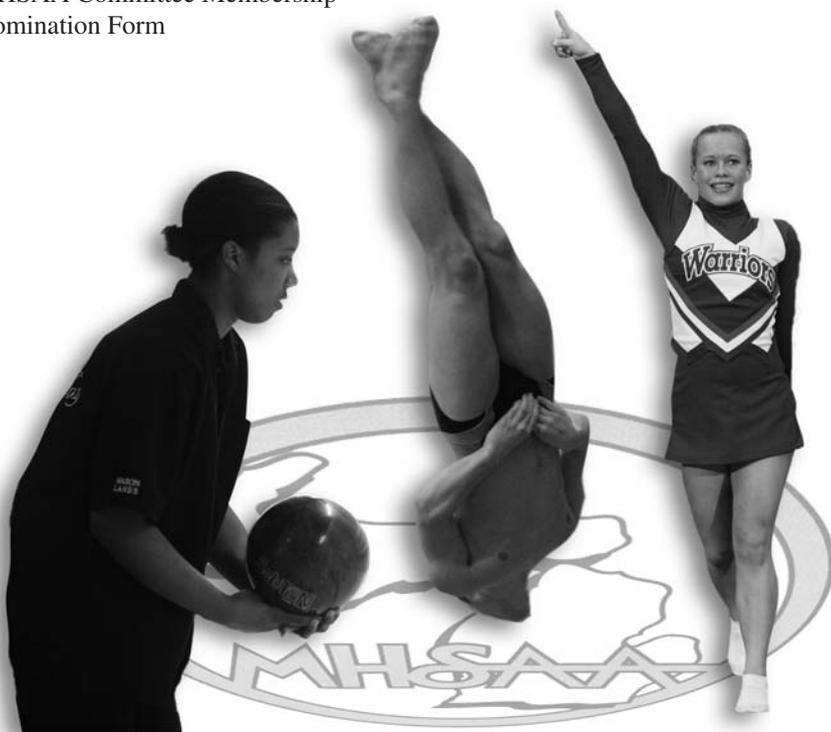




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Among the winter MHSAA Finals are the Girls Competitive Cheer Finals, Swimming and Diving Finals, and the Bowling Finals. The Upper Peninsula Swimming and Diving Finals for boys and girls take place on Feb. 16 at Marquette High School, while the Lower Peninsula boys teams hit the pool on March 7-8 in Ypsilanti, Rochester and Holland. The Cheer Finals are slated for the DeltaPlex in Grand Rapids on March 7-8, while the Boys and Girls Bowling Finals are Feb. 29-March 1 in Sterling Heights, Muskegon and Jackson.

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING East Lansing, January 16, 2008

Members Present:

Jim Derocher, Negaunee
Keith Eldred, Williamston
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Dan Flynn, Escanaba
Pete Ryan, Saginaw

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

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

Adoption of these regulations, as well as policies, procedures and schedules of MHSAA tournaments, is a choice schools make locally when they consider their option of MHSAA membership. Consistent with rulings of the Attorney General and Michigan Supreme Court, schools are not bound by the decisions of the Executive Committee, but the association may limit participation in the post-season 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.

Grand Rapids-Central High School (Regulation I, Section 4) – A request to waive the maximum semesters of enrollment portion of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who began the 9th grade at Elizabeth High School in New Jersey in the 2003-04 school year, and who dropped out of school the second week of September 2004. The student continued the 11th grade in 2005-06 in New Jersey and moved to the Grand Rapids-Central attendance area with his mother, enrolling in January 2007.

The Executive Committee reviewed documents of both schools and determined the student could have eligibility under this section through the 2007-08 school year only if Central High School administration can confirm the student did not participate in an interscholastic scrimmage or contest in the fall of 2004.

Sterling Heights-Stevenson High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) – A request to waive the maximum semesters portions of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who is an Albanian immigrant who was enrolled in the 8th grade at Utica-Bemis Junior High School when he entered the United States in October 2003. To begin the 2004-05 school year, the student was passed into the 9th grade in the Utica Schools but was not academically proficient. The family changed residences in October 2004, enrolling the student in the Chippewa Valley Schools and continuing in the 9th grade. The student repeated the 9th grade in the 2005-06 school year after the family moved back to the Utica Public Schools. The student passed five of six classes in the second semester of the 2005-06 school year and participated in football at Sterling Heights-Stevenson during the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years. The student will be enrolled in high school for the 2008-09 school year, which would be the student's ninth and tenth semesters since first enrolling in high school at the start of the 2004-05 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Brown City High School (Regulation I, Section 5) – A request to waive the semesters of competition regulation and specifically Interpretation 32 was made on behalf of eight girls soccer players who participated with the

boys soccer team in the fall of 2007-08. The school determined in the spring of 2007 that it would add boys and girls soccer in 2007-08. When the number of participants was low in the fall of 2007, the school decided to allow girls participation in boys soccer. Eight girls played on the boys soccer team all season and in the 2007 MHSAA tournament, and they wish to play a second season this school year in the spring. There has been increased interest in girls soccer but the school does not believe it will field a team without the eight girls in question.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Ada-Forest Hills Eastern High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who has been a member of the cooperative ice hockey team between Forest Hills Eastern and Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern High Schools (schools of the same district) last school year and so far this school year. The student has enrolled in the St. Johns Home, affiliated with the Forest Hills Public Schools where students transition into Forest Hills Northern High School for their course work. Support from Forest Hills Northern was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for ice hockey only for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year.

Benzonia-Benzie Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Benzie Central for the 9th and 10th grades and Glen Arbor-The Leelanau School to start the 11th grade in the 2007-08 school year before reenrolling at Benzie Central High School on Nov. 26, 2007. The student would like to participate in boys skiing. The student was a participant in the 2006-07 school year. Support from The Leelanau School was received. The student enrolled at the Leelanau School as a boarding student, and later became a day student. A cooperative agreement sought between The Leelanau School and Benzie Central in skiing did not materialize.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Bronson 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 Sturgis High School while living with his father, enrolling there under Exception 8 with an Educational Transfer Form in the fall of 2006. In December 2007, the student reenrolled at Bronson High School and returned to live with his mother in Bronson where the student was alienated from his teammates as a result of actions of a staff member, who recently resigned coaching duties. Sturgis High School offered written support for the student's participation.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Canton-Agape Christian Academy (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Canton-Salem High School for the 9th and 10th grades. For the past six months, the student has been residing without his parents and attending school in Battle Creek at the Michigan Youth Challenge. The student would be eligible under Exception 2 (not living with his parents and returning to live with his parents) except that Plymouth Christian Academy is four miles closer to the student's residence than is Agape Christian. Plymouth Christian Academy submitted documentation that it would not accept the student for scheduling reasons, causing the student to enroll at Agape Christian on Jan. 9, 2008.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Caseville High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year. The student previously attended Pigeon-Elkton Pigeon Bay Port High School where she did not participate in athletics. The student enrolled at Caseville High School on Jan. 8, 2008.

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

Clinton High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year. The student previously

attended Blissfield High School where he did not participate in athletics. The student enrolled at Clinton High School on Nov. 28, 2007.

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

Comstock Park High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Comstock Park for her entire career except for the 10th grade when the student enrolled at Grand Rapids-Kenowa Hills High School due to negative influences at Comstock Park and the desire for a fresh start. She played softball in both 9th and 10th grades. Because of social issues, the student reenrolled at Comstock Park on Oct. 29, 2007. A 9th-grade sister enrolled at Comstock Park to begin the 2007-08 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Covert High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously lived with his grandparents and attended South Haven High School. On Oct. 16, 2007, the student enrolled at Covert High School and moved in with his mother who lives in the Covert School District. The student's father does not reside with the mother and son. The student does not reside with both parents in Covert. The student attended Covert Middle School for 5th grade, attended South Haven for grades 6-9 and lived periodically with both his mother in Covert and grandparents in South Haven.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Dearborn High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year. The student previously attended Dearborn Heights-Star Academy High School where he did not participate in athletics. The student enrolled at Dearborn High School on Oct. 15, 2007.

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

Fairgrove—Akron-Fairgrove 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 Bay City-John Glenn High School while residing with his mother. The student now resides with his father in the Akron-Fairgrove School District, enrolling on Jan. 3, 2008 to attend Akron-Fairgrove High School. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with documentation from the Friend of the Court indicating child support payments.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Flint-Kearsley 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 Flint—Carman-Ainsworth High School while living with his biological mother. In November 2007, the student moved in with his biological father who resides in the Kearsley School District. At the time, the father had indicated that he was moving with his son and going through a divorce wherein the school mistakenly deemed the student eligible thinking the student was moving into the district with the person he lived with. The school discovered the error after the student played in two junior varsity boys basketball games, which have been forfeited. The student has not played since Dec. 21 and will have been withheld for three games prior to Jan. 18, 2008. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Flint-Powers Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – On Nov. 7, 2007, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the transfer regulation made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Lapeer East High School before enrolling at Powers Catholic on Nov. 5, 2007 due to recent traumatic events. Additional outside documentation was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Haslett High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer

regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously lived in Haslett until the 9th grade before his father's job was transferred and the family moved to Florida. Because the family wished to move back to Haslett for the student's 12th grade and to play hockey, the father requested a job transfer which did not finalize until eight weeks after the mother, student and sister had already moved back to the residence of the grandparents in a neighboring school district. The student enrolled at Haslett High School on Sept. 4, 2007. The family did not purchase a home until the father's transfer was finalized.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Holland High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Holland High School for grades 9-11 until his parents lost their jobs, found new employment and moved to Ohio, where the student enrolled in school to begin the 2007-08 school year and did not participate in athletics. The student reenrolled at Holland High School on Nov. 26, 2007 to reside with his grandfather.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Holt Lutheran School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made to permit a 10th-grade student who lives with her mother in East Lansing and attends East Lansing High School to be immediately eligible at Holt Lutheran High School after her relocation to the home of her father and stepmother, who are Lutheran. Lansing Christian High School is a closer nonpublic school to the residence than Holt Lutheran.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

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

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

Marquette 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 Grand Rapids Montessori (Ottawa Hills) High School before moving to Marquette to live with an aunt and uncle, enrolling at Marquette High School on Dec. 20, 2007. The student has had a breakdown in the relationship with his father that dates back to 2005. The student has relocated to Marquette for a more stable and secure living environment.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Milan High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year. The student previously attended Ann Arbor-Eastern Washtenaw Multicultural Academy High School where he did not participate in athletics. The student enrolled at Milan High School on Dec. 7, 2007.

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

New Haven High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Fair Haven-Anchor Bay High School before enrolling at New Haven High School on Nov. 1, 2007. The student's single mother is in the military, stationed at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in the Anchor Bay School District, and has been notified that she will be deployed to Iraq. The student and a 12th-grade brother have moved to a family friend in the New Haven School District with a military Power of Attorney. The 12th-grade brother will remain at Anchor Bay to graduate this spring but now also resides in New Haven. Anchor Bay High School wrote to support the request.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Pentwater High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who resides in the Hart School District and attended Lakeshore Public Academy for the 9th grade until the school closed. The student enrolled at Walkerville High School to begin the 2007-08 school year (eligible under Exception 6 – school ceasing to operate). After ten school days and no participation in athletics at Walkerville High School, the student enrolled at Pentwater High School on Sept. 20, 2007.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Plainwell High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended Otsego High School while living with his mother. The parents never married, but have joint legal custody of the student. The student has recently moved to the residence of his father in Plainwell and enrolled at Plainwell High School on Jan. 7, 2008. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted and a birth certificate indicating both parents is in process.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Port Huron 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 Port Huron Northern High School while living with his grandfather who recently passed away. The student never met his father, and his mother left him with his grandfather after two younger brothers were killed in a fire. The student moved in with an aunt in the Port Huron attendance area and enrolled on March 22, 2007. The student participated while ineligible in one bowling match, which the school has forfeited.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

St. Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended South Haven High School and enrolled at Lake Michigan Catholic on Nov. 7, 2007,

because of problems she was having with other students at her former school.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

St. Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Bangor High School and participated in athletics. The student enrolled at Lake Michigan Catholic on Nov. 12, 2007, because he preferred a religious background in his education. The school requested subvarsity eligibility if immediate eligibility is not granted.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

St. Joseph High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the first semester of the 2007-08 school year. The student previously attended Wyoming-Omega High School while living with his parents, where he did not participate in athletics. The student resides with his grandparents, enrolling at St. Joseph High School on Sept. 20, 2007.

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

White Pigeon High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of two 10th-grade foreign exchange students from an approved CSIET program who were placed at L'Anse High School to begin the 2007-08 school year with a host family which encountered personal problems and could no longer host the students. The students were placed by the agency with a host family in the Sturgis School District, which has reached its quota and has provided documentation that it is no longer accepting foreign exchange students. The students enrolled at White Pigeon High School on Jan. 9, 2008.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ypsilanti-Willow Run High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Willow Run High School since the 9th grade except for the past three months when the student enrolled at Ypsilanti High School on Oct. 9, 2007, because she was the victim of an incident while at Willow Run. The student's doctor has recommended that the student return to school to confront and work through any remaining issues. The student intends to reenroll at Willow Run High School on Jan. 28, 2008 to begin the second semester of the 2007-08 school year. On Nov. 7, 2007, the Executive Committee granted eligibility to the student, who was then at Ypsilanti High School, for eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student has not, however, participated in athletics at Ypsilanti High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Inkster-Academy of Inkster (Regulation I, Section 9[E]) – A request to reverse the decision of the executive director regarding an athletic-motivated transfer was received well after the 14-day window for such appeals as called for in the Due Process procedures. The Executive Committee had been supplied the entire file in advance of the meeting even though the deadline for appealing the decision had passed.

The Executive Committee determined that the appeal was procedurally deficient and that no further appeal should be considered to the executive director's June 6, 2007 decision that was twice reviewed and reaffirmed by him on July 27 and Aug. 24, 2007.

Mt. Pleasant-Sacred Heart Academy (Regulation II, Section 11[C]) – A request to waive or interpret the scrimmage session regulation was made to permit a student whose school has closed but is being kept operational to practice basketball with the Sacred Heart Academy girls basketball team. The student attended Mt. Pleasant Christian Academy since 1997 which announced it would close on Aug. 5, 2007. Four students continue to take online classes in the former school building and retain class rank for graduation and scholarship purposes. The regulation states "A scrimmage is a practice session involving students from more than one school, organization or group and when

it is prearranged or scheduled or directed by the school coach or representative.”

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver. A student must be enrolled in a school before that student may practice with that school’s teams.

Manistee and Onkama Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in wrestling between these two member schools. Manistee will be the primary school.

Dearborn Heights-Riverside Middle School (Regulation V, Section 3) – On Oct. 17, 2007, the Riverside football team was removed from competition in protest by its coach from a game against Southgate-

Gerisch Middle School. Correspondence from Gerisch Middle School, the official and a response with actions from Riverside Middle School were provided for Executive Committee consideration.

The Executive Committee accepted the internal actions of the school district and will not require an appearance or other actions by the school at this time.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Monday, Feb. 11, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Thursday, March 13, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, April 16, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Saturday, May 3, at 5 p.m. in Gaylord; and Wednesday, June 11, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing. ■

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL & UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE NOMINATION PROCEDURES FOR 2008-09

The Representative Council has established procedures for indicating the intention to run for elected positions on the MHSAA Representative Council.

1. Any individual who is a representative of a member school (administrator, faculty member or board of education member) may submit his or her name to the MHSAA office by **March 15**.
 - A. Candidates must have superintendent or principal approval in writing.
 - B. It is essential that candidates be qualified for the position they seek.
 - 1) If the position is for a representative of a certain area of the state, they must represent a school of the appropriate class (A and B or C and D) in that geographic area.
 - 2) If they seek the position of a statewide at large representative, they must be a faculty or board of education member of an MHSAA member school. This includes administrators but not non-faculty coaches.
 - 3) If they seek the position of statewide representative of junior high/middle schools or

private and parochial high schools, they must be faculty (teacher or administrator) or board members for such schools.

2. Names submitted will be published in the May *Bulletin* and typed on the ballot mailed to member schools in September.

Elections will be held in the fall for the following positions:

Class A and B Schools — 3 openings
Northern Lower Peninsula

Southwestern Section
Southeastern Section

Class C and D Schools—2 openings
Upper Peninsula

Northern Lower Peninsula

Statewide At-Large —1 opening

Jr. High/Middle Schools —1 opening

Private and Parochial —1 opening

The procedures established for indicating the intention to run for elected positions are the same for the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee as those stated above for the Representative Council.

Elections will be held in the fall for the following:

Class D U.P. School—1 opening

Athletic Coach—1 opening ■

UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Escanaba, January 6-7, 2008

Members Present:

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

Staff Member Present:

Nate Hampton

INTRODUCTIONS

Representative Council member Dan Flynn of Escanaba chaired the meeting. Following the welcome and congratulations to newly elected Representative Council President James Derocher of Negaunee, the following business was conducted.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Competitive Cheer – Regional 20-4 will be hosted by Manistique High School on March 1, 2008. The MHSAA Finals will be held at the Grand Rapids DeltaPlex, March 7-8, 2008.

Golf – Boys and Girls Finals will be held May 30, 2008.

Div. 1 Host – Menominee

Div. 2 Host – Norway

Div. 3 Host – Newberry

Gymnastics – UP Regional schools will participate at Rockford High School, March 1, 2008. Finals will be held at Canton-Plymouth High School, March 7-8, 2008.

Ice Hockey –

Div. 3 Regional hosted by Hancock High School at Michigan Tech University.

Div. 1 Pre-Regional hosted by Escanaba High School.

Div. 3 Regional winner will advance to Quarterfinals on March 5, 2008 at Sault Ste. Marie or Marquette.

Div. 1 Regional Finals will be played in Sault Ste. Marie on March 1, 2008.

Finals Tournament will be conducted at Compuware Arena in Canton on March 8, 2008.

Hockey Regional officials selection will be coordinated by Bruce Horsch and Dave Wilson.

UP Boys Tennis Finals – May 29, 2008
- Div. 1 at Marquette, Div. 2 at Iron Mountain

DATES AND LOCATIONS OF 2008-09 UPPER PENINSULA EVENTS

Girls Tennis Finals – Oct. 3, 2008 – Div. 1 at Kingsford Div. 2 at Ishpeming

Cross Country Finals – Oct. 18, 2008 at Sault Ste. Marie

Track and Field – Finals Starters – TBD

Track and Field Regional Sites:

Div. 1 – Regional 41 – Marquette

Div. 1 – Regional 42 – Houghton

Div. 2 – Regional 43 – Norway

Div. 2 – Regional 44 – Manistique

Div. 3 – Regional 45 – Pickford

Div. 3 – Regional 46 – Rapid River

Div. 3 – Regional 47 – Ewen-Trout Creek

Div. 3 – Regional 48 – North Dickinson

DISCUSSION

The committee reviewed two calendar proposals likely to be presented to the Representative Council. The first proposal would consider moving tournament dates earlier by one week for the 2009-2010 school year. The second proposal would consider conducting tournaments in each of four or five seasons rather than the traditional three seasons.

BASKETBALL DISTRICT 12

A draw for Girls and Boys District 12 was conducted in October 2007 as shown on the following page.

2007-08 Girls District 12

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2007-08 Boys District 12

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Top lines will host through the tournament series.

Discussion – Consider this format for UP Districts where travel is a concern. Class B District #64 and Class C District #95.

BASKETBALL OFFICIALS SELECTION

Full Tournament

Girls – Christopher Hartman, Iron Mountain

Boys – Jerry Reddinger, Iron Mountain
Semifinals:

Girls – Joseph Baker, Hessel

Boys – Joel Peffers, Pickford

Quarterfinals:

Girls – Joseph Baker, Hessel; Christopher Hartman, Iron Mountain; John Vercoe, Negaunee; Barry James, Marquette, Alternate

Boys – Jerry Reddinger, Iron Mountain; Joel Peffers, Pickford; Steven Ayotte, Negaunee; John Soumis, Chassel; David St. Onge, Ishpeming, Alternate

Districts – Officials were selected to receive invitations to fill positions at all Upper Peninsula District sites.

Awards presentations

Boys Regional #24 – Escanaba – Dan Flynn

Girls Regional #31 – Houghton MTU – Catherine Shamion

Boys Regional #32 – St. Ignace – Don Gustafson

Host managers will determine awards presentation where it is not currently identified.

The Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee and host managers will assist the MHSAA staff with replacement officials should any of the initial invitations be declined.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held April 25, 2008, 8 a.m., Escanaba Terrace Bay Inn, in conjunction with the Upper Peninsula Athletic Directors Annual Spring Meeting. ■

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

GRAND SLAM LEADERSHIP (Leadership Details)

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

Some people have the notion that the leader is always dreaming and scheming and visioning, never with his or her sleeves rolled up, never buried in the charts, graphs and details of the work; to rush in to decide an issue and then to rush out to leave cleanup details to others. That's not my idea of a leader.

It is true that when the leader is too often too involved in one project, that person may be failing to lead the whole enterprise, failing to see big picture needs, too much a manager and too little a motivator at those times. Management is not the same as leadership, and the manager's role is not the leader's role.

However, the leader who never does detail faces two pitfalls. The first is this: ignoring or not knowing how to use data leads to unwise decisions. The data can come from IT or it can come from the consensus of a difficult committee process. It can come from personal study.

But without this kind of data and detail the result is decisions with unintended consequences. We need leaders who look down the road and around the corner, and that doesn't always come by looking up. It has often come from bearing down, boring in on statistics and details, sitting in on boring meetings. Bearing down, not just looking up.

A highly esteemed, internationally renowned conductor was scheduled to lead a

local orchestra one summer evening. Before the performance, someone asked the first violinist of this small Midwest town orchestra, "What is he conducting tonight?"

The first violinist answered, "I don't know what he's conducting; but I sure know what we're playing."

Even the most talented conductor needs to have the musicians on the same sheets of music, or the performance of the orchestra won't be what the conductor had in mind.

The second consequence of a leader who is always looking far, far away and avoiding detail work is a lack of credibility. The rank and file, those to be led, want to see a hard-working leader, one willing to put in the time and pour through the stacks and statistics.

You've heard it said about a person at a retirement or funeral, and meant to be a compliment, "He never asked anyone to do something he didn't do himself."

Actually, that's pretty inefficient: to have the leader doing the same things the followers are to do? That's not good leadership.

Leaders must demonstrate **how** to do things, a style, how they want things done; but leaders are not to do the **same** things as everyone else. For example, coaches are to coach the Xs and Os, not athletic directors.

Being a good example doesn't mean doing exactly the same tasks. That's poor execution. And it tags you out at home base in the pursuit of grand slam leadership. ■

And, we quote —

Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it.

— Dwight D. Eisenhower

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STAYING BOTH PRINCIPLED AND PIONEERING

(This is an excerpt from "Planning for School Sports in Contemporary Society," prepared by the MHSAA staff for the Representative Council, Nov. 30, 2007.)

Choice is spreading in all parts of life: where we go for groceries or gas; where we go for dinner or dental care; from where we get our news and entertainment.

In the past two decades, McDonald's menu has grown from one dozen to four dozen items. Magazine titles have more than doubled, while new book titles and radio stations have almost doubled. Television channels have increased 3,600 percent. And you can access all of this no matter where you live in Michigan.

In such a world, being different is essential to survival. Having a niche is necessary for being noticed.

In school sports, this suggests we have to refuse to be like other sports programs. And when other programs copy us, it means we must seek ways to distinguish ourselves, to clarify our differences.

In *The Culting of Brands*, author Douglas Atkin writes: "Simply declaring that 'we're different' is obviously not enough . . ." The brand actually "needs to **be** different . . ." It "needs to separate itself from its surroundings." Atkin writes that an organization must **determine** its difference, **declare** it with doctrine and language, and **demarcate** itself from all others.

In *Differentiate or Die*, author Jack Trout argues that quality and customer orientation are rarely differentiating, creativity is not differentiating, and price is rarely so. He argues that breadth of service or product line is a very difficult way to differentiate (although we should still try).

Among the more effective ways to differentiate, according to Mr. Trout – and they appear to be our strong suit – are through **leadership**, **heritage** and **market speciality**. He writes that "**memory**" is the key to maintaining difference, that "faulty memory [leads] to dramatic loss of market share."

Trout urges "**consistency**," reflecting the unique difference of the enterprise in every-

thing: in both communications and operations, what the enterprise says and does.

Authors Chip and Dan Heath are not off the mark when they state in *Made to Stick*, "When you say three things, you say nothing."

One of the more prominent themes of contemporary business management studies is that the most successful and enduring enterprises are often those which stay in most consistent, focused pursuit of the values that make them of unique value to customers.

- For Southwest Airlines, it has been its niche as "**The** low-cost airline," rejecting any frills that are obstacles to cheap, efficient service. As a result, customers' loyalty to and satisfaction with this no-frills flying experience is unparalleled in the industry, as is Southwest's financial performance.
- For Dartmouth College, it has been its devotion to undergraduate classroom instruction, rejecting the emphasis on research and publishing-based programming that puts more emphasis on professors than students, which is typical of the undergraduate experience at the much larger universities against which Dartmouth competes for students in the Ivy League. As a result, it is a coveted destination for students and faculty alike.

In interscholastic athletics there is a **core constituency**. The vast majority of the public who are disinterested in high school athletics cannot be made interested by any means other than their direct involvement: participation. The more students who participate, the more (now and later) they and their family and friends will develop interest in our programs.

In interscholastic athletics there are **core competencies**, things we do better than sports on all other levels by all other sponsors. What we are good at, and known for,

are safe and sportsmanlike events, operating with a sensible scope in the school setting, low cost and local.

In interscholastic athletics there are **core concerns**, fundamental values on which we base our policies and programs to be good for kids and their schools and communities, and on which we base our financial decisions: how we will raise and spend money.

The challenge to the MHSAA's leadership between today and 2020 will be to diversify programming and revenue streams without distracting the leadership, staff and membership from the historical, essential core values of interscholastic athletics. We must be able to connect the dots directly between any new initiatives and the pursuit of our core values . . .

- to maximizing participation;
- to elevating standards of eligibility and conduct, and of
 - o scholarship
 - o sportsmanship
 - o safety
 - o and a sensible scope for school sports.
- to assuring that interscholastic athletics

remains unsurpassed in identification with local, amateur, educational athletics and in opposition to nationalism, specialism, elitism and commercialism.

We must test our business diversification plan against these concepts every step of the way to 2020.

Jack Trout urges an enterprise to "evolve its difference." Not merely tinker with it in a way that would cause confusion and undermine the difference; but, stay connected with the past without wallowing in it, keep looking forward, maintaining a "pioneering" spirit.

Planning well for school sports in contemporary society demands that we never forget where we've come from and what we stand for, and that we build on both to step out confidently into the unknown. "People perform better when they're trying something new,"¹ and so will we. ■

¹ This is referred to as the "Hawthorne Effect" based on a study of the Hawthorne Electric Company in 1932, cited in *Peopeware* by DeMarco and Lister.

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.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A VALUED BRAND

(This is an excerpt from "Planning for School Sports in Contemporary Society," prepared by the MHSAA staff for the Representative Council, Nov. 30, 2007.)

One of the apparent conclusions of the MHSAA "Have Your Say" opinion poll last fall is that the character of school sports is key to the appeal of school sports. This is true for both sponsoring school personnel and those participants and spectators regularly involved in school sports. This suggests that to keep our core customers, we must preserve our core characteristics. That whatever changes occur in school styles and structures, we must maintain by our policies and programs the features and values which our core customers have experienced and both want and expect to continue.

It may sometimes feel that we are swimming against the current of public opinion when we enforce rules that define student eligibility or the limits of competition and travel, but the development and implementation of such restrictions might be essential to the expectations of our core constituents for the experience they remember for themselves and want for their children or team.

Just because schools change, it is not necessary that rules of school sports change as well. Sometimes, perhaps. But not

always or even often. Leadership must always consider the program without a rule before we do away with the rule.

Schools seek to join the MHSAA because of the positive reputation of the organization and prestige of its programs. It is not too strong to state that schools seek MHSAA membership precisely because there are rules. Just as participation by students is more valuable to them and schools where standards of eligibility and conduct are higher, so is membership by schools in an organization more valuable where such standards are developed and enforced.

The Culting of Brands is a good book with a bad title in which author Douglas Atkin writes about the success of "a meaning-driven brand." He says, "The product carries the message and then becomes it." These kinds of brands, he says, are really beliefs. "They have morals – embody values." They "stand up for things. They work hard; fight for what is right."

Ultimately, it is exactly this that is expected of the high school brand of competitive athletics in Michigan. ■

Important Administrative Detail:

MHSAA ENROLLMENT DECLARATION FORM DUE IN FEBRUARY

Please be sure this form is completed accurately and returned on time:

- Enrollment figures cannot be adjusted downward once classification and tournament divisions are announced.
- **For MHSAA purposes students are to be counted and the Enrollment Declaration Form should be mailed on Wed. Feb 27, 2008.**
- Decisions for the 2008-09 school year regarding Alternative Education/Non-Traditional Schools must be made on this form NOW.

ALL MHSAA Member Schools – big and small – must submit the Enrollment Declaration Form. Please be accurate, efficient and on time with this important detail.

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. 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:

"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*.

A list of schools which completed the form appears below (The list is current through Jan. 10, 2008.

Schools Submitting Out-of-State Travel Forms for 2007-08

WINTER

Boys Swimming:

Brighton

Alpine Ski:

Clarkston

Detroit Country Day

Greenville

Manistee

Maple City Glen Lake

Pontiac Notre Dame Prep

SPRING

Baseball:

Battle Creek St. Philip

Benzie Central

Big Rapids

Caledonia

Charlevoix

Clio

DeWitt

East Jackson

East Kentwood

Essexville Garber

Grand Rapids Catholic Central

Holt

Howard City Tri County

Hudsonville

Jackson Northwest

L'Anse Creuse

Parma Western

Petoskey

Sterling Heights Stevenson

Wyoming Park

Zeeland East

Caledonia

Coopersville

East Kentwood

Flint Kearsley

Holt

Hudsonville Public

Jenison

Lowell

Montrose

Parma Western

Rockford

Wyoming Park

Wyoming Rogers

Zeeland East

Golf:

Grand Rapids Catholic Central

Softball:

Alma

Big Rapids

Girls Tennis:

Allegan

Essexville Garber

Williamston

Winter Ratings

Due April 1

2008-09 MHSAA COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS

A procedure has been adopted and recently refined by the Representative Council to select MHSAA committee members. In the early spring of 2008, all superintendents, principals, athletic directors, coaches and board of education members who desire to serve on MHSAA committees may submit their names for nomination. This is a summary of the make-up and responsibilities of MHSAA standing committees:

DESCRIPTION OF MHSAA COMMITTEES

SPORT COMMITTEES

Baseball/Softball, Basketball, Bowling, Competitive Cheer, Cross Country/Track & Field, Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Ice Hockey, Boys Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse, Skiing, Soccer, Swimming & Diving, Tennis, Volleyball, Wrestling

1. Consist of a balance of administrators and varsity coaches in the particular sport, plus the president of the coaches association for that sport.
2. Responsible for:
 - (a) recommending to the Representative Council changes regarding MHSAA regulations relative to the sport.
 - (b) recommending to the staff procedures, sites, and assignments for the MHSAA tournament in that sport.

Note: Some sport committees serve multiple functions including officials selection, tournament sites, and seeding.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEES

Girls & Boys Basketball, Cross Country/Track & Field Site Selection, Track & Field Standards, Volleyball

1. Consist of administrators.
2. Responsible for selecting sites and assigning teams for all levels of MHSAA tournaments in the particular sport.

SEEDING COMMITTEES

Girls Tennis Area Seeding Directors, Boys Tennis Area Seeding Directors

1. Consists of tournament managers and varsity coaches.
2. Responsible for determining seeded players and their positions in each flight and for assisting tournament managers in conducting the tournament draw.

OFFICIAL SELECTION COMMITTEES

Baseball and Softball, Boys and Girls Basketball, Competitive Cheer, Football, Gymnastics, Ice Hockey, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Volleyball, and Wrestling

1. Consist of tournament managers, athletic directors and coaches.
2. Responsible for selecting officials for most levels of tournaments in most sports.

OTHER STANDING COMMITTEES (Established and appointed by the Representative Council for specific purposes)

1. **Athletic Equity Committee** - Committee is to meet once a year to recommend to the Representative Council annual objectives designed to encourage participation by more women and minorities in interscholastic coaching, officiating and administrative positions.

2. **Awards Committee** - This committee meets once as a group and corresponds throughout the year to extend nominations, establish policies and procedures and to nominate and screen candidates for four MHSAA awards: Forsythe, Bush, Norris, and Women in Sports Leadership.
3. **Classification Committee** - The committee meets annually to study and make recommendations to staff and Council regarding policies and procedures of classifying schools for tournaments and elections. It consists of two representatives each from MASB, MASA, MASSP, and MIAAA, plus other appointees to assume adequate representation of all sizes and types of schools.
4. **Board of Canvassers** - Comprised of a superintendent, two high school principals, one junior high/middle school principal, and one athletic director. Members are responsible for counting the ballots for the election of Representative Council members and members of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee. Generally, the committee meets only once, but in the event of ties or runoffs, the entire committee or a portion of the committee returns for the purpose of counting runoff ballots.
5. **Junior High/Middle School Committee** - This committee is comprised of junior high/middle school principals and athletic directors to review rules and regulations as they pertain to junior high/middle schools.
6. **Officials Review Committee** - This committee meets for the purpose of reviewing issues and concerns related to all officials in order to put forth recommendations to the MHSAA Representative Council which may guide the evolution and development of officials services and programs.
7. **Scholar-Athlete Committee** - Established to administer the MHSAA Scholar-Athlete program, this committee consists of approximately 80 people to review award applications.
8. **Trophy & Medal Committee** - This committee of two superintendents, two principals and one coach meets when convened to recommend to the Council trophies and medals to be distributed at MHSAA postseason tournaments. ■

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION AND SELECTION OF MHSAA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There are several criteria to consider before completing the Nomination Form:

1. Coaches must be employed by the school and be able to obtain release time from school.
2. The nominee should have at least two years of experience in the position currently holding.
3. Most committees require only a one meeting date commitment at the MHSAA building in East Lansing. Committee meetings are held during the work week.

Appointments to committees are based on the following criteria:

1. Committees should have male, female, and minority membership which reflects the total pool of available personnel.
2. Committees should maintain geographic and class size representation.
3. Some administrators will be appointed to sport committees.
4. The coaches association president/secretary of each sport is appointed to that sport committee, if the person is a school employee. If the President/Secretary is not a school employee, the Association must send a designee who is an administrator, faculty member or board of education member of an MHSAA member school.

Names of nominees will be submitted to the Representative Council for selection.

Over 750 people will be selected from the list of nominees submitted to serve on MHSAA committees.

— USE THE FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE —

MHSAA COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION FORM

Member school superintendents, principals, athletic directors, board of education members and coaches are eligible to be a member of any one of the following MHSAA committees for the 2008-09 school year. If you desire to place yourself as a nominee complete this form and mail it to the MHSAA office by March 14, 2008. **THE PRINCIPAL MUST sign this form for it to be considered a valid nomination for athletic directors and coaches.**

Schools may choose to use this form for more than one nomination. The following form lists the committee and the month in which the meeting will be held. Please print the nominee's name and title (**specify boys or girls if a coach**) on the appropriate line.

Committee	Meeting Month	Nominee's Name & Title
Volleyball Site Selection	September	Ms/Mr
Board of Canvassers	September	Ms/Mr
Athletic Equity	October	Ms/Mr
Awards	October	Ms/Mr
Gymnastics	October	Ms/Mr
Boys Tennis Seeding	October	Ms/Mr
Ski	November	Ms/Mr
Baseball/Softball Site Selection	November	Ms/Mr
Golf	November	Ms/Mr
Basketball Rules	December	Ms/Mr
Track & Field Standards	December	Ms/Mr
Volleyball Rules	December	Ms/Mr
Tennis	January	Ms/Mr
Baseball/Softball Rules	January	Ms/Mr
Classification	January	Ms/Mr
Cross Country/Track & Field Reg.	January	Ms/Mr
XC/TR & FD Site Selection	January	Ms/Mr
Football	January	Ms/Mr
Junior High/Middle School	January	Ms/Mr
Wrestling	January	Ms/Mr
Boys Lacrosse	Jan. & May	Ms/Mr
Girls Lacrosse	Jan. & May	Ms/Mr
Scholar-Athlete	February	Ms/Mr
Soccer	February	Ms/Mr
Swimming & Diving	February	Ms/Mr
Competitive Cheer	March	Ms/Mr
Bowling	March	Ms/Mr
Girls/Boys Basketball Tourn.	May	Ms/Mr
Ice Hockey	May	Ms/Mr
Girls Tennis Seeding	May	Ms/Mr

City/School _____ Principal _____
(Signature)

RETURN TO MHSAA NO LATER THAN MARCH 14, 2008

MHSAA COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2008

As Appointed by the Representative Council or Executive Committee

Listed below are the coaches, ADs, principals, superintendents, other faculty members and board of education members of MHSAA member schools who have been selected by the MHSAA Executive Committee to serve on the 2007-08 sport committees, and committees of special interest that are meeting after Jan. 1, 2008. Those committees which met prior to Jan. 1, 2008 were listed in the November *Bulletin*. **NOTE: This list includes names of some individuals who have been invited but have not confirmed as of Jan. 14, 2008.**

Committee appointments are made on an annual basis in 2 phases, after receiving nominations of schools and recommendations of MHSAA Representative Council members. Potential committee members are notified of their appointments early in September as the school year begins and also in late November for committees which meet after Jan. 1. At that time, committee members receive a description of committee responsibilities and the dates and times of the meetings. The MHSAA requests that schools do not send substitutes.

Each year school representatives who serve as committee members meet in the MHSAA building to provide staff members with an array of opinions and information. Sport committees meet to select tournament sites, specify tournament procedures, and set time schedules. Sport committees may also recommend changes to the Representative Council or MHSAA Staff regarding regular-season play and tournament qualification procedures.

Each committee is comprised of representatives from Class A, B, C, and D schools if possible, and the members are from several geographic areas of the state. A committee may be comprised mainly of coaches or administrators, depending on the responsibilities of each particular committee. Several of the sport committees will include a representative, if not the president, of the coaches association of that sport.

Beginning with 1990-91, MIAAA and/or MASSP representatives have been appointed to committees for most sports, and officials included when possible.

(20) Baseball/Softball

Tuesday, January 22, 2008 9:30 a.m.

Sue Barthold, President-MHSSCA, East Kentwood HS, Kentwood (A)
Jeff Cook, Asst. Principal, St Clair HS, St Clair (MASSP) (B)
Marty DeJong, Softball Coach, Kalamazoo Christian HS, Kalamazoo (C)
Matt Eldred, Baseball Coach, Otsego HS, Otsego (B)
Keith Green, Athletic Director, Hemlock HS, Hemlock (B)
Dave Gumpert, Athletic Director, South Haven HS, South Haven (B)
Clark Huntley, Athletic Director, Morley Stanwood HS, Morley (C)
Cody Inglis, Athletic Director, Suttons Bay HS, Suttons Bay (MIAAA) (C)
Nancy Malinowski, Athletic Director, Mercy HS, Farmington Hills (A)
Sean Maloney, Athletic Director, Huron HS, New Boston (B)
Shelly Millis, Athletic Director, Montabella HS, Blanchard (C)
Jenny Morgan, Softball Coach, Rochester HS, Rochester Hills (A)
Terry Newton, Athletic Director, St Philip Catholic Central HS, Battle Creek (D)
Mark Rademacher, President-MHSBCA, Pewamo-Westphalia HS, Westphalia (C)
Peter Ryan, Athletic Director, Heritage HS, Saginaw (A)
Rick Schmidt, Athletic Director, Holt HS, Holt (A)
Ken Stephens, Athletic Director, Allen Park HS, Allen Park (A)
Steve VanderLaan, Softball Coach, Williamston HS, Williamston (B)
Wayne Welton, Athletic Director, Chelsea HS, Chelsea (B)
Ted Williams, Athletic Director, Munising HS, Munising (C)
Brian Zdanowski, Athletic Director, Greenville HS, Greenville (A)

(40) Bowling

Thursday, March 13, 2008 9:30 a.m.

Dale Bannister, East Jackson HS, Jackson (C)
Karl Bosman, Bowling Coach, Trenton HS, Trenton (B)

Harry Burkey, President-MHSIBCA, 1239 Brys Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods
Rich Dodik, Bowling Coach, Bay City Western HS, Auburn (A)
Hiawatha Francisco, Asst. Principal, Ross Beatty HS, Cassopolis (MASSP) (C)
Rudy Godefroidt, Superintendent, Hemlock HS, Hemlock (B)
Danielle Hare, Bowling Coach, Heritage HS, Saginaw (A)
Mike Johnson, Bowling Coach, Kenowa Hills HS, Grand Rapids (A)
Rich Kimball, Athletic Director, Catholic Central HS, Lansing (B)
Sal Malek, Athletic Director, Ladywood HS, Livonia (MIAAA) (B)
Greg Pscodna, Athletic Director, Michigan Center HS, Michigan Center (C)
Jonda Schrauben, Bowling Coach, St Patrick HS, Portland (D)
Nancy Simon, Bowling Coach, Romeo HS, Romeo (A)
John Snyder, Alpena HS, Alpena (A)
Bruce Worden, Bowling Coach, Waterford Mott HS, Waterford (A)

(55) Classification

Wednesday, January 16, 2008 1 p.m.

Kirk Baese, Principal, Ovid-Elsie HS, Elsie (MASSP) (B)
Dave Chrisnske, Athletic Director, Allendale HS, Allendale (MIAAA) (B)
James Dittmer, Board Member, 3115 W Kinney Rd, Ludington (MASB)
Keith Eldred, Dean of Students, Williamston Middle School, Williamston
Chris Ervin, Athletic Director, St Johns HS, St Johns (A)
Dan Flynn, Teacher/Coach, Escanaba HS, Escanaba (B)
Mike Gaunt, Faculty Member, Chassell HS, Chassell (MASA) (D)
Justin Gluesing, Asst. Principal, Alpena HS, Alpena (A)
Jim Hilgendorf, Superintendent, Johannesburg-Lewiston HS, Johannesburg (MASA) (D)
Lillian Mason, Board Member, 5091 Briar Ridge Ct., Grand Blanc (MASB)
Cheri Meier, Principal, Ionia Middle School, Ionia (MASSP)
Vic Michaels, Director, Archdiocese of Detroit, Detroit
Cavin Mohrhardt, Athletic Director, Spring Lake HS, Spring Lake (B)
Richard Niesen, Athletic Director, Hackett Catholic Central HS, Kalamazoo (C)
Peter Ryan, Athletic Director, Heritage HS, Saginaw (MIAAA) (A)
Ronald Stoneman, Superintendent, Dansville HS, Dansville (D)

(60) Competitive Cheer

Wednesday, February 06, 2008 9:30 a.m.

Stephanie Davis, Cheer Coach, Crosswell-Lexington HS, Crosswell (B)
Amy Fuller, Cheer Coach, Franklin HS, Livonia (A)
Kevin Guzzo, Athletic Director, St Joseph HS, St Joseph (B)
Leroy Hackley, Athletic Director, Jenison HS, Jenison (A)
Sue Milner, Athletic Director, Houghton Lake HS, Houghton Lake (B)
Ken Mohney, Athletic Director, Mattawan HS, Mattawan (MIAAA) (A)
Heather Prentice, President-CCC a.m., 5877 Thunder Bay, Portage
Shane Redshaw, Athletic Director, Stoney Creek HS, Rochester Hills (A)
Teri Reyburn, Athletic Director, DeWitt HS, DeWitt (B)
Kathy Showers, Cheer Coach, Mason HS, Mason (A)
Jessica Trefry, Cheer Coach, Michigan Center HS, Michigan Center (C)

(70) Cross Country/Track & Field Regulations

Thursday, January 24, 2008 9:30 a.m.

David Evens, Track Coach, Central HS, Grand Rapids (B)
Richard Franklin, Principal, Athens Middle School, Athens (MASSP)
Tom Gass, MITCA Representative, Vandercook Lake HS, Jackson (C)
Rudy Godefroidt, Superintendent, Hemlock HS, Hemlock (B)
Antie Hardy, Athletic Director, New Haven HS, New Haven (C)
Kathy Hubbard, Track Coach, JW Sexton HS, Lansing (A)
Cody Inglis, Athletic Director, Suttons Bay HS, Suttons Bay (C)
Tom Laughlin, Track Coach, Grand Haven HS, Grand Haven (A)

Brian Macomber, Official, Comstock Park
Mike Nesbitt, Track Coach, Bay City Western HS, Auburn (A)
Pat Richardson, Athletic Director, Grass Lake HS, Grass Lake (C)
Mike Roberts, Athletic Director, Hillsdale Academy, Hillsdale (D)
Fred Smith, Athletic Director, Buchanan HS, Buchanan (MIAAA) (B)
Mike Unger, Athletic Director, Lutheran HS Westland, Westland (D)
Thomas Wilcher, Track Coach, Cass Technical HS, Detroit (A)
Dan Wytko, Track Coach, Portage Central HS, Portage (A)

(75) Football

Thursday, February 07, 2008 9:30 a.m.

Jeremy Andrews, Football Coach, Watervliet HS, Watervliet (C)
Ernie Ayers, Football Coach, Sand Creek HS, Sand Creek (C)
Timothy Baker, Official, Constantine
Tom Barbieri, Liason-MHSFCA, Dexter HS, Dexter (A)
Tom Burrill, Football Coach, Caledonia HS, Caledonia (A)
Richard Carter, Athletic Director, Cody HS, Detroit (A)
Brent Case, Asst. Principal, Algonac HS, Algonac (MASSP) (B)
Bernard Colton, Athletic Director, Central HS, Grand Rapids (B)
Cedric Dortch, Football Coach, Highland Park Community HS, Highland Park (B)
Morley Fraser, Athletic Director, Central HS, Bay City (A)
Keith Froelich, Athletic Director, Okemos HS, Okemos (MIAAA) (A)
Vic Michaels, Director, Archdiocese of Detroit, Detroit
Phil Mikulski, Tawas Area HS, Tawas City (B)
Randy Schaedig, Football Coach, Cedarville HS, Cedarville (D)
Jim Sparks, Football Coach, Clawson HS, Clawson (C)
Jim Sutton, Asst. Athletic Director, East Kentwood HS, Kentwood (A)

(90) Girls Tennis Seeding

Wednesday, May 21, 2008 1 p.m.

Thursday, May 22, 2008 8 a.m.

Keith Bernacki, Tennis Coach, Seaholm HS, Birmingham (A)
Nancy Brissette, Tennis Coach, Garber HS, Essexville (B)
Glenn Corey, Tennis Coach, Grosse Pointe South HS, Grosse Pointe (A)
Gary Ellis, Athletic Director, Allegan HS, Allegan (B)
Joe Gentle, Tennis Coach, North Muskegon HS, North Muskegon (C)
Jan Gottlin, Tennis Coach, Riverview Community HS, Riverview (B)
Jerry Murphy, Tennis Coach, Rochester HS, Rochester Hills (A)
Barb Myler, Tennis Coach, Shrine Catholic HS, Royal Oak (C)
Mark Sobieralski, Tennis Coach, Grosse Pointe South HS, Grosse Pointe (A)
Dave Sukup, Tennis Coach, Forest Hills Northern HS, Grand Rapids (B)

(110) Ice Hockey

Wednesday, May 21, 2008 9:30 a.m.

Bob Bopp, President - MHSFCA, Grosse Pointe South HS, Grosse Pointe (A)
Bob Dailey, Athletic Director, Northview HS, Grand Rapids (A)
Eric Federico, Superintendent, OA Carlson HS, Gibraltar (A)
Joe Ford, Hockey Coach, Catholic Central HS, Lansing (B)
Tom Hunt, Athletic Director, East Lansing HS, East Lansing (A)
Cody Inglis, Athletic Director, Suttons Bay HS, Suttons Bay (C)
Alan Kranzo, Hockey Coach, Catholic Central HS, Grand Rapids (B)
Kevin Langseth, Official, Belmont (Advisory)
Al Martus, Athletic Director, Goodrich HS, Goodrich (B)
Mark Mattson, Athletic Director, Marquette HS, Marquette (A)
Brian Parsons, Athletic Director, Grandville HS, Grandville (A)
Peter Ryan, Athletic Director, Heritage HS, Saginaw (MIAAA) (A)
Ken Stephens, Athletic Director, Allen Park HS, Allen Park (A)

(120) Junior High/Middle School

Tuesday, January 08, 2008 9:30 a.m.

Mike Alley, Principal, St Clair Middle School, St Clair
Dave Armstrong, Principal, Watervliet Middle School, Watervliet
Stephen Beckholt, Athletic Director, Waverly HS, Lansing (B)
Terri Clock, Athletic Director, Bunker Middle School, Muskegon
Keith Eldred, Dean of Students, Williamston Middle School, Williamston
Rich Franklin, Principal, Athens Middle School, Athens
Rudy Godefroidt, Superintendent, Hemlock Middle School, Hemlock
Tom Mecsey, Athletic Director, Cranbrook-Kingswood Middle School, Bloomfield Hills (MIAAA)
Steve Newkirk, Principal, Clare Middle School, Clare
Jeff Phillips, Owosso HS, Owosso (A)
Tim Syrek, Athletic Director, Otsego Middle School, Otsego
Tom Thompson, Athletic Director, White Pine Middle School, Saginaw
Rob White, Athletic Director, Saline HS, Saline (A)

(125) Lacrosse-Boys

Wednesday, January 23, 2008 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 07, 2008 9:30 a.m.

Ron Allen, Athletic Director, West Ottawa HS, Holland (A)
Chris Corteg, Athletic Director, Utica Eisenhower HS, Shelby Township (A)
Rick DeBlasio, East Grand Rapids HS, Grand Rapids (Advisory) (B)
Bob Dowd, Athletic Director, Athens HS, Troy (MIAAA) (A)
Aaron Frank, Finals Manager, Seaholm HS, Birmingham (Advisory) (A)
Shawn Grady, Lacrosse Coach, Okemos HS, Okemos (A)
Barry Hobrla, Athletic Director, Lowell HS, Lowell (A)
Tom Hunt, Athletic Director, East Lansing HS, East Lansing (A)
Mike Jolly, De La Salle Collegiate HS, Warren (Advisory) (A)
Dan Mills, Boys Lacrosse Coach, Portage Central HS, Portage (A)
Meg Seng, Athletic Director, Greenhills HS, Ann Arbor (C)
Dave Wilson, Lacrosse Coach, Detroit Catholic Central HS, Novi (A)

(130) Lacrosse-Girls

Thursday, January 24, 2008 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 07, 2008 9:30 a.m.

Eve Claar, Athletic Director, Lahser HS, Bloomfield Hills (A)
Dawn Coe, Girls Lacrosse Coach, West Ottawa HS, Holland (A)
Jerry Cowan, Athletic Director, Hartland HS, Hartland (A)
Jamie Francek, Girls Lacrosse Coach, Brighton HS, Brighton (A)
Timothy Hollern, Athletic Director, Forest Hills Eastern HS, Ada (B)
Larry Janes, Athletic Director, South Lyon HS, South Lyon (A)
Carman Kennedy, Athletic Director, Grosse Pointe North HS, Grosse Pointe (A)
Ed Maloney, Athletic Director, Gabriel Richard HS, Ann Arbor (C)
Mike Mehall, President-MWSLCA, 23603 Liberty, Farmington
Marty Simmonds, Athletic Director, Notre Dame Preparatory School, Pontiac (B)

(135) Lower Peninsula Girls/Boys Basketball Tournament

Wednesday, May 14, 2008 9:30 a.m.

Mel Atkins, Director, Grand Rapids Public Schools, Grand Rapids
Steve Baker, Athletic Director, Gaylord HS, Gaylord (A)
Fred Bowers, Athletic Director, Waldron HS, Waldron (D)
Randy Bowles, Principal, Williamston HS, Williamston (B)
Blaine Brumels, Athletic Director, East Kentwood HS, Kentwood (A)
Terry Curley, Athletic Director, Marysville HS, Marysville (B)
Dottie Davis, Athletic Director, Huron HS, Ann Arbor (A)
Dan Delamarter, Athletic Director, Ubly HS, Ubly (C)

Ken Dietz, Athletic Director, Watervliet HS, Watervliet (C)
 Lafayette Evans, Supervisor, Detroit Public Schools, Detroit
 Larry Featherstone, Benton Harbor HS, Benton Harbor (A)
 Leroy Hackley, Athletic Director, Jenison HS, Jenison (A)
 Jerry Haggerty, Athletic Director, Hamilton HS, Hamilton (B)
 Antie Hardy, Athletic Director, New Haven HS, New Haven (C)
 John Hoeft, Athletic Director, Pittsford HS, Pittsford (D)
 Kristen Isom, Athletic Director, Madison HS, Adrian (C)
 Dewayne Jones, Athletic Director, West Bloomfield HS, West Bloomfield (A)
 Carman Kennedy, Athletic Director, Grosse Pointe North HS, Grosse Pointe (A)
 Richard Kimball, Athletic Director, Catholic Central HS, Lansing (B)
 Jack Kramer, Houghton Lake HS, Houghton Lake (B)
 Steve Landra, Athletic Director, Sand Creek HS, Sand Creek (C)
 Karen Leinaar, Athletic Director, Benzie Central HS, Benzonia (B)
 Bruce Lenington, Athletic Director, Southfield-Lathrup HS, Lathrup Village (A)
 Vic Michaels, Director, Archdiocese of Detroit, Detroit
 Doug Muxlow, Principal, Brown City HS, Brown City (C)
 Steve Parker, Athletic Director, Cheboygan Area HS, Cheboygan (B)
 Jeff Phillips, Athletic Director, Owosso HS, Owosso (A)
 Loren Ristovski, Athletic Director, John F Kennedy HS, Taylor (A)
 Jim Sanford, Athletic Director, Lakeshore HS, Stevensville (B)
 Fred Smith, Athletic Director, Buchanan HS, Buchanan (B)
 Zac Stevenson, Athletic Director, Woodhaven HS, Brownstown (A)
 Patti Tibaldi, Athletic Director, Traverse City West HS, Traverse City (A)
 Mario Villarreal, Athletic Director, Eastern HS, Lansing (A)
 Mark Werley, Athletic Director, Zeeland West HS, Zeeland (B)
 Jeff Whiteley, Athletic Director, Flint Central Academy, Flint (A)

(155) Soccer

Wednesday, February 06, 2008 9:30 a.m.

Sean Byram, Soccer Coach, Gaylord HS, Gaylord (A)
 John Conlon, President-MISCA, East Kentwood HS, Kentwood (A)
 Jim Flore, Soccer Coach, Williamston HS, Williamston (B)
 Kevin Green, Athletic Director, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker HS, Pigeon (C)
 Jason Heerema, Athletic Director, Wyoming Park HS, Wyoming (B)
 Bryan Masi, Athletic Director, Northville HS, Northville (A)
 Autumn Mattson, Athletic Director, Cedar Springs HS, Cedar Springs (B)
 Richard Niesen, Athletic Director, Hackett Catholic Central HS, Kalamazoo (C)
 Amy Rossow, Soccer Coach, Grosse Ile HS, Grosse Ile (B)
 Matt Sullivan, Soccer Coach, Fenton HS, Fenton (A)
 John Thompson, Athletic Director, Brighton HS, Brighton (MIAAA) (A)
 Mike VanEtten, Soccer Coach, Lenawee Christian HS, Adrian (D)
 Betty Wroubel, Athletic Director, Notre Dame Preparatory School, Pontiac (B)

(175) Swimming

Tuesday, February 19, 2008 9:30 a.m.

Wendy Daniel, Swim Coach, Holly HS, Holly (A)
 MaryAnn Egnatuk, Swim Coach, Albion HS, Albion (C)
 Tom Flynn, Athletic Director, Wylie E Groves HS, Beverly Hills (MIAAA) (A)
 Brian Foust, Official, Plymouth
 Roy Greenland, Swim Coach, Eaton Rapids HS, Eaton Rapids (B)
 Scott Hedges, Swim Coach, Cranbrook Kingswood HS, Bloomfield Hills (B)
 Denny Hill, Swim Coach, Pioneer HS, Ann Arbor (A)
 Mike Matter, Swimming Coach, Heritage HS, Saginaw (A)
 Joe O'Brien, Swim Coach, East Grand Rapids HS, Grand Rapids (B)
 Bob Oliver, Swim Coach, Haslett HS, Haslett (B)

Corrin Popp, Swim Coach, Harper Creek HS, Battle Creek (B)
Mike Rado, President-MISCA, Lahser HS, Bloomfield Hills (A)
Doug VanderJagt, Asst. Principal, Rockford HS, Rockford (MASSP) (A)

(180) Tennis

Tuesday, January 15, 2008 9:30 a.m.

Sue Bailey, Tennis Coach, DeWitt HS, DeWitt (B)
Jayne Boerman, Tennis Coach, South Christian HS, Grand Rapids (B)
Mary Boike, Tennis Coach, Luke M Powers Catholic HS, Flint (B)
Nancy Brissette, MHSTeCA, Garber HS, Essexville (B)
Dave Clutts, Tennis Coach, St Clair HS, St Clair (B)
Jim Cummins, Advisory, Advisory, Battle Creek (Advisory)
Gary Ellis, Athletic Director, Allegan HS, Allegan (B)
Wendy Franz, Advisory, Midland Community Tennis Ctr, Midland (Advisory)
Renee Kent, Asst. Principal, Big Rapids HS, Big Rapids (B)
Nancy Malinowski, Athletic Director, Mercy HS, Farmington Hills (A)
Lee O'Bryan, Asst. Principal, Fraser HS, Fraser (MASSP) (A)
Pam Porter, Tennis Coach, Lakeshore HS, Stevensville (B)
Peter Ryan, Athletic Director, Heritage HS, Saginaw (A)
Deb VanKuiken, Athletic Director, Holly HS, Holly (MIAAA) (A)

(185) Cross Country/Track & Field Site Selection

Wednesday, January 23, 2008 9:30 a.m.

Tim Baker, Track Coach, Constantine HS, Constantine (C)
Kevin Behmer, President-MITCA, 1465 Folkstone Ct, Ann Arbor
Fred Bowers, Athletic Director, Waldron HS, Waldron (D)
Tony Burton, Athletic Director, Brown City HS, Brown City (C)
Greg Glover, Track Coach, Webberville Community HS, Webberville (D)
Doug Grezeszak, Track Coach, Ogemaw Heights HS, West Branch (B)
Antie Hardy, Athletic Director, New Haven HS, New Haven (C)
Steve Hines, Athletic Director, East Jordan HS, East Jordan (C)
Dwight Jones, Athletic Director, Mumford HS, Detroit (A)
Greg Mikulich, Track Coach, Marion HS, Marion (D)
Pat Richardson, Athletic Director, Grass Lake HS, Grass Lake (C)
Mike Roberts, Athletic Director, Hillsdale HS, Hillsdale (C)
Bob Root, Athletic Director, Carman-Ainsworth HS, Flint (A)
Ernest Sciullo, Athletic Director, Sterling Heights HS, Sterling Heights (A)
Kim Spalsbury, Track Coach, Grand Ledge HS, Grand Ledge (A)

(215) Wrestling

Wednesday, January 23, 2008 9:30 a.m.

Rick Arnett, Principal, Delton Kellogg HS, Delton (MASSP) (B)
Todd Cheney, Wrestling Coach, Hartland HS, Hartland (A)
Marty Covert, President-MWA, Byron Area HS, Byron (C)
Bob Dailey, Athletic Director, Northview HS, Grand Rapids (A)
Tom Flynn, Athletic Director, Wylie E Groves HS, Beverly Hills (A)
Bruce Foster, Athletic Director, Kelloggsville HS, Wyoming (B)
Mike Garvey, Athletic Director, Otsego HS, Otsego (MIAAA) (B)
Steve Lewis, Asst. Principal, Rockford HS, Rockford (A)
Scott Marry, Wrestling Coach, Hudson Area HS, Hudson (C)
Jamie Segorski, Wrestling Coach, Escanaba HS, Escanaba (B)
Todd Skinner, Wrestling Coach, Linden HS, Linden (B)
Jake Stenz, Wrestling Coach, Alpena HS, Alpena (A)
Grant Syswerda, Wrestling Coach, Cousino HS, Warren (A)

FAQ: CORE STRENGTHENING

What is the “core”?

The core is where the human body’s center of gravity is located. The core musculature provides the foundation for all movement. Trunk, pelvic and shoulder girdle muscles make up the core. The larger core muscles include the back muscles, abdominals, and hip muscles (gluteals). Smaller core muscles include those between the vertebrae of the spine, the rotator cuff, and hip rotators.

Why are strong core muscles important?

Strong core muscles help provide the athlete with shock absorption (deceleration), balance (stabilization), and force production (acceleration). Maximizing performance of these muscles can improve the athlete’s ability to generate more power, improve speed, balance, and agility, and to react to game situations quickly. Strong core muscles also assist in preventing injuries due to collisions, year round training, and help protect athletes who compete in a single sport.

How does the core work to help the athlete?

Large and small core muscles help hold the spine in the position of power. This allows for transfer of forces between the arms and the ground. For a baseball pitcher, this allows them to transfer force from the ground into his arm and generate velocity while throwing. Strong core muscles enable an athlete’s arms and legs to work independently and efficiently. Inefficient movement leads to predictable patterns of injury, i.e. hamstring strain in track athletes, and groin strain in hockey players. A weak core with strong arms and/or legs does not allow maximum force to be developed during sporting activities

Which sports require the athlete to have strong core muscles?

Any athlete will benefit from core strengthening exercises. An athlete’s core can never be too strong.

How can you tell if an athlete may need to work on core strengthening exercises?

The athlete has a nagging injury that will not resolve:

- Recurrent injuries of a similar type
- If, during the course of competition, the athlete fatigues, and loses proper form
- Pain that is present during their sport but not during regular daily activities. (This may progress to the point of being present during daily activities.)
- Inability to perform an abdominal curl-up
- Inability to perform 10 push-ups with a “neutral” spine
- Inability to perform a single leg squat and maintain an upright posture:
 - Knee over the toe
 - Level pelvis
 - No loss of balance
 - Minimal use of arms for balance

When would an athlete benefit from a medical professional assisting them with a core strengthening program?

An athlete will benefit from a medical consultation if they have a nagging injury that will not resolve, a recurrent injury of the same or related areas, or multiple areas of injury. They may benefit from a core strengthening program or a performance enhancement program if fatigue affects the athlete’s ability to carry out their sport with proper form, if the athlete is unable to perform a push up, a curl up, or a single leg squat as described above, or if the athlete has generalized low back pain.

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. ■

PROPER FOOTWEAR

Inappropriate footwear is one of the most common causes of overuse injuries. Your feet are subjected to almost a million pounds of pressure during one hour of strenuous exercise. Proper footwear is important to cushion these loads. Different sports have different requirements for footwear, and it is important to wear sport specific shoes. For example, a running shoe has more cushioning for shock absorption than a basketball shoe, which provides more lateral ankle support for sudden stops and starts on the court. For shoes to prevent injury they need to be tailored to each athlete's individual anatomy.

Some people have a stiff and rigid foot and need more heel and forefoot cushioning, while others have flat feet requiring a shoe with a stiffer heel. It is recommended that you consult a professional to learn your foot shape and choose the appropriate shoes for your feet.

Since your feet expand during weight bearing you should stand up when you are being measured and make sure to measure both feet since they may be different sizes. You should try shoes on later in the day since your feet swell and are at their largest at the end of the day. Make sure to wear athletic socks similar to those you would wear during your sport and try on both shoes to make sure they fit.

Your heel should fit snugly in the shoe and does not slip as you walk. You need to be able to wiggle your toes and have approximately a thumbs width between your longest toe and the end of the shoe. You can try walking or jogging a few steps to give you an idea of the shoes' comfort during your activity. If the shoe fits uncomfortably, when you first try it on, it will most likely be uncomfortable during exercise. It should feel comfortable from the moment it's on your foot; you should not have to break in athletic shoes.

If you have 300-500 miles of walking or running on your shoes you will have worn out most of the shock absorption and arch support. You can check for signs of wear on the sole by placing your shoes on a table and looking at them from behind. If the soles are worn and leaning to one side, the midsole cushioning is probably worn as well. A shoe's midsole cushioning may be worn out long before the tread shows signs of wear. A worn out midsole will have wrinkles and creases under the heel or the ball of the foot. Try to twist the shoe. A worn out midsole will allow the shoe to twist more easily than a new shoe.

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Who's Coaching the Coaches?

**Register for the MHSAA
Coaches Advancement Program®
Today at mhsaa.com**

The advertisement features a black and white photograph of several people sitting at a long table in what appears to be a conference room or office setting. In the background, there is a logo for the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) and a sign that says "COACHES ADVANCEMENT".

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS ANNOUNCED FOR FOOTBALL, BOYS SOCCER & GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Nearly 200 teams representing over 150 schools have been selected to be recognized for displaying outstanding sportsmanship during selected Fall Michigan High School Athletic Association postseason tournament competitions through the Good Sports Are Winners! Program, and all will receive awards ranging from framed certificates to commemorative banners and crystal trophies from MEEMIC Insurance, the Association's corporate partner in sportsmanship efforts.



The program is conducted in team sports, with schools being evaluated by tournament management at District, Regional and Final Round sites. This fall, a total of 190 teams were selected from 164 schools in tournaments conducted in football, boys soccer and girls volleyball.

The program recognizes one school at each MHSAA tournament center at all levels of play for having met the highest sportsmanlike standards. Those schools will be presented framed certificates from MEEMIC Insurance. Those teams will also be recognized through the publication of their names in the MHSAA Bulletin, the MHSAA Finals program series, and on the MHSAA Web site.

During the course of the school year, over 500 teams will be recognized in 13 activities for their sportsmanship efforts during MHSAA tournaments. At the Finals in those tournaments, the school judged to have met those standards is presented a crystal trophy and commemorative banner.

Blissfield in football (Division 6), **Grand Rapids South Christian** (Division 3) boys soccer, and **Ubly** (Class C) in girls volleyball were selected by the tournament management at their respective Finals for displaying the exemplary sportsmanship by their coaches, student-athletes and spectators. Presentation dates at each winning school will be announced at a future date. All three schools were finalists in their respective sports, and it is the first time each school has been named a recipient of a Finals sportsmanship award. Blissfield was also recognized in football at the District level of play, and in girls volleyball at the Regionals. South Christian was named for sportsmanship honors in Regional soccer and District and Regional girls volleyball. Ubly received an additional award at the Quarterfinal level in girls volleyball.

South Christian and East Kentwood were recognized in the fall at three tournaments, while 24 schools received mention in twice. Girls volleyball led the way with 99 teams feted, followed by 39 teams in football and 52 in boys soccer. A complete list of fall award recipients appears on the next page.

Good Sports Are Winners! Award evaluation/report forms for tournament managers may be found on the GSAW page of the MHSAA Web site, as well as the Administration page under "Tournament and Event Management"

2007 Fall Good Sports Are Winners! Award Recipients

Reports received at the MHSAA offices as of 1-15-08. NOTE: Not all site managers responded

FOOTBALL

Districts

Albion
Belding
Blissfield
Buchanan
Calumet
Central Lake
Comstock
Crystal Falls Forest Park
Dearborn Edsel Ford
Detroit Denby
DeWitt
Elk Rapids
Flint Powers Catholic
Grass Lake
Harper Woods
Kalamazoo Christian
Kingsford
Laingsburg
Mendon
Milan
Muskegon
Muskegon Catholic Central
Remus Chippewa Hills
Rockford
Romulus Summit Academy
Sault Ste Marie
St Charles
St Joseph
Suttons Bay
Vestaburg

Regionals

Central Lake
Coopersville
Frankfort
Holt
Livonia Franklin
Macomb Dakota
Mendon
Montague
Sand Creek

BOYS SOCCER

Districts

Armada
Auburn Hills Avondale
Benzie Central
Cheboygan
Croswell-Lexington
East Detroit
Edwardsburg
Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker
Fremont
Grand Ledge
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Eastern
Grosse Ile
Grosse Pointe Woods U. Liggett
Hazel Park
Holland West Ottawa
Holton
Jackson Lumen Christi
Jenison
Kalamazoo Heritage Christian
Kimball New Life Christian
Laingsburg
Lakeview

Lawton
Lincoln Alcona
Livonia Franklin
Macomb L'Anse Creuse North
Maple City Glen Lake
Mason
Mt Pleasant
Northville
Owosso
Rochester Adams
Saginaw Heritage
Saginaw Valley Lutheran
Traverse City West
Utica Ford
Vicksburg
Warren Woods Tower
Whitehall
Ypsilanti Lincoln

Regionals

Allen Park Inter-City Baptist
Auburn Hills Avondale
Big Rapids
Clarkston
East Kentwood
Fruitport
Grand Rapids South Christian
Hudsonville Unity Christian
Lincoln Alcona
Marcellus Howardsville Christian
Richmond
Unionville-Sebewaing

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Districts

Akron-Fairgrove
Alba
Allendale
Ashley
Auburn Hills Oakland Christian
Bad Axe
Battle Creek Calhoun Christian
Berkley
Bessemer
Bloom. Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood
Britton-Macon
Bronson
Burton Bentley
Canton
Caro
Cedar Springs
Center Line
Charlevoix
Cheboygan
Coldwater
Comstock
Constantine
Dansville
Detroit Central
Detroit Denby
DeWitt
Dowagiac
East Kentwood
East Lansing
Eau Claire
Eben Junction Superior Central
Flint Kearsley
Frankenmuth
Fremont Providence Christian

Garden City
Goodrich
Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills
Grand Rapids South Christian
Grandville Calvin Christian
Grosse Pointe South
Harbor Springs
Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse
Holland Calvary
Holland Christian
Iron River West Iron County
Ishpeming Westwood
Jenison
Livonia Ladywood
Macomb L'Anse Creuse North
Marysville
McBain
McBain Northern Michigan Christian
Memphis
Midland Dow
Monroe St Mary Catholic Central
Morrice
North Farmington
Owosso
Perry
Pewamo-Westphalia
Plainwell
Portage Union
Redford Northern
Reed City
Saginaw Mich. Lutheran Seminary
Saginaw Swan Valley
Saginaw Valley Lutheran
Sault Ste Marie
Southfield Christian
Spring Lake
St Louis
Temperance Bedford
Traverse City Christian
Traverse City West
Trenton
Vanderbilt
Waldron
West Bloomfield Jewish Academy
Westland Huron Valley Lutheran
White Cloud
Whitmore Lake
Wyandotte Mt Carmel

Regionals

Akron-Fairgrove
Battle Creek Lakeview
Berkley
Blissfield
Caro
East Kentwood
Flushing
Flushing
Grand Rapids South Christian
Gwinn
Kalamazoo Christian
Kingsford
Mason County Eastern
White Cloud

Quarterfinals

Alma
Hillsdale Academy
Uby

VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, December 4, 2007

Members Present:

Laura Cleveland, Chelsea
Kayleen Cook, DeWitt
Curt Ellis, Novi (MIAAAA)
Paul Hornak, Ithaca
Robin Kozuch, Morley
Brian Sarvello, Ishpeming (MASSP)
Fred Smith, Buchanan
Jennifer Thunberg, Pres.-MIVCA, Bay City
Patti Tibaldi, Traverse City

Sheri Warner, New Lothrop
Larry Wegener, Advisory, Battle Creek

Members Absent:

Tim Bearden, Grosse Pointe
Tim Croel, Frankenmuth
Kris Schrottenboer, Grand Rapids
Cindy Short, Lansing

Staff Members Present:

Gina Mazzolini (Recorder)

The MHSAA Volleyball Committee met on Dec. 4, 2007 at the MHSAA office. After a brief welcome and introductions, the committee was reminded of its responsibility and the process for rule change.

PROPOSALS FROM MIVCA

See Recommendations to Representative Council.

DISCUSSION ITEMS – NO ACTION

1. Quarterfinal sites (selection of and alternate sites)
2. Number of tournaments allowed per season
3. Umpire calling ball handling violations
4. Pre-match protocol (including team handshake)
5. Professionalism of officials (with regard to criticizing other officials in public)
6. Review of season
7. Kellogg Arena
8. End of match obligations to media takes away from celebrating with your team.

POINTS OF EMPHASIS FOR RULES MEETINGS

1. Change of team bench between games – the non-playing team members proceed immediately to their new team bench (no change).
2. Pre-match conference – allow any number of captains to attend.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Change District and Regional format.

District matches may be played on any day during the week designated for

District play. A team cannot play more than one match per day and if a team has to play on back-to-back days, the opponent must also do so. The District Final cannot be played prior to Thursday.

- * If travel dictates, a Friday and Saturday District may be played.

During the Regional week, semifinal matches will be played on Tuesday and final matches on Thursday.

- * If travel dictates, the Regional may be played on a Friday or Saturday (10-0).
2. Line Judges – Mandate the use of registered officials for line judges at all post-season competition (District through Finals) (7-3).
 3. Prohibit tryouts and practice with a club team until the MHSAA season is over (same sport) (10-0).

Add to Regulation I, Section 13(A):

Regulation I, Section 13(A) - "A student who, after practicing with (including tryouts) or participating in an athletic contest or scrimmage as a member of a high school athletic team, participates in any athletic competition, practice or tryout not sponsored by his or her school in the same sport during the same season, shall become ineligible for a minimum of the next three (3) days of competition and maximum of the remainder of that season in that school year. The following exceptions to this Regulation will apply...". ■

BASKETBALL COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, December 6, 2007

Members Present:

Tim Beebe, Haslett
Aaron Brock, Three Rivers
Mark Farrell, Lake Odessa
Chris Miller, Gobles
Steve Newkirk, Clare (MASSP)
Sheri Smith, Adrian
Arnetta Thompson, Grand Rapids
Marc Throop, Richland (MIAAA)
John Verdura, Detroit

Reuben Washington, Detroit
Robert Williams, Redford

Members Absent:

Tom Hursey, Midland (BCAM)
Marshall Thomas, Saginaw

Staff Members Present:

Nate Hampton
Tom Minter

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. Following a welcome and introductions, the committee reviewed its responsibility and relationship to the Representative Council.

The committee reviewed the 2006-07 committee minutes with attention to three recommendations to the Representative Council that were not adopted. The recommendations included:

1. Varsity games allowed the option of playing in games with equal halves rather than the traditional high school method of four equal periods.
2. Expand the regular season to include the option of a non-counted tournament.
3. Establish a study group to determine the interest and format for increasing the number of school classifications in basketball.

CALENDAR CONCERNS

The committee discussed calendar issues relating to the start of our current sport seasons, length of seasons for fall, winter and spring sports. Included in these discussions were the topics of summer dead period and preseason down time. The committee was agreeable with both of these additions to MHSAA member school policies.

RULES MEETINGS

The committee reviewed the rules meeting schedule of last fall and the attendance requirements for head coaches and approved officials that wish to receive MHSAA tournament invitations. This discussion included potential sites for the 2008-09 rules meeting series and potential dates of the 2008-09 meetings. The committee also previewed a

pilot video presentation for a project currently being prepared for online track and field rules meetings that will be presented this fall for coaches and officials.

The committee suggested the following:

1. Start rules meetings in July as late as possible. The tentative start for 08-09 is Monday, July 28, 2008.
2. At the earliest opportunity develop rules meetings for basketball that are online and available to coaches and officials from their own selected computer stations.
3. Maintain, at least at the onset of online rules meetings, onsite live meetings with the Basketball Coaches Association and officials association.

BCAM/BOCCC the Basketball Coaches Association and the Basketball Officials and Coaches Communication Committee again assisted the MHSAA with a rules meeting video that speaks to developing even greater good communication expectations between coaches and officials. MHSAA staff expressed to the committee that the cooperation between BCAM and the MHSAA is a great working relationship.

COACHES BOX

Standard conditions for the use of the coaching box were reviewed with full committee agreement that the head coaches use and officials officiating the coaches box is better than ever before. Reasons for better use include the MHSAA rules meeting presentations, major emphasis from officials association and even greater advances with coach/official communication being better

over all. BCAM, the BOCCC and MHSAA investment in the rules meeting video presentations is a positive influence toward the desired goals of good sporting conduct.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

“Have your say” online opinion poll; NFHS Basketball survey on tournament statistics and new rules changes; MHSAA Tournament balls used in the Semi Finals, Rawlings Comp Mich Series; MHSAA “Reaching Higher” Program; Semi Final/Final sites for boys and girls; Contest that end prematurely because of poor sporting conduct, sportsmanship ratings of schools by officials; boys being allowed to practice with girls teams; Online official ratings; and Eastern Michigan University hosting girls Basketball Semi Finals and Finals, a non reserved seat house.

REACHING HIGHER PROGRAM

MHSAA staff briefly introduced to the committee an exploratory project that may at some future date allow MHSAA member school junior basketball players an opportunity for a one or two day exposure camp that may include on court drills and skill development, classroom instruction, competition and observation of Division 1, Division 2, and Division 3 college coaches.

MHSAA FAN EXPERIENCE

MHSAA staff briefly introduced to the committee an exploratory opportunity that may bring a fan-festive atmosphere to both boys and girls Finals venues. This is an exploratory project that may develop at some future date.

TOURNAMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

MHSAA staff discussed with the committee several opportunities for host site adjustments.

1. A team will not be allowed to play a Quarterfinal game on its home floor.

2. Two teams slated to play each other have inordinate travel to a Regional Final or Quarterfinal site, in some instances, an appropriate alternative site may not be found and the original site will be used.
3. In those districts that are scheduled to host seven teams, management will have the option to:
 - a. Hold a triple header on Monday, a double header on Wednesday, and a single game on Friday. Or
 - b. The two teams slated to play on bracket lines 2 and 3 may play at the home site of the team on line 2 on Monday of the District week with a separate expense structure, with a double header at the assigned host site. Then a double header on Wednesday, and the Finals on Friday at the original host site.

ASSIGNING OFFICIALS TO QUARTERFINALS AND BEYOND

There was discussion as to whether or not officials assigned to the Quarterfinal levels and beyond should be gender specific...that once assigned to a girls Quarterfinal that official would only, could only advance to Semi Finals or Finals for girls only.

The committee was unanimous in suggesting that officials that were approved and qualified in both genders and wanted opportunities in both genders could and should be allowed to advance in both genders. For example; assigned a girls Quarterfinal but could also be assigned a girls Semi Final and a Boys Final.

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

- Touch fouls being called on the perimeter while rough play is allowed in the paint.
- NFHS uniform standard and Michigan schools compliance. ■

BCAM Invites Officials to Finals Reception

The Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan invites MHSAA registered basketball officials to its hospitality room at the Boys Basketball Finals on Saturday, March 15, at MSU’s Breslin Center. Officials are admitted free with their ID card, and may bring one guest for \$3.

JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, January 8, 2008

Members Present:

Mike Alley, St. Clair
Dave Armstrong, Watervliet
Steve Beckholt, Lansing
Terri Clock, Muskegon
Keith Eldred, Williamston
Rich Franklin, Athens
Rudy Godefroidt, Hemlock

Thomas Mecsey, Bloomfield Hills (MIAAA)
Steve Newkirk, Clare
Jeff Phillips, Owosso
Tim Syrek, Otsego

Staff Member Present:

Randy Allen

The MHSAA Junior High/Middle School Committee met in the MHSAA Office Building to review topics suggested for discussion by the MHSAA Staff and member schools.

In reviewing Representative Council action on new season limits for Junior High/Middle school lacrosse that will be effective in the 2008-09 season, it was suggested that the participation restriction of 120 total minutes for multi-team events be changed to 150 minutes. Due to the format of such events involving multiple games and team travel, the committee approved a recommendation to be sent to the MHSAA Lacrosse Committee to adopt the 150-minute standard which would be consistent with the same limit for multi-team events in the high school regulations.

CALENDAR ISSUES

Issues related to the change of basketball and volleyball seasons at the 9-12 level and effects on Junior High/Middle schools were discussed. Although some conflicts with non-school programs exist, allowing local schools to determine their own seasons continues to best serve member schools.

HANDBOOK REGULATIONS

Much discussion took place regarding participation by 6th-grade students in grades 7-8 programs, and the current policy requiring Executive Committee approval for such requests in certain sports. It was reported to the committee that some concern exists about the number of requests, criteria used for approving 6th-grade participation and diffi-

culty in enforcing regulations prohibiting competition with or against 6th-grade students by MHSAA member schools. It was pointed out that the middle school model of combined 6-7-8 grade academic curriculum may suggest a change in athletic programs to allow for greater 6th-grade participation in more sports. A proposal was passed to allow such participation without Executive Committee review in certain individual sports.

Further discussion on the broader question of MHSAA involvement in programs below the grade 7-8 level resulted in a proposal to establish a special committee to further review issues relating to participation, regulatory authority, costs, philosophy and consequences of such involvement. Although there was support for such a study, concerns were also expressed about expanding participation for students below grades 7-8 and the accompanying pressures in schools and communities.

Out of season coaching restrictions, fall practice start dates, season lengths and contest maximums, and undue influence *Handbook* regulations were also reviewed, no changes were recommended. The committee was updated on MHSAA staff efforts to include references to trimesters in all applicable *Handbook* regulations.

MIAAA COMMITTEE REPORT

Tom Mecsey reported on the MIAAA committee plans for the coming year and workshops scheduled for the 2008 Annual Conference in Traverse City. Efforts continue to attract more Junior High/Middle School

athletic directors to MIAAAA membership. Plans for expanded MIAAAA/MHSAA Sportsmanship Summits for grade 7-8 were shared with the committee.

GENERAL TOPICS

It was reported to the committee that the MHSAA is conducting in-service programs for Junior High/Middle School athletic directors as requested and scheduled by local leagues and conferences.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Apply the "Pre Season Down Time" out of season restrictions in Regulation II, Section 11(H) to be 14 days prior to the start of the allowed first practice date for fall sports, and 14 days prior to the start of the agreed start day of subsequent seasons for Junior High/Middle School programs. Add reference in Section 11(H) to new language added as 10(E) in Regulation IV. Clarify that the Summer Dead Period language applies to all MHSAA member schools and add such language to the existing regulation (12-0).
2. Require students in grades 7-8 who participate at the 9-12 level under the provisions of Regulation I, Section 1(D) to meet the 9-12 academic standards in their first semester/trimester of 9-12 participation, and to follow current and previous semester/trimester standards in subsequent semesters/trimesters of participation (12-0).
3. Recommend to the MHSAA Lacrosse Committee to change the multi-team event participation limit from 120 minutes to 150 minutes for 2008-09 (12-0).
4. With local school district administration approval, allow participation by 6th-graders in grades 7-8 programs in cross country, tennis, swimming & diving, track & field and golf. Eliminate Executive Committee approval in these sports for 6th-grade participation (9-3).
5. Establish an MHSAA study committee to review all aspects of allowing participation by 6th-grade students in MHSAA member Junior High/Middle School athletic programs. The committee's agenda should include regulatory authority for programs below grades 7-8 and examination of the middle school athletic program model in grades 6-7-8 and what role the MHSAA should have in future years (12-0).

ANALYSIS OF MHSAA MEMBERSHIP

January 1, 2008

767 Total High Schools

650 (85%) Total Public Schools

- 52 (7%) Charter (Public School Academies)
- 598 (78%) Traditional Schools

117 (15%) Total Nonpublic Schools

- 105 (14%) Religious
- 12 (2%) Secular Non-Public

811 Total Junior High/Middle Schools

736 (91%) Total Public Schools

- 32 (4%) Charter (Public School Academies)
- 704 (87%) Traditional Schools

75 (9%) Total Nonpublic Schools

- 71 (9%) Religious
- 4 (0.5%) Secular

CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, January 16, 2008

Members Present:

Kirk Baese, Elsie (MASSP)
James Dittmer, Ludington (MASB)
Keith Eldred, Williamston
Chris Ervin, St. Johns
Dan Flynn, Escanaba
Mike Gaunt, Chassell (MASA)
Justin Gluesing, Alpena
Jim Hilgendorf, Johannesburg (MASA)
Lillian Mason, Grand Blanc (MASB)
Cheri Meier, Ionia (MASSP)
Vic Michaels, Detroit

Cavin Mohrhardt, Spring Lake
Richard Niesen, Kalamazoo
Peter Ryan, Saginaw (MIAAA)
Ronald Stoneman, Walkerville

Members Absent:

Dave Chrisinske, Allendale (MIAAA)

Staff Member Present:

Jack Roberts (Recorder)
Tom Rashid
Camala Kinder

INTRODUCTION

The historical purpose and membership of the committee were reviewed. The Classification Committee is the only MHSAA committee which includes two representatives designated from each of four educational organizations that serve member schools: MASB, MASA, MASSP and MIAAA. Four members of the Representative Council served on this committee. Issues cross many professional lines and Committee membership includes different forms and sizes of member schools. Over the years the Committee has served to process and make recommendations to the Representative Council regarding reclassification of tournaments as well as the counting of students for this same purpose (which students, how they will be counted and when).

The minutes of the 2007 Classification Committee Meeting were reviewed. Several topics were highlighted: cooperative programs complying with the 3500 enrollment cap and counting students from non-traditional schools/programs. It is intended that sport committee proposals for reclassification proceed through the Classification Committee to the Representative Council; and at last year's meeting proposals were reviewed for competitive cheer, alpine skiing, swimming & diving, volleyball and basketball. Portions of the minutes of the May 2007 Representative Council meeting which related to classification issues were also reviewed.

CLASSIFICATION COUNT DATES

The Committee discussed the ramifications of having different February dates for enrollment counts for the State of Michigan and MHSAA, as well as different February dates for MHSAA purposes: classification and transfer.

The Committee reviewed the pros and cons of having a later date for the enrollment count for MHSAA purposes than for the State of Michigan, attempting to discern what approach was likely to be most convenient for school administrators as well as most accurate.

The Committee's consensus was to propose that the Representative Council revise *Handbook* page 95, item 1 as follows (bold face is new; crossed out is deleted):

"1. Students shall be counted **for MHSAA purposes on two weeks after** the State of Michigan pupil accounting date or, if the State of Michigan does not require a ~~second semester~~ count date **in February**, then on the first ~~Wednesday~~ **Friday** of February.

The form should be mailed to the MHSAA within 10 days of the count date."

NON-TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS AND INTRAMURAL PROGRAMS

MHSAA Handbook Interpretation 47 defines a non-traditional program as one with no interscholastic athletic program in any MHSAA sport. In those cases, a traditional

high school may, by local board of education policy, allow students to participate in its interscholastic program if it has listed that non-traditional program on the MHSAA Enrollment Declaration Form and counts all the high school grade students enrolled in it who reside in the district/attendance area of that traditional high school.

MHSAA Handbook Interpretation 155 allows schools to have, as an outgrowth of the intramural programs, up to three contests or days of competition conducted on an interscholastic basis, but none of the participants may also participate on the school's regular interscholastic program in that sport that season.

It was the Committee's consensus to propose to the Representative Council that if a non-traditional school has an intramural athletic program including as an outgrowth up to three contests or days of competition conducted on an interscholastic basis, this should not result in other students (or even these students in other sports) becoming ineligible for participation on interscholastic teams of traditional schools (provided the school board allows eligibility, the school has listed the non-traditional program on its Enrollment Declaration Form, and the school has counted all the high school grade students of the non-traditional program who reside in that school's attendance area).

There was consensus also that the Representative Council should consider deleting references to "contests" in Interpretation 155.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS

The Committee reviewed the streamlined cooperative program renewal process. A helpful suggestion was made to alert leagues when their members have renewal obligations.

PLANNING FOR SPORTS IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY

The executive director shared progress in MHSAA's "wide angle" study of what's happening in the world that has changed, is changing or may yet change school sports in general and the MHSAA programs and services specifically. Special attention was given to how the expansion of education options has affected school sports. Many options have been topics of past Classification Committee agendas, and some have brought an increase in regulatory flexibility and innovations in ways students can be accommodated in school sports without undermining the core beliefs and values of educational athletics.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Revise *Handbook* page 95 as follows:

"1. Students shall be counted **for MHSAA purposes on two weeks after** the State of Michigan pupil accounting date or, if the State of Michigan does not require a ~~second semester~~ count date **in February**, then on the first **Wednesday Friday** of February.

The form should be mailed to the MHSAA within 10 days of the count date."

(Unanimous)

2. Allow non-traditional programs to conduct intramural programs with up to three days of interscholastic competition, pursuant to *Handbook* Interpretation 155 (Unanimous). ■

2007 UPDATE MEETING SURVEY RESULTS

All Meetings

- 1. Do you favor a standard date (e.g., June 1) for all schools, whether or not classes are still in session, when out-of-season coaching rules change from school year restrictions (e.g., three-player rule) to less restrictive summer rules?**

Yes 538 (68.7%)

No 245 (31.3%)

38 Superintendents (7.1%)	135 Class A (25.9%)	21 Superintendents (8.6%)	84 Class A (34.9%)
139 Principals (26.0%)	161 Class B (30.9%)	50 Principals (20.5%)	65 Class B (27.0%)
324 Ath. Directors (60.6%)	136 Class C (26.1%)	161 Ath. Directors (66.0%)	56 Class C (23.2%)
8 Coaches (1.5%)	79 Class D (15.2%)	1 Coaches (0.4%)	34 Class D (14.1%)
2 Board Members (0.4%)	10 JH/Middle (1.9%)	1 Board Members (0.4%)	2 JH/Middle (0.8%)
24 Other (4.5%)		10 Other (4.1%)	

- 2. Do you favor a longer summer dead period, perhaps 10 or 14 days instead of the current 7 days?**

Yes 480 (59.5%)

No 327 (40.5%)

46 Superintendents (9.7%)	123 Class A (26.3%)	14 Superintendents (4.3%)	102 Class A (32.1%)
138 Principals (29.1%)	142 Class B (30.3%)	60 Principals (18.4%)	90 Class B (28.3%)
266 Ath. Directors (56.0%)	130 Class C (27.8%)	231 Ath. Directors (70.9%)	68 Class C (21.4%)
3 Coaches (0.6%)	66 Class D (14.1%)	6 Coaches (1.8%)	52 Class D (16.4%)
2 Board Members (0.4%)	7 JH/Middle (1.5%)	1 Board Members (0.3%)	6 JH/Middle (1.9%)
20 Other (4.2%)		14 Other (4.3%)	

- 3. Do you favor eliminating the exception for baseball/softball coaches from the summer dead period?**

Yes 346 (43.3%)

No 453 (56.7%)

28 Superintendents (8.2%)	85 Class A (25.3%)	30 Superintendents (6.7%)	139 Class A (31.4%)
75 Principals (21.9%)	98 Class B (29.2%)	121 Principals (26.9%)	130 Class B (29.4%)
225 Ath. Directors (65.6%)	100 Class C (29.8%)	269 Ath. Directors (59.8%)	98 Class C (22.2%)
0 Coaches (0.0%)	47 Class D (14.0%)	9 Coaches (2.0%)	69 Class D (15.6%)
1 Board Members (0.3%)	6 JH/Middle (1.8%)	2 Board Members (0.4%)	6 JH/Middle (1.4%)
14 Other (4.1%)		19 Other (4.2%)	

- 4. Do you favor adding swimming & diving coaches to the summer dead period exception?**

Yes 387 (49.9%)

No 388 (50.1%)

27 Superintendents (7.0%)	122 Class A (32.6%)	26 Superintendents (6.8%)	100 Class A (26.3%)
116 Principals (30.1%)	91 Class B (24.3%)	77 Principals (20.1%)	130 Class B (34.2%)
219 Ath. Directors (56.9%)	96 Class C (25.7%)	259 Ath. Directors (67.4%)	92 Class C (24.2%)
2 Coaches (0.5%)	56 Class D (15.0%)	7 Coaches (1.8%)	55 Class D (14.5%)
1 Board Members (0.3%)	9 JH/Middle (2.4%)	2 Board Members (0.5%)	3 JH/Middle (0.8%)
20 Other (5.2%)		13 Other (3.4%)	

5. Do you favor adding tennis coaches to the summer dead period exception?

Yes <u>382 (48.7%)</u>				No <u>403 (51.3%)</u>			
28	Superintendents (7.4%)	107	Class A (28.7%)	28	Superintendents (7.0%)	116	Class A (29.7%)
109	Principals (28.8%)	98	Class B (26.3%)	85	Principals (21.2%)	130	Class B (33.2%)
217	Ath. Directors (57.4%)	101	Class C (27.1%)	267	Ath. Directors (66.6%)	87	Class C (22.3%)
2	Coaches (0.5%)	56	Class D (15.0%)	7	Coaches (1.7%)	56	Class D (14.3%)
1	Board Members (0.3%)	11	JH/Middle (2.9%)	2	Board Members (0.5%)	2	JH/Middle (0.5%)
21	Other (5.6%)			12	Other (3.0%)		

6. Do you favor eliminating all restrictions on schools and coaches in the summer, except during the dead period (i.e., schools could provide any type or amount of support, including money and transportation, and coaches could coach any number of students for any number of days in any type of setting – practice, camp, clinic, competition)?

Yes <u>167 (20.7%)</u>				No <u>638 (79.3%)</u>			
14	Superintendents (8.5%)	56	Class A (34.6%)	45	Superintendents (7.1%)	167	Class A (26.9%)
45	Principals (27.4%)	40	Class B (24.7%)	154	Principals (24.2%)	191	Class B (30.8%)
97	Ath. Directors (59.1%)	40	Class C (24.7%)	399	Ath. Directors (62.7%)	159	Class C (25.6%)
1	Coaches (0.6%)	24	Class D (14.8%)	8	Coaches (1.3%)	93	Class D (15.0%)
0	Board Members (0.0%)	2	JH/Middle (1.2%)	2	Board Members (0.3%)	11	JH/Middle (1.8%)
7	Other (4.3%)			28	Other (4.4%)		

7. Do you favor MHSAA sponsorship of regional summer leagues in basketball, seven-on-seven football and other sports to bring a greater degree of control over such activities?

Yes <u>305 (37.9%)</u>				No <u>499 (62.1%)</u>			
19	Superintendents (6.3%)	88	Class A (29.8%)	41	Superintendents (8.3%)	133	Class A (27.4%)
78	Principals (25.8%)	79	Class B (26.8%)	122	Principals (24.6%)	154	Class B (31.7%)
188	Ath. Directors (62.3%)	77	Class C (26.1%)	305	Ath. Directors (61.5%)	120	Class C (24.7%)
3	Coaches (1.0%)	47	Class D (15.9%)	6	Coaches (1.2%)	70	Class D (14.4%)
0	Board Members (0.0%)	4	JH/Middle (1.4%)	2	Board Members (0.4%)	9	JH/Middle (1.9%)
14	Other (4.6%)			20	Other (4.0%)		

8. Do you favor a minimum number of days for practice by teams before the first allowable contest in all sports (currently required only for football)?

Yes <u>594 (73.8%)</u>				No <u>211 (26.2%)</u>			
45	Superintendents (7.6%)	169	Class A (29.2%)	15	Superintendents (7.2%)	55	Class A (26.7%)
142	Principals (24.0%)	168	Class B (29.1%)	59	Principals (28.2%)	65	Class B (31.6%)
374	Ath. Directors (63.3%)	146	Class C (25.3%)	120	Ath. Directors (57.4%)	52	Class C (25.2%)
7	Coaches (1.2%)	84	Class D (14.5%)	2	Coaches (1.0%)	32	Class D (15.5%)
2	Board Members (0.3%)	11	JH/Middle (1.9%)	0	Board Members (0.0%)	2	JH/Middle (1.0%)
21	Other (3.6%)			13	Other (6.2%)		

9. Do you favor a maximum regular season football schedule of eight games to allow for a six-week, 512-team Playoff format in eight divisions (currently five-week, 256-team)?

Yes <u>411 (52.1%)</u>				No <u>378 (47.9%)</u>			
32	Superintendents (7.9%)	121	Class A (30.1%)	26	Superintendents (6.9%)	101	Class A (27.7%)
103	Principals (25.3%)	118	Class B (29.4%)	94	Principals (25.0%)	114	Class B (31.2%)
250	Ath. Directors (61.4%)	95	Class C (23.6%)	234	Ath. Directors (62.2%)	100	Class C (27.4%)
4	Coaches (1.0%)	60	Class D (14.9%)	5	Coaches (1.3%)	45	Class D (12.3%)
1	Board Members (0.2%)	8	JH/Middle (2.0%)	1	Board Members (0.3%)	5	JH/Middle (1.4%)
17	Other (4.2%)			16	Other (4.3%)		

10. Do you favor a maximum regular season football schedule of eight games to allow for a one week later start to practice and games (no change in Playoff format)?

Yes 318 (40.2%) No 473 (59.8%)

23 Superintendents (7.3%)	76 Class A (24.4%)	36 Superintendents (7.7%)	149 Class A (32.6%)
82 Principals (26.0%)	87 Class B (27.9%)	116 Principals (24.7%)	144 Class B (31.5%)
192 Ath. Directors (61.0%)	94 Class C (30.1%)	292 Ath. Directors (62.1%)	103 Class C (22.5%)
1 Coaches (0.3%)	50 Class D (16.0%)	8 Coaches (1.7%)	53 Class D (11.6%)
1 Board Members (0.3%)	5 JH/Middle (1.6%)	1 Board Members (0.2%)	8 JH/Middle (1.8%)
16 Other (5.1%)		17 Other (3.6%)	

11. Do you favor reducing the Football Playoff qualifiers to 128 teams and shortening the Playoffs by one week (no reduction in nine-game regular season) to allow for a one-week later start to practice and games?

Yes 170 (21.5%) No 619 (78.5%)

17 Superintendents (10.1%)	39 Class A (23.5%)	43 Superintendents (7.0%)	183 Class A (30.4%)
52 Principals (31.0%)	44 Class B (26.5%)	145 Principals (23.6%)	188 Class B (31.3%)
89 Ath. Directors (53.0%)	54 Class C (32.5%)	392 Ath. Directors (63.7%)	144 Class C (24.0%)
2 Coaches (1.2%)	27 Class D (16.3%)	7 Coaches (1.1%)	75 Class D (12.5%)
0 Board Members (0.0%)	2 JH/Middle (1.2%)	2 Board Members (0.3%)	11 JH/Middle (1.8%)
8 Other (4.8%)		26 Other (4.2%)	

12. Which do you prefer for the winter season (choose one only)?

- a. No change in start and end dates of winter season sports.
- b. One week later start for most winter sports practices (not contests).
- c. One week earlier finish for most MHSAA winter tournaments.
- d. Both: one week later start for practice (no change in first game) and one week earlier finish to winter season sports.

A 319 (40.5%) B 88 (11.2%)

30 Superintendents (9.5%)	77 Class A (24.8%)	5 Superintendents (5.7%)	28 Class A (32.2%)
80 Principals (25.2%)	88 Class B (28.4%)	21 Principals (24.1%)	26 Class B (29.9%)
191 Ath. Directors (60.3%)	82 Class C (26.5%)	55 Ath. Directors (63.2%)	19 Class C (21.8%)
2 Coaches (0.6%)	56 Class D (18.1%)	2 Coaches (2.3%)	13 Class D (14.9%)
2 Board Members (0.6%)	7 JH/Middle (2.3%)	0 Board Members (0.0%)	1 JH/Middle (1.1%)
12 Other (3.8%)		4 Other (4.6%)	

C 144 (18.3%) D 237 (30.1%)

10 Superintendents (3.2%)	48 Class A (15.5%)	15 Superintendents (17.2%)	61 Class A (70.1%)
31 Principals (9.8%)	36 Class B (11.6%)	63 Principals (72.4%)	80 Class B (92.0%)
95 Ath. Directors (30.0%)	39 Class C (12.6%)	143 Ath. Directors (164.4%)	55 Class C (63.2%)
4 Coaches (1.3%)	16 Class D (5.2%)	1 Coaches (1.1%)	30 Class D (34.5%)
0 Board Members (0.0%)	1 JH/Middle (0.3%)	0 Board Members (0.0%)	3 JH/Middle (3.4%)
4 Other (1.3%)		13 Other (14.9%)	

13. Do you favor moving traditional golf and tennis programs from fall and spring to summer?

Yes 185 (23.7%) No 597 (76.3%)

16 Superintendents (8.7%)	51 Class A (28.2%)	42 Superintendents (7.1%)	170 Class A (29.4%)
41 Principals (22.4%)	45 Class B (24.9%)	153 Principals (25.8%)	183 Class B (31.6%)
120 Ath. Directors (65.6%)	56 Class C (30.9%)	359 Ath. Directors (60.5%)	133 Class C (23.0%)
3 Coaches (1.6%)	28 Class D (15.5%)	6 Coaches (1.0%)	82 Class D (14.2%)
0 Board Members (0.0%)	1 JH/Middle (0.6%)	2 Board Members (0.3%)	11 JH/Middle (1.9%)
3 Other (1.6%)		31 Other (5.2%)	

14. Do you favor a summer coed team tennis season and tournament for students who do not play for their school in the MHSAA Tennis Regional Tournament in the fall or spring?

Yes 140 (18.2%)

No 629 (81.8%)

14	Superintendents (10.2%)	27	Class A (20.0%)	43	Superintendents (6.9%)	195	Class A (31.8%)
41	Principals (29.9%)	42	Class B (31.1%)	149	Principals (23.8%)	183	Class B (29.9%)
72	Ath. Directors (52.6%)	37	Class C (27.4%)	399	Ath. Directors (63.7%)	146	Class C (23.8%)
3	Coaches (2.2%)	26	Class D (19.3%)	6	Coaches (1.0%)	80	Class D (13.1%)
0	Board Members (0.0%)	3	JH/Middle (2.2%)	2	Board Members (0.3%)	9	JH/Middle (1.5%)
7	Other (5.1%)			27	Other (4.3%)		

15. Do you favor a summer coed team golf season and tournament for students who do not play for their school in the MHSAA Golf Regional tournament in the fall or spring?

Yes 149 (19.3%)

No 625 (80.7%)

13	Superintendents (8.9%)	29	Class A (20.1%)	45	Superintendents (7.2%)	191	Class A (31.3%)
43	Principals (29.5%)	39	Class B (27.1%)	147	Principals (23.6%)	189	Class B (31.0%)
81	Ath. Directors (55.5%)	44	Class C (30.6%)	394	Ath. Directors (63.3%)	143	Class C (23.4%)
3	Coaches (2.1%)	30	Class D (20.8%)	6	Coaches (1.0%)	77	Class D (12.6%)
0	Board Members (0.0%)	2	JH/Middle (1.4%)	2	Board Members (0.3%)	10	JH/Middle (1.6%)
6	Other (4.1%)			28	Other (4.5%)		

16. Do you favor a statewide MHSAA minimum grade point for eligibility (e.g., 1.5 or 2.0 GPA)?

Yes 455 (56.5%)

No 351 (43.5%)

29	Superintendents (6.4%)	133	Class A (30.2%)	31	Superintendents (8.9%)	91	Class A (26.5%)
125	Principals (27.7%)	112	Class B (25.5%)	76	Principals (21.8%)	121	Class B (35.2%)
266	Ath. Directors (59.0%)	107	Class C (24.3%)	228	Ath. Directors (65.3%)	91	Class C (26.5%)
7	Coaches (1.6%)	79	Class D (18.0%)	2	Coaches (0.6%)	37	Class D (10.8%)
1	Board Members (0.2%)	9	JH/Middle (2.0%)	1	Board Members (0.3%)	4	JH/Middle (1.2%)
23	Other (5.1%)			11	Other (3.2%)		

17. Do you favor raising the MHSAA minimum standard for athletic eligibility from 20 to 25 credit hours (4 to 5 courses under traditional semester scheduling) for the previous and current terms?

Yes 347 (43.3%)

No 454 (56.7%)

30	Superintendents (8.7%)	100	Class A (29.8%)	30	Superintendents (6.7%)	124	Class A (28.0%)
112	Principals (32.5%)	96	Class B (28.6%)	85	Principals (18.9%)	135	Class B (30.5%)
185	Ath. Directors (53.6%)	84	Class C (25.0%)	308	Ath. Directors (68.4%)	112	Class C (25.3%)
1	Coaches (0.3%)	49	Class D (14.6%)	8	Coaches (1.8%)	66	Class D (14.9%)
2	Board Members (0.6%)	7	JH/Middle (2.1%)	0	Board Members (0.0%)	6	JH/Middle (1.4%)
15	Other (4.3%)			19	Other (4.2%)		

18. Do you favor a requirement – for 2009-10 – that head coaches complete a basic first aid course and/or CPR and/or AED training before coaching an interscholastic scrimmage or contest?

Yes 577 (71.7%)

No 228 (28.3%)

44	Superintendents (7.7%)	162	Class A (28.9%)	15	Superintendents (6.7%)	63	Class A (28.4%)
152	Principals (26.5%)	159	Class B (28.3%)	48	Principals (21.3%)	72	Class B (32.4%)
347	Ath. Directors (60.5%)	154	Class C (27.5%)	148	Ath. Directors (65.8%)	44	Class C (19.8%)
5	Coaches (0.9%)	74	Class D (13.2%)	4	Coaches (1.8%)	42	Class D (18.9%)
2	Board Members (0.3%)	12	JH/Middle (2.1%)	0	Board Members (0.0%)	1	JH/Middle (0.5%)
24	Other (4.2%)			10	Other (4.4%)		

19. Do you favor a regulation which would allow schools to stream live video of regular-season sporting events over the Internet in a manner in which only members of the participating schools' communities could view (e.g., password protected)?

Yes 326 (40.8%) No 474 (59.3%)

24 Superintendents (7.5%)	91 Class A (28.9%)	35 Superintendents (7.4%)	132 Class A (28.5%)
89 Principals (27.8%)	91 Class B (28.9%)	111 Principals (23.4%)	141 Class B (30.5%)
188 Ath. Directors (58.8%)	86 Class C (27.3%)	302 Ath. Directors (63.7%)	110 Class C (23.8%)
6 Coaches (1.9%)	41 Class D (13.0%)	3 Coaches (0.6%)	73 Class D (15.8%)
1 Board Members (0.3%)	6 JH/Middle (1.9%)	1 Board Members (0.2%)	7 JH/Middle (1.5%)
12 Other (3.8%)		22 Other (4.6%)	

20. Do you favor a regulation which would allow schools to stream live video of regular-season sporting events over the Internet in a manner that would make them available without limitations?

Yes 192 (24.0%) No 607 (76.0%)

10 Superintendents (5.3%)	51 Class A (27.9%)	49 Superintendents (8.1%)	173 Class A (29.1%)
54 Principals (28.9%)	46 Class B (25.1%)	145 Principals (23.9%)	185 Class B (31.1%)
115 Ath. Directors (61.5%)	52 Class C (28.4%)	375 Ath. Directors (61.9%)	144 Class C (24.2%)
1 Coaches (0.5%)	31 Class D (16.9%)	8 Coaches (1.3%)	82 Class D (13.8%)
1 Board Members (0.5%)	3 JH/Middle (1.6%)	1 Board Members (0.2%)	10 JH/Middle (1.7%)
6 Other (3.2%)		28 Other (4.6%)	

21. Should MHSAA broadcast regulations be modified to allow for live, point-to-point video streaming of postseason tournament events so that a tournament contest in a remote location could be viewed by those in the visiting school's community who are unable to attend, provided there are financial safeguards to protect the gate revenue?

Yes 530 (67.0%) No 261 (33.0%)

45 Superintendents (8.6%)	141 Class A (27.4%)	13 Superintendents (5.0%)	80 Class A (31.5%)
133 Principals (25.3%)	153 Class B (29.7%)	65 Principals (25.0%)	78 Class B (30.7%)
319 Ath. Directors (60.8%)	143 Class C (27.8%)	165 Ath. Directors (63.5%)	52 Class C (20.5%)
4 Coaches (0.8%)	72 Class D (14.0%)	5 Coaches (1.9%)	37 Class D (14.6%)
2 Board Members (0.4%)	6 JH/Middle (1.2%)	0 Board Members (0.0%)	7 JH/Middle (2.8%)
22 Other (4.2%)		12 Other (4.6%)	

22. Do you favor an MHSAA tournament policy where commercial photographers must pay an up-front rights fee to shoot and sell images from pre-Finals events (Districts, Regionals, Quarterfinals and some Semifinals), with the host site retaining the fee and handling all administrative details?

Yes 500 (63.5%) No 287 (36.5%)

40 Superintendents (8.0%)	168 Class A (34.4%)	18 Superintendents (6.3%)	55 Class A (19.9%)
123 Principals (24.7%)	133 Class B (27.3%)	74 Principals (26.1%)	92 Class B (33.2%)
304 Ath. Directors (61.2%)	118 Class C (24.2%)	178 Ath. Directors (62.7%)	76 Class C (27.4%)
7 Coaches (1.4%)	61 Class D (12.5%)	2 Coaches (0.7%)	49 Class D (17.7%)
1 Board Members (0.2%)	8 JH/Middle (1.6%)	1 Board Members (0.4%)	5 JH/Middle (1.8%)
22 Other (4.4%)		11 Other (3.9%)	

23. Do you support expansion of the MHSAA television package so that one football game is televised live each Saturday night of the Football Playoffs (Predistricts, Districts, Regionals and Semifinals), with no school televised more than once in such games during any four-year period?

Yes 535 (68.3%)

No 248 (31.7%)

35 Superintendents (6.6%)	157 Class A (30.1%)	23 Superintendents (9.3%)	64 Class A (26.6%)
141 Principals (26.6%)	150 Class B (28.8%)	56 Principals (22.7%)	77 Class B (32.0%)
327 Ath. Directors (61.7%)	135 Class C (25.9%)	151 Ath. Directors (61.1%)	60 Class C (24.9%)
6 Coaches (1.1%)	72 Class D (13.8%)	3 Coaches (1.2%)	34 Class D (14.1%)
1 Board Members (0.2%)	7 JH/Middle (1.3%)	1 Board Members (0.4%)	6 JH/Middle (2.5%)
20 Other (3.8%)		13 Other (5.3%)	

Respondents' Title

Respondents' Classification

65 Superintendents (7.7%)
214 Principals (25.3%)
507 Athletic Directors (60.0%)
10 Coaches (1.2%)
4 Board Members (0.5%)
38 Other (4.5%)

232 Class A (27.5%)
246 Class B (29.1%)
205 Class C (24.3%)
125 Class D (14.8%)
13 Jr High / Middle (1.5%)

TOTAL SURVEYS RECEIVED = 845

CHANGE IN PHYSICAL EXAM REQUIREMENT

*Significant eligibility requirement effective with 2008-09 school year
physicals which can be given any time after April 15, 2008*

All 2008-09 physical exams must include a signed statement by the parents or guardian or 18 year old student "for consent to disclosure to the MHSAA of information otherwise protected by FERPA and HIPAA for the purpose of determining eligibility for interscholastic athletics."

The MHSAA has included this new requirement on all physical cards distributed since August 2007. These new cards are YELLOW in color. Old tan colored cards do not contain the new language. Schools or clinics that use their own physical form **must include this consent language in their forms starting April 15, 2008 for the 2008-09 school year.** See Page 30 of the 2007-08 *MHSAA Handbook* for the exact language of Regulation I, Section 3 – Physical Examinations.

Physical forms are pre-packaged in quantities of 100. To aid in handling, the MHSAA requests you place your order in 100s. **ORDERS WILL BE FILLED AND RETURNED WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS.**

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