555) 445 JHS (99)	2005-06	6,045 (HS 286) 716 (JHS 132)
1985-86	3,834 SHS (450) 204 JHS (60)	1995-96	8,326 SHS (524) 345 JHS (72)	2006-07	6,327 (HS 303) 761 (JHS 141)
1986-87	3,611 SHS (410) 208 JHS (51)	1996-97	8,326 SHS (524) 345 JHS (72)		
1987-88	4,410 SHS (454) 198 JHS (60)	1997-98	7,913 SHS (476) 294 JHS (69)		
1988-89	5,320 SHS (492) 222 JHS (55)	1998-99	9,643 SHS (601) 246 JHS (86)		
1989-90	8,193 SHS (630) 621 JHS (147)	1999-00	11,571 SHS (657) 1,562 JHS (326)		
1990-91	8,693 SHS (628) 562 JHS (144)	2000-01	8,486 SHS (452) 1,376 JHS (270)		

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

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS PARTICIPATION NUMBERS REMAIN STRONG IN 2006-07

A three-year streak of record-setting participation numbers for high school sports by Michigan High School Athletic Association members came to an end during the 2006-07 school year, but just barely.

MHSAA member schools reported that 313,093 participants took part in sports in which the Association sponsors postseason tournaments, falling just short of the 2005-06 record of 313,589 – less than two-tenths of one percent.

A razor's edge also separated girls and boys participation from setting records. There were 131,500 girls taking part in high school sports last year, just short of the 2005-06 mark of 131,662; and ending four straight years of growth. The boy's figure of 181,593 is now second only to the record of 181,927, also set in 2005-06. The totals count students once for each sport in which he or she participates.

Records for participation were set in 10 sports – six for girls and four for boys. Girls competitive cheer and soccer continued consecutive year record-setting streaks that have spanned more than a decade. Girls tennis hit a new high for the third straight year, and records were also set in girls cross country, girls lacrosse and girls bowling. Boys soccer, lacrosse, cross country and bowling all set new standards in 2006-07.

2006-07 Sports Participation

The following summaries indicate participation in MHSAA tournament sports for 2005-06.

(A) The first number is the number of schools reporting sponsorship on the Sports Participation Survey. The second number indicates the total number of participating schools in MHSAA tournaments, including the number of additional schools participating in the sport through cooperative programs, as of May 27, 2006. The third number indicates the number of schools that had girls playing on teams consisting primarily of boys.

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

Sport	BOYS & GIRLS TEAMS		GIRLS ONLY TEAMS	
	Schools (A)	Participants	Schools (A)	Participants (B)
Baseball	640/650/5	19,317	-	0/8
Basketball	729/743/6	23,995	667/727	19,140/105
Bowling	276/282/10	3,395	258/278	2,562/46
Competitive Cheer	-	-	321/312	7,786
Cross Country	576/609/7	8,164	553/608	7,073/32
Football - 11 player	623/656/40	46,264	-	0/44
Golf	568/573/54	7,728	313/316	3,676/90
Gymnastics	-	-	72/83	781
Ice Hockey	226/238/9	4,059	20	317/16
Lacrosse	86/91/2	3,760	52/54	1,760/2
Skiing-Alpine	89/101/4	938	86/101	766/12
Soccer	464/479/40	14,860	428/434	14,171/211
Softball	-	-	618/637	16,429
Swimming & Diving	254/277/13	5,119	266/289	6,736/77
Tennis	337/357/16	8,517	336/353	9,816/166
Track & Field-Outdoor	636/655/8	23,569	627/608	18,109/164
Volleyball	-	-	703/715	21,545
Wrestling	457/479/109	11,908	-	0/177

HEALTH & SAFETY

BASICS OF ANKLE SPRAIN MANAGEMENT

As with any sprain or strain you should first follow the R.I.C.E. principle immediately after an ankle sprain. R.I.C.E stands for Rest, Ice, Compression, and Elevation. R.I.C.E. will relieve pain and keep the area from swelling. The earlier the RICE treatment is started after an injury, the better it works.

REST - If moving the injured area causes pain, this is the body's way of saying stop. Rest the affected area. Sometimes resting an injured area means not participating in any physical activity or just the activity that caused the injury. For example, some walking may be allowed, but no running. If necessary, a health care provider may suggest using crutches or a cane so that less weight is put on the injured foot or leg. Activities are resumed on a gradual basis and as tolerated evaluated by pain and ability to participate with proper form.

ICE - Ice applied to the injured area will help to prevent or reduce swelling. Swelling causes more pain and can slow healing. Apply a cloth-covered ice pack to the injured area for no more than 20 minutes at a time, 4 to 8 times a day. A one-pound package of frozen corn or peas makes a good ice pack. It is lightweight, conforms to the injured area, and is inexpensive and reusable.

COMPRESSION - Use an elastic wrap to prevent or reduce swelling. Wrap the injured area with an elastic bandage, but not so tightly that the blood is cut off. It should not hurt or throb. Fingers or toes beyond the bandage should remain pink and not become "tingly." The elastic bandage should be taken off every 4 hours and reapplied.

ELEVATION - Elevation means raising the injured area above the level of the heart. The affected part should be elevated so it is 12 inches above the heart, to help reduce swelling. Prop up a leg or arm while resting it. It may be necessary to lie down to get the leg above the heart level. Elevation can be achieved with several pillows placed under the injured area. Anyone with Raynaud's, diabetes, sensitivity to cold or any medical condition with reduced blood flow to the arms or legs should not use R.I.C.E. therapy.

These people need to see their provider for care of minor and more serious injuries.

As pain and swelling subside begin ankle range of motion (ROM) exercises, pumping the ankle up and down and side to side. Progress to calf stretches if ankle ROM is well tolerated. When ROM becomes pain free, a light resistance band can be used to begin strengthening the ankle muscles. Use the band to resist side-to-side and up and down ankle motions. Progress to more difficult bands as strength increases and if the exercises can be done pain free. Heel raises and wall squats can generally be tolerated as you become proficient at moderate resistance band exercises. Progress your ankle program to simple walking and single leg balancing exercises when these activities can be done pain free. Begin hopping exercises when walking and SLB become pain free. Start with hopping on two legs straight up and down. Progress hopping to side to side and front to back hops. When this can be done proficiently and pain free progress to single leg hops. The next step is running. Begin with straight-ahead light jogging and progressing to sprints as pain and function allow. When this can be done proficiently and without pain progress to cutting side to side, slowly at first, working up to sprint speeds as you become proficient.

Remember all exercises should be pain free. Do not perform any exercises that you can not accomplish pain free and without substitution or a limp. This article is not intended to replace medical care from your health care provider about your specific complaint. If you are unsure of the severity of your injury, if your condition does not improve, if you have considerable pain or if the pain worsens, it is recommended that you seek medical care.

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

HFHS is the MHSAA's year-round corporate partner in promoting health and safety in school sports.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY ISSUES AND ANSWERS

Digital technology has changed many things about high school sports. Administrators, coaches, student-athletes and spectators are all better off for advances that have been made in the day-to-day operation of educational athletics.

But these advances also bring on a new set of challenges, and nowhere is this more evident than in the area of digital photography.

As the cost of acquiring lower-end Digital Single Lens Reflex (DSLR) still and High Definition video photography has fallen, the sidelines of our fields and endlines of our floors are becoming literally flooded with individuals who have suddenly anointed themselves as photographers and are taking still and moving images at events for non-media coverage purposes – mostly with thoughts of selling such images through the Internet.

Many of these individuals have no administrative connection to the schools they shoot at. They make friends with coaches and parents to influence themselves into a position where they are actually thought of as photographers.

And just as having a driver's license doesn't qualify you to drive a race car, having a camera doesn't necessarily make you a sports photographer.

Until digital imaging came along, those people toting cameras at games taking action pictures were pretty much limited to professional photographers from the local newspaper or television station, or school newspaper and yearbook photographers. Their numbers were manageable, their intentions were not to exploit schools and school children and their behavior was professional.

Now, armed with an entry-level DSLR and a kit lens from the local mall or big box store, scads of individuals are muscling their ways into places they simply don't belong, as if their equipment was their license to the sideline (as well as free entry through the front gate to the field), and because the game was taking place at a public school, they owned the rights to shoot and sell images.

Often, these photographers do little or nothing to provide images for the school for its publication and promotional purposes.

Some are overzealous parents. Neither show any respect for where they can and cannot shoot; usually impeding the efforts of those legitimate media photographers trying to do their job at the game; and the proof in the pudding is that they simply don't know what to shoot and when. Looking at the web sites of some of these individuals, I see more specks of a player at midfield, or backs of individuals than I do anything that resembles a well-composed image. (And many of these people call themselves their town's or region's "premier" sports photographers on their web pages.) Others have less honorable intentions with the images they capture of young people at our games.

By season's end, these individuals are attempting to obtain access to shoot tournament games, having built an outsized sense of entitlement along the way. Even without credentials, they manage to work their way to the side of the court or the field during the games, and even more attempt to get in on the awards ceremonies.

This is making life difficult for local athletic administrators, tournament venue coordinators, and state athletic association offices across the country, especially at the state association level, where many have licensing arrangements with a single professional photography company, which basically provides services to the association. Such vendors are not lining the pockets of state associations with money. In fact, state associations are just happy to not incur the expense of hiring a photographer on a per event basis.

Trying to protect such licensing programs after the fact is difficult at best. Some of these rogue photographers, either not being aware of such licensing programs or showing complete disregard for them, will undercut those arrangements. Those in the know simply thumb their noses at the association programs, and even when their web-based efforts are shut down when they are found to be illegally peddling pictures, they resort to other methods of distributing their wares.

So what is the appropriate course of action for administrators locally? Simply put, know who is on your sideline. Make sure you know who all your local photographers

are. Once you have a handle on who's supposed to be at your games, exchange that information with other athletic administrators so you can cover both sides of the field.

There are a number of liability issues in play here. A professional photographer will carry their own insurance personally or from their employer. A professional photographer will likely have cleared some kind of a criminal background check, which is becoming more of a standard for anyone working around kids. A professional photographer will have membership in a professional association with higher standards than paying its annual dues. The MHSAA is working with the Sports Photographers Association of America in developing such standards. A professional photographer will observe the rules and respect school and association imaging rights to events.

Finally, a professional photographer will be connected with the administration of the school – either as a bona fide member of the media, or through a direct relationship with the athletic administrator. Not as a friend of a

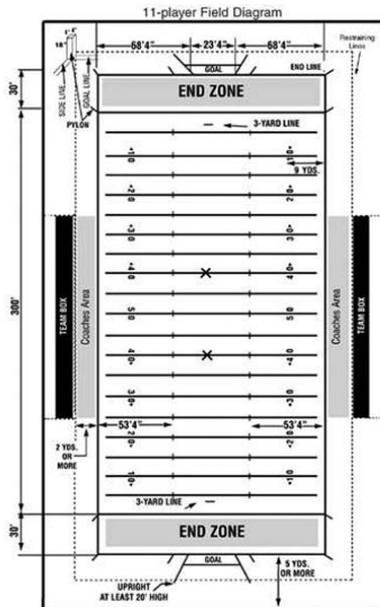
player, parent or coach. The administrative connection ensures that the accountability level is high and that the school will benefit from the photographer's presence, usually with the photographer providing images for the school's use.

When schools know who's on their sidelines, it makes it easier when they reach the final level of an MHSAA tournament, and need appropriate credentialing. The standard for MHSAA Finals in team sports is that a school will be given a photo pass when it is requested by a school administrator (not a coach), and is done so with the understanding that the images are to be used for school publication and promotional purposes – not posted for sale on a Web site.

The key to effectively dealing with the growth of digital photography is by knowing who's on your sidelines. By keeping the sidelines as the working environment for the media and others who have the best interest of our schools at the heart of their work, a lot of the negative issues can be avoided. ■

FOOTBALL FIELD MARKINGS A RULE IN 2007

Beginning this season, all interscholastic football fields are to be marked in accordance with Rules 1-2-3d and d1-2-3k below. The markings are intended to “clean up” crowded sidelines and provide a safer environment for players and game personnel.



Rule 1-2-3d NEW:

A 4-inch wide broken retraining line shall be placed around the outside of the field, at least 2 yards from the sidelines and end lines.

Rule 1-2-3k NEW:

A line, 4 inches wide and a minimum of 24 inches in length, shall be centered in the field of play, three yards from each goal line.

MHSAA TOURNAMENT BALL AGREEMENTS

The “Official Ball” adoptions for seven MHSAA tournament sports will continue with the same manufacturers for 2007-08 as in the past year.

Baden Sports is the “Official Volleyball” of the MHSAA Semifinals and Finals. It's the third year of a five-year agreement with Baden which will continue through the 2009-2010 school year. The MHSAA receives an annual cash payment and complimentary Baden LEXUM® volleyballs for use at the Semifinals and Finals.

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

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

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

The MHSAA is in the second year of a five-year agreement with Brine as the “Official Ball” of the MHSAA Soccer Semifinals. Brine has been the Official Soccer Ball of the MHSAA Semifinals and Finals the past four years. The new agreement starts with the 2006-07 school year and will run through the 2010-2011 school year. The MHSAA receives an annual cash payment and complimentary Brine soccer balls for all Semifinal and Finals games.

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

Girls & Boys Basketball - Rawlings -Third year of a five-year agreement running through 2009-2010, Rawlings COMPMICH and COMPMICH285 used at MHSAA Semifinals and Finals

Baseball – Rawlings - Third year of a five-year agreement running through 2009-2010, Rawlings baseballs will be used and provided at all tournament levels.

Softball – Wilson - Third year of a five-year agreement running through 2009-2010, Wilson softballs (.47 COR, 375 compression) will be used and provided at all tournament levels.

Volleyball – Baden - Third year of a five-year agreement running through 2009-2010, Baden LEXUM® ball will be used at MHSAA Semifinals and Finals

Girls & Boys Soccer – Brine - Second year of a five year agreement running through the 2001-2011 school year. Brine soccer balls will be used at MHSAA Semifinals and Finals.

2007-08 COUNCIL ADVISORY LIST OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

The Council on Standards for International Educational Travel has published the list of approved educational exchange programs for the 2007-08 school year. For immediate eligibility, an exchange student must be in one of the programs listed below and meet all other eligibility requirements for student-athletes. All listings are “Full” unless otherwise noted.

Organization

4-H International Programs Committee
Abbey Road Overseas Programs
Academic Foundation for International Cultural Exchange
Academic Study Associates, Inc. - *1st Year Provisional*
AFS-USA
American Academic and Cultural Exchange, Inc.
American Councils for International Education (ACTR/ACCELS)
American Cultural Exchange Service
American Institute for Foreign Study Foundation (AYA)
American Intercultural Student Exchange
Amicus International Student Exchange
Amigos de las Américas
ASA International
Aspect Foundation
ASSE International
American Secondary Schools for International Students and Teachers (ASSIST)
Association for Teen-Age Diplomats
AYUSA International
Azumano International
Center for Cultural Interchange
Children's International Summer Villages
Council for Educational Travel, USA
Council on International Educational Exchange
Cultural Academic Student Exchange, Inc.
Cultural Homestay International
DM Discoveries
Education Travel & Culture
Educational and Cultural Interactions
Educational Resource Development Trust (ERDT/SHARE!)
EF Foundation for Foreign Study
Face The World Foundation
F.L.A.G.
Forte International Exchange Association
The Foundation for Academic Cultural Exchange
Foundation for Intercultural Travel
The Foundation for Worldwide International Student Exchange
Global Insights
Global Outreach
Global World International Foundation
International Cultural Exchange Services
International Experience USA
International Fellowship

International Student Exchange
 IntoEdVentures
 The Laurasian Institution - *2nd Year Provisional*
 Learning and Achievement Foundation - *Conditional*
 Musiker Discovery Programs
 Nacel Open Door
 NorthWest Student Exchange
 NW Services PEACE Program
 Organization for Cultural Exchange Among Nations (OCEAN)
 Pacific Intercultural Exchange
 PAX - Program of Academic Exchange
 Peace4Kids, Inc. Promoting Educational and Cultural Enrichment - *2nd Year Provisional*
 Quest International
 Reflections International
 Rotary Ohio-Erie Youth Exchange Program - *Conditional*
 Rocky Mountain Rotary Youth Exchange
 Rotary California-Nevada International
 Rotary Central States Youth Exchange Program
 Rotary District 5950/5960 Youth Exchange Foundation
 Rotary District 6650 Youth Exchange Program
 Rotary District 6970 Youth Exchange Program - *1st Year Provisional*
 Rotary District 7120 Youth Exchange Program
 Rotary District 7150 Youth Exchange Program
 Rotary ESSEX (Eastern States Exchange)
 Rotary Student Visitors Program of District 6990 - *1st Year Provisional*
 Rotary YES/SCANEX - *Conditional*
 South Central Rotary Youth Exchange - *Conditional*
 School Year Abroad
 STS Foundation
 Student American International
 Terra Lingua USA
 The Traveling School
 United Studies Student Exchange
 World Experience
 World Heritage
 World Link
 Youth For Understanding USA (YFU USA)

For more information on CSIET please contact:

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

2006-07 Exchange Statistics - Top 10 States

Following is a list of the top 10 states hosting semester or year-long CSIET Students, based on data as of November 2006.

1. Texas	2,012	6. Washington	1,229
2. Michigan	1,896	7. Ohio	1,196
3. California	1,725	8. Indiana	1,049
4. Minnesota	1,424	9. Oregon	1,010
5. Wisconsin	1,262	10. Pennsylvania	841

2007 COACH EJECTION LISTING — SPRING

City	School	Coach	Sport
Albion	Albion HS	Larry Woods	Softball
Allen Park	Allen Park HS	Glenn Gulliver	Baseball
Ann Arbor	Huron HS	Ari Bartolacci	Boys Lacrosse
Ann Arbor	Pioneer HS	Gerald Holley	Baseball
Bath	Bath HS	Rob Orr	Baseball
Bloomfield Hills	Marian HS	Barry Brodsky	Girls Soccer
Bloomingtondale	Bloomingtondale HS	Gerald Wright	Baseball
Bridgeport	Bridgeport HS	Billy Cork	Baseball
Bridgeport	Bridgeport HS	Charles Cork	Baseball
Bridgeport	Bridgeport HS	Charles Cork	Baseball
Brighton	Brighton HS	Chris Weaver	Baseball
Bronson	Bronson HS	Dennis Hendrickson	Baseball
Canton	Canton HS	Scott Dickey	Baseball
Canton	Plymouth HS	Assistant Coach	Baseball
Capac	Capac HS	John Forti	Baseball
Carleton	Airport HS	Matt Jones	Baseball
Central Lake	Central Lake HS	Adam Grybauskas	Baseball
Detroit	University Prep HS	3rd base coach	Softball
Dowagiac	Dowagiac Union HS	Andy Kruger	Baseball
Edwardsburg	Edwardsburg HS	A.J. Gaideski	Baseball
Flint	Hamady HS	Hamady Head Coach	Baseball
Grand Blanc	Grand Blanc HS	Brad Morris	Girls Lacrosse
Grand Rapids	Catholic Central HS	Mark Rasmussen	Baseball
Grand Rapids	Catholic Central HS	Mark Rasmussen	Baseball
Hartford	Hartford HS	Nick Blackmer	Baseball
Hartland	Hartland HS	Jason Chapman	Girls Lacrosse
Hastings	Hastings HS	Marsh Evans	Baseball
Holt	Holt HS	Brad Phillips	Baseball
Ionia	Ionia HS	Asst. Coach	Softball
Lake Odessa	Lakewood HS	Kristen Heinze	Softball
Lansing	Eastern HS	Al Gray	Baseball
Manton	Manton HS	Matthew McNally	Baseball
Marion	Marion HS	Justin Wagenschutz	Baseball
Marquette	Marquette HS	Gary Klein	Softball
Middleton	Fulton HS	Jeremy Stephens	Baseball
Midland	HH Dow HS	Tom Miller	Girls Soccer
Monroe	St Mary Catholic Central HS	Jon LaBeau	Softball
Newaygo	Newaygo HS	Brad Reyburn	Baseball
Portage	Portage Central HS	Dave Clark	Baseball
Riverview	Gabriel Richard HS	Kevin Foley	Baseball
Riverview	Gabriel Richard HS	Doug Ochmanek	Baseball
Rochester Hills	Lutheran Northwest HS	Mike Beauregard	Girls Soccer
Rockford	Rockford HS	Phil Twiest	Boys Lacrosse
Saginaw	Arthur Hill HS	Clarence Thompson	Baseball
Saranac	Saranac HS	Tom Melle	Baseball
Saugatuck	Saugatuck HS	Jim Smith	Baseball

South Lyon	South Lyon HS	Jeremy Napier	Boys Lacrosse
South Lyon	South Lyon HS	Ryan Sparks	Boys Lacrosse
Troy	Troy HS	Matt Jantz	Boys Lacrosse
Troy	Troy HS	Toby Kassa	Boys Lacrosse
Union City	Union City HS	Joe Tinervia	Baseball
White Lake	Lakeland HS	Tom Wiseman	Baseball
Ypsilanti	Willow Run HS	Jeff Edwards	Baseball
Ypsilanti	Ypsilanti HS	Terry Bigham	Baseball

OFFICIALS REPORTS SUMMARY FOR SPRING 2007

Sport	Concern	Praise	P-Eject	C-Eject	O-Eject	Taunting
Baseball	115	7	74	37	0	0
Boys Lacrosse	34	7	27	6	0	0
Boys Tennis	1	0	1	0	0	0
Boys Track	3	0	2	0	0	0
Girls Lacrosse	5	0	1	2	1	0
Girls Soccer	65	3	44	3	0	0
Softball	15	3	4	6	1	0

Rpts./Concern	Distribution of Reports		
	No. of Schools	Rpts./Praise	No. of Schools
1	137	1	18
2	34	2	1
3	6		
4	2		
7	1		

CODE: P = Player C = Coach O = Other

OFFICIALS REPORTS, 3 OR MORE—Spring 2007

School Name	City	Count
Troy HS	Troy	7
Holt HS	Holt	4
Plymouth HS	Canton	3
Lakewood HS	Lake Odessa	3
St. Mary Preparatory HS	Orchard Lake	3
South Lyon HS	South Lyon	3
St. Johns HS	St. Johns	3
Bedford HS	Temperance	3

MHSAA CLASSIFICATION BY SPORT — 2007-08

Reflects cooperative programs and options to play in larger classifications or divisions as of April 5, 2007

Sports Utilizing Traditional Classifications

Traditional Classifications for 2007-08		
<u>Class</u>	<u>Enrollment Range</u>	<u>Maximum No. of Schools</u>
A	1,055 and Above	190
B	507 - 1,054	190
C	249 - 506	191
D	248 and Below	191

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

SPORT		A	B	C	D
BASKETBALL	Girls	186	187	185	169
	Boys	188	188	187	181
FOOTBALL *		188	190	173	71
GYMNASTICS		46	13	--	--
VOLLEYBALL		186	183	180	163

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

Sports Utilizing "Equal Divisions"

SPORT		1	2	3	4
BASEBALL		162	160	163	163
BOWLING	-Girls	89	96	87	--
	-Boys	92	93	92	--
GIRLS COMP CHEER		79	80	79	81
CROSS COUNTRY	- Girls	138	141	137	138
	- Boys	142	142	143	143
GOLF - Girls		92	93	94	--
	- Boys	130	130	130	131
ICE HOCKEY		58	59	59	--
LACROSSE - Girls		22	23	--	--
	- Boys	36	37	--	--
SKIING - Girls		38	40	--	--
	- Boys	39	40	--	--
SOCCER - Girls **		111	111	111	83
	- Boys **	120	121	122	91

SOFTBALL	162	160	162	148
SWIMMING - Girls	77	77	78	--
- Boys	73	73	74	--
TENNIS - Girls	84	85	85	85
- Boys	85	86	86	86
TRACK - Girls	148	153	151	150
- Boys	151	151	152	151
WRESTLING (Team)	116	117	117	117

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

Upper Peninsula Tournaments

SPORT	Division	No. of Schools	Enrollment Range
*Swimming (Boys & Girls)	1	10G 10B	1,443-347G 1,443-347B
**Cross Country (Boys & Girls)	1	10B 10G	1,274-468
	2	10B 10G	363-264
	3	11B 12G	242/185-76
**Track & Field (Boys & Girls)	1	12B 12G	1,274-378
	2	12B 12G	363-253
	3	25B 25G	203-21
**Golf (Boys & Girls)	1	10B 11G	1,274-428
	2	13B 12G	378-253
	3	21B 19G	203-21/76
Soccer (Girls - Fall)	1	4	1,274-363
Soccer (Boys - Spring)	1	4	1,274-363
	2	5	242-21
***Tennis (Girls - Fall)	1	6	1,274-499
	2	7	433-86
(Boys - Spring)	1	6	1,274-499
	2	7	433-86

Divisions are set as follows:

**Swimming: All schools one Division.*

***Cross Country, Track and Golf: Class A, B & C schools are combined and divided into two nearly equal Divisions. Class D is its own Division.*

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

UP Schools Participate Statewide in all Other Tournaments

2007-08 CLASSIFICATION OPT-UPS

Schools which have exercised the option to play in a higher level for 2007-08

TRADITIONALLY CLASSIFIED SPORTS

City/School	Sport(s)	From Class:	To Class:	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Livonia-Ladywood	GBB	B	A	Fall 2006	4/15/08
North Branch	VB	B	A	Winter 05-06	8/15/07

IN WRESTLING (Winter)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Algonac	3	2	Winter 99-00	8/15/07
East Lansing	2	1	Winter 98-99	8/15/07
•Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Winter 99-00	8/15/07
Saginaw	2	1	Winter 97-98	8/15/07

IN BOYS TENNIS (Fall)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Detroit Country Day	4	3	Spring 1999	4/15/07
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	2	1	Spring 2000	4/15/07
Grand Rapids Forest Hills N.	3	2	Spring 2007	4/15/08
•Lansing-Sexton	3	1	Spring 2007	4/15/08
Mason	2	1	Spring 2007	4/15/08
Mt. Clemens	4	3	Spring 2006	4/15/07
Mt. Pleasant	2	1	Spring 2006	4/15/07
Pinckney	2	1	Spring 2007	4/15/08
Port Huron Northern	2	1	Spring 2007	4/15/08
St. Johns	2	1	Fall 2007	4/15/09

IN GIRLS TENNIS (Spring)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Grand Rapids Forest Hills N.	3	2	Fall 2006	10/15/07
Grosse Ile	4	3	Fall 2002	10/15/07
Holland	2	1	Fall 2006	10/15/07
•Lansing-Sexton	3	1	Fall 2006	10/15/07
Mason	2	1	Spring 2008	10/15/08
Midland Dow	2	1	Fall 1999	10/15/07
Mt. Clemens	4	3	Fall 2004	10/15/07
Pinckney	2	1	Spring 2008	10/15/08
Richmond	4	3	Fall 2001	10/15/07
St. Johns	3	1	Fall 1999	10/15/07

IN BOYS CROSS COUNTRY (Fall)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
•Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Fall 2006	4/15/07

•Will return to normal classification for 2008-09 school year.

IN GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY (Fall)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
•Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Fall 2006	4/15/07

IN ICE HOCKEY (Winter)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Detroit-U of D Jesuit	2	1	Winter 04-05	8/15/07
East Lansing	3	2	Winter 04-05	8/15/07
*Escanaba	2	1	Winter 05-06	8/15/07
Grosse Pointe North	2	1	Winter 05-06	8/15/07
*Kingsford	2	1	Winter 01-02	8/15/07
Marquette	2	1	Winter 00-01	8/15/07
Novi-Detroit Catholic Central	2	1	Winter 06-07	8/15/08
Orchard Lake-St. Mary's	3	1	Winter 05-06	8/15/07
Port Huron Northern	2	1	Winter 02-03	8/15/07
*Traverse City-St. Francis	2	1	Winter 03-04	8/15/07
Trenton	3	2	Winter 02-03	8/15/07
Utica	2	1	Winter 07-08	8/15/09

IN BOYS SKIING (Winter)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Orchard Lake-St. Mary's	2	1	Winter 06-07	8/15/08

IN GIRLS SKIING (Winter)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Bloomfield Hills-Marian	2	1	Winter 06-07	8/15/08

IN GIRLS GOLF (Fall)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
•Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Spring 2007	4/15/08

IN BOYS GOLF (Spring)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
•Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Fall 2006	10/15/07

IN BOYS SOCCER (Fall)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
•Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Fall 2006	4/15/08

IN GIRLS SOCCER (Spring)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
•Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Spring 2007	10/15/08

**Cooperative Program*

•Will return to normal classification for 2008-09 school year.

IN GIRLS SWIMMING (Fall)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
•Lansing-Sexton	3	1	Fall 2006	4/15/08

IN BOYS SWIMMING (Winter)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	2	1	Winter 02-03	8/15/07
•Lansing-Sexton	3	1	Winter 06-07	8/15/08

IN BASEBALL (Spring)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
•Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Spring 2007	10/15/08

IN SOFTBALL (Spring)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Harper Woods-Regina	2	1	Spring 2005	10/15/07
•Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Spring 2007	10/15/08
St. Johns	2	1	Spring 2004	10/15/07

IN BOYS LACROSSE (Spring)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	2	1	Spring 2005	10/15/07
Detroit-U of D Jesuit	2	1	Spring 2006	10/15/07

IN GIRLS LACROSSE (Spring)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Bloomfield Hills-Marian	2	1	Spring 2007	10/15/08
Grosse Pointe North	2	1	Spring 2007	10/15/08
Grosse Pointe South	2	1	Spring 2005	10/15/07

IN BOYS TRACK & FIELD (Spring)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
•Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Spring 2007	10/15/08

IN GIRLS TRACK & FIELD (Spring)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
•Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Spring 2007	10/15/08

**Cooperative Program*

•Will return to normal classification for 2008-09 school year.

2007-08 ORDER FORM FOR MHSAA MATERIALS

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_____	Baseball Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
_____	Baseball Umpires Manual (2007 & 2008)	@ \$10.00 _____
_____	Baseball Case Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
	BASKETBALL (after Aug. 1)	
_____	Basketball Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
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_____	Basketball Simplified and Illustrated Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
_____	Basketball Officials Manual (2007-09)	@ \$10.00 _____
_____	Basketball Handbook (2006-08)	@ \$10.00 _____
	COMPETITIVE CHEER (after Sept. 1)	
_____	Competitive Cheer Rules & Regulations Manual (2007-08)	@ \$ 7.00 _____
_____	Spirit Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
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_____	Football Officials Manual (2006 & 2007)	@ \$10.00 _____
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_____	Girls Gymnastic Rules Book & Manual (2006-08)	@ \$12.00 _____
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_____	Ice Hockey Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
	BOYS LACROSSE (after Feb. 1)	
_____	Lacrosse Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
	GIRLS LACROSSE (after Feb. 1)	
_____	Lacrosse Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
	SOCCER (after Aug. 1)	
_____	Soccer Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
	SOFTBALL (after Feb. 1)	
_____	Softball Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
_____	Softball Umpires Manual (2008 & 2009)	@ \$10.00 _____
_____	Softball Case Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
	SWIMMING & DIVING (after Aug. 1)	
_____	Swimming & Diving Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
	TRACK (after Feb. 1)	
_____	Track & Field Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
_____	Track & Field Case Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
_____	Track & Field Manual (2007 & 2008)	@ \$10.00 _____
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_____	Volleyball Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
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_____	Wrestling Rules Book	@ \$ 8.00 _____
_____	Wrestling Case Book & Manual	@ \$10.00 _____
	OTHER PUBLICATIONS	
_____	Court & Field Diagram Guide	@ \$12.00 _____
_____	NFHS Statisticians' Manual	@ \$ 8.00 _____
_____	2007-08 School Directory	@ \$10.00 _____
_____	2007-08 Officials Directory	@ \$10.00 _____
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REQUESTS FOR RULE/REGULATION INTERPRETATIONS/RULINGS

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

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

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

WHOM TO CONTACT AT THE MHSAA

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

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

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

Is My Student Eligible?

The most efficient method of communication with the MHSAA on eligibility questions is through the athletic director or principal. Athletic directors should gather all information necessary on a question and then call or write the MHSAA. Coaches or parents calling the MHSAA on eligibility matters can create confusion and delay. ADs or principals are encouraged to contact the MHSAA office directly. Please follow this efficient path of communication.

GIRLS LACROSSE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, May 9, 2007

Members Present:

Eve Claar, Bloomfield Hills
Dawn Coe, Holland
Kim Hagan, Okemos
Rob Holder, Troy
Larry Janes, South Lyon
Betsy Kreston, Flint
Ed Maloney, Ann Arbor
Ken Mohny, Mattawan
Keith Vree, Rockford

Members Absent:

Sue Calvo, Swartz Creek
Rick Schmidt, Holt
Sarah Tisdale, Lansing

Staff Member Present:

Kathy Vrugink Westdorp (Recorder)

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Girls Lacrosse Committee, which currently meets twice annually, reviewed its responsibilities as a standing sports committee and the process of making recommendations to MHSAA staff and the MHSAA Representative Council. The Girls Lacrosse Committee's function is to also assist with the assignment of tournament officials.

TRANSITION

Committee meeting minutes from the May 10, 2006 and Jan. 25, 2007 Girls Lacrosse Meetings were reviewed. Recommendations included that MHSAA assistance continues to be provided with girls and boys lacrosse schedules in the 2007-08 school year. A meeting is requested to be held at the MHSAA offices on Friday, **Oct. 12, 2007**, to assist with the completion of non-league schedules. Some discussion surrounded this request to consider moving to an earlier date however, the consensus was to continue with the corresponding date in 2007. Committee members indicated that during this meeting the networking was worthy and that in the transition of the program the meeting was necessary for completion of schedule. Two separate meetings on the same date will be held to allow an athletic administrator the capability of scheduling both girls and boys lacrosse in a single day, in two overlapping meetings.

The posted Lacrosse Participating School Team Information and the Tournament Managers Material were also again reviewed and the committee adopted both documents for the 2007 season.

2007 GIRLS LACROSSE TOURNAMENT

Forty-two teams (representing 54 schools) will participate in the Girls Lacrosse Tournament that concludes at Bloomfield

Hills Lahser on Saturday, June 9, 2007 with 21 teams in each division. In an effort to allow spectators the option to attend both the boys and girls lacrosse contests, the girls Division 2 finals are scheduled for 2 p.m. and Division 1 finals are scheduled for 5 p.m. at Bloomfield Lahser High School. Boys lacrosse is scheduled at Troy Athens at 2 p.m. (Division 1) and 5 p.m. (Division 2). Additional information regarding the lacrosse tournament is found on www.mhsaa.com.

ASSIGNMENT OF TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

The committee's function over this transitional period is to assist with the assignment of tournament officials. Ratings of girls lacrosse officials were available to provide additional assistance. Currently there are 90 officials who are registered in girls lacrosse and great progress has been made in terms of the recruitment, registration and training of girls lacrosse officials. This continues to be a priority of the committee members and the MHSAA.

The Girls Lacrosse Committee members offered input on the selection of tournament officials for regional semifinals, regional finals, semifinals, and finals. Officials who were registered and in attendance at the MHSAA Girls Lacrosse Rules Meetings were eligible for tournament assignment. Official's schedules were perused and officials were selected for tournaments. Girls lacrosse officials were notified of their assignment on Thursday, May 10, 2007 and are expected to contact the tournament host and the MHSAA if they are unable to accept an assignment.

2007-08 PLANNING AND PREPARATION

The three-year experimentation as an allowance given by the MHSAA Representative Council for a Tier III tourna-

ment was reviewed by committee and Representative Council. Due to very little interest in the Tier III format, it has been discontinued. The three-year provision for co-ops to exist over the 3500 cap concludes after the 2006-07 lacrosse season for schools that started lacrosse in 2004-05. Two girls lacrosse cooperative programs are currently over the 3500 cap and have been notified to provide a plan for the 2007-08 girls lacrosse season.

Emphasis remains in the necessity to give assistance to schools regarding the enforcement of regular season policies that leagues normally follow regarding schedules and the assignment of officials, as well as promoting lacrosse within existing local conferences. Committee members remain committed to providing assistance in establishing new local lacrosse leagues and local officials associations for the 2007-08 school year and indicated their awareness of additional schools offering girls lacrosse. There are already two new conferences who have determined they will have schedules for girls lacrosse in 2008-09.

In addition, a review of the tournament schedule will be ongoing. With girls lacrosse an emerging sport, there will be many forthcoming changes that may occur with additional new teams becoming a part of the MHSAA tournament. The opt-out date for the 2007 season, which was changed to assist schools with the regional draw, will be the corresponding date (April 29, 2008).

MIDDLE SCHOOL GUIDELINES

The Girls Lacrosse Committee recommendation to establish limitations on junior high/middle school girls lacrosse was reviewed and the committee was advised that these limitations would go into effect in the 2008-09 school year. The limitations (included in Regulation IV, Section 10) would consist of a 13 week junior high/middle school season with a 12 date limit including two multi-team tournaments.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGES TO THE NATIONAL FEDERATION

The rules of girls lacrosse were discussed by the Committee with the possibility of providing a proposal to the National Federation of State High School Associations for review by the Girls US Lacrosse Committee. It was determined that the proposal discussed would not be submitted. However, it was requested that emphasis be given to girls lacrosse

shooting space parameters with assurances that this aspect of the game be a focus of safety and also reviewed for consistency within the rule.

LACROSSE RULES AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 2007-08

The lacrosse rules meeting schedule was discussed with the determination that the first meeting would be in late January and the last meeting at the MHSAA earlier in March for officials who register late and/or coaches who are hired late to a coaching position. It is reflected within the rules meetings dates to have an earlier March meeting at the MHSAA than 2007 so there is not a conflict with the early games that are held in March. Lacrosse rules meetings scheduled for 2007-08 are: Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008 at Birmingham Seaholm; Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008 at Warren DeLaSalle; Thursday, February 21, 2008 at East Grand Rapids; Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at the MHSAA.

Lacrosse committee meeting dates will be Thursday, Jan. 24, 2008, and Wednesday, May 7, 2008. With affirmation of the meeting dates, there was additional discussion as to how individuals are placed on MHSAA committees and the two-year length of their term.

EDUCATION

Strong recommendations from the committee included the placement of a veteran official with a protégé official to assist with the rules and regulations of lacrosse. There was also a request that assignors of girls lacrosse use a program to increase internet access by schools to an official's assignment. This request will be reviewed with registered assignors during the MHSAA Assignor's Meeting. Additionally, it was requested that all assignors be reviewed to make certain that they are consistent in their placement of officials as well as following the guidelines of the MHSAA and not establishing additional parameters to be placed in a regular season contests.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

The committee discussed additional ways to attract more schools and players to girls lacrosse. Included was a review of when current sports were held and how the change of seasons would affect lacrosse. Committee members will continue to work with schools for additional expansion. ■

BOYS LACROSSE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, May 9, 2007

Members Present:

Chris Corteg, Shelby Township
Rick DeBlasio, East Grand Rapids
Aaron Frank, Birmingham
Shawn Grady, Okemos
Barry Hobrla, Lowell
Tom Hunt, East Lansing
Mike Jolly, Warren
Dan Mills, Portage
Mark Woodson, Romulus

Members Absent:

Ron Allen, Holland
Dave Barry, Walled Lake (MASSP)
Greg Brynaert, Romeo
Bob Dowd, Troy
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Bill Katsaros, Troy (Coaches Association)
Meg Seng, Ann Arbor

Staff Member Present:

Tom Rashid (Recorder)

The minutes of the May 9, 2006 and Jan. 24, 2007 meetings were presented for review as well as recommendations previously submitted to the Representative Council.

2007 TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

The late season regional alignments for Division 1, Regions 1-4 and Division 2, Regions 5-8 were seeded based upon the pre-determined criteria from No. 1 seed to No. 10 seed depending on the number of teams in each region. Preliminary recommendations were submitted and laxpower.com consulted. The pairings were faxed to tournament managers, posted on mhsaa.com within a few days, were final and not subject to appeal. The 2007 Semifinal pairings determined by the committee were as follows: Division 1, Regional 4 vs. 2; 1 vs. 3, in Division 2, Regional 8 vs. 7 and 6 vs. 5.

OFFICIALS

Committee members were presented lists of 79 MHSAA registered officials who had attended a rules meeting and were eligible to officiate the MHSAA tournament. The official ratings and number of ratings submitted for each official since 2004-05 were also presented. An internal supplemental rating solicited from officials, coaches and athletic directors was also provided. The committee will select the officials from the approved list and the staff will assign the officials to the specific games.

The committee selected 40 officials to work the regional Semifinals and Finals, 16 Semifinal officials and eight Final officials to

the 2007 tournament. Two officials will be assigned to each Regional Semifinal and three to each Regional final game. Three officials and an alternate official, who will also serve as the Chief Bench Official, will be assigned to the MHSAA Semifinal and Final games. Officials for the Preregional first round at the home site will be the responsibility of the home school, which will be the top team on the bracket.

MHSAA lacrosse officials training programs conducted with the two local approved lacrosse officials associations during the 2006-07 school year were reviewed. Six sessions were held in November and March at Byron Center and Birmingham Seaholm High Schools and at the MHSAA office in East Lansing. A total of 114 individuals participated; 35 were high school age students. A total of 160 boys lacrosse officials registered with the MHSAA for the 2006-07 school year. It is anticipated that officials training sessions will again be held in 2007-08, and efforts to encourage more officials are needed.

2007 TOURNAMENT PLANNING

The Lacrosse Finals for both boys and girls will be played on Saturday, June 10, 2007 at separate sites within a few miles of each other in Oakland County. The boys Finals will be at Troy Athens High School (Div. 1 at 2 p.m., Div 2 at 5 p.m.) The girls Finals will be at Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School (Div. 2 at 2 p.m., Girls Div 1 at 5 p.m.). Warrior Lacrosse will be the official ball supplier for both boys and girls lacrosse.

2007-08 PLANNING AND POINTS OF EMPHASIS

The committee discussed the need for continuation of the efforts to assist with regular season scheduling and determined that second voluntary scheduling meeting take place at the MHSAA on Friday, October 12, 2007 to assist with the completion of non-league schedules. Athletic directors and boys and girls lacrosse coaches will be invited to this meeting in preparation for the 2008 lacrosse season. Leagues are again encouraged to have their league schedules completed prior to the meeting.

Sixty-five teams sponsored boys lacrosse in 2005-06, 69 in 2006-07, involving 88 schools. Due in part to cooperative agreements splitting so as to conform to the 3500 student enrollment cap it is expected that at minimum 73 teams will enter the MHSAA tournament in 2007-08. This will result in more teams in each region and increase the number of Preregional games held May 15, 16, 17 or 19, 2008.

Earlier in the week the Representative Council accepted the Lacrosse Committee recommendation to discontinue the Tier III tournament for developmental teams which had very little interest during the three year experiment and the Council approved the continuation of the combined seeding and geographical approach to the boys lacrosse tournament with the criteria to be developed by the Lacrosse Committee.

There was consensus on two recommendations to improve the tournament criteria and process: 1) The 2007-08 the early season seeding be based upon a two year previous season performance, not three years. 2)

Consideration be given to providing a preliminary early season regional alignment before the October scheduling meeting so schools may have that knowledge when scheduling non-league games which would assist in setting the late season brackets.

The schedule and locations of the 2007-08 combined boys and girls lacrosse rules meetings were presented: Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008 at Birmingham Seaholm, Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008 at Warren DeLaSalle and Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008 at East Grand Rapids High School. The final meeting will be at the MHSAA offices in East Lansing on March 19, 2008 which is one week earlier than the 2007 meeting date. The opt-out due date for boys and girls lacrosse will be April 30, 2008. The tentative Lacrosse Committee Meeting dates are Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008 and Wednesday, May 7, 2008.

The committee did not have any recommendations for the National Federation of State High School Associations Boys Lacrosse Rule Committee. Currently, there are two individuals from Michigan on this committee.

JUNIOR HIGH MIDDLE SCHOOLS

The Limitations on Competition as outlined for many middle school sports in Regulation IV, Section 10 was extended to boys and girls lacrosse effective with the 2008-09 school year by the Representative Council at its May 2007 meeting and will be distributed at rules meetings in 2008. The limitations will consist of a 13-week season with a 12-date maximum including two multi-team tournaments. ■

ICE HOCKEY COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, May 23, 2007

Members Present:

Bob Bopp, Grosse Pointe (MHSICA)
Kevin Langseth, Belmont
Bob Dailey, Grand Rapids
Larry Edlund, Portage
Curt Ellis, Novi
Joe Ford, Lansing
Cody Inglis, Suttons Bay
Al Kranzo, Grand Rapids
Mark Mattson, Marquette
Shane Redshaw, Rochester

Pete Ryan, Saginaw (MIAAA)
Ken Stephens (Allen Park)
Bob Scurfield, Midland

Members Absent:

Eric Frederico, Gibraltar
Colin Ripmaster, Mattawan (MASSP)

Staff Member Present:

Randy Allen (Recorder)

The 2007 Ice Hockey Committee met in the MHSAA office building to review the MHSAA tournament series and select tournament sites, discuss and review correspondence, review playing rules changes, and discuss the status of high school hockey in MHSAA member schools. After introductions, Randy Allen reviewed the role and responsibility of the committee.

CALENDAR ISSUES

Executive Director Jack Roberts updated the committee on calendar issues related to post-Labor Day start of academic classes, general membership and committee discussion regarding length of seasons, minimum days of practice and starting dates for competition. Clarifications of the summer dead period and pre-season down time regulations were also offered.

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL ACTION

The committee was updated on Representative Council action relative to the recommendations of the 2006 Hockey Committee; to require officials assigned to the Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Finals round of the tournament to work a minimum of 10 high school games during the regular season and submit a schedule to the MHSAA, effective with the 2008 tournament was approved. Also approved was an increase in game suspensions for player and coach disqualifications due to unsportsmanlike and flagrant conduct, fighting and all other situations where a game DQ is assessed. Beginning

with the 2007-08 season, a player or coach will receive a two game suspension for their first game DQ, a four game suspension for their second game DQ and suspension for the remainder of the season, including the MHSAA tournament for their third game DQ.

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

The committee reviewed the 2007 MHSAA Hockey Tournament. General satisfaction was expressed with the second season of the Pre-Regional format. It was suggested to continue holding manager meetings, specifically for new managers and inviting rink personnel to the meeting. Continued emphasis will be placed on crowd control, security and expense control. The committee recommended more standardization and guidelines be developed for pregame and postgame procedures and time schedules.

Correspondence from Midland Dow High School was reviewed that asked for a change in the MHSAA tournament policy regarding use of facilities with Olympic ice. The request was to allow all levels of the tournament to be played on Olympic size ice, not limited to Pre-Regional games as the existing policy states. The committee did not recommend any change to the current policy which does not allow use of Olympic ice at the Regional, Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Finals level of the MHSAA tournament.

Use of the optional 17-minute period was discussed. A motion was passed to allow leagues and conferences to exercise the playing rule option for 17 minute periods for reg-

ular season games only, with coaches' association leadership to offer a more comprehensive rationale for Representative Council consideration.

Semifinal draw for the 2008 tournament will be as follows:

Division 1 - QF 1 vs. QF 4, QF 2 vs. QF 3

Division 2 - QF 5 vs. QF 8, QF 6 vs. QF 7

Division 3 - QF 9 vs. QF 12, QF 10 vs. QF 11

OFFICIALS ASSIGNMENTS

The MHSAA process for assigning tournament officials was reviewed. It was suggested that Pre-Regional & Regional managers get input from coaches as they hire officials. It was pointed out that the MHSAA committee that assigns officials at the Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Finals level need more cooperation from coaches in the nomination process. Policies regarding rotation of officials for Semifinal and Finals assignments were discussed. It was agreed to continue with a three-year rotation for Finals assignments, but not to have the restriction for Semifinal assignments.

TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS

The committee was given a tentative draft of tournament groupings for the 2007-08 season. There were several current or pending changes in cooperative teams and changes in opt-up status that created many different groupings. Host sites will be assigned and communicated to schools in June for purposes of reserving facilities. A rotation basis will be used to assign sites as in past years.

PLAYING RULES

The committee was updated on National Federation playing rules changes for the 2007-08 season. Most notable will be the elimination of the requirement for dental mouth guards to be attached to the facemask. Stick curvature, and clarification of required throat protection for goaltenders were the other significant changes.

A proposal from Chelsea High School asking for a change in the limit on players in uniform on the bench from 20 to 22 players was reviewed. This is allowed under National Federation playing rules and a motion to increase the players in uniform for

all regular season and tournament games to 22 was approved.

Also discussed were supplemental disciplinary rules, such as making game misconduct penalties subject to next game suspensions, tournament suspension for schools with multiple coach/player DQs and coach suspensions for games in which a school has 15 or more penalties. None was adopted.

An update on the standards of enforcement initiative was reported to the committee. Feedback from coaches and officials was supportive. Continued emphasis on enforcing playing rules appropriately will take place at all 2007 rules meetings. Sportsmanship, controlling language and post whistle contact will also continue to be emphasized to coaches and officials. Officials association and coaches association leadership will work with the MHSAA to develop written interpretations that will clarify such standards. It was suggested to use video segments at rules meetings for more clarity. Sportsmanship, controlling language and post whistle contact will also continue to be emphasized to coaches and officials.

A review of MHSAA equipment requirements resulted in a motion to follow National Federation rules regarding neck guards for players, making them recommended and not required.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The committee was updated on MHSAA dialogue with other hockey organizations. Such discussions help identify areas of cooperation and common problems. Efforts to continue engagement with officials' organizations were reviewed. Correspondence from Traverse City Central was reviewed regarding MHSAA regulations on out-of-season coaching contact, specifically the 3-player rule. No changes were recommended.

A suggestion was made to survey schools on pay to play fees being charged for hockey participation to share with athletic administrators. An update on the National Federation summer meeting roundtable discussions of hockey playing state association representatives was shared. An emphasis on stricter standards of enforcement was the common theme from states that sponsor interscholastic hockey.

The status of girls interscholastic hockey programs was discussed. There are no plans for MHSAA tournament sponsorship at this time.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Allow league & conference adoption of the National Federation 17 minute period option as specified in Rule 6-37-2. Such adoption would be optional and for regular season games only. The coaches association will develop a rationale for use of the 17 minute period with data on length of games, cost of ice rental, officials' issues and increased participation (13-0).
2. Follow National Federation rule 4-3-1 which includes neck guards being recommended equipment, not required (13-0).
3. Increase from 20 to 22 the number of players allowed in uniform on the bench as allowed by National Federation Rule 2-3-1 (13-0). ■

MHSAA ADOPTS TOUGHER HOCKEY CONDUCT RULES

In a continuing effort to maintain high standards of sportsmanship and conduct for players and coaches during interscholastic hockey contests, the MHSAA Representative Council approved a recommendation from the Hockey Committee to increase game suspensions for game disqualification penalties. Effective with the 2007-08 season, any player or coach that receives a game disqualification penalty will be suspended from participating or coaching for the next two contests. A second game disqualification penalty on the player or coach in the same season will result in a four-game suspension and a third DQ will suspend the player or coach for the remainder of the season and the MHSAA tournament.

The game suspensions are more severe than the existing National Federation rules book and take precedent in all MHSAA competition. It is imperative that officials report game DQ's in a timely manner to the offending school and the MHSAA, and that school coaches and administrators monitor such penalty accumulations and enforce the suspensions. Michigan joins several states that sponsor interscholastic hockey in adding supplemental game suspensions for such penalties. ■



MHSAA COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS

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

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

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

A complete list of high school and junior high/middle school cooperative programs as of July 19, 2007 begins below. ■

APPROVED COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS HIGH SCHOOLS

Primary School	Partner(s)	Last Approval	Renewal
(B) Ada-Forest Hills Eastern (2)Boys Lacrosse (3)Ice Hockey	Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern	11/10/2006 4/21/2004	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(B) Ada-Forest Hills Eastern (1)Girls Lacrosse	Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Central, Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern	6/12/2006	5/1/2006
(C) Allen Park-Cabrini (3)Ice Hockey	Melvindale	8/13/2003	5/1/2007
(C) Ann Arbor-Greenhills (3)Boys Swimming	Ann Arbor-Rudolf Steiner School	11/19/1997	5/1/2007
(C) Bath (3)Wrestling	Laingsburg	8/28/2002	5/1/2006
(D) Battle Creek-Calhoun Christian School (4)Boys Soccer (4)Girls Soccer	Battle Creek-St Philip Catholic Central	4/20/2005 4/20/2005	5/1/2007 5/1/2007
(A) Battle Creek-Central (1)Girls Golf	Battle Creek-Pennfield	10/23/1997	5/1/2007
(A) Battle Creek-Central (1)Boys Swimming	Battle Creek-St Philip Catholic Central	5/5/1996	5/1/2006
(A) Battle Creek-Central (1)Girls Swimming	Battle Creek-St Philip Catholic Central, Battle Creek-Pennfield	5/5/1996	5/1/2006
(D) Battle Creek-St Philip Catholic Central (4)Baseball (4)Boys Golf (4)Boys Track (4)Boys Cross Country (4)Football	Battle Creek-Calhoun Christian School	4/20/2005 4/20/2005 4/20/2005 4/20/2005 4/20/2005	5/1/2007 5/1/2007 5/1/2007 5/1/2007 5/1/2007

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(4)Girls Track		4/20/2005	5/1/2007
(4)Girls Cross Country		4/20/2005	5/1/2007
(4)Softball		4/20/2005	5/1/2007
(A) Bay City-Central (1)Ice Hockey	Auburn-Bay City Western	8/13/1996	5/1/2006
(D) Bear Lake (4)Boys Cross Country (4)Girls Cross Country	Onekama	4/30/1988 4/30/1988	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(D) Bellaire (4)Boys Soccer	Central Lake	6/10/1998	5/1/2006
(D) Bellaire (4)Baseball (4)Boys Track (4)Girls Track	Alba	11/17/2000 11/17/1998 11/17/1998	5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(D) Bellaire (2)Boys Skiing (2)Girls Skiing	Central Lake , Mancelona	9/11/1997 9/11/1997	5/1/2007 5/1/2007
(D) Benton Harbor-Countryside Academy (4)Wrestling	St Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic	9/19/2005	5/1/2007
(B) Benzonia-Benzie Central (2)Boys Skiing (2)Girls Skiing	Frankfort	9/8/2004 9/8/2004	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Beverly Hills-Wylie E Groves Gymnastics (1)Ice Hockey	Birmingham-Seaholm	8/28/2002 6/10/1992	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Birmingham-Seaholm (1)Boys Lacrosse (1)Boys Skiing (1)Girls Lacrosse (1)Girls Skiing	Beverly Hills-Wylie E Groves	11/10/2004 9/7/2006 11/10/2004 9/7/2006	5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(B) Bloomfield Hills-Andover (1)Boys Lacrosse	Bloomfield Hills-Lahser	6/9/2004	5/1/2006
(A) Bloomfield Hills-Lahser (1)Girls Lacrosse (1)Ice Hockey	Bloomfield Hills-Andover	6/9/2004 8/18/1999	5/1/2006 5/1/2007
(C) Boyne City (3)Boys Track (3)Girls Track	Boyne Falls	5/8/1991 5/8/1991	5/1/2007 5/1/2007
(C) Brethren (4)Boys Golf	Bear Lake	5/5/1996	5/1/2006
(C) Bridgman (1)Boys Swimming (1)Girls Swimming	Three Oaks-River Valley , St Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic, Stevensville-Lakeshore, Niles	4/15/1993 4/15/1993	5/1/2007 5/1/2007
(D) Britton-Macon (3)Baseball (4)Boys Golf (4)Boys Track (4)Boys Cross Country (3)Football (4)Girls Track	Deerfield	10/13/1994 2/25/1999 4/15/1993 4/17/2002 4/15/1993 4/15/1993	5/1/2006 5/1/2007 5/1/2007 5/1/2006 5/1/2007 5/1/2007

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(4)Girls Cross Country		4/17/2002	5/1/2006
(3)Softball		10/13/1994	5/1/2006
(D) Buckley (3)Boys Soccer	Mesick	5/5/2007	5/1/2007
(D) Burton-Valley Christian Academy (4)Baseball	Flint-Michigan School For The Deaf	12/31/2000	5/1/2006
(D) Burton-Valley Christian Academy Girls Basketball (4)Girls Soccer	Flint-The Valley School	3/22/2007 3/22/2007	5/1/2007 5/1/2007
(B) Byron Center (1)Boys Swimming (1)Girls Swimming	Grand Rapids-South Christian , Caledonia	5/19/2000 5/19/2000	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Canton-Salem (1)Boys Lacrosse	Canton , Canton-Plymouth	10/21/2004	5/1/2006
(B) Caro (2)Boys Swimming (2)Girls Swimming	Cass City	3/17/2005 3/17/2005	5/1/2007 5/1/2007
(D) Caseville (4)Boys Soccer (4)Boys Track (4)Girls Track	Owendale-Gagetown	4/16/2003 10/22/2003 10/22/2003	5/1/2007 5/1/2007 5/1/2007
(C) Cass City Gymnastics	Caro	8/29/2001	5/1/2007
(D) Cedarville (4)Football	DeTour	4/20/2005	5/1/2007
(D) Central Lake (3)Football	Ellsworth Community	5/8/1991	5/1/2007
(C) Centreville (3)Wrestling	Colon Community	8/14/2006	5/1/2006
(C) Centreville (3)Boys Golf	Mendon	4/18/2007	5/1/2007
(C) Charlevoix (2)Boys Skiing	East Jordan	10/9/2002	5/1/2006
(D) Chassell (3)Girls Cross Country	Dollar Bay	3/22/2007	5/1/2007
(D) Chassell Volleyball	Painesdale-Jeffers	9/10/1998	5/1/2006
(A) Commerce-Walled Lake Northern (1)Boys Lacrosse Gymnastics	Walled Lake Western	9/8/2004 5/6/2006	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(C) Dearborn Heights-Star International (4)Football	Detroit-Universal Academy	2/21/2007	5/1/2007
(A) Dearborn-Edsel Ford Gymnastics (1)Ice Hockey	Dearborn	6/6/1995 5/1/2000	5/1/2007 5/1/2006
(C) Detroit-Frederick Douglass (3)Football	Detroit City	4/20/2005	5/1/2007
(B) DeWitt (2)Ice Hockey	St Johns	8/3/2001	5/1/2007

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(D) Dollar Bay (3)Boys Cross Country Girls Cross Country	Chassell	3/22/2007 3/22/2007	5/1/2007 5/1/2007
(B) East Grand Rapids Gymnastics	Grand Rapids-Catholic Central , Caledonia	5/6/2006	5/1/2006
(C) East Jordan (2)Girls Skiing	Charlevoix	10/9/2002	5/1/2006
(B) Eaton Rapids (1)Boys Swimming (1)Girls Swimming	Charlotte	4/20/2005 4/20/2005	5/1/2007 5/1/2007
(D) Eben Junction-Superior Central (3)Baseball	Munising	11/9/2005	5/1/2007
(C) Ecorse (3)Football	Detroit-Charlotte Forten Academy	6/9/2004	5/1/2006
(D) Engadine (4)Football	Paradise-Whitefish Township	4/15/1997	5/1/2007
(B) Escanaba (1)Ice Hockey	Gladstone , Bark River-Harris	6/10/1992	5/1/2006
(B) Essexville-Garber (1)Ice Hockey	Bay City-All Saints Central , Bay City-John Glenn , Pinconning	8/28/2002	5/1/2006
(A) Fair Haven-Anchor Bay (1)Girls Swimming	Algonac	4/21/2004	5/1/2006
(A) Farmington Gymnastics	Farmington Hills-North Farmington	3/30/1992	5/1/2006
(A) Farmington (1)Boys Bowling (2)Boys Swimming (1)Girls Bowling	Farmington Hills-Harrison	9/8/2004 8/18/1999 9/8/2004	5/1/2006 5/1/2007 5/1/2006
(A) Farmington (1)Boys Lacrosse	Farmington Hills-Harrison , North Farmington	9/8/2006	5/1/2006
(A) Farmington Hills-North Farmington (1)Girls Golf (1)Ice Hockey	Farmington Hills-Harrison	9/17/1996 5/6/2006	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Farmington Hills-North Farmington (1)Girls Lacrosse	Farmington , Farmington Hills-Harrison	9/8/2004	5/1/2006
(C) Fife Lake-Forest Area (3)Girls Soccer	Kingsley Area	10/17/2006	5/1/2006
(B) Flat Rock (3)Wrestling	Taylor-Baptist Park	9/25/2006	5/1/2006
(A) Flint Southwestern (1)Boys Swimming	Flint-Central	5/1/1993	5/1/2007
(C) Flint-Beecher (2)Wrestling	Flint-Hamady	9/17/2002	5/1/2006
(A) Flint-Carman-Ainsworth (1)Boys Swimming (1)Girls Swimming	Flushing	4/22/1999 4/22/1999	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Flint-Kearsley (1)Boys Swimming (1)Girls Swimming	Davison	4/30/1994 4/30/1994	5/1/2006 5/1/2006

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(D) Frankfort (4)Wrestling	Onekama , Bear Lake	8/28/2002	5/1/2006
(D) Fremont-Providence Christian (3)Boys Soccer (4)Girls Soccer	White Cloud	5/25/2005 12/1/2005	5/1/2007 5/1/2007
(B) Gladwin (2)Ice Hockey	Beaverton , Harrison Community	8/29/2001	5/1/2007
(C) Gobles (3)Boys Soccer	Bloomingtondale	4/25/2006	5/1/2006
(A) Grand Ledge (1)Ice Hockey	Lansing-Waverly	6/6/1995	5/1/2007
(B) Grand Rapids-Central (1)Girls Swimming (1)Ice Hockey	Grand Rapids-Creston	4/21/2004 8/3/2001	5/1/2006 5/1/2007
(A) Grand Rapids-Creston (1)Boys Swimming	Grand Rapids-Central	8/16/2000	5/1/2006
(B) Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern (1)Boys Skiing (1)Girls Skiing (1)Girls Swimming	Ada-Forest Hills Eastern	8/14/2006 8/14/2006 4/21/2004	5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(B) Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern (1)Boys Swimming (1)Competitive Cheer Gymnastics	Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Central , Ada-Forest Hills Eastern	6/18/2003 6/9/1999 9/11/2003	5/1/2007 5/1/2007 5/1/2007
(A) Grand Rapids-Kenowa Hills Gymnastics	Grandville	8/16/2000	5/1/2006
(C) Grand Rapids-NorthPointe Christian (4)Girls Tennis	Wyoming-Tri-unity Christian	4/25/2006	5/1/2006
(A) Grand Rapids-Northview (2)Ice Hockey	Comstock Park	4/18/2001	5/1/2007
(B) Grand Rapids-South Christian (3)Ice Hockey	Grandville-Calvin Christian	6/13/2007	5/1/2007
(A) Grand Rapids-Union (1)Ice Hockey	Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills	10/9/2002	5/1/2006
(A) Grandville (1)Boys Swimming (1)Girls Swimming	Grand Rapids-Kenowa Hills	8/16/2000 5/6/2000	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Grosse Pointe South Gymnastics	Grosse Pointe North	4/25/2006	5/1/2006
(C) Hancock (3)Football	Chassell , Dollar Bay	4/30/1994	5/1/2006
(C) Harbor Springs (2)Football	Alanson-Littlefield	5/7/1992	5/1/2007
(C) Hart (3)Boys Soccer (3)Football	Walkerville	4/25/2006 4/16/2003	5/1/2006 5/1/2007
(A) Hartland (1)Girls Swimming	Linden-Lake Fenton	4/25/2006	5/1/2006

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(B) Haslett (2)Ice Hockey	Williamston	8/16/2000	5/1/2006
(A) Highland-Milford Gymnastics	White Lake-Lakeland	5/6/2006	5/1/2006
(D) Hillsdale Academy (4)Boys Soccer	Hillsdale-Will Carleton Academy	8/29/2001	5/1/2007
(C) Houghton (2)Boys Skiing (2)Girls Skiing	Hancock , Painesdale-Jeffers	9/8/2004 9/8/2004	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Howell (1)Boys Swimming (1)Girls Swimming	Fowlerville	5/1/2007 3/22/2001	5/1/2007 5/1/2007
(A) Hudsonville (1)Ice Hockey	Allendale , Hudsonville-Unity Christian	9/29/2003	5/1/2007
(B) Hudsonville-Unity Christian (2)Boys Swimming	Grandville-Calvin Christian	6/15/2005	5/1/2007
(C) Inkster-Cherryhill School of Performing Boys Basketball Girls Basketball	Academy of Inkster	9/25/2006 1/1/2007	5/1/2006 5/1/2007
(C) Iron River-West Iron County (2)Boys Skiing (2)Boys Cross Country (2)Girls Skiing (2)Girls Cross Country (3)Wrestling	Crystal Falls-Forest Park	9/7/2006 4/25/2006 9/7/2006 4/25/2006 6/10/1998	5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(C) Ironwood-Luther L Wright (2)Boys Skiing (2)Girls Skiing	Bessemer-AD Johnston , Wakefield-Marenisco	9/19/2005 9/19/2005	5/1/2007 5/1/2007
(C) Ishpeming (3)Wrestling	Ishpeming-Westwood	8/20/2004	5/1/2006
(C) Ishpeming (2)Boys Bowling (3)Boys Swimming (2)Girls Bowling (3)Girls Swimming	Negaunee	8/20/2004 6/10/1992 8/20/2004 6/10/1992	5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(C) Ishpeming (2)Boys Golf (2)Boys Tennis (2)Boys Track (2)Boys Cross Country (3)Football (2)Girls Golf (2)Girls Track (2)Girls Cross Country	Republic-Michigamme	10/21/2004 10/22/2003 10/21/2004 4/25/2006 6/10/1992 10/21/2004 10/21/2004 4/25/2006	5/1/2006 5/1/2007 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Jackson Gymnastics	Grass Lake	4/30/1994	5/1/2006
(A) Jackson (1)Boys Swimming (1)Girls Swimming	Jackson-Lumen Christi , Napoleon	4/30/1994 4/30/1994	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Kalamazoo Central (1)Boys Swimming	Kalamazoo-Comstock	6/6/1996	5/1/2006

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(1)Girls Swimming		6/6/1996	5/1/2006
(C) Kalamazoo-Hackett Catholic Central (2)Football	Kalamazoo-Heritage Christian Academy	5/19/2000	5/1/2007
(A) Kalamazoo-Loy Norrix (1)Ice Hockey	Kalamazoo Central , Kalamazoo-Hackett Catholic Central	8/18/1999	5/1/2007
(B) Kingsford (1)Boys Cross Country (1)Girls Cross Country	Iron Mountain	6/10/1998 6/10/1998	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(B) Kingsford (2)Boys Swimming (2)Girls Swimming	Iron Mountain , Norway	9/17/2002 9/17/2002	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(B) Kingsford (1)Ice Hockey	Norway , Iron Mountain , Felch-North Dickinson	4/11/1996	5/1/2006
(D) Kinross-Maplewood Baptist Academy (4)Wrestling	Pickford	9/27/2004	5/1/2006
(C) Laingsburg (2)Boys Soccer (3)Girls Soccer	Bath	6/9/2004 6/9/2004	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(D) Lake Leelanau-St Mary (4)Boys Golf	Leland	4/25/2006	5/1/2006
(C) L'Anse (3)Ice Hockey	Baraga Area	3/21/1991	5/1/2007
(B) Lansing-Catholic Central (2)Football (3)Ice Hockey	Lansing Christian	3/23/2006 9/13/2000	5/1/2006 5/1/2007
(D) Lansing-New Covenant Christian (4)Boys Soccer	Holt Lutheran School	4/20/2005	5/1/2007
(B) Lansing-Waverly (2)Boys Swimming (2)Girls Lacrosse (2)Girls Swimming	Lansing-Catholic Central	4/15/1998 10/21/2004 4/15/1998	5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(B) Lansing-Waverly (1)Boys Lacrosse	Grand Ledge , Lansing-Catholic Central , Olivet	10/21/2004	5/1/2006
(A) Lapeer East (1)Girls Swimming	Lapeer West	6/9/1999	5/1/2007
(A) Lapeer West (1)Boys Swimming	Lapeer East	8/12/2005	5/1/2007
(D) Leland (4)Boys Soccer Volleyball	Lake Leelanau-St Mary	4/30/1988 4/30/1988	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Livonia-Adlai E Stevenson Gymnastics	Livonia-Franklin	3/23/2006	5/1/2006
(A) Livonia-Churchill Gymnastics	Livonia-Franklin	9/13/2000	5/1/2006
(B) Livonia-Ladywood (1)Girls Skiing	Bloomfield Hills-Academy Of The Sacred Heart	8/16/2000	5/1/2006
(A) Lowell (1)Ice Hockey	Caledonia	8/16/2000	5/1/2006

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(B) Manistee (2)Boys Track (3)Boys Cross Country (2)Girls Skiing (2)Girls Track (3)Girls Cross Country (3)Wrestling	Manistee-Catholic Central	4/18/2007 4/18/2007 5/5/1996 4/18/2007 4/18/2007 9/13/2000	5/1/2007 5/1/2007 5/1/2006 5/1/2007 5/1/2007 5/1/2006
(B) Manistee (1)Ice Hockey	Hart , Ludington , Scottville-Mason County Central , Shelby	8/14/2006	5/1/2006
(B) Manistee (2)Boys Skiing	Manistee-Catholic Central , Bear Lake	5/5/1996	5/1/2006
(C) Maple City-Glen Lake (3)Football	Leland	4/20/2005	5/1/2007
(C) Maple City-Glen Lake (2)Boys Skiing (2)Girls Skiing	Leland , Suttons Bay , Lake Leelanau-St Mary	4/30/1994 4/30/1994	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Mason (1)Ice Hockey	Eaton Rapids , Charlotte	9/19/2005	5/1/2007
(A) Mattawan (2)Girls Lacrosse	Kalamazoo Christian	10/21/2004	5/1/2006
(A) Mattawan (2)Boys Swimming	Kalamazoo-Hackett Catholic Central	9/13/2000	5/1/2006
(C) Mesick (3)Football	Buckley	4/25/2006	5/1/2006
(C) Middleton-Fulton (4)Wrestling	Fowler	6/5/2002	5/1/2006
(B) Middleville-Thornapple Kellogg (1)Boys Swimming (1)Girls Swimming	Hastings	6/9/2004 6/9/2004	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(C) Munising (4)Competitive Cheer (3)Football (4)Wrestling	Eben Junction-Superior Central	8/14/2006 4/20/2005 8/14/2006	5/1/2006 5/1/2007 5/1/2006
(C) Muskegon Catholic Central (3)Ice Hockey	Spring Lake	6/18/2003	5/1/2007
(C) Muskegon Catholic Central (3)Boys Swimming (2)Girls Swimming	Muskegon Heights , North Muskegon	4/18/2007 4/18/2007	5/1/2007 5/1/2007
(A) Muskegon-Reeths-Puffer (1)Boys Swimming (1)Girls Swimming	Muskegon	5/6/2006 5/6/2006	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Muskegon-Reeths-Puffer (1)Boys Skiing (1)Girls Skiing	Norton Shores-Mona Shores	8/19/2005 8/19/2005	5/1/2007 5/1/2007
(D) Muskegon-Western Michigan Christian (3)Boys Track (3)Girls Track	Muskegon Catholic Central	11/6/2002 11/6/2002	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(C) Negaunee Gymnastics	Ishpeming	8/12/1998	5/1/2006

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(C) Negaunee (2)Ice Hockey	Ishpeming , Ishpeming-Westwood , Gwinn , Republic-Michigamme	8/12/1998	5/1/2006
(A) Norton Shores-Mona Shores Gymnastics	Muskegon-Reeths-Puffer	8/18/1999	5/1/2007
(A) Norton Shores-Mona Shores (1)Boys Swimming (1)Girls Swimming	Muskegon	5/6/2006 5/6/2006	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(D) Onekama (2)Boys Skiing	Brethren	4/30/1988	5/1/2006
(D) Onekama (4)Boys Track (3)Football (4)Girls Track	Bear Lake	4/30/1988 4/30/1988 4/30/1988	5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(D) Onekama (2)Girls Skiing	Bear Lake , Brethren	4/30/1988	5/1/2006
(A) Ortonville-Brandon (1)Boys Skiing (1)Girls Skiing	Oxford	8/28/2002 8/28/2002	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(D) Owendale-Gagetown (4)Football	Caseville	4/17/2002	5/1/2006
(D) Painesdale-Jeffers (3)Boys Swimming (3)Girls Swimming	Chassell , Ironwood-Luther L Wright	4/30/1988 4/30/1988	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(D) Painesdale-Jeffers (3)Ice Hockey	Chassell , Ontonagon Area , Dollar Bay , Lake Linden-Hubbell	4/30/1994	5/1/2006
(B) Parma-Western Gymnastics	Concord , Springport	4/30/1994	5/1/2006
(D) Pellston (3)Football	Mackinaw City	4/15/1993	5/1/2007
(D) Pentwater (4)Girls Soccer (4)Softball	Hart-Lakeshore Public Academy	11/9/2005 11/9/2005	5/1/2007 5/1/2007
(D) Pickford (4)Baseball	Cedarville	10/21/2004	5/1/2006
(D) Pickford (4)Football	Kinross-Maplewood Baptist Academy	8/13/2003	5/1/2007
(A) Port Huron Northern (1)Girls Swimming	Port Huron	6/5/2002	5/1/2006
(A) Portage Northern Gymnastics	Portage Central	9/15/1993	5/1/2007
(D) Powers-North Central (4)Football	Carney-Nadeau	6/10/1998	5/1/2006
(D) Rapid River (3)Boys Cross Country (4)Football	Cooks-Big Bay de Noc	4/21/2004 4/21/2004	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Redford Union (1)Ice Hockey	Redford-Thurston	10/14/1998	5/1/2006

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(A) Rochester Hills-Rochester (1)Boys Skiing (1)Girls Skiing	Rochester Hills-Stoney Creek	8/9/2002 8/9/2002	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Rochester Hills-Rochester (1)Girls Lacrosse	Rochester-Adams , Rochester Hills-Stoney Creek	11/10/2004	5/1/2006
(A) Rochester-Adams (1)Boys Skiing (1)Girls Skiing	Rochester Hills-Stoney Creek	8/9/2002 8/9/2002	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Rochester-Adams Gymnastics (1)Ice Hockey	Rochester Hills-Rochester	8/9/2002 4/30/2005	5/1/2006 5/1/2007
(A) Rochester-Adams (1)Boys Lacrosse	Rochester Hills-Rochester , Rochester Hills-Stoney Creek	11/10/2004	5/1/2006
(C) Royal Oak-Shrine Catholic (3)Girls Swimming	West Bloomfield-Frankel Jewish Academy	4/21/2004	5/1/2006
(C) Rudyard (3)Boys Swimming (3)Girls Swimming	St Ignace-La Salle	8/28/2002 8/28/2002	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(B) Saginaw-Swan Valley (3)Ice Hockey	Hemlock	9/7/2006	5/1/2006
(C) Saginaw-Valley Lutheran (3)Football	Saginaw Arts & Sciences Academy	6/18/2003	5/1/2007
(A) Shelby Township-Utica Eisenhower (1)Boys Lacrosse	Sterling Heights-Utica Ford II , Sterling Heights-Utica Stevenson , Utica	11/10/2004	5/1/2006
(A) South Lyon (1)Boys Bowling (1)Boys Lacrosse (1)Boys Skiing (1)Boys Swimming (1)Girls Bowling (1)Girls Lacrosse (1)Girls Skiing (1)Girls Swimming (1)Ice Hockey	South Lyon East	3/22/2007 3/22/2007 5/5/2007 3/22/2007 3/22/2007 3/22/2007 5/5/2007 3/22/2007 3/22/2007	5/1/2007 5/1/2007 5/1/2007 5/1/2007 5/1/2007 5/1/2007 5/1/2007 5/1/2007 5/1/2007
(C) St Ignace-La Salle (2)Boys Golf	Mackinaw City	4/22/1999	5/1/2007
(C) St Ignace-La Salle (4)Baseball (3)Football	Mackinac Island	11/11/1996 5/5/2007	5/1/2006 5/1/2007
(D) St Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic (4)Football	Benton Harbor-Countryside Academy	4/20/2005	5/1/2007
(C) Suttons Bay (3)Boys Track (3)Football (3)Girls Track	Lake Leelanau-St Mary	5/7/1992 5/7/1992 5/7/1992	5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(C) Suttons Bay (3)Baseball (3)Softball	Northport	11/13/2006 11/13/2006	5/1/2006 5/1/2006

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(C) Suttons Bay (3)Girls Soccer	Lake Leelanau-St Mary , Leland , Northport	10/23/1997	5/1/2007
(A) Taylor-John F Kennedy (1)Boys Swimming	Taylor-Truman	5/1/2004	5/1/2006
(D) Taylor-Light and Life Christian (4)Football	Wyandotte-Mt Carmel	4/25/2006	5/1/2006
(A) Taylor-Truman (1)Girls Swimming (1)Ice Hockey	Taylor-John F Kennedy	3/14/1996 5/5/2007	5/1/2006 5/1/2007
(D) Tekonsha (4)Baseball (4)Boys Track (4)Football (4)Girls Track (4)Softball	Coldwater-Pansophia Academy	10/17/2006 10/17/2006 4/25/2006 10/17/2006 10/17/2006	5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Traverse City Central (1)Girls Swimming	Traverse City-St Francis	4/30/1994	5/1/2006
(A) Traverse City West (1)Girls Swimming	Traverse City-St Francis	8/21/2000	5/1/2006
(C) Traverse City-St Francis (2)Boys Skiing (2)Girls Skiing (4)Girls Soccer	Traverse City Christian School	9/15/1999 9/15/1999 11/6/2002	5/1/2007 5/1/2007 5/1/2006
(C) Traverse City-St Francis (1)Ice Hockey	Kalkaska , Elk Rapids , Suttons Bay	8/16/2000	5/1/2006
(B) Vassar Gymnastics	Millington	4/30/1994	5/1/2006
(D) Wakefield-Marenisco (4)Football	Watersmeet	4/30/1988	5/1/2006
(D) Walkerville (4)Boys Golf	Pentwater	4/20/2005	5/1/2007
(A) Walled Lake Central (1)Boys Lacrosse Gymnastics	Walled Lake Western	9/8/2006 6/10/1992	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(A) Warren-Cousino (1)Ice Hockey	Sterling Heights	6/18/2003	5/1/2007
(A) Warren Mott (1)Boys Lacrosse	Sterling Heights , Warren-Cousino	10/17/2006	5/1/2006
(A) Waterford Kettering (1)Boys Lacrosse (1)Boys Skiing (1)Girls Lacrosse (1)Girls Skiing	Waterford Mott	10/21/2004 9/13/2000 10/21/2004 9/13/2000	5/1/2006 5/1/2007 5/1/2006 5/1/2007
(A) Waterford Mott (1)Boys Swimming (1)Girls Swimming	Waterford Kettering	6/12/2006 6/12/2006	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(D) Waterford-Mt Zion Christian School (4)Football	Novi-Franklin Road Christian	4/25/2006	5/1/2006

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(B) Wayland Union (1)Ice Hockey	Byron Center , Hopkins , Middleville-Thornapple Kellogg	9/13/2000	5/1/2006
(A) White Lake-Lakeland (1)Boys Lacrosse (1)Girls Lacrosse	Highland-Milford	4/21/2004 4/21/2004	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(D) Wyandotte-Mt Carmel (3)Ice Hockey	Flat Rock	6/6/1996	5/1/2007
(B) Wyoming-Godwin Heights (1)Boys Swimming (1)Girls Swimming	Wyoming-Kelloggsville , Wyoming-Rogers , Wyoming Park	5/1/2004 4/15/1998	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
(D) Wyoming-Tri-unity Christian (4)Baseball	Byron Center-Zion Christian	11/9/2005	5/1/2007
(D) Wyoming-Tri-unity Christian (4)Girls Soccer	Kentwood-West Michigan Lutheran	10/17/2006	5/1/2006
(D) Wyoming-Tri-unity Christian (4)Softball	Byron Center-Zion Christian , Kentwood-West Michigan Lutheran	10/17/2006	5/1/2006
(D) Wyoming-Tri-unity Christian (4)Football	Grand Rapids-NorthPointe Christian , Wyoming-The Potter's House Christian , Kentwood-West Michigan Lutheran	2/22/2006	5/1/2006
(B) Ypsilanti-Willow Run (1)Ice Hockey	Belleville	8/4/2004	5/1/2006
(B) Zeeland East (1)Boys Bowling (2)Boys Swimming (1)Girls Bowling (2)Girls Swimming	Zeeland West	5/4/2005 5/4/2005 5/4/2005 5/4/2005	5/1/2007 5/1/2007 5/1/2007 5/1/2007
(B) Zeeland West (2)Boys Lacrosse	Zeeland East	12/1/2005	5/1/2007

APPROVED COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Primary School	Partner(s)	Approval	Last Renewal
Bear Lake MS Boys Cross Country Girls Cross Country	Onekama MS, Manistee-Catholic Central JHS	2/23/1994 2/23/1994	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
Brighton-Maltby JHS Boys Track Girls Track Wrestling	Brighton-St Patrick JHS	8/2/2005 8/2/2005 8/2/2005	5/1/2007 5/1/2007 5/1/2007
Brighton-Maltby JHS Boys Cross Country Girls Cross Country	Brighton-Scranton MS	8/15/1990 8/15/1990	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
Brighton-Maltby JHS Boys Swimming Girls Swimming	Brighton-Scranton MS, Brighton-St Patrick JHS	8/15/1990 8/15/1990	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
Brighton-Scranton MS Boys Track Girls Track Wrestling	Brighton-St Patrick JHS	8/2/2005 8/2/2005 8/2/2005	5/1/2007 5/1/2007 5/1/2007
Britton-Macon Area School Boys Track Football Girls Track	Deerfield MS	1/17/2007 4/25/2006 1/17/2007	5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006
Bronson JHS Boys Basketball Boys Track Boys Cross Country Football Girls Basketball Girls Track Girls Cross Country Volleyball Wrestling	Bronson-St Mary's Assumption School	9/8/2004 3/14/1996 9/7/2006 8/10/1994 9/15/1999 3/14/1996 9/7/2006 9/15/1999 8/10/1994	5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2007 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2007 5/1/2006
Caledonia-Kraft Meadows MS Boys Track Boys Cross Country Girls Track Girls Cross Country Wrestling	Caledonia-Duncan Lake MS	6/9/2004 6/9/2004 6/9/2004 6/9/2004 6/9/2004	5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006
Centreville JHS Boys Basketball Boys Track Football Girls Basketball Girls Track Volleyball	Sturgis-Nottawa Community School	8/13/1992 8/13/1992 8/13/1992 8/13/1992 8/13/1992 8/13/1992	5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006
East Martin Christian MS Boys Soccer Girls Soccer	Martin MS	4/25/2006 4/25/2006	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
Eaton Rapids MS Boys Basketball Boys Soccer Boys Track	Eaton Rapids-Island City Academy	9/27/2004 9/27/2004 9/27/2004	5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006

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Girls Basketball		9/27/2004	5/1/2006
Girls Soccer		9/27/2004	5/1/2006
Girls Track		9/27/2004	5/1/2006
Volleyball		8/2/2005	5/1/2007
Wrestling		8/2/2005	5/1/2007
Ellsworth JHS	Central Lake JHS		
Boys Track		9/10/1998	5/1/2006
Girls Track		9/10/1998	5/1/2006
Flint-Armstrong MS	Davison MS		
Boys Swimming		8/16/1995	5/1/2007
Girls Swimming		8/16/1995	5/1/2007
Fowler-Waldron MS	Fowler-Most Holy Trinity JHS		
Boys Basketball		8/14/1991	5/1/2007
Boys Track		1/22/2003	5/1/2007
Boys Cross Country		9/7/2006	5/1/2006
Girls Basketball		8/14/1991	5/1/2007
Girls Track		1/22/2003	5/1/2007
Girls Cross Country		9/7/2006	5/1/2006
Volleyball		5/5/2007	5/1/2007
Grand Haven-White Pines MS	Grand Haven-St Johns Lutheran JHS		
Boys Soccer		1/18/1991	5/1/2007
Boys Swimming		1/18/1991	5/1/2007
Boys Tennis		1/18/1991	5/1/2007
Boys Track		1/18/1991	5/1/2007
Football		1/18/1991	5/1/2007
Girls Soccer		1/18/1991	5/1/2007
Girls Swimming		1/18/1991	5/1/2007
Girls Tennis		1/18/1991	5/1/2007
Girls Track		1/18/1991	5/1/2007
Softball		1/18/1991	5/1/2007
Volleyball		1/18/1991	5/1/2007
Wrestling		1/18/1991	5/1/2007
Grand Ledge-Beagle MS	Grand Ledge-Hayes MS		
Boys Track		9/27/2004	5/1/2006
Boys Cross Country		9/27/2004	5/1/2006
Girls Track		9/27/2004	5/1/2006
Girls Cross Country		9/27/2004	5/1/2006
Wrestling		9/27/2004	5/1/2006
Hancock MS	Chassell JHS		
Football		8/16/2000	5/1/2006
Harbor Beach-Our Lady Of Lake Huron	Harbor Beach-Zion Lutheran School		
Boys Basketball		8/13/1992	5/1/2006
Girls Basketball		8/13/1992	5/1/2006
Highland Park-Barber Focus School	Highland Park-Henry Ford Academy		
Baseball		5/1/2005	5/1/2007
Boys Basketball		5/1/2005	5/1/2007
Boys Track		5/1/2005	5/1/2007
Football		5/1/2005	5/1/2007
Girls Basketball		5/1/2005	5/1/2007
Girls Track		5/1/2005	5/1/2007
Softball		5/1/2005	5/1/2007
Volleyball		5/1/2005	5/1/2007
Wrestling		5/1/2005	5/1/2007
Holland Christian MS	Zeeland Christian MS		
Boys Cross Country		8/13/2003	5/1/2007
Football		8/13/2003	5/1/2007

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Girls Swimming		8/13/2003	5/1/2007
Girls Cross Country		8/13/2003	5/1/2007
Holland Christian MS Boys Swimming	Holland-Calvary JHS	1/22/2003	5/1/2007
Holland East MS Boys Track Girls Track	Holland West MS	5/3/1997 5/3/1997	5/1/2007 5/1/2007
Holland West MS Boys Swimming Girls Swimming Wrestling	Holland East MS	9/16/1992 9/16/1992 9/16/1992	5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006
Holland-Harbor Lights School Boys Swimming Boys Cross Country Competitive Cheer Girls Basketball Girls Cross Country Softball Volleyball Wrestling	Holland-Macatawa Bay School	8/2/2005 8/2/2005 1/18/2006 9/19/2005 8/2/2005 1/18/2006 1/18/2006 8/2/2005	5/1/2007 5/1/2007 5/1/2006 5/1/2007 5/1/2007 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2007
Leland MS Boys Soccer Volleyball	Lake Leelanau-St Mary JHS	9/13/2000 12/2/1998	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
Manistee MS Wrestling	Manistee-Catholic Central JHS	9/13/2000	5/1/2006
Manistee-Catholic Central JHS Boys Basketball Girls Basketball	Manistee-Trinity Lutheran JHS	8/15/1990 4/30/1996	5/1/2006 5/1/2006
Manistee-Catholic Central JHS Football	FreeSoil-Free Soil JHS, Manistee-Trinity Lutheran JHS	8/13/1992	5/1/2006
Maple City-Glen Lake MS Football	Leland MS	4/20/2005	5/1/2007
Martin MS Boys Track Football Girls Track Wrestling	East Martin Christian MS	4/25/2006 4/25/2006 4/25/2006 4/25/2006	5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006
Mesick MS Boys Track Football Girls Track	Buckley JHS	12/31/1999 4/25/2006 12/31/1999	5/1/2007 5/1/2006 5/1/2007
Muskegon-Bunker MS Boys Swimming Girls Swimming	Norton Shores-Mona Shores MS, Muskegon- Steele MS, Muskegon-Reeths-Puffer MS	6/6/2001 6/6/2001	5/1/2007 5/1/2007
New Boston-Renton JHS Boys Swimming Boys Track Football Girls Basketball Girls Swimming Girls Track Wrestling	New Boston-St Stephen JHS	9/16/1992 9/16/1992 9/16/1992 9/16/1992 9/16/1992 9/16/1992 9/16/1992	5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006 5/1/2006

Primary School	Partner(s)	Approval	Last Renewal
Norway-Vulcan MS	Norway-Holy Spirit Central School		
Boys Basketball		12/5/2002	5/1/2006
Boys Track		12/5/2002	5/1/2006
Girls Basketball		12/5/2002	5/1/2006
Girls Track		12/5/2002	5/1/2006
Oak Park-Norup International School	Berkley-Anderson MS		
Football		4/20/2005	5/1/2007
Okemos-Chippewa MS	Okemos-Kinawa MS		
Boys Track		11/17/1999	5/1/2007
Boys Cross Country		11/17/1999	5/1/2007
Girls Track		11/17/1999	5/1/2007
Girls Cross Country		11/17/1999	5/1/2007
Okemos-Kinawa MS	Okemos-Chippewa MS		
Wrestling		11/17/1999	5/1/2007
Onekama MS	Bear Lake MS		
Boys Track		2/23/1994	5/1/2006
Girls Track		2/23/1994	5/1/2006
Owendale-Gagetown JHS	Caseville MS		
Football		1/18/2006	5/1/2006
Painesdale-Jeffers JHS	Atlantic Mine-EB Holman School		
Boys Basketball		12/31/1999	5/1/2007
Pellston MS	Mackinaw City JHS		
Football		6/9/1999	5/1/2007
Pentwater MS	Walkerville MS		
Boys Cross Country		4/20/2005	5/1/2007
Girls Cross Country		4/20/2005	5/1/2007
Petoskey MS	Petoskey-St Francis Xavier JHS		
Boys Basketball		5/6/1995	5/1/2006
Boys Skiing		2/22/2006	5/1/2006
Boys Track		9/11/1991	5/1/2007
Boys Cross Country		5/6/1995	5/1/2006
Football		9/11/1991	5/1/2007
Girls Basketball		5/6/1995	5/1/2007
Girls Skiing		2/22/2006	5/1/2006
Girls Track		9/11/1991	5/1/2007
Girls Cross Country		5/6/1995	5/1/2006
Volleyball		9/11/1991	5/1/2007
Wrestling		9/11/1991	5/1/2007
Roseville JHS	Roseville-Eastland JHS		
Football		3/30/1992	5/1/2006
Wrestling		3/30/1992	5/1/2006
Royal Oak-Addams MS	Royal Oak-Keller MS		
Wrestling		9/13/2000	5/1/2006
South Haven-Baseline MS	South Haven-St Basil Catholic MS, South Haven-St Paul Lutheran MS		
Boys Basketball		10/14/1998	5/1/2006
Boys Track		10/14/1998	5/1/2006
Football		10/14/1998	5/1/2006
Girls Basketball		10/14/1998	5/1/2006
Girls Track		10/14/1998	5/1/2006
Volleyball		10/14/1998	5/1/2006
Wrestling		10/14/1998	5/1/2006

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Spring Lake MS	Spring Lake-St Mary's Catholic School		
Boys Swimming		8/11/1993	5/1/2007
Boys Track		8/11/1993	5/1/2007
Football		8/11/1993	5/1/2007
Girls Swimming		8/11/1993	5/1/2007
Girls Track		8/11/1993	5/1/2007
Volleyball		8/11/1993	5/1/2007
Wrestling		8/11/1993	5/1/2007
St Ignace MS	St Ignace-Gros Cap School		
Boys Basketball		11/10/1993	5/1/2007
Boys Track		11/10/1993	5/1/2007
Girls Basketball		11/10/1993	5/1/2007
Girls Track		11/10/1993	5/1/2007
Volleyball		11/10/1993	5/1/2007
Wrestling		11/10/1993	5/1/2007
St Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic MS	Benton Harbor-Countryside Charter School		
Football		4/20/2005	5/1/2007
Sturgis MS	Sturgis-Trinity Lutheran School		
Boys Tennis		5/2/1998	5/1/2006
Boys Track		12/12/1995	5/1/2007
Boys Cross Country		5/2/1998	5/1/2006
Girls Tennis		5/2/1998	5/1/2006
Girls Track		12/12/1995	5/1/2007
Girls Cross Country		5/2/1998	5/1/2006
Wrestling		12/12/1995	5/1/2007
Taylor-Hoover MS	Taylor-Brake MS, Taylor-West MS		
Boys Swimming		5/1/2004	5/1/2006
Girls Swimming		5/1/2004	5/1/2006
Tekonsha MS	Coldwater-Pansophia Academy		
Football		4/25/2006	5/1/2006
Traverse City Christian School	Traverse City-Interlochen Pathfinder		
Boys Basketball		10/21/2004	5/1/2006
Boys Track		10/21/2004	5/1/2006
Boys Cross Country		10/21/2004	5/1/2006
Girls Basketball		10/21/2004	5/1/2006
Girls Track		10/21/2004	5/1/2006
Girls Cross Country		10/21/2004	5/1/2006
Volleyball		10/21/2004	5/1/2006
Vassar J	Richville-St Michael's Lutheran School		
Football		4/20/2005	5/1/2007
West Bloomfield-Abbott MS	West Bloomfield-Orchard Lake MS		
Boys Swimming		4/11/1996	5/1/2006
Boys Track		4/11/1996	5/1/2006
Boys Cross Country		4/11/1996	5/1/2006
Football		4/11/1996	5/1/2006
Girls Swimming		4/11/1996	5/1/2006
Girls Track		4/11/1996	5/1/2006
Girls Cross Country		4/11/1996	5/1/2006
Williamston MS	Okemos-St Martha School		
Boys Basketball		12/1/2006	5/1/2006
Wyoming-Godwin Heights MS	Kentwood-Kelloggsville MS		
Boys Swimming		11/17/1998	5/1/2006



2007-08 CALENDAR

SPORT	FIRST PRACTICE DATE	FIRST CONTEST DATE	DAYS OR CONTESTS	OPT OUT DUE DATE	DUE DATE OF RATINGS	MHSAA TOURNAMENT DATES				
						DISTRICTS	REGIONALS	QTR FINALS	SEMI FINALS	FINALS
FALL										
Cross Country: LP	Aug 13	Aug 13	15D	Oct 10			Oct 26-27			Nov 3
Cross Country: UP	Aug 13	Aug 13	15D	Oct 5						Oct 20
Football	Aug 6	Aug 23	9C	N/A	Dec 1	Oct 26 or 27 & Nov 2 or 3	Nov 9 or 10		Nov 17	Nov 23-24
Golf: LP Girls	Aug 9	Aug 13	16D	Sep 21			Oct 11 or 12 or 13			Oct 19-20
Soccer: LP Boys	Aug 13	Aug 20	18C	Sep 26	Dec 1	Oct 15-20	Oct 23-27		Oct 31	Nov 3
Soccer: UP Girls	Aug 13	Aug 20	18C	Sep 26	Dec 1				Oct 24	Oct 27
Swimming: LP Girls	Aug 13	Aug 25	17D	Nov 12			Dive: Nov 13			Nov 16-17
Tennis: LP Boys	Aug 13	Aug 13	16D	Oct 5			Oct 11 or 12			Oct 19-20
Tennis: UP Girls	Aug 13	Aug 13	16D	Sep 28						Oct 4
Volleyball	Aug 13	Aug 24	18D	Oct 3	Dec 1	Oct 30-Nov 1 & Nov 2 or 3	Nov 9 or 10	Nov 13	Nov 15-16	Nov 17
WINTER										
Basketball: Boys	Nov 12	Dec 3	20C	Jan 30	Apr 1	Feb 25, 27 & 29	Mar 3 & 5	Mar 11	Mar 13-14	Mar 15
Basketball: Girls	Nov 5	Nov 26	20C	Jan 23	Apr 1	Feb 18, 20 & 22	Feb 26 & 28	Mar 4	Mar 6-7	Mar 8
Bowling: Boys & Girls	Nov 8-UP Nov 15-LP	Nov 24-UP Dec 1-LP	24D	Feb. 8			Feb 22-23			Feb 29 - Mar 1
Competitive Cheer	Nov 5	Nov 19	12D	Feb 15	Apr 1		Mar 1			Mar 7-8
Gymnastics	Oct 29	Nov 17	15D	Feb 22			Mar 1			Mar 7-8
Ice Hockey	Oct 29	Nov 12	24C	Feb 6	Apr 1		Feb 25-Mar 1	Mar 4-5	Mar 6-7	Mar 8
Skiing: Boys & Girls	Nov 12	Dec 8	15C	Feb 8			Feb 14 or 15			Feb 25
Swimming: LP Boys	Nov 19	Dec 1	17D	Mar 3			Dive: Mar 4			Mar 7-8
Swimming: UP Boys & Girls	Nov 5	Nov 17	17D	Feb 11						Feb 16
Wrestling: Individual	Nov 12	Nov 28	16D	Feb 6	Apr 1	Feb 16	Feb 23	ALPHA WEIGH-IN		Mar 6-8
Wrestling: Team	Nov 12	Nov 28	16D	Feb 6	Apr 1	Feb 13 or 14	Feb 20	10/22/07 - 2/1/08		Feb 29 - Mar 1
SPRING										
Baseball	Mar 10	Mar 10	56 G+D	May 7	Jun 1	May 27 & 30 or 31	Jun 7	Jun 10	Jun 13	Jun 14
Golf: LP Boys	Mar 10	Mar 13	16D	May 7		May 22 or 23 or 24	May 29 or 30 or 31			Jun 6-7
Golf: UP Boys & Girls	Mar 10	Mar 10	16D	May 16						May 30
Lacrosse: Boys & Girls	Mar 10	Mar 21	18C	Apr 30	Jun 1		May 15-31		Jun 4	Jun 7
Soccer: LP Girls	Mar 10	Mar 17	18C	May 7	Jun 1	May 27-31	Jun 3-7		Jun 11	Jun 14
Soccer: UP Boys	Mar 10	Mar 17	18C	May 7	Jun 1			May 29	Jun 4	Jun 7
Softball	Mar 10	Mar 10	56 G+D	May 7	Jun 1	May 27 & 30 or 31	Jun 7	Jun 10	Jun 13	Jun 14
Tennis: LP Girls	Mar 10	Mar 10	16D	May 9			May 15 or 16			May 30-31
Tennis: UP Boys	Mar 10	Mar 10	16D	May 23						May 29
Track & Field	Mar 10	Mar 10	18D	May 12-13			May 16-17			May 31



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NOMINATIONS FOR SPECIAL AWARDS

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

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

Michiganders Fill Positions With NFHS

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

In her final year of a four-year term as chairperson of the Volleyball Committee is MHSAA Assistant Directors **Gina Mazzolini**, while Assistant Director **Nate Hampton** is in his third year a four-year term as the Basketball Committee chairperson. Hampton also currently serves on the NFHS Football Committee. Assistant Director **Randy Allen** has just completed four-year terms on the Softball and Ice Hockey Rules Committees, while Assistant Director **Mark Uyl** is in his second year of a four-year term on the Baseball Rules Committee.

MHSAA Marketing and Special Programs Coordinator **Andy Frushour** serves on the NFHS Citizenship Committee.

Grosse Ile boys and girls soccer coach **Amy Rossow** serves on the Soccer Rules Committee.

As the MHSAA enters its third year of Boys and Girls Lacrosse sponsorship, expertise in the state is plentiful. Lansing Catholic athletic director **Rich Kimball** and Detroit Country Day girls coach **Patricia Hayes** serve on the Boys and Girls Lacrosse Rules Committees, respectively, and **John Kenny**, Detroit Country Day boys coach, is the U.S. Lacrosse Representative to the Boys Lacrosse Committee.

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