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The Only Official Interpretations
Are Those Received In Writing

ON THE COVER

March is one of the busiest months of the year for MHSAA Finals, as champions are crowned in eight sports in the Upper and Lower Peninsulas. The action concludes with the Girls Volleyball Finals March 18-20 in Kalamazoo, and the Boys Basketball Finals March 25-27 in East Lansing.

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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, February 25, 2004

Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan
Keith Eldred, Williamston
William Newkirk, Meridian
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Jim Derocher, Negaunee

Staff Members Present:

Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

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

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

It is possible that some of the information presented as facts to the Executive Committee by school personnel and others may be inaccurate. However, to avoid constant repetition in these minutes 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.

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 was cautioned to 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.

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

Decatur High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) - Request was made to waive the maximum semesters portions of the eligibility regulation on behalf of a student who enrolled as a 9th grader in the fall of 2001 at Decatur High School and has been in attendance there every semester since (six, including the current semester).

During the 2000-01 school year, the student began the 9th grade at Bell Junior High School in San Diego, California. The student indicated he was suspended from school and did not complete any courses, but his academic records indicated one course failed and one course passed.

Later that school year, the student was enrolled in the 9th grade of Summit School, an alternative program of the South Coastal Region Juvenile Court, where he received passing grades for six second semester courses.

During the student's first semester at Decatur High School, he passed only two of six courses. In January of that school year (2001-02), Decatur received the student's IEP from California and he was placed in special education at Decatur; and he passed sufficient courses to regain athletic eligibility and has remained academically eligible.

The Executive Committee found from the documentation presented that, at the end of the 2003-04 school year, this student will have been enrolled in and received grades for eight semesters since first enrolling in the 9th grade; and that even after being evaluated and receiving special education services in California, he was suspended from school, which disrupted his normal progress. The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Holland High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) - Request was made to waive the maximum semesters of enrollment and competition portions of the regulation on behalf of a 12th-grade student who has been enrolled in high school for eight semesters but received no credit for the first four semesters of high school due to social issues.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Alba High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who lived with his father in Hartland and has moved into the Alba High School district to live with his mother, enrolling on Jan. 24, 2004. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was provided along with the student's birth certificate identifying the father.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Ann Arbor-Pioneer High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Dexter High School since the 9th grade until he enrolled on Feb. 13, 2004 at Pioneer High School. The student moved to the residence of his father in the Pioneer district when his mother died this past summer but remained enrolled at Dexter High School until Feb. 13, 2004.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Berrien Springs High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who was living with his mother and stepfather in the Niles-Brandywine School District and enrolled at Berrien Springs on Feb. 9, 2004 when his mother moved to Florida to care for a terminally ill sister. The student currently resides with an aunt and uncle in Berrien Springs. The stepfather is rarely home due to his job, the birth father has not been in the picture for five years, and a grandparent is not available.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Boyne City High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Boyne City Public Schools since kindergarten until she enrolled at Petoskey High School to begin the 2003-04 school year when her mother remarried and moved to Petoskey. The student became old enough to drive and own a vehicle and reenrolled at Boyne City High School on Jan. 19, 2004, commuting daily from Petoskey to Boyne City.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Buchanan High School (Regulation I, Section 9 and Regulation V, Section 4) - On Feb. 6, 2004, it was discovered that a 10th-grade student who transferred from Cassopolis to Buchanan High School on Nov. 17, 2004, had an older brother who remained at what is believed to be the former residence (grandmother's home) and continued to attend and play basketball for Cassopolis High School, thus not fulfilling the requirement of the transfer regulation that the "student move with the persons with whom he or she was

living during his or her most recent previous high school enrollment." The school was informed of the requirement of forfeiture and withheld the student from further competition. On Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2004, the student's father reported that his 12th-grade son did not live with the family at the grandmother's home in Cassopolis but had lived with an aunt during that time. In subsequent material, it was reported that the student moved from the grandmother's house on or about Oct. 31, 2003 to the home of his aunt.

The school appealed the application of the transfer rule with respect to the language of exception #1: "A student moves . . . with the persons with whom he or she was living during his or her most recent previous high school enrollment (not summer school)," and the requirement of forfeiture.

Principal William McBeth met with the Executive Committee to emphasize that the school is not contesting that the student's 12th-grade sibling lived with the family before its move from Cassopolis to Buchanan, but is arguing that the language of exception 1 is unclear and cannot be understood by reasonable school administrators to require the relocation of siblings as well as parents.

The Executive Committee noted the difference in the language of exception 1 of the transfer regulation ("persons") and the language of the other pertinent exceptions, e.g., 2, 8 and 12 ("parent or parents") implies more than parents. As it did Sept. 29, 2003, the Executive Committee confirmed again that under exception 1, a complete change of residence of the persons with whom a student has been living includes even 18-year-old siblings.

Therefore, the Executive Committee determined that the student is ineligible under the transfer regulation and that the contests in which he participated at Buchanan High School must be forfeited.

Essexville-Garber High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended and participated in sports at Bay City-All Saints Central High School and enrolled at Garber High School on Jan. 20, 2004 for curriculum preferences.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Kentwood-East Kentwood High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who moved to Georgia to live with an aunt in June of 2003 because of the father's addiction. The student has returned to live with her mother, who is now living separately from the student's father, and reenrolled at East Kentwood on Feb. 4, 2004.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Kentwood-East Kentwood High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-th grade student who, in the summer of 2003, moved with his family to California due to the father's job. The student changed high schools in California due to drug activity, became depressed, and developed mental health issues. The student has returned to East Kentwood, enrolling on Feb. 20, 2004. The student resides with his brother in the East Kentwood district.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

McBain-Northern Michigan Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student with learning disabilities who was home schooled for the past four years and attended McBain High School for 13 school days between Jan. 27 and Feb. 18, 2004 before enrolling at Northern Michigan Christian for religious reasons on Feb. 19, 2004. The student wishes to run track, for which there is no subvarsity team.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Mendon High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment at Mendon High School on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Edwardsburg and enrolled on Oct. 10, 2003 at Mendon High School. The student resides with an aunt and uncle in the Mendon district.

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

Parma-Western High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who attended Jackson High School from Jan. 21, 2004 until Feb. 19, 2004 when he reenrolled at Western High School. The student changed schools because Parma-Western did not sponsor a hockey team. The student played soccer for Western High School but did not participate in a hockey game or scrimmage at Jackson High School.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Utica High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation at the subvarsity level only for a 10th-grade student who enrolled at Utica Ford II High School at the start of the 2003-04 school year. Under a district option allowing students to transfer within the district due to a recent boundary change, the student enrolled at Utica High School to start the second semester of 2003-04. The student has not participated in any MHSAA sponsored sport in 9th or 10th grade.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only during the remainder of the 2003-04 school year.

Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day School (Regulation I, Sections 11 & 12 and Regulation V, Section 4) - The school appealed the decision of the executive director to delete from MHSAA tournament records any reference to Detroit Country Day School boys basketball teams and players in the MHSAA Boys Basketball Tournaments of 1989, 1990 and 1991 because of the findings of college entities and others that a member of those Detroit Country Day boys basketball teams was receiving at that time valuable considerations related to his being a basketball player.

The University of Michigan Public Infractions Report of the NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions, dated May 8, 2003, included these findings:

- **"Student-athlete A and his family received a total of approximately \$280,000 in extra benefits from the representative between 1988 and 1993 . . ."**
- **"Late 1980s - the athletics representative established a relationship with stu-**

dent-athlete A (then a prospect) after the athletics representative had watched student-athlete A compete in a middle school basketball game. The athletics representative described student-athlete A as the 'biggest and best' young player he had ever seen. To solidify a relationship with student-athlete A's family and thus to gain personal access to him, the athletics representative began to attend the student-athlete's church, where the student-athlete's father served as deacon. The athletics representative also began to visit the young man's home with frequency, and almost always brought a gift, such as baked goods. The relationship also included providing significant benefits, including large sums of cash, to the student-athlete and his family both before the student-athlete enrolled at Michigan and after enrollment."

These are among findings of the NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions which were based on an inquiry conducted by the NCAA enforcement staff during the summer and fall of 2002, the University of Michigan's response of Nov. 7, 2002 to the NCAA's Official Inquiry of Oct. 25, 2002, and an appearance by University of Michigan representatives before the Committee on Infractions on Feb. 14, 2003; and these are among the sources for the MHSAA executive director's decision.

Detroit Country Day School was represented by Headmaster Gerald T. Hansen, Athletic Directors Kurt Keener and Dan MacLean, and attorney Robert P. Hurlbert. The Executive Committee received prior to the meeting a 20-page letter with 12 exhibits, one of which was new to the MHSAA.

Mr. Hansen stated that the MHSAA executive director had not acted honorably but had attempted to coerce the school to take actions which the evidence to date would not support, and that it would be wrong to deny the "property rights" of 40 to 50 players on the basis of "innuendo, rumor and suspicion." He stated that the school's investigation that included interviews with the former student-athlete's lawyer and parents as well as with former players, examination of materials, and consultations with hired lawyers and CEOs that serve on the DCDS board, provided no evi-

dence of a violation of the amateur status regulation while the student was a player for DCDS.

Mr. Keener described his association with the student and his family since 1987 and his confidence in the truthfulness of the former student-athlete's parents, who deny receiving gifts that would violate amateur standards. He stated that while the former student-athlete's lawyer would not allow his client to speak on this topic at least until his sentencing is completed in 2005, the lawyer stated his opinion that the amateur status regulation had not been violated.

Mr. Hurlbert began by making three points: (1) every school has a legally recognized right to MHSAA awards; (2) whether public or private, schools have agreed with the MHSAA "compact;" and (3) that compact prohibits stripping away awards by innuendo and requires investigation. He said there is no exception in the MHSAA's Rules of Procedure that allows the executive director to not conduct an investigation for lack of resources.

Mr. Hurlbert argued that information is not the same as evidence, that the now deceased University of Michigan representative "invented the \$280,000 figure," and that a federal district court rejected that figure. He argued that the information of the National Collegiate Athletic Association is derived from that figure and noted that a "significant portion . . . was received after . . . 1992." He said it was speculation that the "insignificant remainder" was received by this student-athlete while he was representing DCDS, that it was guesswork to say it was received in 10th grade, 11th grade or even during the student's 12th grade season. He argued that punitive action based on speculation was unenforceable, and that those who could refute it were not interviewed.

Mr. Hurlbert opined that what is known so far is not a violation: cutting grass, receiving pocket money, receiving baked goods and pizzas. While he agreed that the standards for a felony conviction in a court of law are different than for the MHSAA, he argued that the association cannot take away awards based on rumor and assumptions that some things occurred before college. He said we don't know exact amounts and dates; there is no direct testimony. He concluded, "You

don't have enough to go on. I'm not going to say it never happened."

The Executive Committee reviewed information relied upon by the executive director prior to his first meeting at DCDS on Oct. 29, 2003, among which included:

1. Joint Inquiry Reports by the Big Ten Conference and University of Michigan, June 27, 1996, Feb. 7, 1997 and March 4, 1997.
2. University of Michigan Report of Self-Investigation, Oct. 9, 1997.
3. United States Attorney's Indictment filed in U.S. District Court, March 20, 2002.
4. The NCAA's Official Inquiry, Oct. 25, 2002.
5. University of Michigan Response to NCAA Official Inquiry, Nov. 7, 2002.
6. Plea Agreement between the United States and Eddie Martin dated May 28, 2002, and the transcript of the proceedings of the U.S. District Court related to that Plea Agreement.
7. University of Michigan Public Infractions Report, released by NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions, May 8, 2003.
8. Plea Agreement between the United States and Mayce Edward Christopher Webber III dated July 14, 2003, and the transcript of the proceedings of the U.S. District Court related to that Plea Agreement.

The Executive Committee reviewed information relied upon by the executive director during his review of materials following his second meeting with DCDS on Nov. 19, 2003, among which included the "Summary of Discussions with Mayce and Doris Webber Regarding the Webbers' Relationship with Ed Martin - Nov. 16, 2003."

The Executive Committee reviewed the executive director's three letters to DCDS, and made these findings:

- The letter of Nov. 5, 2003, demonstrates that the executive director had sought and did review numerous public documents that describe findings and conclusions of the University of Michigan, NCAA and federal government, including that the

student and his family were being assisted financially by Ed Martin and that this occurred while the athlete was a high school student.

- The letter of Dec. 10, 2003 demonstrates that the information presented to the executive director by DCDS at the Nov. 19 meeting was considered then and after by the executive director; and that he weighed the value of that information and of statements that had been given to him by DCDS from the student's parents and lawyer. It demonstrates the executive director determined that the findings of the University of Michigan and NCAA were likely to be more unbiased than the statements of the family, of the student-athlete who had lied to the Grand Jury and who was instructed by his lawyer not to comment now, and of that lawyer himself.
- The letter of Jan. 26, 2004 demonstrates the executive director provided "further review of the topic" subsequent to his third meeting with DCDS on Jan. 22.

The Executive Committee determined that the executive director demonstrated good faith and fair dealing by taking his concerns to DCDS administration for a face-to-face meeting in their offices, placing his concerns in writing and providing supporting information, meeting with DCDS administration two additional times, following up in writing each time, and all the while keeping these activities confidential. The treatment of DCDS was both professional and cordial, as well as honest and ethical. The letters demonstrate that an extensive inquiry did in fact occur that gathered far more documentation than most MHSAA investigations generate because it utilized the results of inquiries by those with greater resources: e.g., the University of Michigan, NCAA and U.S. Government. The letters also demonstrate that the further investigation that is to occur when a party contests allegations did in fact occur in this case. It is not required that the executive director personally interview parents - such usually is done by school personnel and reported to the MHSAA, as it was in this case. It is not required that the executive director interview all those people suggested

by the school. In this case, the executive director used sound judgment in declining both to duplicate an interview of the parents and to interview either the former student-athlete, who had been instructed by his lawyer not to comment further, or that lawyer. The information and suggestions provided by DCDS personnel at the Nov. 19 meeting at the MHSAA were not disregarded; rather, it was determined that interviewing persons with vested interest, some of whom had already admitted or were indicted for lying under oath to a Grand Jury, was unnecessary in light of the investigations conducted by others who had more resources than the MHSAA had and less vested interest. Following the Nov. 19 meeting, the executive director reviewed again the independent documentation, and he concluded again that he could not ignore the findings and conclusions released to the public by the University of Michigan, et al.

The Executive Committee found that the school's idea of what constitutes a violation of amateur standing is too limited and is inaccurate. The Executive Committee confirmed that valuable consideration may include a wide variety of activities, as the MHSAA Handbook suggests. This includes small gifts and special treatment, which in an isolated circumstance might be permitted but on a frequent basis are violations. This includes money, whether characterized as gifts or loans. What the University of Michigan and NCAA conclude the student received while in high school, what Ed Martin admitted he gave him in high school, and what the student admitted he received in high school, are violations of the MHSAA amateur status regulation.

The Executive Committee disagreed that proof of violations is lacking. To characterize the work of the University of Michigan and NCAA as innuendo, rumor and speculation - or to characterize in that manner the MHSAA's reliance on that work - is to demonstrate a blind or biased eye toward a heavy body of information which may not be deemed sufficient evidence for conviction in felony proceedings but is clearly adequate for a voluntary association serving the privilege of voluntary, extracurricular interscholastic athletic participation.

The Executive Committee confirmed that the MHSAA has met the requirements of the Rules of Procedure in both form and substance. Through the review of independently assembled facts and conclusions, three meetings between the executive director and DCDS administration, the review of additional ideas and information at and after those meetings, and review of the information presented by DCDS in preparation for and during this review by the Executive Committee, the MHSAA provided comprehensive and confidential notice and an effective means of resolving controversy, and it has treated DCDS fairly.

The Executive Committee concluded that on the basis of court records and the findings of the NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions and the University of Michigan relied upon by the executive director, the actions of the student involved do constitute violations of MHSAA regulations. Because the events occurred up to 15 years ago and there is no information that indicates DCDS personnel were aware of the violations at the time, the Executive Committee leaves it to Detroit Country Day School to voluntarily forfeit contests and return MHSAA tournament trophies. Until then, only this one student's listings will be removed from MHSAA basketball records. No further requirements or investigations by staff are authorized at this time.

Greater Thumb Conference (Regulation II, Section 10) - Request to waive the limitations of competition regulation was made on behalf of the entire league to permit 6 boys basketball games over 14 days (actually 7 games over 15 days from Feb. 20 to March 5, 2004) to accommodate games cancelled by weather and because of conflicts with league tournaments being played at school facilities. The regulation allows for 5 games over 14 days.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Center Line High School (Regulation V, Section 3) - On Feb. 7, 2004, the varsity volleyball coach, trailing in a game against Madison High School at the Lutheran North Volleyball Tournament, removed her team from competition after demanding that a line

judge be replaced. The school suspended the coach for two dates of competition, required the coach to submit a letter of apology to the host school, and is requiring attendance at a PACE program in the summer of 2004. The school requested that the Executive Committee accept the internal discipline and waive the requirement that the principal and coach appear before the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee accepted the school's action and waived the requirement of a personal appearance by the coach with an administrator.

Wayne Memorial High School (Regulation V, Section 3) - On Jan. 17, 2004, the varsity wrestling coach, after being ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct, refused to leave the gymnasium and relocated in the bleachers. When a wrestler was disqualified from a subsequent match, the coach removed his team from competition, confronting opposing fans and team members as they left the gymnasium. The Officials Report cited threatening remarks made by three Wayne Memorial wrestlers in the locker room hallway. The school postponed its next meet in order to investigate, terminated the coach, denied participation in the next meet for the disqualified athlete, and requested that the Executive Committee accept the internal discipline and waive the requirement that the principal and coach appear before the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee accepted the school's action and waived the requirement of a personal appearance by the coach with an administrator.

Officials Background Checks - On Dec. 5, 2003, the Representative Council approved the MHSAA's moving in the direction of performing background checks on new officials in 2004-05 and on all officials in subsequent years. The major details of these plans were to be approved by the Executive Committee as they were finalized. A sample of the revised Officials Registration Application and significant details for officials' registration was presented. The draft has also been submitted to league and conference representatives, MHSAA legal counsel and numerous officials for their input.

Representative Council - The Executive

Committee reviewed the draft agenda for the March 26, 2004 meeting of the Council.

Next Meetings - The next meetings of the Executive Committee are Thursday, March 25, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing (followed by Representative Council Meeting March 26); Wednesday, April 21, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing (followed by Finance Committee Meeting); Saturday, May 1, at 6 p.m. in Thompsonville (followed by Representative Council Meetings May 2-4); Wednesday, June 9, at 8:30 a.m. in East

Lansing; Thursday, Aug. 5, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Friday, Aug. 20, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Sept. 8, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Monday, Sept. 27, at 9 a.m. in Traverse City (following Annual Business Meeting/Update Meeting breakfast); Thursday, Oct. 21, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; and Thursday, Dec. 2, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing (Representative Council Meeting is Dec. 3). ■

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, February 25, 2004

Members Present:

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

Staff Members Present:

Tom Minter
Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

**2004-05 BUDGET
PREPARATION SCHEDULE:**

February 25-Finance Committee proposals (including personnel).

March 26 -Representative Council approval.

April 21-Finance Committee proposals (remainder of budget).

May 4-Representative Council approval.

2003-04 Year-To-Date Review - Basic operations through Jan. 31, 2004 were improved by nearly \$161,000 compared to Jan. 31, 2003, suggesting that the financial improvement plan developed during 2001 and approved by the Representative Council in March 2002 continues to be effective.

The Finance Committee reviewed and discussed the following documents:

- Summary of Accounts
- General Ledger
- Monthly Budget Analysis
- Sources of Revenue/Expense
- Audited Tournament Financial Reports
- Financial Procedures Manual
- Officials' Fees Survey

Future discussions will include a review of policies and forms for tournament host expenses and participating team expenses.

Personnel Considerations - The Finance Committee adopted proposals for the Representative Council's action in March relative to compensation for the executive director and the total of adjustments the executive director may award to other MHSAA staff for fiscal year 2004-05. ■

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

EDUCATION – FIRST, LAST AND ALWAYS

Last month I addressed the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce Economic Club Luncheon. Typically, the speakers are business owners, CEOs, media magnets, university presidents and the like.

As my wife said when she heard I was scheduled to speak at this business luncheon, "Why would **they** want to hear from **you**?"

It wasn't an easy task. In that setting, I was to talk about the **business** of school sports. But of course, the business of school sports is not business at all. It's education. It's providing young people laboratory courses in which we believe students can learn more efficiently than in regular classroom settings some of the important lessons that will make them healthier human beings as well as more successful and contributing members of society.

Not only that, we believe in most cases participation in extracurricular programs enhances performance in the classroom. In any event, a well-designed interscholastic program is intended to enhance, not detract from, the academic mission of schools, the sponsoring organizations. And if the programs do not enhance education, schools cannot justify the time and money that are spent on them. It would simply be **bad business** for schools to do so.

So the **real business** of school sports is to be so obviously an educational tool of schools that school boards and administrators can easily justify the resources devoted to these programs.

Notwithstanding the fact that attendance at MHSAA District, Regional and Final Tournaments in 2002-03 topped 1.6 million spectators - more than the Detroit Tigers drew to Comerica Park (1.4 million), more than the Detroit Pistons drew to The Palace of Auburn Hills (860,000), more than the Detroit Redwings drew to the Joe Louis Arena (820,000), and more than the Detroit Lions drew to Ford Field (490,000) - the **real business** of high school sports is education.

Notwithstanding the fact that the three-day Semifinals and Finals of the MHSAA

Boys Basketball Tournaments held in March at the Breslin Student Events Center will result in approximately \$10 million in direct spending in the East Lansing area and an overall impact of \$26 million on the local economy, the **real business** of high school sports is education.

I attacked the **bad business** of participation fees – that they reduce student participation, that they discriminate against certain students, and that they do more harm than good for school finances.

But most of all, I attacked the mindset when school sports are looked upon as a training ground for the next level of sports, rather than the next level of life. I attacked the obsession with college athletic scholarships, and I recited again that there are 30 times more dollars available for college scholarships based on academics than on athletics.

Education is the purpose and theme of school sports. Education is also the service to which the MHSAA is devoting an increasing proportion of its resources, both human and financial.

- The Women in Sports Leadership Conference and the Statewide Sportsmanship Summit – both highly successful annual events to encourage and equip both adults and young people – are moving to every-other-year schedules, with the MHSAA providing mini-grants to encourage school districts and leagues and conferences to conduct similar local educational events which are more accessible to our constituents.
- Officials' education – which was greatly enhanced throughout the 1990s – will have even greater service and support from the MHSAA as we labor almost desperately to recruit and train and retain contest officials.
- Coaches' education – to which the MHSAA has been formally committed longer than any state high school associa-

tion in the country – kicks into an even higher gear this year with a more flexible and multi-faceted coaching advancement plan.

- And for the first time ever beginning this year, the MHSAA will provide students access to "scholarships" to attend student leadership functions, and local entities will be able to apply for "mini-grants" to conduct student leadership events. (See box below.)

In our policies and in our programs we must never lose sight of our priority, our partnership with the academic mission of schools. We will oppose expansion of tournaments in ways that cause loss of classroom

instructional time. We will oppose longer, more overlapping seasons that discourage multi-sport participation. We will oppose more distant travel that burdens local budgets. We will nurture reasonable out-of-season practice and competition policies. We will promote the philosophy of pure, wholesome, amateur, local, educational sports.

Education – first, last and always – is our mission. What the MHSAA can do for educational athletics in Michigan is to repeat this message and then repeat it again, so that this generation of leaders **gets** it and the next generation of leaders will **learn** it, so that sports can retain its important place in schools and school sports can retain its charming niche in the world of sports. **That** is our business. ■

MHSAA Offers Mini-Grants for Student Leadership Events

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 in 2004 to help students become better leaders. Scholarships are available to students to attend existing student leadership camps, and schools can receive grant money to create student leadership programs in their communities. Funding is available NOW. There is no deadline – applications are accepted, and money is distributed, year round.

To apply:

1. Visit the "Services" page of the MHSAA Web site and find the Student Leadership link
2. Download the application
3. Send the application and appropriate documentation to the MHSAA
4. Allow 45 days for processing

**If you have any questions, call Andy Frushour
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IT'S ABOUT TEAM!

“MIRACLE”S CAN STILL HAPPEN

(Editor's Note: The 2003-04 MHSAA Bulletins will include articles illustrating defining moments and/or the value and purpose of high school sports. Please submit articles or contributions to: Rob Kaminski, MHSAA-Bulletins, 1661 Ramblewood Dr., East Lansing, MI 48823, or e-mail to programs@mhsaa.com

As the morning news on WJR in Detroit turned to Olympic coverage from Lake Placid, N.Y., I paused for a moment to listen to the recap of the United States' opening hockey game vs. Sweden.

It was my senior year of high school, 1980, and people still got news – at least the most instantaneous – via radio. No internet, no cell phones, ESPN was in its infancy and microwave popcorn was a technological marvel.

So, when it was reported the some guy named Bill Baker had scored a goal in the waning seconds to give the U.S. hockey team a 2-2 tie with Sweden, that was my introduction to the 1980 Olympic hockey team.

If you even knew the names Jim Craig, Mike Eruzione, or even Herb Brooks at that point, you were either an amateur hockey junkie or on the team. That's how obscure this team was, or in today's terminology, how far “under the radar” it was.

Of course, there was no “radar” then, and that contributed to the magic of those Olympics and the legacy that team would leave. There was no two-week media deluge that diminishes every Super Bowl; no online forums that pick apart every quirk in one's personality.

We got to know them only during a brief two-week span as events unfolded (largely on a tape-delayed basis), and we found a team of college kids spurred by a driven yet distant coach whose methods and respect they would not understand until years later.

Game by game, win by win, this group of unknowns began to gather confidence in themselves and adoration from people across the country, most of whom knew nothing about the sport. What they did know, was that these kids were *our* kids, and were on a collision course with the Soviet Union at a

time when the world was uncertain who held the upper hand in a cold war between the two countries.

Sure, this was just a hockey game. But any chance to measure up with the Soviet Union at that time was huge; even bigger if it meant beating the Russians at their liveli-hood, and that's what hockey was. The odds were huge. The Soviet hockey machine had just pummeled the same U.S. squad prior to the Olympics, and boasted a team considered to be among the best ever, professional or amateur.

So, it didn't seem real when I watched live (I somehow found a snowy, wavy UHF station from Canada that carried the game live) on that Friday night some 24 years ago as this team pulled out the greatest upset in sports history.

It still doesn't. I watched the game again on ESPN Classic recently, and kept waiting for the Soviets to tie the game as they peppered shot after shot against Jim Craig. As I watched, many of the names came back to me, especially Bill Baker's. His was the first I'd heard in connection with the team, perhaps fittingly so.

This was not the NHL all-star teams returning to their homelands for two weeks of exhibition hockey as the Olympics are now. Nor did any of them achieve the one-name recognition so many of today's athletes strive for: Tiger, LeBron, Barry, Keyshawn.

No, this was a team of Neals, Mikes, Jims, Marks, Daves, and even a Buzz, and with the exception of a few, most never even enjoyed lengthy NHL careers.

And you know what? Who cares?

Remember that team and relate to the story often in your jobs as coaches, teachers, administrators. It's not about individuals reaching “the next level.” It's about a *team* doing things that nobody thought possible at *any* level.

— Rob Kaminski
MHSAA Publications Coordinator

GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

CLASSROOM IS RIGHT PLACE FOR FRESHMEN

NCAA President Myles Brand has challenged the NCAA membership to re-emphasize the academic mission as part of the intercollegiate athletics experience. Toward that end, a look at the past may be helpful.

Before 1972, athletes entering college were required to sit out a year before they became eligible for varsity competition. The rule emphasized academic primacy over athletics and sent a clear message to student-athletes to concentrate on their studies. It allowed student-athletes an adjustment period before the demands of their respective sports ratcheted up the stress levels of their lives. I believe the NCAA should once again implement this rule and make the freshman year of college a transitional opportunity for student-athletes to build strong academic foundations.

We as academicians, parents and guardians want these young people to be student-athletes, not athlete-students. President Brand is correct that the "student" element must come first; emphasis must be placed on academic performance for all young people entering college, including athletes. While we don't want to stifle dreams, we can't abet the willful denial of reality by far too many athletically gifted freshmen. In men's basketball, only 1.3 percent of all NCAA participants make it to the pro ranks. The rest, when they enter the working world, must rely on their educational background in their efforts to succeed in life.

Many complications could result from the adoption of my suggestion, including legal challenges. Some might argue that the best prospects would forgo college and jump directly into the professional ranks. If this were to occur, would it not be a victory for education-based athletics? The stated mission of education-based athletics is to provide student-athletes the opportunity to play while earning degrees. Some coaches might say they need to place the best athletes on the floor and scholarship numbers would need to be raised to compensate. The counter argument is that if everyone's freshmen are sitting out, the playing field remains as level as it had been. Also, if more walk-ons find places

on varsity rosters, how much harm is done? Is it bad to give more students the opportunity to play collegiate athletics, particularly those who are willing to do it without the benefit of scholarships? A small slice of Division III's philosophy might be a good thing for Division I.

Another benefit of my modest proposal would be the reinstatement of academic eligibility criteria based on collegiate work, and not high-school grades and standardized test scores. Goodbye, Clearinghouse.

The fact is, there is a crisis right now in intercollegiate athletics. Even though the graduation rate reached 62 percent for student-athletes entering college in 1996, it is a success not shared by all sports or divisions. Men's Division I basketball has the lowest graduation rate of any NCAA sport at 44 percent. In last year's Sweet 16, 10 schools had a graduation rate below 50 percent – some of them significantly below that level. Should freshman be ineligible only in basketball? Perhaps, or maybe freshmen should be ineligible in all sports where, on a long-term national basis, graduation rates fall below those of the student population as a whole. We will never find a perfect solution, but that is no excuse to settle for the status quo.

So why, as a high school administrator, am I concerned about what is happening with intercollegiate athletics? The fact is the two levels of education-based athletics are tightly connected. High schools provide the colleges with athletes and the colleges reciprocate by offering a motivational goal for high school athletes. Thus, if a high school student-athlete observes that many of his or her slightly older peers are not focusing on academics and are only using college for sports as a vehicle to showcase their athletics skills, everyone loses. On the other hand, everyone wins if high school student-athletes see their role models focusing on the educational aspects of college.

To put my thoughts in context, let me acknowledge that high school administrators view athletics participation in a macro sense. We appreciate our stars, but our larger obligation is to our masses. According to the

most recent NFHS athletics participation survey, annually we are providing almost seven million opportunities for athletics participation by student-athletes. The four years of high school are a profoundly imitative time. Just as our best athletes model themselves after college players, the masses of high-school athletes emulate the conduct of their athletics "betters." Thus, a greater academic focus by college freshmen student-athletes could have a profoundly positive ripple effect.

Let us seriously discuss freshmen ineligibility. Let us break the public perception that

academic performance, for some Division I athletes, is linked to the old aphorism, "He was highly educated – his classroom was on the top floor."

That is my belief, and that is why I consider this issue so important at the high school level.

— Robert F. Kanaby

Kanaby is executive director of the National Federation of State High School Associations

WINTER RATING FORMS

Due March 26, 2004

Officials rating forms for varsity or sub-varsity ice hockey, volleyball, wrestling and boys basketball were sent to all MHSAA member schools sponsoring those sports. The forms are designed to be "read" by a mark sensor scanning device. The ice hockey, wrestling, boys basketball and volleyball ratings forms were mailed late February. Many of the blanks already have been completed and returned. This notice is included in the Bulletin to remind schools to forward them if they have not already done so. The deadline for receiving forms in this office will be March 26, 2004. Rating blanks received after this date will not be processed.

Athletic directors are reminded that only one rating may be submitted for each official regardless of the number of times the official works contests for one school. Each official may receive a varsity and a sub-varsity rating from one school for working more than one level of competition.

The mark sensor forms do require attention and adherence to specific preparation rules.

1. Use only a No. 2 pencil — NO INK.
2. Fully mark each space selected.
3. Print the officials ID number and name in the space provided and fully darken the appropriate spaces under the entry. Officials ID numbers are found in the Officials Directory.
4. Indicate "Varsity" or "Sub-varsity" rating.
5. Print the school ID number in the space provided and fully darken in the appropriate spaces under the entry. School ID numbers are in the School Directory in

parentheses following the school name.

6. Use only the original forms sent to your school. Copies of the form cannot be read by our equipment because the carbon properties in the copy machine ink violate the system.
7. Keep forms as neat and free of wrinkles, folds and holes as possible.
8. Athletic directors are asked to review the ratings and make copies of the ratings sent for their files in case problems develop. File copies help solve problems.

It is important that rating forms be reviewed by athletic directors before mailing to insure that they are completely and properly filled out. This procedure allows the athletic director to make file copies and to see that the forms are submitted to the MHSAA on time.

All schools should be positive that EITHER the superintendent OR the principal AND the athletic director OR the coach sign and review the ratings forms and that they be returned to the MHSAA office at the earliest opportunity.

NOTE: When an official receives a rating value of 5, the school must submit an Unsatisfactory Rating Explanation form to the official and to the MHSAA with the Rating Form. WITHOUT THE DOCUMENT the "5" rating will be expunged from the officials rating record. Forms are available on the Web only at mhsaa.com, or on the MHSAA CD-ROM sent to each school in the fall.

An official may be rated as varsity and/or subvarsity only once per sport, per school, per year. ■

DON'T MISS THE 25th ANNUAL OFFICIALS AWARDS & ALUMNI BANQUET

April 24, 2004

The Michigan High School Athletic Association is proud to announce the 25th Annual Officials' Awards and Alumni Banquet to be held on Saturday, April 24, 2004. The Banquet will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, I-496 and Creyts Road, Lansing, beginning at 7 p.m.



As part of the banquet program, individualized awards will be awarded to those officials with 20, 30 and 40-plus years of service with the MHSAA. The "Vern Norris" award will be presented to one official in recognition of contributions made to officiating. This year's banquet will not feature one guest speaker, but rather take an enlightening trip down memory lane via video and voice presentations to help celebrate its 25th year.

Those who plan to attend should complete the form below and return it with a check or money order in the amount of \$15 per ticket to the MHSAA no later than April 5, 2004. Ticket orders will be filled on a first-come basis, however, priority will be given to those officials receiving awards. Officials, friends and relatives are also encouraged to attend. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

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MARCET TO RECEIVE FORSYTHE AWARD

It's not often anymore that someone devotes nearly of lifetime of service to a single high school, let alone be on the ground floor when that school started sponsoring interscholastic athletics. For Marco Marcet, the recipient of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Charles E. Forsythe Award for 2004, it was a labor of love starting 50 years ago that goes on to this very day.

This annual award is in its 27th year of existence and is named after former MHSAA Executive Director Charles E. Forsythe, the Association's first full time and longest-serving chief executive. One or two recipients are selected each year by the MHSAA Representative Council, based on an individual's outstanding contribution to the interscholastic athletics community. Marcet will be presented the award on March 27 at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing at half-time of the Boys Basketball Class A Final.



Marcet

Frankenmuth High School had only been in operation a couple of years when Marcet arrived there in the fall of 1954 after brief teaching stints in Kingsley and Manton. But from that school year until the spring of 1988, as the school's first athletic director, he built a program based on a credo of being there for the kids.

Marcet was also Frankenmuth's first boys basketball and baseball coach, guiding the latter team to a 100-49 record over a 16-year period, a time when schools played only a fraction of the games each season compared to today, and the first MHSAA post-season tournament had yet to be played.

The building of athletic facilities, the establishment of an athletic program for girls, the organization of an athletic booster club and serving as the host of numerous MHSAA post-season tournaments all took place on Marcet's watch. That was at the same time as he was serving as the chair of Business Department at Frankenmuth High School for 36 years and as a driver's education instructor for 20 years.

After 40 years as a full-time teacher, Marcet reduced his schedule, but only a bit. He still serves as a substitute teacher on a regular basis at Frankenmuth, and is a regular fixture in game management at home athletic events.

Marcet's reach extended beyond Frankenmuth. He helped form the Thumb B Athletic Association and the Tri-Valley Conference. In the community, he was a member of various service organizations, was the town's first recreation director. As a tribute to his contributions to the area, the Bavarian Inn Lodge in Frankmuth has dedicated its Marcet Room in his honor.

In high school, Marcet captained the baseball and basketball squads for three seasons at what was then called Flint Tech (now Flint Southwestern Academy). It is said that he was the first high school basketball player in the Flint area to use the one-handed set shot. He graduated from Flint Tech in 1943, but stayed active in the area in sports beyond his high school days as a fast-pitch softball player, and was recently enshrined with his 1946 Weller's Service team in the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame which won a state championship.

Like many others of his generation, college was delayed for Marcet by World War II. He served his country proudly as a member of the U.S. Air Force's 500 th Bomb Squadron – the Rough Raiders -- which fought in the Pacific Theater from 1943 to 1945. Upon his return from service duty, Marcet attended Central Michigan College (later Central Michigan University), where he graduated in 1950. He did additional studies in CMU, the University of Michigan and Michigan State University between 1950 and 1977.

"The Tom Brokaw book, *The Greatest Generation*, is filled with success stories, and a chapter about Marco Marcet would have fit well into that publication," said MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts. "The true leaders of that generation knew the meaning of hard work, team work and community service. These true leaders helped build a

post-World War II American from the ground up and Marco Marcet did just that in his lifetime of dedicated service to the community of Frankenmuth and Frankenmuth High School . A man who gave his life to a school that was just starting up when he arrived, and who still gives with equal vigor on a regular basis 50 years later. We're pleased to honor Marco Marcet with the Charles E. Forsythe Award.” ■

Past recipients of the Charles E. Forsythe Award

1978 - Brick Fowler, Port Huron; Paul Smarks, Warren
1979 - Earl Messner, Reed City; Howard Beatty, Saginaw
1980 - Max Carey, Freesoil
1981 - Steven Sluka, Grand Haven; Samuel Madden, Detroit
1982 - Ernest Buckholz, Mt. Clemens; T. Arthur Treloar, Petoskey
1983 - Leroy Dues, Detroit; Richard Maher, Sturgis
1984 - William Hart, Marquette; Donald Stamats, Caro
1985 - John Cotton, Farmington; Robert James, Warren
1986 - William Robinson, Detroit; Irving Soderland, Norway
1987 - Jack Streidl, Plainwell; Wayne Hellenga, Decatur
1988 - Jack Johnson, Dearborn; Alan Williams, North Adams
1989 - Walter Bazylewicz, Berkley; Dennis Kiley, Jackson
1990 - Webster Morrison, Pickford; Herbert Quade, Benton Harbor
1991 - Clifford Buckmaster, Petoskey; Donald Domke, Northville
1992 - William Maskill, Kalamazoo; Thomas G. McShannock, Muskegon
1993 - Roy A. Allen Jr., Detroit; John Duncan, Cedarville
1994 - Kermit Ambrose, Royal Oak
1995 - Bob Perry, Lowell
1996 - Charles H. Jones, Royal Oak
1997 - Michael A. Foster, Richland; Robert G. Grimes, Battle Creek
1998 - Lofton C. Greene, River Rouge; Joseph J. Todey, Essexville
1999 - Bernie Larson, Battle Creek
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TRACK & FIELD/CROSS COUNTRY REGULATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, January 15, 2004

Members Present:

Gene Balawajder, Milford
Lewis Clingman, Grand Rapids
Dave DeCou, Marcellus
Don Edens, Kingsford
William Fries, Portage
Rudy Godefroidt, Hemlock
Kathleen Hutfilz, St. Louis (Official)
Rob Johnson, Clare (MITCA)
Karen Leinaar, Benzonia
Brian Macomber, Rockford
Anthony Magni, Redford
Robert Masters, Temperance
Craig Nartker, Allegan
John Nash, Muskegon
Paul Nilsson, Williamston
Charles Pelham, Pittsford

Matt Peterson, East Jordan
Robert Ribby, Eaton Rapids
Dale Sage, Reese
Fred Smith, Kalamazoo
Kim Spalsbury, Grand Ledge
Lowie VanStaveren, Gobles (MITCA)

Members Absent:

David Blossom, Springport
Chris Clark, Grosse Pointe
Lafayette Evans, Detroit
Don Justice, Harper Woods

Staff Member Present:

Nate Hampton (Recorder)
Mark Uyl

The committee met for the purpose of reviewing specific National Federation sport rules and MHSAA tournament policies, adoptions, regulations and interpretations that are applicable to Track and Field and Cross Country during the regular season and MHSAA tournaments. The following is a review of items discussed by the committee as well as recommendations to staff for inclusion in tournament information and recommendations that will advance for Representative Council consideration.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

During the welcome and introductions the committee made special note of the attendance of Rudy Godefroidt of Hemlock, serving the MHSAA as Rules Interpreter and Rules Meeting Presenter, and Kathy Hutfilz of St. Louis, serving as a current member of the National Federation Track and Field Rules Committee representing the NFHSCA.

2004 TRACK & FIELD REGIONAL AND FINAL SITES

The committee reviewed the Regional recommendations for sites and school assignments made by the Selection Committee on Jan. 9, 2004. The Finals sites selected for June 5 are as follows:

Division 1 - Rockford High School
Division 2 - Caledonia High School
Division 3 - Comstock Park High School
Division 4 - Grand Rapids Forest Hills
Northern High School (hosted by
Forest Hills Central)

2004 NATIONAL FEDERATION RULES AND EDITORIAL CHANGES

The committee discussed 2004 National Federation Track & Field/Cross Country Rules and Editorial Changes.

A major focus of these rules discussions was the attention to uniform jerseys that are not tailored, with the length to be tucked inside the shorts as required by MHSAA standards in Regional and Final competition.

The committee voted to reaffirm the current MHSAA standard to tuck jerseys at Regional and Final competitions.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The committee discussed the following subjects:

1. 2003 Representative Council actions relating to committee recommendations involving Track and Field and Cross Country.

2. Track and Field additional qualifying standards for Regional and Final competition.
3. The continuing development of a web based competitor/school entry system for Track and Field and Cross Country.
4. General Information Bulletins for Track and Field and Cross Country.
5. Officials Pal
6. The MHSAA Points of Emphasis for 2004 will include placing on the MHSAA Web site the following: Personal transportation devices such as mopeds, bikes, scooters and rollerblades are not allowed at Regional and Final sites. Cell phone courtesy, running athletes in August/September who are physically ready to race and use of bicycle flags on Cross Country courses.
7. Terms and conditions for Regional and Final competitors in Track and Field and Cross Country. No changes were recommended.
8. The committee discussed cost for hosting Regional and Final Cross Country Meets and suggested the following: Web based entry to reduce and/or eliminate mailing cost. Assign multiple Regionals to a single site, including the investigation of those sites that may be considered super sites that could host four Regionals at a single site. Consider a per car change at Regional sites that cannot change individually.
9. Allow Cross Country Regionals to be hosted on Fridays, as in Track and Field.
10. Establish Finish Lynix as the back-up system for Cross Country Finals.
11. Revisit the interpretation that identifies the description of the required shoe in Track and Field and Cross Country.
12. Re-running races when there are weather related issues.
13. The final start times.
14. Allowing competitors in the discus and shot put to warm-up between flights.
15. Use of clerking systems in Track and Field that affords the expectation that

will eliminate empty lanes within the limits of the published rules.

16. Require annual or semi-annual rule meetings for Cross Country.
17. Continue to stress that only those pole vault systems that meet the minimum published standard shall be used in any competition.
18. Order one continuous set of numbers for Cross Country Regionals (girls 1-250 and boys 250-500).

ATOM RECOMMENDATIONS

Require yearly rules meetings in Cross Country.

MITCA REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. MITCA reports that at its most recent Track and Field Clinic, there is a continuing support to study the interest and support for a two-day Finals in Track and Field.
2. Advance the top 20 finishers, not on teams, to Cross Country Finals competition.
3. MITCA supports one single Cross Country Final that includes both Upper Peninsula and Lower Peninsula.
4. MITCA will continue to study Regional team assignments to regions where there is a heavy concentration of highly competitive teams.
5. MITCA proposes the following to address no-show teams at MHSAA Regional Cross Country meets.
 - A. When the MHSAA makes the list of schools sponsoring Cross Country, schools that indicate that they sponsor the sport, but have not shown up for the MHSAA Regional Meet for the last three years are not counted and they are placed on a separate list. Schools that have added the sport within the last two years will be counted on the sponsoring list.
 - B. The division assignments are made from this revised list.

- C. Tentative Regional assignments are made for each division.
- D. Schools that have been Regional no-shows for the last three years (those placed in the separate list in step No. 1) are now distributed to their logical geographic Regional. These schools now have a place to go if they do have runners to enter at the Regional competition. Thus, every school that has indicated that they are sponsoring Cross Country has now been assigned to a Regional.
- E. For every five of these schools added to a Regional, that Regional will have one team previously assigned moved to a neighboring Regional. The team moved would be the most logical geographically.

For example: Regional No. 1 has 16 assigned teams. Five schools from the "no-show" list are added to this Regional. There are now 21 schools assigned. But one previously assigned school will be subtracted and moved to a neighboring Regional. Leaving the Regional with 20 assigned schools.

NOTE: Regional assignment lists have now been made based on schools that have actually participated in recent Regional com-

petition. The number of schools showing up at each Regional would now be much closer to equal numbers. Since an unequal number of schools would be assigned under this proposal, a brief explanation would be included to explain the differing number of schools that have been assigned.

- 6. MITCA reports that in 2002 nine schools were no shows to Regional competitions and in 2003 that number was 44.
- 7. Reaffirm the uniform jersey tuck-in rules currently established.
- 8. The committee recommends to the Cross Country Organizing Committee to investigate the use of Finish Lynix as the official back-up system.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

- 1. Adopt MITCA proposal for no show teams (16-2 in favor).
- 2. Reestablish Cross Country Site Selection Committee (22-0 in favor).
- 3. Allow schools to host Cross Country Regionals on Friday (22-0 in favor).
- 4. Establish yearly required rules meetings in Cross Country (18-2 in favor). ■

WESTDORP HONORED WITH 2004 WISL AWARD



photo by John Johnson, Okemos

Kathy Vrugink Westdorp, principal at Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central High School, receives the 2004 Women In Sports Leadership Award from MHSAA Representative Council President Paul Ellinger in Lansing on Feb. 1.

Westdorp was recently named to an assistant director's position on the MHSAA staff, where she will be phasing into those duties over the course of the 2003-04 school year.

As a teacher, coach, game official, athletic administrator and principal, Westdorp has long been active in advancing females in high school sports.

2004 REGIONAL AND FINAL TRACK AND FIELD MEETS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

— *(NOTE: PLEASE PHOTOCOPY AND DISTRIBUTE TO COACHES)* —

TRACK AND FIELD RULES — The track and field rules as they appear in the 2004 *National Federation Edition of the Track and Field Rule Book* will be in effect for Regional and Final Meets, except as indicated in this *Bulletin*.

STARTING TIME REGIONAL MEETS — Field event preliminaries may start one (1) hour before the first track event preliminaries. WHEN POSSIBLE, MANAGERS CONDUCTING REGIONAL MEETS ON FRIDAY ARE TO SCHEDULE STARTING TIMES TO MINIMIZE LOSS OF SCHOOL TIME.

Field Event Preliminaries are to start not earlier than 9 a.m. on Saturday. Regional Managers will notify competing schools of exact starting times. At Regional and Final Track Meets, the afternoon schedule shall begin one hour after the last semifinal event concludes, but no earlier than noon.

STARTING TIME — UPPER PENINSULA FINAL MEET — Preliminaries — 10 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time).

STARTING TIME — LOWER PENINSULA FINAL MEET — Session I — 10 a.m.; Session II shall begin one hour after the last semifinal event concludes, but no earlier than 12 noon. NOTE: Pole Vault in all classes may begin at 9 a.m. A minimum of one-half hour must be observed between the last throw of the shot (or discus) and the first throw of the discus (or shot). In addition there must be a minimum of one hour between the boys and girls competition in the following events: discus, high jump, long jump, shot put and pole vault.

ENTRIES — REGIONAL MEETS — Each school may enter a boys' team and a girls' team in the Regional Meet only if they have bona fide teams (See Regulation II, Section 1(B)). A maximum of THREE INDIVIDUALS may be listed by a school for each bona fide team in EACH INDIVIDUAL EVENT at Lower Peninsula Regional Meets. However, only two may compete unless **all three** have met the additional qualifier standard. FOUR INDIVIDUALS may be entered

and compete in EACH INDIVIDUAL EVENT at Upper Peninsula Regionals. **Established entry procedures are to be in the hands of the Regional Managers NOT LATER THAN MONDAY, MAY 17, 2004, 4 p.m. There are to be no changes on the Master Eligibility List after this date.** Coaches are urged NOT TO ENTER individuals in events IN WHICH THEY DO NOT HAVE COMPETITIVE PERFORMANCES.

LATE ENTRIES, accompanied by the \$50 FEE WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL 4 P.M. TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2004. The late fee may not be used to change an entry time, height or distance. The only changes which are permitted after 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, 2004, will be scratches.

All efforts submitted to the Regional Meet Manager shall have been earned prior to the entry due date and time. Late entries may not include efforts which occur after May 18, 2004, at 4 p.m.

[NOTE: Late entries will not be accepted after Tuesday, May 18, 2004 – 4 p.m.]

SCRATCH — Each regional manager will accept scratches before each session is scheduled to begin. Scratches made during these periods will not count in the individuals participation limitations. However, if the competitor is not scratched during these scheduled periods and does not show to the clerking area before that runner's position is set, the competitor will be disqualified from that event and that event will count toward the competitor's personal limit. The Clerk of Course shall form heats following the last call for that event.

Only two of the three contestants listed in the school's official entry (with current season OUTDOOR times, heights and distances) will be allowed to compete in that individual event. (Refer to the following paragraph for additional entries.) Should one of the three entries not be scratched during or before the scratch period, the Clerks of Course will have the authority to scratch the last listed individual for that school.

Only metric times may be submitted to Regional Manager. A \$50 LATE FEE IS REQUIRED WHEN CHANGES IN A TEAM'S ENTRIES ARE MADE AFTER THE ENTRY DUE DATE AND PRIOR TO 4 PM TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2004. (Entry times, heights or distances may not be changed with a late entry fee after or before the Tuesday, May 18, 2004 deadline.)

ADDITIONAL ENTRIES — REGIONAL MEETS — If three (3) or more entries by a school team in an event have equalled or bettered the published additional qualifier standard, compiled from the results of the most recent outdoor seasons, all of these entries may enter and compete in the Regional Meet in that event. The time or distance must have been established in actual meet competition **prior to submitting Entry Information, and must be verified.**

FINAL MEET ENTRIES — Only qualifiers from Regional Meets may compete in the Final Meets.

REGIONAL MEET ENTRY BLANKS — Schools which notified the MHSAA office of their sponsorship of a bona fide track and field team(s) will be sent a Regional Meet Entry Information or entry materials to be completed for each team (boys and girls) and forwarded **directly** to the manager of the Regional Meet to which the school is assigned. Follow instructions closely. Regional Meet Managers will be advised of the schools assigned to respective Regionals and no others are to be allowed to compete at the meet.

FINAL MEET ENTRY BLANKS — Each Regional Manager will report the qualifiers to the Final Meet Manager as directed by the adopted procedure. Only those reported Regional qualifiers will be allowed to compete in Final Meets. The Regional Entry Information will be in effect for the duration of the time members of that team are qualified to compete in Regional or Final competition. Coaches are not to send entries to the Final Manager.

TROPHIES AND MEDALS AT REGIONAL AND FINAL MEETS — Schools finishing in first place at each Regional will receive a trophy. Individual medals will be awarded to contestants finishing in the first six places in each event in

Lower Peninsula Regionals. No formal awards ceremony will be conducted. Each manager is to place the school's medals in envelopes which the coach will pick up at the end of the meet. Extra medals will be provided for tied positions at Regional Meets.

Trophies will be provided for schools which finish in the first two positions at all Final Meets. Individual medals will be awarded to contestants finishing in the first eight places in each event in Lower Peninsula Final Meets. Requests for duplicate medals or trophies are the responsibility of the Regional or Final Manager.

FINAL MEET EXPENSES — The cost of conducting Final Meets will be met by MHSAA, Inc. Any gate receipts realized will be used by MHSAA, Inc., to aid in meeting administrative costs of the meets. **LODGING WILL NOT BE PROVIDED BY HOST INSTITUTIONS.** The cost of lodging, transportation, and meals will be met by competing schools.

QUALIFICATION FROM UPPER PENINSULA REGIONAL MEETS TO THE UPPER PENINSULA FINAL MEETS — In Division 1, 2 and 3 Regional Meets, there are to be four qualifiers from ALL individual track and field events.

The first and second-place relay team at each Regional Meet will qualify to the Upper Peninsula Final Meet. In addition, in Divisions 1 and 2, the best third and fourth-place times from all Regional sites in those Divisions will also qualify.

QUALIFICATION FROM LOWER PENINSULA REGIONAL MEETS TO LOWER PENINSULA FINAL MEET — The first two places in each event at each Regional Meet qualify to enter the Lower Peninsula Final Meet in that event. In addition, during the finals of a Regional running event, any contestant who equals or betters the published additional qualifier standard shall qualify to the 2004 Lower Peninsula Final Meet in that event in that division. Efforts in the preliminary trials of the long jump, shot put, pole vault and discus may qualify a contestant to the appropriate Final Meet.

A chart of times, distances and heights for additional qualifications from Regional to Final Meets may be found in this *Bulletin*.

300-METER HURDLES, 400-METER DASH, 400-METER RELAY, 800-METER RELAY AND 1600-METER RELAY AT LOWER PENINSULA REGIONALS; AND QUALIFICATION TO THE LOWER PENINSULA FINALS

— The number of sections at Regionals in each event is to be determined by the Meet Managers, depending upon the number of entries in each event. One relay team or individual per lane constitutes a full section. In the event there is one individual or relay team only for the first section, the team with the slowest time from the second section will run in the first section. The second section will then have one empty lane. All teams are to be timed in each section and the two fastest times and additional qualifiers will qualify from each Lower Peninsula Regional to the Lower Peninsula Final Meets.

800-METER RUN — There will be a maximum of two sections of the 800-Meter Run in each class. The second section is to be scheduled only when the number of entries exceed 20. If two sections are needed, the last section will have 16 participants.

1600-METER RUN, 3200-METER RELAY AND 3200-METER RUN AT ALL LOWER PENINSULA REGIONAL AND FINAL MEETS — There shall be two sections of the 1600-Meter Run only when the number of entries in this event exceeds 24. If two sections are needed, the last section (or fast section) will have 16 participants including ties.

There shall be one section of the 3200-Meter Relay at all Regionals. Two sections of the 3200-Meter Relay shall be conducted at the Final Meet for Divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4. If there are more than 24 entries, the 16 fastest times will be placed in the second section. If there are 24 or fewer entries, the second section will consist of the 12 fastest times plus all ties.

There is to be only one section at each Regional and Final Meet for the 3200-Meter Run.

All contestants entered in a race or section are to be timed and the six fastest times (eight fastest times for Finals) of the race or of all the sections of each event will be recognized by points and medals.

Qualifiers from Regionals with the fastest times in each event will be placed in the last section at the Final Meet working back to the entries with the slowest qualifying times in the first section. All sections shall be full with the possible exception of the first sections.

FIELD EVENTS — REGIONALS AND FINAL MEETS — In Regionals and the Upper and Lower Peninsula Final Meets, the following regulations are in effect for conducting the field events:

1. **HIGH JUMP** — The starting height at Lower Peninsula Regionals is to be based on a height **three** inches less than the additional qualifying standard for Regional and Final Meets. (Rounded to the nearest lesser inch). This height has been adjusted to allow one of the raises to fall on the additional qualifying standard to the final meet.

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER LOWER PENINSULA MANAGERS SHALL BEGIN THE HIGH JUMP THREE INCHES BELOW THE PUBLISHED STARTING HEIGHT. The bar then is to be raised three inches the first time, and thereafter follow the chart until there is the number of contestants left equal to or less than the number of places to be awarded. When this number is reached, the bar is to be raised one inch only for each successive jump.

The starting height at Upper Peninsula Regionals, and the Final Meet, is to be determined by the Meet Manager without reference to Lower Peninsula standards.

2. **POLE VAULT** — The starting height at Lower Peninsula Regionals is to be based on the standard raise chart. The starting height shall be increased as indicated on the Standard Raises chart prior to this section until seven competitors remain. Thereafter the bar shall be raised three inches.

At Upper Peninsula Regionals and the Final Meet, the starting heights of the bar is to be determined by the Meet Manager without reference to Lower Peninsula standards.

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, LOWER PENINSULA MANAGERS SHALL BEGIN THE POLE VAULT 12 INCHES BELOW THE PUB-

LISHED STARTING HEIGHT. The first two raises shall be 6-inch raises; thereafter, follow the chart.

The standard raises are included in a chart on the following pages in this *Bulletin*.

NOTE: Seven competitors will advance from preliminary to final competition at the Regional level, and nine competitors will advance from preliminary to final competition at the MHSAA Finals.

RELAY ENTRIES — Any student on the Eligibility List may represent his or her school on a relay team in Regional competition, if they are eligible according to meet regulations. Schools qualifying relay teams for the Final Meet may use any eligible contestant in the Final Meet Relay. Final Meet Relay contestants are not limited to the four individuals who qualified in a Regional Relay.

200-METER DASH IS TO BE RUN ON THE CURVE — The 200-Meter Dash is to be started with staggered starts on the straightaway and be run through one full curve at all Regionals and at the Final Meet, where possible.

SEMIFINAL RACES — The Lower Peninsula Final must conduct semifinals in the following events when there are **more** than 16 entries (18 for a nine lane track) remaining after the scratch sheets are submitted: 100-Meter Dash, 200-Meter Dash, 100-Meter 33" Hurdles and 110-Meter High Hurdles.

300-METER LOW HURDLES — The 300-Meter Low Hurdles at all Regionals and Final Meet (where possible) are to be run so that the curve is in the middle of the race.

ALLEY STARTS AND ALLEY PLACING OF REGIONAL QUALIFIERS IN THE 800-METER RUN, 1600 METER RUN, 3200-METER RUN and 3200-METER RELAYS AT ALL FINAL MEETS — The staggered alley starting procedure is to be used at the 2004 Final Meets, and at Lower Peninsula Regionals. Managers are requested to place markers on the track at cut-in spots for races run in alleys.

Section assignments are to be made based

on Regional qualifying times:

Reg. Qual. Time	Pos.	Alley
1st	pole	1
2nd	pole	2
3rd	pole	3
4th	pole	4
5th	position	1
6th	position	2
7th	position	3
8th	position	4
9th	2nd	1
10th-16th	in sequence	
17th	3rd	1
18th-27th	in sequence	

If a second row of contestants is necessary, this same procedure is to be followed for them. NOTE: If narrow tracks at some Regionals necessitate two rather than three lane alleys, the above procedure will be modified accordingly.

The 1600-Meter Run, 3200-Meter Relay and the 3200-Meter Run will use alley starts and a two turn stagger at all Regional and Final Meets. The cut-in will be at the start of the second straightaway.

The 1600-Meter and 3200-Meter Runs may use the waterfall start at all regular-season meets if there is a desire to do so. Tracks where the waterfall start line is on the curve, athletes will be seeded for their placement from the middle lanes out. The two fastest times in lane 4: the next two fastest times in lane 5, the next two in lane 3, and so on until all lanes are filled. (There should be NO MORE than two athletes per lane, sixteen total placed on the front line).

In the 2004 Regional and Final Track Meets, boys and girls events will alternate order. Girls events will be run first in odd years and boys events will be run first in even years. In 2004 the boys events will be run first.

The 3200-Meter Relay shall be the first final event run prior to the Semifinal heats of the sprint and hurdle events in the Regional and Final meet morning session. The 3200-meter relay shall not be run prior to 10:30 a.m.

STARTING BLOCKS — If Regional or Final Managers provide starting blocks for

contestants, these starting blocks must be used. Schools may furnish their own starting blocks for Regional and Final competition only if managers do not include non-traditional standing start blocks. Starting blocks provided by schools must be approved by the

Regional and/or Final management.

INQUIRIES — Questions not covered by the above information should be addressed to Regional Managers, Final Managers or to the MHSAA office. ■

UNIFORMS: Over the past several years, the issue of uniforms have been questioned and debated by all involved with Track and Field.

SITUATION: A1 who is heavy set is competing in the Shot Put and is also entered in the 100 Meter Dash. A1 is wearing a school issued uniform not of the same style as other team members, but is of the basic colors as other team member uniforms. **RULING:** A1 is considered to be in a legal uniform.

NOTE: Rule 4-3-1, States...Each competitor's uniform consists of; (A) Shoes, (B) Full Length Jersey (Singlet) and Shorts issued by the school.

1. Shorts may vary in length and style but must be the same color for all team members.
2. The Jersey and Shorts may have the schools identification and the Jersey may have competitors name.

JEWELRY: Except for traditional wedding bands, Medical Alert necklaces or bracelets, and religious medals, jewelry is prohibited in all competition. This will include, but is not limited to, pierced earrings, barrettes made of hard plastic, leather, cloth and plastic bracelets. Elasticized ponytail holders having metal parts are legal. Multiple ponytail holders do not have to be the same color. Watches may not be worn during any competition. Breathe-Right strips are permitted. Sunglasses may be worn in competitions only if they are prescription glasses or regular shaded glasses prescribed by a physician. Competitors may not wear temporary body adornment (painted or fastened) during competition.

2004 MHSAA TRACK AND FIELD FINALS SITES

LOWER PENINSULA — JUNE 5

Division 1 — Rockford HS

Division 2 — Caledonia HS

Division 3 — Comstock Park HS

Division 4 — Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern HS (Hosted by Forest Hills Central)

UPPER PENINSULA — JUNE 5

All Divisions — Kingsford HS

ADDITIONAL QUALIFYING STANDARDS								
2004 LP BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD REGIONAL TRACK MEET								
	Division 1		Division 2		Division 3		Division 4	
	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G
Pole Vault	11'9"	8'0"	11'6"	7'9"	11'0"	7'9"	9'9"	7'0"
Shot Put	45'11"	32'7"	44'1"	31'5"	43'9"	30'7"	41'2"	29'7"
High Jump	5'11"	5'0"	5'10"	4'9"	5'9"	4'8"	5'7"	4'7"
Long Jump	19'7"	15'2"	19'1"	14'10"	18'10"	14'6"	18'5"	14'1"
Discus	132'4"	98'5"	129'1"	96'0"	126'5"	96'2"	117'0"	87'2"
3200 M Relay	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
110 M 39" HH	:15.7	---	:16.2	---	:16.4	---	:17.5	---
100 M 33" H	---	:17.0	---	:17.2	---	:17.6	---	:18.6
100 M Dash	:11.4	:13.2	:11.6	:13.5	:11.7	:13.5	:11.9	:13.8
800 M Relay	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1600 M Run	4:38.0	5:37.0	4:42.9	5:43.1	4:48.0	5:52.0	4:57.6	6:04.1
400 M Relay	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
400 M Dash	:52.5	1:03.0	:53.1	1:04.0	:53.5	1:04.8	:55.1	1:07.1
300 M I.H.	:42.1	---	:42.8	---	:43.3	---	:45.2	---
300 M L.H.	---	:50.3	---	:51.6	---	:52.2	---	:54.2
800 M Run	2:02.1	2:30.0	2:05.5	2:32.6	2:06.9	2:35.8	2:11.3	2:41.5
200 M Dash	:23.4	:27.7	:23.7	:28.1	:24.1	:28.6	:24.7	:29.4
3200 M Run	10:08.0	12:15.0	10:19.4	12:42.9	10:33.7	13:02.9	11:06.2	13:20.0
1600 M Relay	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

ADDITIONAL QUALIFYING STANDARDS								
2004 LP BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD FINAL TRACK MEET								
	Division 1		Division 2		Division 3		Division 4	
	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G
Pole Vault	12'6"	9'3"	12'9"	9'0"	12'6"	9'0"	11'6"	8'3"
Shot Put	50'3"	35'11"	48'7"	34'4"	48'2"	34'3"	45'7"	33'3"
High Jump	6'3"	5'2"	6'2"	5'1"	6'2"	5'1"	6'0"	5'0"
Long Jump	21'0"	16'2"	20'3"	16'0"	20'4"	15'7"	19'7"	15'3"
Discus	146'7"	113'0"	141'8"	108'8"	140'4"	107'8"	132'4"	101'4"
3200 M Relay	8:11.0	9:54.0	8:19.0	10:08.1	8:25.9	10:19.8	8:39.0	10:33.4
110 M 39" HH	:15.0	---	:15.3	---	:15.5	---	:16.0	---
100 M 33" H	---	:15.8	---	:16.0	---	:16.5	---	:17.2
100 M Dash	:11.0	:12.6	:11.2	:12.8	:11.3	:13.0	:11.4	:13.2
800 M Relay	1:31.0	1:48.0	1:32.9	1:50.0	1:33.7	1:51.5	1:35.6	1:53.6
1600 M Run	4:28.0	5:20.5	4:31.6	5:27.7	4:34.4	5:31.7	4:41.6	5:40.0
400 M Relay	:44.1	:51.3	:44.9	:52.3	:45.3	:53.2	:46.2	:54.2
400 M Dash	:50.7	:59.7	:51.3	1:01.3	:51.6	1:02.1	:52.6	1:03.3
300 M I.H.	:40.1	---	:41.0	---	:41.5	---	:42.4	---
300 M L.H.	---	:47.8	---	:48.2	---	:49.2	---	:50.6
800 M Run	1:59.0	2:23.0	2:00.8	2:25.7	2:02.1	2:27.9	2:04.9	2:31.2
200 M Dash	:22.5	:26.2	:23.0	:26.8	:23.2	:27.2	:23.5	:27.8
3200 M Run	9:46.0	11:42.0	9:56.8	12:01.3	10:08.2	12:18.3	10:28.9	12:37.9
1600 M Relay	3:28.0	4:11.5	3:31.5	4:15.4	3:32.9	4:18.3	3:37.5	4:27.0

2004 STANDARD RAISES FOR HJ AND PV
2004 LP BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD REGIONAL TRACK MEET

	REGIONAL QUALIFIER	REGIONAL START	1ST RAISE	2ND RAISE	3RD RAISE	FINAL QUALIFIER	FINAL START
Div. 1 HJB	5'11"	5'8"	5'11"	6'1"	6'3"	6'3"	6'0"
Div. 2 HJB	5'10"	5'7"	5'10"	6'0"	6'2"	6'2"	5'11"
Div. 3 HJB	5'9"	5'6"	5'9"	6'0"	6'2"	6'2"	5'11"
Div. 4 HJB	5'7"	5'4"	5'7"	5'10"	6'0"	6'0"	5'9"
Div. 1 HJG	5'0"	4'9"	5'0"	5'2"		5'2"	4'11"
Div. 2 HJG	4'9"	4'6"	4'9"	4'11"	5'1"	5'1"	4'10"
Div. 3 HJG	4'8"	4'5"	4'8"	4'11"	5'1"	5'1"	4'10"
Div. 4 HJG	4'7"	4'4"	4'7"	4'10"	5'0"	5'0"	4'9"

	REGIONAL QUALIFIER	REG'L START	1st RAISE	2nd RAISE	3rd RAISE	4th RAISE	FINAL QUALIFIER	FINAL START
Div. 1-PVB	11'9"	10'9"	11'3"	11'9"	12'3"	12'6"	12'6"	11'6"
Div. 2-PVB	11'6"	10'6"	11'3"	11'9"	12'3"	12'9"	12'9"	11'9"
Div. 3-PVB	11'0"	10'0"	11'0"	11'6"	12'0"	12'6"	12'6"	11'6"
Div. 4-PVB	9'9"	8'9"	9'9"	10'6"	11'0"	11'6"	11'6"	10'6"
Div. 1-PVG	8'0"	7'6"	8'6"	9'0"	9'3"		9'3"	8'9"
Div. 2-PVG	7'9"	7'3"	7'9"	8'3"	8'9"	9'0"	9'0"	8'6"
Div. 3-PVG	7'9"	7'3"	7'9"	8'3"	8'9"	9'0"	9'0"	8'6"
Div. 4-PVG	7'0"	6'6"	7'0"	7'6"	8'0"	8'3"	8'3"	7'9"

2004 STANDARD RAISES FOR HJ AND PV
2004 LP BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD FINAL TRACK MEET

	FINAL QUALIFIER	FINAL START	1ST RAISE	2ND RAISE	3RD RAISE	NOTE: FINALS USE RAISE CHART UNTIL 9 JUMPERS REMAIN
Div. 1 HJB	6'3"	6'0"	6'2"	6'4"	6'6"	
Div. 2 HJB	6'2"	5'11"	6'1"	6'3"	6'5"	
Div. 3 HJB	6'2"	5'11"	6'1"	6'3"	6'5"	
Div. 4 HJB	6'0"	5'9"	5'11"	6'1"	6'3"	
Div. 1 HJG	5'2"	4'11"	5'1"	5'3"	5'5"	
Div. 2 HJG	5'1"	4'10"	5'0"	5'2"	5'4"	
Div. 3 HJG	5'1"	4'10"	5'0"	5'2"	5'4"	
Div. 4 HJG	5'0"	4'9"	4'11"	5'1"	5'3"	

	FINAL QUALIFIER	FINAL START	1ST RAISE	2ND RAISE	3RD RAISE	NOTE: FINALS USE RAISE CHART UNTIL 9 VAULTERS REMAIN
Div. 1 PVB	12'6"	11'6"	12'0"	12'6"	13'0"	
Div. 2 PVB	12'9"	11'9"	12'3"	12'9"	13'3"	
Div. 3 PVB	12'6"	11'6"	12'0"	12'6"	13'0"	
Div. 4 PVB	11'6"	10'6"	11'0"	11'6"	12'0"	
Div. 1 PVG	9'3"	8'9"	9'3"	9'9"	10'3"	
Div. 2 PVG	9'0"	8'6"	9'0"	9'6"	10'0"	
Div. 3 PVG	8'9"	8'3"	8'9"	9'3"	9'9"	
Div. 4 PVG	8'3"	7'9"	8'3"	8'9"	9'3"	

HIGH SCHOOL — BOYS & GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD ORDER OF EVENTS

TRACK EVENTS

The 2004 MHSAA Track and Field Committee established that the order of events to be run at *all* Regional and Final Meets shall be that prescribed in the 2003 *National Federation Track and Field and Cross Country Rules Book*. The 2004 order of events listed below. In 2004, boys events shall be run first.

3200 M Relay (4 x 800)
Boys 100 MHH/Girls 100 MH
100 M Dash
800 M Relay (4 x 200)
1600 M Run
400 M Relay (4 x 100)
400 M Dash
Boys 300 M 36" IH/Girls 300 M 30" LH
800 M Run
200 M Dash
3200 M Run
1600 M Relay (4 x 400)

Preliminaries will be run in the following order: Combined boy-girl meets — 100-Meter Dash, 110-Meter High Hurdles, 100-Meter 33" Hurdles, and 200-Meter Dash. Semifinals, when necessary, will follow the same order as preliminaries. There will be no preliminaries at the Upper Peninsula Final Meet.

Additional qualifying standards met in running event Preliminaries or Semifinals will not qualify for entry to the Final Meet.

Running of Relays at Dual, Regional, and Final Meets — In 2004, the 800-Meter Relay shall be run in lanes entirely at each Regional and Final Meet.

The 1600-Meter Relay is to be run in lanes from a three-turn staggered start. The first exchange is to be made in the same lane in which each team started. The cut-in point for the second runner will be established at the start of the back straightaway.

The 400-Meter Relay is to be run from a two turn staggered start and in lanes throughout the entire event.

A two-turn stagger is to be used for the first leg of the 3200-Meter Relay. The cut will occur at the start of the second straightaway.

FIELD EVENTS

Discus
Pole Vault
Girls Shot Put — 4 kg. (8 lbs. 13 oz.)
Boys Shot Put — 5.443 kg. (12 lbs.)
High Jump
Long Jump — (NOTE: The takeoff boards used at Regional and Final Meets must be at least 18 inches, up to a maximum of 24 inches.)

ORDER OF FIELD EVENTS

The field events schedule at MHSAA Regional and Final Meets will alternate the order of competition for boys and girls each year:

Even Years: Girls high jump, girls pole vault, and shot put first. (Followed by boys high jump, shot put and pole vault)

Boys discus and long jump first. (Followed by girls discus and long jump)

Odd Years: Boys high jump, boys vault, and shot put first. (Followed by girls high jump, shot put, and pole vault)

Girls discus and long jump first. (Followed by boys discus and long jump)

L.P. Regional Scoring: (10-8-6-4-2-1)

L.P. Final Scoring: (10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1)

U.P. Regional Scoring: (5-3-2-1)

U.P. Final Scoring: (10-8-6-4-2-1) ■

JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOLS — TRACK AND FIELD ORDER OF EVENTS

NOTE 1: When boys and girls meets are conducted simultaneously, the events listed below are to be used. If meets are not run simultaneously, the events listed for those not participating are to be eliminated. Schools must mutually agree to run the order of events in yards or meters prior to the meets. If schools cannot mutually agree, the host school will decide. Distances may be shortened or events may be eliminated by mutual consent of competing schools before the meet begins.

Boys and girls events will alternate order. Girls events will run first in odd years and boys events will run first in even years. In 2004, boys events shall be run first.

ORDER OF EVENTS

3200 M Run (Two Mile)
55 M 33" Hurdles for Boys (5 hurdles)
55 M 30" Hurdles for Girls (5 hurdles)
800 M Relay (880 Yards) Relay
800 M Run (880 Yards) Run
1600 M Run (Mile)
100 M Dash (100 Yards) Dash
400 M Dash (440 Yards) Dash
3200 M Relay
70 M Dash (75 Yards)
200 M 30" Hurdles (5 hurdles)
200 M Dash (220 Yards)
1600 M Relay (Mile)
400 M Relay (440 Yards)

FIELD EVENTS

1. Pole Vault
2. Shot Put 4 Kg (8 lb. 13 oz.) for boys;
2.744 Kg (6 lbs.) for girls
3. Running High Jump
4. Running Long Jump

A contestant may compete in any three track and/or field events from the approved list of junior high/middle school order of events.

NOTE 2: The 3200-Meter must be conducted during the field events.

NOTE 3: Both the Boys and Girls 55-Meter hurdles will be over five hurdles spaced as follows: 13 meters to the first hurdle 8.5 meters between the hurdles and 8.0 meters from the last hurdle to the finish.

NOTE 4: One false start shall be permitted in Junior High/Middle School competition (when the above order of events are used).

NOTE 5: Refer to Regulation IV, Section 8 for limitation of competition.

TRACK—SCORING

Dual Meets

Individual events are to be scored 5-3-1.

Relays are to be scored 5-0.

SCORING NOTE: By prior mutual agreement of competing schools or by league or conference adoption, teams may score four places in dual meets and five places in triangular meets.

Other Than Dual Meets

Scoring is to be in accordance with the National Federation Edition of the Track and Field Rules Book for the current year.

CROSS COUNTRY

Rules for junior/high middle school cross country are those printed in the National Federation Track and Field Rule Book with MHSAA modifications included in Regulation IV, Section 8 of the *MHSAA Handbook*.

The standard distance for a junior high/middle school cross country run is 3,200 meters.

Cross Country distances may be shortened by mutual consent of the competing schools prior to the date of the meet. ■

FOOTBALL COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, January 21, 2004

Members Present:

Timothy Baker, Constantine
Rod Bragg, Gaylord
Teresa Cole, Mio
Noel Dean, Lowell
Denny Dock, Stevensville
Chris Ervin, Carson City
Mary Jo Evans, Detroit
James Feldkamp, Troy (MIAAAA)
Denny Fulk, Laingsburg
Dan Hoffman, Morenci
Hugh Jewell, Highland Park
Randy Johnson, Cheboygan
Leveille, Vince (MHSFCA)
Rich Machesky, Utica (MASSP)
Dan McShannock, Midland (MIAAAA)
Vic Michaels, Detroit
David Reese, Southfield
Bob Saylor, Reese

Bob Scheloske, South Lyon (MHSFCA)
Jeff Smith, East Lansing
Marty Spencer, St. Ignace
Matt Stapleton, Frankfort
Paul Test, Ann Arbor
Jim Venia, Marysville
Brian Zdanowski, Greenville

Members Absent:

Lafayette Evans, Detroit
Ed Kindle, Port Huron
Thomas Passinault, Grand Rapids
Bill Santilli, Crystal Falls

Staff Members Present:

Nate Hampton (Recorder)
Tom Minter
Jerry Cvengros

The committee met for the purpose of reviewing playing rules, regulations, and policies concerning high school football and Football Playoff procedures. Following is a review of items discussed by the committee as well as recommendations for Representative Council action.

FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

The committee reviewed the 2003 Football Playoffs and compared data to the 2002 statistics.

The data provided for the committee demonstrated that the results of the 5-year expanded format were consistent from year to year when comparing schools classifications, enrollment breaks, and numbers of automatic qualifying schools. In 2001 and 2002, 242 and 240 schools respectively qualified automatically based on their regular season records. In 2003, 242 schools did the same. In 2002 and 2003, 30 and 10 games respectively were subjected to the playoff point differential rule. Enrollment ranges for the eight 2003 divisions were as follows: Division 1: 2773-1686, Division 2: 1659-1176, Division 3: 1164-894, Division 4: 891-668, Division 5: 665-516, Division 6: 514-

387, Division 7: 385-267, and Division 8: 255-106.

DISCUSSIONS

After a review of football starting dates, duration of season and other related statistics important to the Football Playoffs, the discussions continued and included the following topics:

- Reactions to the current film exchange policy, end zone filming and player roster limits.
- MHSAA Handbook Regulation II, Section 9(B) applying 14 practice days before the first contests of all varsity and subvarsity teams, facility standards for schools hosting playoff games.
- *MHSAA Handbook* Regulation II, Section 9(D) allowing MHSAA member school subvarsity teams to compete against non-member schools.
- Other topics included: knotted jerseys, confrontations between members of the same team, resistant staph infections, preseason and two-a-day practice and related health issues, 8-person football

participation for subvarsity teams, rules clarification on doctor's permission slips for wearing casts in competition, Finals team introductions, awards presentations and teams being on the field for the National Anthem.

FOOTBALL RULES AND PROCEDURES

The committee was informed of National Federation football rule changes for the 2004 season.

The committee members made several suggestions to include in next fall's football rules meetings as points of emphasis. They will include:

- Spread formations and blocking below the waist
- Shifts to cause the defense to jump off-side
- Helmets fitting properly

TOURNAMENT PROPOSAL FROM THE MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION

- Change current District/Regional format to allow the first-place seed to play the

eighth-place seed, the second-place seed to play the seventh-place seed, etc. The proposal would eliminate current District matchups that are based on geography and all geographical pairings in Regions 1 (11-10 opposed, 4 abstained).

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Rewrite Regulation II, Section 9(B). "A school team shall not play a game of football until it has practiced for a period of three weeks during which practices are conducted on at least 14 separate days. The first varsity game may be played on **Friday** or thereafter of the 13th week before Thanksgiving (National Federation week No. 8). The first freshman or junior varsity game may be played on the day before. (In those years where there is only one game before Labor Day, the first game for varsity may play on Thursday and the first freshman or junior varsity game may be on the day before)." (24-1 in favor).
2. 14 days of preseason practice will apply to all levels of competition (23-1 in favor, 1 abstained). ■



CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, January 21, 2004

Members Present:

Susan Bolton, Bath
Mary Bouck, Farwell (MASA)
John Brandt, Saginaw
Jim Dittmer, Ludington (MASB)
Keith Eldred, Williamston
James Feldkamp, Troy (MIAAA)
Dan Flynn, Escanaba
Leroy Hackley, Byron Center
Steve Liestenfeltz, Perry
Lillian Mason, Grand Blanc (MASB)
Dan McShannock, Midland (MIAAA)
Jeff Melvin, Bangor (MASSP)
Vic Michaels, Detroit

Linda Myers, Morley
Rob Olsen, Sturgis (MASA)
Doris Rodgers, Lathrup Village
David VerMerris, Muskegon
Claudia Werner, Alpena

Members Absent:

Ron Moag, Caledonia, MASSP
Cecil Rice, Southfield

Staff Members Present:

Jack Roberts
Tom Rashid (Recorder)

Executive Director Jack Roberts commented on the historical purpose and traditional significance of the Classification Committee as it has served the Representative Council and schools of all sizes, but especially smaller schools over its long history. Committee members were introduced. Among the membership were two representatives from each of the four professional organizations that work with the MHSAA, and four current and three former members of the Representative Council.

REVIEW OF 2003 CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes of the January, 2003 Classification Committee Meeting and the May 2003 Representative Council Meeting served as background information for the committee. Attention was called to the following specific topics on the meeting minutes distributed to the Classification Committee:

1. Concerns surfaced by some of the smallest MHSAA member schools requesting consideration for a Class E Division. This was processed by the Council and resulted in recommendations for alternative competition for small schools within the existing four class tournament format.
2. The Representative Council's approval in May 2003 of two recommendations from an ad hoc committee and from the Classification Committee to 1) replace

the term Alternative School with Non-Traditional School/Program in the MHSAA Handbook and 2) have schools identify the specific Non-Traditional School or Program to which they are counting students from on the Enrollment Declaration Form to be completed by schools on February 25, 2004. The actual 2004 Enrollment Declaration Form was also distributed for review.

3. The review of action from May 2002 that capped Cooperative Programs combined enrollment at 3,500 and details of an Executive Committee waiver process for these teams who may wish to continue beyond the 2005-06 school year when these 3,500 plus Co-ops are targeted for dissolution. It was noted that while financial burdens would be considered in the process, they would not be considered paramount.
4. A proposal for separate division for non-public schools which was defeated by the Classification Committee in 2003.
5. Class D participation in Lower Peninsula MHSAA Track and Field and Cross Country meets and a subsequent 2003 research project by MHSAA staff revealing the variance in all divisions between the largest and smallest schools scoring in the MHSAA Finals in both sports in 2002. A similar project was distributed studying 2003 girls basketball revealing less variance between divisions, but

showing a greater difference in Class D than in other classes.

The results of the 2003 MHSAA Update surveys were presented for review and comment.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALLEST CLASS D SCHOOLS

A review of specific alternatives, within the four class format, also presented to the Representative Council in May 2003 were discussed as was the possibility of the MHSAA sponsoring invitational tournaments for schools with enrollments of under 100. Several pros and cons were surfaced concerning various plans and approaches. There was consensus that the MHSAA communicate directly with the schools in this enrollment range to survey their interest in some specific plans. In addition, the staff will plot on a map of the state those schools whose enrollment is below 100, show how they would fit in the various proposals for modifying Class D districts and report this to the Representative Council and Classification Committee.

DIVISION 4 CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK

A staff research project that was commenced as a result of last year's meeting was reviewed that showed smaller schools fare worse than larger schools with athletes scoring in each division in track and cross country. The variance that existed in Division 4 of both boys and girls track and cross country was greater than in other divisions. It was felt that a review of this type of data for some other sports, as had been done for 2003 Girls Basketball, might be useful information for the Representative Council as would an analysis of the 20% adjustment to soccer that had been enacted four years prior due to safety concerns and the collision nature of soccer.

EXPANDING THE EQUAL DIVISION CONCEPT

At present, there was no consensus to expand the equal divisions concept. Expanding to other sports would have a negligible effect in some sports (basketball and volleyball) and a negative effect in others (competitive cheer). The MHSAA Classification Policy in the *Handbook* was reviewed. Future consideration may be given

to some sports to narrow the enrollment ranges where safety is a factor.

BOWLING AND LACROSSE CLASSIFICATION

Bowling classification is set in the traditional mode, with approximately 180 schools competing in Class A, B and C-D, representing the nation's second largest high school state bowling tournament (in the first year). The lacrosse community currently seeds teams based on strength of program much like hockey had done with Tier I and Tier II when it first became an MHSAA sport; and this will be considered by the MHSAA Lacrosse Committee.

The flexibility of MHSAA tournament classification is apparent as some sports remain in traditional classes, some are in equal divisions and soccer utilizes the 20 percent modification to equal divisions. Gymnastics has two divisions wherein the elite gymnasts are placed in Division I based on individual ability, all others in Division II.

REGULATION I, SECTION 1(D) - 7th & 8th GRADERS PARTICIPATING ON HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS WITH ENROLLMENTS OF 50 OR 100

MHSAA Handbook Regulation I, Section 1(D) permits schools with an enrollment of fewer than 100 students to use 8th-graders in senior high school sports except for football, ice hockey and wrestling; schools with an enrollment under 50 may use 7th-graders. The Executive Committee has not granted a waiver of the enrollment ceiling, but is seeking input if we allow sub-varsity participation to Class D schools when they are slightly over the 99 or 49 student ceiling. The committee discussed many aspects of this approach, including the harm that may be caused to middle schools when 7th or 8th-graders are taken up to the high school and the fact that some schools use the ability to play at the high school level as a marketing tool with junior high students. While many unintended consequences may arise from adjusting the numbers or allowing sub-varsity competition, it was felt that these were local school decisions that would depend on the particular circumstances. Feeling some control should be exercised over this regulation, a motion was adopted to recommend to the Representative Council that the Executive Committee consider, on a case by case basis,

requests for permitting participation of 8th or 7th-graders on the subvarsity teams of schools with enrollments of slightly less than 100 or 50 students.

**REGULATION I, SECTION 1,
INTERPRETATION No. 5 - ELIGIBILITY
OF IEPT CERTIFIED STUDENTS
AT AN ASSIGNED SCHOOL**

MHSAA Handbook Interpretation No. 5 states that students certified by an IEPT and are assigned to another school may be considered eligible at their school of residence or the school to which they are assigned. This interpretation was reviewed considering whether a student with a Section 504 plan should be included in this status. There was strong consensus that a Section 504 plan should not be included in the interpretation.

**PROPOSAL FROM CARNEY-NADEAU
TO MODIFY ENROLLMENT
TOTALS FOR CLASS D
COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS**

A proposal to modify the enrollment total assigned to a cooperative program was presented by Carney-Nadeau High School that suggested counting 100% of the primary school's enrollment and 25% of the cooperating school's enrollment for two class D

schools, at least one of which has not previously sponsored the sport in the last three years. Similar proposals have been discussed, implemented and rescinded in years past. Reluctance to form co-ops due to the combined enrollments and higher division placement is a problem in more than just Class D. Learning over the years that cooperative program growth should be slow, there was a reluctance to adopt this modified count proposal which may see too rapid a growth in cooperative programs. It may also be considered unfair that some teams count less than the number of students eligible for the team, while others they are competing against count all of their students. The proposal was not advanced to the Representative Council.

**RECOMMENDATION TO
REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

1. The Classification Committee recommends to the Representative Council that the Executive Committee be authorized to consider, on a case by case basis, requests for permitting participation by 8th and 7th graders on the sub-varsity teams of high schools with enrollments slightly over the established limits of 99 and 49 students, respectively (17-1 in favor). ■

Camera Quandry . . .

From time to time, the MHSAA receives questions from newspapers and member schools regarding flash photography and strobes at indoor events, and where photographers may shoot from. Photographers should also check about the use of flash and strobe lighting with game management. In general, camera-mounted flashes do not present a problem and are allowed at most MHSAA Tournaments, and should be allowed at regular-season events. Strobe lighting placed in ceilings and high in corners of facilities, properly deployed, also do not present a problem and are allowed at MHSAA Tournaments, and should be allowed at regular-season events. However, during the regular season and at pre-Finals sites during MHSAA Tournament play, the game official may prohibit the use of flashes or strobes if the official determines they create a safety hazard for participants – this should rarely be the case. At Finals venues where MHSAA staff are present, MHSAA staff will make the final determination. The only tournaments where flashes and strobes are absolutely prohibited are Girls Competitive Cheer and Girls Gymnastics. Certain restrictions may apply at other events.

Photographers should consult with game management as to where to shoot from at each venue. This can be done in advance or upon arrival at the venue. In basketball, photographers, for their own safety, should not shoot from a position behind the basket, but should position themselves outside the lines of the free throw lane. Photographers should also be aware of the room game officials need to be able to work the baseline in basketball and move when instructed by game management or officials if in their judgment, they are in the way.

BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT LP OFFICIALS SELECTION MEETING

East Lansing, January 21, 2004

Members Present:

Mel Atkins, Grand Rapids
Brian Banda, Grayling
Ron Beegle, Charlotte
Mitch Bohn, Sanford
Mike Caderette, Alpena
Susan Calvo, Flint
Richard Catt, Ludington
Stuart Clark, Vanderbilt
Ken Dietz, Hartford
Sam Ellis, Highland Park
Chris Ervin, Carson City
Jim Eurick, Auburn
Lafayette Evans, Detroit
Denny Fulk, Laingsburg
Michael Fusco, Macomb
Paul Gaudard, Bad Axe
Jamie Gent, Haslett
Barry Hobrla, Lowell
Cody Inglis, Suttons Bay
Kristen Isom, Adrian
Larry Janes, South Lyon
Dewayne Jones, West Bloomfield
Maureen Klocke, Capac
Ken Kott, Manistee

Jean LaClair, Bronson
Glenn Metcalf, Muskegon Heights
Jim Pittman, Clinton
Dail Prucka, Monroe
Sean Richmond, Flint
Brett Roach, Holland
Bill Roose, Detroit
Dan Rypma, Cedar Springs
Andy Saetre, Watervliet
Cindy Short, Lansing
Ken Vallieu, Camden
Wayne Welton, Chelsea
David Young, Davison
Mike Young, Buchanan
Jeff Zonyk, Three Rivers

Staff Members Present:

Andy Frushour, East Lansing
Nate Hampton, East Lansing
Rob Kaminski, East Lansing
Tom Minter, East Lansing
Andi Osters, East Lansing
Jamie VanDerMoere, East Lansing
Faye Verellen, East Lansing
Debbie Waddell, East Lansing

The Committee was presented with the entire list of approved officials in Boys Basketball who had completed availability forms at the MHSAA rules meetings in the fall. Assignments were made for the tournament on the basis of recommendations and availability of the officials.

RATINGS

Minimal ratings required included 2.1 for Final officials; 2.5 for Semifinal and Quarterfinal officials; 2.7 for Regional and District officials. Officials recommended by two or more leagues/conferences and/or officials associations were qualified to the next rating level.

TOURNAMENT INVITATIONS

All officials selected at each tournament level were sent "Assignment Response" forms from the MHSAA. Officials were assigned to work only one game per day in any tournament competition. At Regional Tournaments, officials work one date/game of the tournament.

OFFICIALS AVAILABILITY

Seven-hundred seventy-five (775) officials indicated their availability for Lower Peninsula Tournament assignments. Of this number, 619 were assigned to the 2003-2004 Districts. Regional assignments for officials totaled 288. Fifty-one (51) officials were selected to work the Quarterfinals; 24 officials were selected to work the Semifinal contests and 12 in the Championship Games. ■

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, January 24, 2004

Members Present:

Jack Anderson, Portland
Sue Barthold, Kentwood
Russ Bluse, Escanaba
Margie Caid, Constantine
Jerry Dodd, Dearborn (MASSP)
Bob Gershman, Berkley
John Gravlin, Saginaw
Kay Johnson, Morenci
Tom Kaechele, Caledonia
Bruce Oosterhouse, Grand Rapids
Dail Prucka, Monroe (MIAAA)
Andy Rio, Detroit
Archy Robinson, Saginaw
Bill Roose, Detroit
Andy Sprung, Hartford
Audra VanBrandt, Temperence

Wayne Walton, Chelsea

Members Absent:

Jim Fish, North Branch
Tim Hall, Sault Ste. Marie
Sharon Hammerschmidt, Detroit
Robert Jones, Carleton
Carlo Mobley, Blissfield
Steve Newkirk, Mt. Pleasant
Kevin Summey, Flint
Wayne Turmell, Bad Axe
Mike Zimmerman, Flint

Staff Members Present:

Randy Allen
Mark Uyl (Recorder)

The 2003-2004 MHSAA Baseball / Softball Committee met in the MHSAA Office Building to review topics involving the MHSAA tournament series in baseball / softball.

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

Home Team Designation: For the 2003-2004 tournament series, the home team will be determined by a coin flip. The committee felt that the coin flip should be held at the ground rules meeting, unless tournament management wishes to conduct the toss in the presence of both teams no earlier than 30 minutes before game time. Dugout assignment and warm-up times would still be determined by bracket placement when the host school is not involved in the game. If the host school is involved, it will occupy the dugout they normally use during regular season play. This tournament procedure was supported by the committee.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Use of C.O. Brown Stadium for Baseball Finals Championship Games – The committee received information regarding the rotation process currently used in having 3 of the 4 championship baseball games at C.O. Brown Stadium. There was support to play all four championship games in C.O. Brown Stadium from the committee if local manage-

ment and the minor league organization were also supportive of this change.

Use of Three Umpires at the Regional Level – The committee reviewed the results from the Update survey regarding this issue. There was no committee support for this concept.

Use of Four Umpires in Baseball for the Semifinal and Final Games – The committee discussed the challenges and benefits of adding a fourth umpire for the final rounds in baseball only. The committee agreed that the "gold standard" for softball at the final rounds was to stay with the current three-umpire system while the equivalent standard should be four umpires for baseball. The committee supported this additional umpire for the baseball.

Tournament Facility Specifications – MHSAA staff will provide schools with a self-assessment tool for evaluating their baseball/softball facility in respect to tournament site selection.

Massachusetts Wood Bat Experiment – The committee was updated on the Massachusetts experiment of using wood bats at the final round of their tournament series only. This concept was only used for one year and has been discontinued for this season.

Cost Containment – Tournament managers will again be encouraged to limit non-

identified expenses. Members of the committee suggested allowing reciprocal officials to be allowed to work at the district level of our tournament series to reduce the costs of mileage paid to officials, as well as increasing the number of quality officials available to areas immediately contiguous to neighboring states.

Rules Meeting Content – The committee was updated on National Federation rules changes in baseball and softball for the 2004 season. Bat standards in both sports, and the new Designated Player (DP) rule in softball will be the main focus of the meetings.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Allow district managers to conduct the draw three weeks in advance of the tour-

namment (18-0 in favor).

2. Allow regional managers the option to conduct the semifinal and final rounds of the regional tournament on Friday. This is similar to the option currently given to district tournament managers (18-0 in favor).
3. Retain the current MHSAA policy that would allow conferences and/or schools the option to use a double first base during regular season play. A double first base will not be used or be physically present in any MHSAA tournament contest (17-1 in favor).
4. Utilize four umpires at the baseball Semifinals and Finals (18-0 in favor). ■

TWO-DAE CLINIC ATTRACTS ASPIRING OFFICIALS

A day of educational opportunities for new officials again preceded this year's Women In Sports Leadership Conference, sponsored by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

On January 31, the day before the general conference opened, the MHSAA conducted its annual TWO-DAE clinic. TWO-DAE, an acronym for Trained Women Officials – Dedicated, Accomplished, Educated – is a one-day workshop designed to assist new female officials and females interested in becoming registered high school game officials, in learning the tools of this avocation. TWO-DAE is a six-hour Rookie Official Training Program intended to help participants understand officiating mechanics, basic rules knowledge, the psychology of officiating and the elements of professionalism in officiating. The clinic provides participants with a "Registration Voucher" toward registration in one MHSAA sport for the 2004-05 registration year. More than 50 aspiring officials have attended the clinic in the last two years.



John Johnson, Okemos

2004 TWO-DAE Clinic Attendees and Staff

This year's attendees were: Colleen Arney, Alaina Case, Shelly Curtis, Cathie Driscoll, Cynthia Farley, Gloria Gaines-Hanna, Mary Guerriero, Alison Helminski, Penny Johnson, Tammy Langton, Lauren Quigley, Sarah Rademacher, Laura Readle, Erin Shaw, Kelly Sheehan, Natahsa Szymanski, Alisha Taurence, Marie Wallace, Kristy Wawersik, Donna Wirth and Vicki Woolf.

Trainers and MHSAA Staff in attendance included: Jill Baker-Cooley, Barb Beckett, Linda Hoover, Tom Minter, Andi Osters, Mark Uyl and Faye Verellen. ■

WRESTLING COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, January 28, 2004

Members Present:

Ron Beegle, Charlotte
Dustin Cichocki, Carson City
Ken Day, Imlay City
Joe DeGain, Clarkston
Tim Erickson, Rockford
Tom Flynn, Beverly Hills
Mark Fuhrman, Pinconning
Mike Garvey, Delton (MIAAAA)
Ron Helmboldt, Sparta
Linda Hutchinson, Tecumseh
Chad Kik, Kent City
Scott Marvin, Middleville
Ron Nagy, Hazel Park
Dennis Paquete, Bangor
Ellen Pugh, West Branch
Dave Reno, Port Huron
Andy Skewis, Negaunee
Mario Villarreal, Lansing

Members Absent:

Shawn Flock, Newaygo
Gordon Fooks, Harper Woods
Steve Hendershott, Ortonville
Mark Holdren, Olivet
John Krimmel, Dundee
Ken Mohney, Mattawan
Jim Scott, Grand Valley State University
Marc Sonnenfeld, Warren
Al Sosinski, Bronson
Dan Tuck, Cadillac
Larry Wegener, Battle Creek

Staff Members Present:

Randy Allen (Recorder)
John Johnson
Mark Uyl (Recorder)

The committee met for the purpose of reviewing rules, regulations and policies applicable to wrestling during the regular season and MHSAA tournaments.

The following is a review of items discussed by the committee as well as recommendations that will advance for Representative Council consideration.

WEIGHT MONITORING PROGRAM

The committee discussed the positive effects of the earlier start dates for both alpha measuring and the first contest. Many members supported this year's change to allow a wrestler to begin moving down 1.5% toward a weight in the first week after the alpha measurement. The committee also supported the current weight class restrictions, also known as the "three weight class window". The MHSAA deviation from National Federation Rules that allows for home weigh-in was reviewed with the committee supporting continuation of home weigh-in for regular season competition.

INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT INFORMATION

In certain parts of the state, coaches are arriving at Individual Wrestling District Tournaments without any records or printed information for seeding purposes. The committee supported the MHSAA to issue an

administrative sanction, much like the sanction currently used with schools who fail to attend a rules meeting, for schools that provide incomplete or incorrect information on the individual wrestler's record sheet or weigh-in card.

SKINFOLD ASSESSMENT

The current 14-day appeal period for skinfold measurement will be kept in place when on-line data entry becomes an option in the near future. The committee was in favor of continuing to allow an active wrestling coach to serve as a skinfold assessor for wrestlers from another school district. A power point presentation was shown that highlighted on-line data entry of alpha measurements.

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

The committee was in favor of keeping the current requirement of a second wrestler in a weight class (additional qualifier) having a winning varsity record with a minimum of 12 matches for the Individual District Tournament. The committee wanted to continue the rotation process of the Team District Tournaments from Wednesday to Thursday night. It was emphasized that the three weight window, Rule 4-4-2, and the weight monitoring system are the only restrictions of weight classes for the team

tournament. The process of tournament official's selection was discussed to the satisfaction of the committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Eliminate the 50% rule that requires an athlete to have wrestled at least half of their matches at a certain weight class during the season in order to wrestle that weight in the Individual District Tournament (18-0 in favor).
2. Allow wrestlers to compete at their approved lowest minimum weight during an appeal for a lower weight (18-0 in favor).
3. Establish January 15 as the last date for hydrostatic appeals. The one exception is for a wrestler who receives an alpha measurement for the first time after January 15. This athlete has 21 days or the alpha deadline, whichever is first, for a hydrostatic appeal (18-0 in favor).
4. Establish a 48 hour wait period for wrestlers who fail hydration tests for initial skinfold measurements, skinfold appeals and hydrostatic appeals (18-0 in favor).
5. Require skinfold assessor certification to include successful completion of an annual exam in all cases and attendance at a certification meeting for first year assessors and every third year for veteran assessors in maintaining skinfold assessment certification (18-0 in favor).
6. Require only a single weigh-in on Thursday morning for the Individual Final Tournament. Currently, weigh-ins occur on Thursday and Friday (18-0 in favor).
7. Allow Individual District Tournament managers to use four mats with prior MHSAA staff approval (18-0 in favor).
8. When a day of school attendance does not precede the scheduled meet, the principal or his/her designee (not a coach) shall administer the "Home Weigh-In" in the following manner:
 - A. If the home weigh-in is to be held on the day before the meet, it must be no earlier than 3 p.m.
 - B. If the home weigh-in is to be held on the day of competition, it must be after 7 a.m. but before 4 p.m. (Change eliminates restriction on home weigh-ins on days without school.)In either case, all wrestlers on a team shall weigh-in at the same time following the MHSAA/NF weigh-in procedure (18-0 in favor). ■

REGISTER ALL NONFACULTY COACHES BEFORE THEY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

"Note: The Representative Council urges that all schools strive for the standard that only qualified faculty members are used as head coaches of interscholastic athletic teams, and all nonfaculty coaches complete the MHSAA's Program for Athletic Coaches' Education (PACE) or equivalent program."

There are two ways to fulfill the registration requirement:

1. The easiest way to register nonfaculty varsity head coaches is online at the MHSAA's administrative Web site, mhsaa.net, as you provide School Directory information.
2. Forms for registering other nonfaculty coaches may be requested from the MHSAA or may be found on pages 105-106 of the *MHSAA Handbook* for 2003-04. You may copy and enlarge as necessary. The forms – one for high school, the other for the junior high/middle school level – may also be downloaded from the MHSAA Web site at mhsaa.com and are available on the CD-ROM sent to schools in August. Forms may be submitted throughout the school year as nonfaculty coaches are assigned. Many schools submit forms just prior to each season: fall, winter and spring. ■

LACROSSE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, February 5, 2004

Members Present:

Bob Dowd, Troy
Jerry Fouch, Grand Rapids
Aaron Frank, Birmingham
Patricia Hayes, Birmingham
Judy Hehs, Bloomfield Hills
Mike Jolly, Warren
Erin Kelley, Lansing
Rich Kimball, Jackson
John O'Brien, Grosse Pointe

Rick Schmidt, Holt

Elaine Torvinen, Royal Oak

Member Absent:

Clark Bell, Troy

Staff Members Present:

Tom Rashid (Recorder)

Tom Minter

Kathy Westdorp

The committee reviewed the minutes of the November 30, 2003, lacrosse meeting with particular attention to the items previously submitted as recommendations to the Representative Council and the items submitted for discussion throughout the state.

Since the November meeting, MHSAA staff has met with two groups of girls lacrosse coaches, the leadership of the boys and girls lacrosse officials associations, and training sessions for both boys and girls lacrosse officials held in Birmingham and Royal Oak respectively in January.

Many of the recommendations to the Council regarding lacrosse will be submitted to the Representative Council at its March 26, 2004, meeting. Other recommendations will be submitted for the Council at its May 2004 meeting.

The committee reviewed and made suggestions for changes to an article that explained many of the benefits of membership in the MHSAA that lacrosse schools can anticipate. Material entitled, "Where are the Roses," will be distributed as information and promotion of the sport throughout the lacrosse and school communities in the months ahead.

The committee believes that growth of the sport among school sponsored teams is taking place in the western part of the state, mid-Michigan and the southwest. More schools will sponsor the sport within two or three years.

CLASSIFICATION OF LACROSSE TEAMS AND TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE

After considerable discussion of *MHSAA*

Handbook Classification Policy, existing traditions in the sport of lacrosse, and classification approaches in other sports, the committee recommends to the Representative Council that both boys and girls lacrosse divide the sponsoring teams into two equal divisions by enrollment with the option for teams to play in a higher division.

The tradition of a novice tournament for new lacrosse teams should continue under MHSAA leadership. A non-state championship Tier III Post Season Tournament should be offered for teams first established between 2004 and 2007. Teams would be allowed only two years in this tournament before taking their place in Division I or Division II. This Tier III Tournament should be planned for three years, through the 2007 season, and be evaluated after the 2007 season, monitoring the entry of new school teams. Logistics and criteria will be determined at the March 30, 2004, meeting.

Since the beginning of the sport in Michigan, schools under the leadership of member schools in the Michigan Women's Scholastic Lacrosse Association and Michigan Scholastic Lacrosse Association have seeded teams for placement in their tournaments based on geography prior to regional alignment and on season record/strength in each regional bracket. Seeded teams have traditionally traveled as a trade off for a high seed. The committee felt that in the first three years of operation it would be critical that the Lacrosse Tournament Committee seed teams as they have in the past so as to avoid highly lopsided scores. The geographical distribution of established teams, heavily weighted in one

region of southeast Michigan, would further support a distribution that would allow for more meaningful and competitive games prior to the final series of the tournament. After three years, with the conclusion of the 2007 season, this mechanism would be evaluated.

TOURNAMENT DATES

The committee discussed the placement of the MHSAA Final Championship game on either Saturday, June 11 or June 18, 2005. Citing the late date of the school year and the fact that no other MHSAA Championships were scheduled, the committee voted to recommend to the Representative Council that the Final games be played on Saturday, June 11, 2005.

Prior to the March 30, 2004, Lacrosse Committee Meeting, a tournament bracket with dates of Regional and Semi final games will be sent to committee members for final approval to be submitted to the Representative Council at its May meeting.

One site for all games, boys and girls, would be most beneficial to creating a festival atmosphere for lacrosse similar to previous year's operation. Logistics will be discussed and determined at the March 30, 2004, committee meeting for May Representative Council action and inclusion in MHSAA Calendars.

OFFICIALS

Progress was reported in the MHSAA approved training sessions held under the direction of the Michigan Women's Scholastic Lacrosse Officials Association and the Michigan Lacrosse Officials Association in Birmingham for boys officials and Royal Oak for girls officials. Thirty-seven officials attended the boys training program, with 17 new officials, and 30 attended the girls session with 11 new officials. The incentive of reducing official's fees for officials who take the training or are current US Lacrosse Rated Officials for 2005 has been well received. The MHSAA and Officials Associations will conduct a training session on Saturday, February 28, 2004, at the MHSAA Offices in East Lansing. Members were asked to help promote this program, especially in west and mid-Michigan.

Currently, the only way for girls officials

to obtain US Lacrosse Certification is to officiate at the national all-star tournament held in Pennsylvania over Memorial Day. It was clarified that girls officials who wish to obtain US Lacrosse Certification may do so at this event since no Michigan students will be involved in violation of MHSAA Regulation II, Section 13(A).

Discussion took place regarding requiring officials to join US Lacrosse as a prerequisite for association membership or MHSAA tournament assignment. There was a committee consensus that while membership in US Lacrosse should be recommended and encouraged, it should not be a requirement as it may discourage officials from lacrosse. The quality control mechanism of assignors and schools selecting their officials and assignors remains the time tested approach.

The following MHSAA protocols and procedures with respect to officials will need to be determined at subsequent meetings; officials rating system, approved officials association status, registration testing of new officials, and tournament assignment procedures. Recommendations will be made to the Representative Council in May.

OUT OF SEASON AND TRAVEL REGULATIONS

Under the MWSLA and MSLA, MHSAA regulations were generally adopted and adhered to with the exception of the out of season regulation (7 players with a coach off- season during the school year) and no travel restriction.

Committee members affirmed through unanimous adoption a motion that lacrosse shall follow MHSAA Regulation II, Section 11, (G) e 1 and 2 applying the "three player rule" out of season during the school year to lacrosse as it is to all other MHSAA sports, and the insertion of "Lacrosse (7)" with reference to the number of athletes who may be coached by a school coach in the summer on 15 days of competition.

The travel limitations of Regulation II, Section 6, of 600 miles round trip, except for teams in bordering states or provinces as stipulated in Interpretations 167-170 of the *Handbook*, was also adopted unanimously by the committee.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS

Several teams currently playing in the MSLA and MWSLA resemble MHSAA cooperative programs. An application was presented to the committee to encourage better understanding of the purpose and process and to encourage teams to meet the October 15, 2004, application deadline for spring sports of 2005. Further discussions and clarifications of the cooperative programs with respect to community teams, the 3,500 combined enrollment cap and the application of the "new program" exception to existing teams will take place at the March 30 meeting.

MAILING TO LACROSSE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY

A mailing list of officials, athletic directors, coaches and others active in lacrosse should be prepared and information on MHSAA sponsorship and opportunities should be developed and mailed. Cooperation with the Michigan Chapter of US Lacrosse on this and other matters was offered and appreciated by the Committee.

NEXT MEETING

The committee will meet again on Tuesday, March 30, 2004, 9:30 a.m. in the MHSAA Building.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Boys and Girls Lacrosse shall be classified by dividing the sponsoring teams into two equal divisions by enrollment (Divisions 1 and 2) with the option for teams to play in a higher division (11-0 in favor).
2. A non-state championship Tier III Post Season Tournament should be offered for teams on a two-year basis between 2004 and 2007 with evaluation after 2007 (11-0 in favor).
3. A Lacrosse Tournament Committee shall be appointed to select sites and tournament officials, and to place teams at regional tournament sites. Placement of teams at regional sites shall be based on geography and season record/strength of program from previous and/or current seasons, with an evaluation conducted

after the 2007 season (11-0 in favor).

4. The Final Championship games will be played on Saturday, June 11, 2005 (11-0 in favor).
5. Lacrosse shall follow MHSAA Regulation II, Section 11, (G)e 1 applying the "three player rule" out of season during the school year to lacrosse as it is to all other MHSAA sports. Under Section 11, (G)2 insert "Lacrosse (7)" after Soccer (7) on page 58 with reference to the number of athletes who may be coached by a school coach in the summer on 15 days of competition (11-0 in favor).
6. The travel limitations of Regulation II, Section 6, of 600 miles round trip, except for teams in bordering states or provinces as stipulated in Interpretations 167-170 of the *Handbook*, was also adopted unanimously by the committee (11-0 in favor).

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL – NOVEMBER 2003

1. First Practice: Second Monday after March 1 (March 14, 2005) same as all spring sports. No number of required practices need be designated.
2. First Contest: 11 days after first practice (March 25, 2005) same as girls soccer.
3. Number of Scrimmages: four, no more than two prior to first game, same as most sports.
4. Number of Contests: 18 days of competition, no more than one game per school day, no more than three in one week. Adopt non-school day multi-team "reduced competition with shortened game time" concept as used in soccer.
5. Playing Rules: Adopt the playing rules used currently for interscholastic lacrosse:

Boys - National Federation of State High School Associations

Girls - United States Lacrosse (endorsed by NFHS) ■

2003-04 SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD RECIPIENTS HONORED

The 2003-04 recipients of the MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award will be honored in ceremonies during the Boys Basketball Finals at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing on March 27.

The program drew 2,525 applications from 428 schools for the 27 \$1,000 college scholarships to be presented by Farm Bureau Insurance.

"These young people are those who excel in academics, athletics, and in other school and community programs. They are the leaders of tomorrow," said John E. "Jack" Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA. "All of the applicants are reaping the benefits of a well-rounded education by sampling as many things as she or he can while in school. That is what makes the Scholar-Athlete Award truly impressive. We're proud of what all the applicants have achieved, and extend our congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients."

Winners of the Scholar-Athlete Award for the fall sports of 2003 are: **Marie Brenner**, Grand Rapids Catholic Central, Girls Basketball; **Ben Smith**, Athens, Boys Cross Country; **Angela Gaudette**, Kingsford, Girls Cross Country; **Kyle James Haskell**, Charlotte, Football; **Jake Tornga**, Hudsonville, Boys Golf; **Ryan Anderson**, Grand Rapids Northview, Boys Soccer; **Magda Stawikowska**, Livonia Churchill, and **Rebecca Soranson**, Brighton, Girls Swimming & Diving; **Eleanor Ford**, Ann Arbor Greenhills, Girls Tennis.

The winter 2004 winners are: **D.J. Mocini**, Saugatuck, Boys Basketball; **Daniel Case**, Warren DeLaSalle, Boys Bowling; **Sarah Jaeger**, Livonia Ladywood, Girls Bowling; **Courtney Kunik**, Chesaning, Girls Competitive Cheer; **Desiree Lauricella**, Jackson Northwest, Girls Gymnastics; **Andrew Chima**, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, Ice Hockey; **Jordan Ostwald**, Kingsford, Boys Skiing; **Miranda Olds**, Fenton, Girls Skiing; **Bradley James Turek**, Adrian, Boys Swimming & Diving; **Anna Nowak**, Traverse City Central, Girls Volleyball; **Joshua V. Barlow**, Saginaw Heritage, Wrestling.

The 2004 spring sports recipients are: **Adam Emmenecker**, Saginaw Arthur Hill, Baseball; **Carrie Jensen**, Gladstone, Girls Golf; **Jessica Urban**, Saginaw Nouvel, Girls Soccer; **Jessica Ilene Rademacher**, St Johns, Softball; **Michael Goorhouse**, Holland Christian, Boys Tennis; **Zachary D. Labrecque**, Battle Creek Harper Creek, Boys Track & Field; **Nicole Bohnsack**, Rockford, Girls Track & Field.

Applicants for the Scholar-Athlete Award must carry a 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) grade-point average, and have previously won a letter in a varsity sport in which the MHSAA sponsors postseason competition. Applicants are also required to show involvement in additional school or community activities and submit an essay on the importance of sportsmanship in educational athletics.

"The students applying for this award did an outstanding job with their treatment of the essay topic," Roberts said. "There's a lot the leaders of our collegiate and professional athletic communities could learn about sportsmanship from these young people."

Additional information about the Scholar-Athlete Award may be obtained by contacting the athletic director of an MHSAA member high school, or the MHSAA office at 1661 Ramblewood Drive, East Lansing, 48823, telephone: 517-332-5046. A complete list of applicants may be obtained through the MHSAA Web site at mhsaa.com, under the Scholar-Athlete home page.n



Tornado Policy for Michigan High School Athletic Association Events

May, 1981

- I. IF THERE IS A WATCH OR WARNING AT A TOURNAMENT SITE —
- A. Watch or warning issued **at least three hours** prior to the event:
 - 1. If the local district policy closes the tournament facility, all participating teams must be called and informed of postponement with information pertaining to next playing date and time included in the call.
 - 2. If the host district policy **does not** close the facility, all participating schools who have not called the host must be called to be sure all who are scheduled to play will be present. (The participating school local policy must prevail).
 - a. If one team of a dual type competition (i.e. Baseball Tournament) cannot be present by their policy, no contest will be held. The competition for that day/night must be rescheduled on the next possible day, not including Sunday.
 - b. If the competition is multiple team type (i.e. Track, Tennis), the meet will be conducted as long as a reasonable number of teams (60 percent) can be present.
 - B. Watch or warning **less than three hours** before event:
 - 1. If the competing teams are enroute, no decision can be made and until both teams in a bracket have arrived or contact has been made, unless local policy forbids use of facility once the watch or warning has been issued.
 - 2. If competing teams arrive, are on the premises, and local policy permits, play the contest when and if time permits.
 - 3. If it is not possible that date, reschedule for next playable date, not including Sunday.
 - 4. Local policy will always prevail.
 - C. Watch or warning first issued during contest:
 - 1. Suspend play.
 - 2. Take necessary steps and precautions as directed by local policy.
 - 3. Resume play at the point of suspension as soon as permitted. If not that day/night, then reschedule for the next possible date, not including Sunday.
- II. IF THE WATCH OR WARNING IS IN AN AREA OF ONE OR MORE COMPETING SCHOOLS AND NOT AT A TOURNAMENT SITE:
- A. It shall be the responsibility of the competing school to inform the manager of the tournament immediately.
 - B. The decision as to play or not to play will be made by the Tournament Manager, based on the information presented and the type of sport event involved.
 - 1. If one or more local policies do not permit travel or competition, the game, games, or tournament will be postponed.
 - 2. If the scheduled competition is of a multiple team nature (i.e. Track and Field), the competition may take place even though all teams are not able to be present. (60 percent is suggested guideline).
 - 3. The rationale for No. 1 and No. 2 hinges on the fact that in No. 1, both teams of a dual type competition must be present if a contest is to take place. No. 2 permits competition, even though all teams cannot be present.
 - C. If one or more schools are on the road to the tournament site at the time of watch or warning, no decision shall be and until contact has been made with all concerned. (An authorized person from the assigned schools).
 - D. If one school arrives on site and the opponent cannot travel due to local policy, the game shall be postponed and rescheduled on the next possible date, not including Sunday.

GENERAL GUIDELINE: The local Tournament Manager has full jurisdiction over the policies of the tournament site. If the above guidelines do not cover a certain situation, the decision on the matter shall be that of the Tournament Manager. ■

MHSAA Game Suspension Guidelines

- I. On threatening days, game management should consult with contest officials about steps to be followed if conditions worsen.
- II. When suspending an outdoor contest, officials and game management shall follow these guidelines.
 - A. Lightning necessitates that contest be suspended. The occurrence of lightning is not subject to interpretation or discussion — *lightning is lightning*.
 - B. Severe weather in the form of rain or snow may make the field unplayable.
- III. When a contest is suspended, the home school administration shall attempt to arrange for the security of all participants.
 - A. Contestants and support personnel shall be moved to appropriate indoor facilities.
 - B. When lightning is observed or thunder is heard and the contest is suspended, contestants shall not return to the playing field until lightning has been absent from the local sky and thunder has not been heard for 30 minutes.
 - C. Spectators shall be advised of the action being taken to seek shelter. (Some hosts may be able to offer shelter to spectators but are not required to do so.)
- IV. In considering resumption of competition, the following steps should be followed.
 - A. Suspension for contests scheduled for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. should not exceed three hours. Delays for contests scheduled for 3:01 p.m. to 6:59 p.m. should not exceed one and one half hour. Delays for contests scheduled for 7 p.m. or later should not exceed one hour. A postponed contest should be rescheduled on a date/time mutually agreed to by the schools involved.
 - B. A decision to resume the contest within the time frame must be made by the officials who will consult the home team administration and visiting school administration present at the contest.
 - C. The home school is responsible for facilities and will be given priority consideration in the final decision if there is not consensus among the three parties.
 - D. The final decision shall consider liability and conditions of facilities as well as future schedules, need to play the contest and finally the quality of all other options.

NOTE: More restrictive local policies and MHSAA tournament policies would supersede these guidelines and should be shared with the opponents and officials prior to the contest, preferably in writing.

Otherwise, and to the extent allowed by the playing rules code, the official(s) will make the final decision regarding game suspension once the game begins. ■

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