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ON THE COVER

Spring is here, and with it comes the beginning of several outdoor sports seasons, including boys and girls track & field, baseball and softball.

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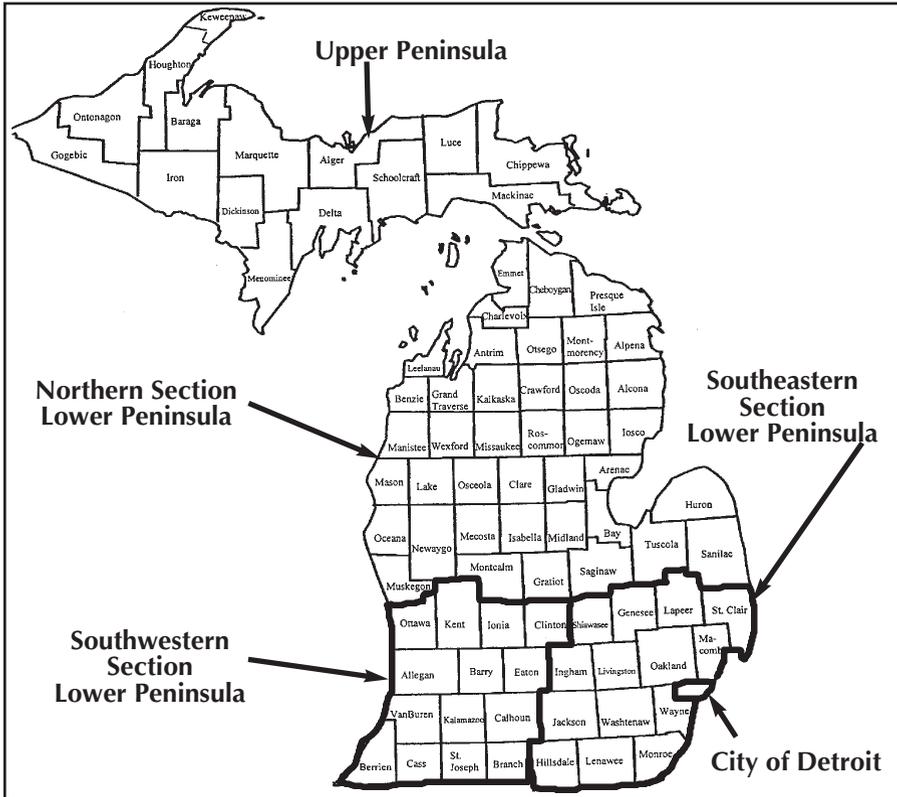
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REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AND UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Ballots to be Sent to Schools August 28, 2008

MAP OF REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL SECTIONS



Ballots for Representative Council elections will be mailed to principals of member schools from the MHSAA office Aug. 28, 2008. The ballots will be due back in the MHSAA office Sept. 11, 2008.

Six positions for membership on the Representative Council will be up for election this fall. Vacancies for two-year terms beginning December 2008 will occur as follows: Class A-B Northern Section L.P., Southwestern Section L.P. and Southeastern Section L.P.; Class C-D Upper Peninsula and Northern Section L.P.; Statewide At-Large; Junior High/Middle School, elected on a statewide basis; and Private and Parochial High Schools.

In addition to the above named Representative Council positions, there are two Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee positions to be voted in September. A representative of the Class D schools and an Athletic Coach will be elected by the principals of the Upper Peninsula schools.

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

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

Following the due date of Sept. 11, 2008, the Board of Canvassers as provided in Article IV of the Constitution of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, will meet and declare the winners for the various vacancies.

In accordance with the approved nomination and election procedures, listed candidates have submitted their desire to run for a position by March 15, 2008. They have included an approval to serve from their respective Superintendent or Principal and have certified their qualifications to run for the office which they seek. No write-ins will be possible because each candidate must be approved by March 15 in order to run for a position on the Representative Council.

Following are the declared candidates and the vacancies which will occur in December 2008:

**REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL
CANDIDATES FOR
SEPTEMBER 2008 ELECTION**

Northern Section, Lower Peninsula - Class A and B Schools — Peter Ryan, CMAA, Athletic Director, Saginaw Township Community Schools

Southwestern Section, Lower Peninsula - Class A and B Schools — Fredrick J. Smith, CMAA, Athletic Director, Buchanan Community Schools

Southeastern Section, Lower Peninsula - Class A and B Schools — Eric C. Federico, Superintendent, Gibraltar School District

Upper Peninsula - Class C and D Schools — James Derocher, Superintendent, Negaunee Public Schools; Randy Van Gasse, Superintendent, Norway-Vulcan Area Schools

Northern Section, Lower Peninsula - Class C and D Schools — Chip Hansen, Superintendent, East Jordan Public Schools

Statewide At-Large — Scott C. Grimes, Principal, Grand Haven High School

Junior High/Middle Schools — Keith Eldred, Dean of Students, Williamston Middle School; Steve Newkirk, Principal, Clare Middle School

Private and Parochial High Schools — Vic Michaels, Director of Health, Athletics, PE & Safety, Archdiocese of Detroit

**UPPER PENINSULA
ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

Athletic Coach — Daniel E. Olkkonen, Teacher/Boys Basketball Coach, Kingsford High School; Paul Polfus, Teacher/Boys Basketball Coach, Carney-Nadeau High School; Leon Sutherland, Athletic Director/Football Coach, Ontonagon Area High School

Class D Schools — Joseph Reddinger, Athletic Director/Football Coach, Felch North Dickinson High School ■

**SCHEDULE MHSAA MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION
FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

After the Representative Council meets each May, the rules are established for the coming school year, and meeting minutes are mailed to each member school. Every member school Board of Education or governing body of a nonpublic school wishing to join the MHSAA for the coming school year must vote to do so and adopt the rules as its own. The MHSAA Membership Resolution must be signed by the Board of Education and returned to the MHSAA. On occasion, membership lapses and insurance coverage, among other matters, is jeopardized.

ADMINISTRATORS: Please be sure to schedule the MHSAA Membership Resolution for your upcoming Board of Education Meeting – Membership Resolution Forms will be mailed to the Superintendent and Athletic Director the week of May 19, 2008.

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, April 16, 2008

Members Present:

Jim Derocher, Negaunee
Keith Eldred, Williamston
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Eric Federico, Gibraltar
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven

Staff Members Present:

Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

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

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

It is possible that some of the information presented as facts to the Executive Committee by school personnel and others may be inaccurate. However, to avoid constant repetition in this report of phrases such as "it was alleged" or "it was reported," no attempt is made in the introduction of each waiver request to distinguish between truth,

allegation, hearsay, opinion, summary or conclusion. If any information provided to the Executive Committee is inaccurate, any decision of the Executive Committee to grant waiver of a regulation shall be null and void.

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

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

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

Allen Park-Cabrini and Detroit Urban Lutheran High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys tennis between these two schools whose combined 2008-09 enrollment of 528 students will continue placement of the team in the Division 4 tournament. Cabrini sponsored tennis previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Catholic High School League was received.

Flint-Kearsley and Clio High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls swimming & diving between these two schools whose combined 2008-09 enrollment of 2,272 students will place the team in the Division 1 tournaments. Both schools sponsored the sport previously. Kearsley will be the primary school and has dissolved an agreement with Davison High School first begun in 1994. Support from the Flint Metro Conference was received.

Hancock, Chassell and Painesdale-Jeffers High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football between these three schools whose combined 2008-09 enrollment will be 461 students. Hancock sponsored football previously in a cooperative agreement with Chassell and Dollar Bay which has been dissolved. Jeffers High School is being added to the agreement. Hancock will be the primary school. Support from the West-Pac Conference was received.

Rapid River, Cooks-Big Bay de Noc and Rock-Mid Peninsula High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – Because of the need for formal action by the board of educational for Big Bay de Noc, the Executive Committee tabled a partially completed application for the addition of Mid Peninsula High School to a cooperative agreement in football that has existed between Rapid River and Big Bay de Noc High Schools since 2004. The combined 2008-09 enrollment would be 334 students. Mid Peninsula sponsored football previously. Support from the Mid-Eastern Conference has been received.

Southfield Christian and Novi-Franklin Road Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program

in football between these two schools whose combined enrollment is 332 students. Southfield Christian sponsored football previously and Franklin Road Christian has dissolved a cooperative agreement with Waterford-Mt. Zion Christian that began in May 2006. Southfield Christian will be the primary school. Support from the Southern Michigan Football Conference was received.

Traverse City Christian and Traverse City-St. Francis High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of boys soccer to a cooperative agreement which already exists between these schools in boys and girls alpine skiing and girls soccer. Traverse City Christian will be the primary school and has sponsored the sport previously. The combined 2008-09 enrollment of 401 students will place the team in the Division 3 tournament. Support from a majority of the members of the Greater Northwest Soccer Conference was received.

Albion High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Battle Creek-Southwestern Academy Alternative High School while living with her mother. On Feb. 29, 2008, the student moved to the residence of her father in Albion and enrolled at Albion High School. The parents never married. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was received, along with documents indicating the father.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Bay City-Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who began the 9th grade at Auburn-Bay City Western High School before enrolling at Central High School on Feb. 12, 2008. The student's mother worked in Midland and enrolled the student at Bay City Western for transportation purposes. When it was announced that the mother's job would be eliminated in May, the student enrolled at Central. The student has participated in athletics.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Brimley High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request to waive the trans-

fer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Crosswell-Lexington High School before moving with his stepfather to Brimley and enrolling at Brimley High School on Dec. 14, 2007. The student's minor siblings have remained with the mother in Crosswell-Lexington due to the mother's employment as the CEO of a small company. The mother and siblings will relocate to Brimley at the end of the school year. The student did not participate previously in athletics and intends to run track for Brimley. Brimley sponsors varsity track only but has a few freshman/sophomore meets.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year or the mother's relocation to reside with the student and stepfather in Brimley, whichever occurs first.

Cedar Springs High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation is made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Grand Rapids-Northview High School until enrolling at Cedar Springs on March 28, 2008. The student was the victim of an assault by a 12th-grade student at Northview earlier in March. The matter is under investigation by county authorities.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Cedarville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade foreign exchange student who previously attended Kinross-Maplewood Baptist Academy before enrolling at Cedarville High School to begin the second semester of the 2007-08 school year. The student is from Korea and was placed at Maplewood Baptist by the Pacific Intercultural Exchange. The student's host family lives in the Cedarville School District and was concerned about the placement being inappropriate.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver and requested that staff bring this situation to the attention of the national offices of the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) and Pacific Intercultural Exchange (PIE) and advise both that students placed at this school in a similar manner in the future may not be

eligible for interscholastic athletics.

Center Line High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Warren Woods-Tower High School where she was the victim of an assault in 2007 which led to conflicts with students and staff. The student enrolled at Center Line High School on Dec. 1, 2007.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Cheboygan High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year. The student previously attended school in Arkansas while living with her mother and has not participated in athletics. The student now resides with her grandmother and enrolled on March 24, 2008.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only at Cheboygan High School until Jan. 19, 2009 (Martin Luther King Day).

Harbor Springs High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B & D]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously lived in Cedarville and moved to Oregon one year ago with family for a business opportunity. When the business opportunity fell apart, the family moved to Petoskey in February and the student enrolled at Petoskey High School for three days before enrolling at Harbor Springs High School on March 10, 2008. The student has not participated in athletics previously but Harbor Springs does not offer extensive subvarsity track.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Harbor Springs High School starting March 10, 2008.

Holly High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Oak Park High School while living with his father and participated while ineligible in two track meets in the spring of 2007 which must be forfeited by Oak Park High School. In

December, the student moved to Holly to reside with his mother and enrolled at Holly High School on Dec. 3, 2007. The student's parents never married. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form (unsigned by Oak Park High School) was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents. The student has been withheld from three track meets thus far this spring.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Lake Orion High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Bloomfield Hills-Marian High School, and enrolled at Lake Orion High School on Oct. 1, 2007 due to tuition concerns.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Lake Orion High School starting Oct. 1, 2007.

Lansing-Waverly High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose adoptive parents are divorced and who has moved between both parents over the past few years. The student began the 9th grade in Mason while living with his father and moved to the home of his mother to begin the second semester of the 10th grade in January 2008 at Waverly High School. In early March 2008, the student was taken out of the mother's home and has been living with an older sister in the St. Johns School District. Had an Educational Transfer Form been completed prior to the move to the sister's home, the student would be eligible. The student has not completed an Educational Transfer Form previously.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver, noting this would be the only waiver granted to this student under the transfer regulation.

Macomb-L'Anse Creuse North High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Sterling Heights-Utica Stevenson High School before enrolling at L'Anse

Creuse North on Jan. 28, 2008, due to issues with other students at the former school. The former school dismissed the student five minutes early from school each day to avoid confrontation with students who were unidentified out of fear of retaliation. The student has no prior athletic participation.

Based on the lack of independent documentation, the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Marcellus High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Vicksburg High School before enrolling at Marcellus High School on Jan. 21, 2008, due to family financial and transportation difficulties. The student has not participated in baseball previously. The student lives in Marcellus with his mother and commuted to Vicksburg.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Milan High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended Belleville High School while residing with her mother and who has moved into the residence of her father in Milan, enrolling at Milan High School on Jan. 18, 2008. The parents never married. Because the student has not participated in athletics previously, a request for subvarsity eligibility was granted by the Executive Committee on March 13, 2008. The student wishes to participate in varsity track this spring and has submitted a partially completed Educational Transfer Form and documentation indicating the father.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Monroe-Jefferson High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year. The student attended Jefferson except for ten school days from Jan. 28 to Feb. 8, 2008, when the student attended Carleton-Airport High School. The student has not participated in athletics previously.

The Executive Committee approved the

request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the fall season of the 2008-09 school year at Jefferson High School.

Morrice High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Perry High School while living in Morrice and enrolled at Morrice High School on March 6, 2008.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Morrice High School starting March 6, 2008.

Muskegon-Oakridge High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who attended Oakridge Schools for her entire career except for 15 school days from March 10-31, 2008, when the student attended Fruitport High School. On Sept. 29, 2007, the student was assaulted by another older student at Oakridge High School who is the subject of a personal protection order issued Nov. 28, 2007, after the older student would not stop contacting the student. The student was released by Oakridge High School and enrolled at Fruitport High School on March 10, 2008. On March 13, 2008, the Executive Committee approved a request for immediate eligibility at Fruitport High School. When the student who committed the assault recently left Oakridge, this student reenrolled there.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Otsego High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Martin High School and came to Otsego High School to register for classes on Feb. 29, 2008 (the fourth Friday). The student enrolled (actual attendance in a class) at Otsego High School on Monday, March 3, 2008.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Otsego High School starting March 3, 2008.

Saginaw-Valley Lutheran High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended Hemlock High School and participated in only three cross country races due to illness. The student enrolled at Valley Lutheran High School in January 2008 for academic reasons and to attend a Christian school.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Saginaw-Valley Lutheran High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended Essexville-Garber High School and participated in JV tennis. The student enrolled at Valley Lutheran High School in January 2008 due to personal issues with another student at Garber and to attend a Christian school.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

St. Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Bangor High School before enrolling at Lake Michigan Catholic on Nov. 12, 2007. The Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the transfer regulation on the 91st school day of enrollment submitted in January 2008. The school resubmitted this item with additional information, specifically that the student's change of schools was necessitated because of conflict with another student which had created a hostile environment for the student at Bangor High School. The student changed schools because of threats from other students, as well as another student's parent.

Based on the lack of outside documentation, the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Sand Creek High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose parents' divorce became final on Jan. 28, 2008. During the divorce proceedings on Dec. 8, 2007, the student left Sand Creek High School and enrolled at Adrian High School. The student reenrolled

at Sand Creek on April 7, 2008. The student previously participated in athletics at Sand Creek. The student has not changed residences but has changed schools as a result of the divorce.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Traverse City West High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Traverse City West High School for all but one and one-half months this past fall when the family moved to Florida because the parents' home was foreclosed. After experiencing difficulties in Florida and rising tensions at home, the student moved back to Traverse City to reside with his sister. The student reenrolled at Traverse City West High School in October 2007.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Troy High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year. The student previously attended Marian High School, participated in basketball and enrolled at Troy High School on Jan. 22, 2008.

Citing the specific requirement of the Section (no prior participation in high school athletics), the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Utica Community Schools (Regulation I, Section 9[A]) – Exception 10 of the transfer regulation allows a student unlimited school choice when he or she enrolls for the first time in the 10th grade of a three- or four-year high school and has not participated previously in the interscholastic athletic program of a three-year or four-year high school.

Shelby Junior High School of the Utica Community Schools is a grade 7-9 school whose students are designated by attendance area to be part of the 9-12 grade athletic program of either Utica Stevenson High School in Sterling Heights or Utica High School in Utica. Depending on the sport and student, a student might participate on the junior high school team in one sport and with his/her designated high school team in another. In

any event, the student has no choice of what high school he/she may attend as a 10th grader and be immediately eligible.

This unique situation raised these questions for Executive Committee review: If a student plays football at a 9-12 grade high school in the fall of 2007, and transfers to Shelby Junior High School at the start of the second semester, under Exception 10, is he eligible at the start of the 2008-09 school year at either Utica Stevenson or Utica High School, depending on the attendance area of his residence? Is he ineligible at any other high school under this exception?

The Executive Committee made these interpretations about this 9th-grade transfer student:

- (1) This student is ineligible under the transfer regulation at Shelby Junior High School and at either Utica Stevenson or Utica High School during the second semester.
- (2) This student is eligible at this district's high school of his residence at the start of 10th grade (having been ineligible for one full semester pursuant to No. 1 above).
- (3) This student is eligible at the start of 10th grade only at this district's high school of his residence. He is not eligible at the start of 10th grade at any other MHSAA member high school.

These interpretations apply to students who are or will be in this unique situation. It does not change the application of Exception 10 to other students. Only those 10th-grade students who have attended Shelby Junior High School for the two most recent consecutive school years and who participated at the junior high school level only, and not at all in the athletic program of Utica Stevenson or Utica High School, are immediately eligible at any MHSAA member high school under Exception 10.

Port Huron Northern High School (Regulation I, Section 13) – A request was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student to waive the prohibition against participation in an all-star event. The student was selected to participate in the Denny's All-American High School Bowling Championship in

March 2008, and he was advised not to participate. Students are selected to participate in this event based in part on their high school bowling performance. There is no tryout involved. The school requested that the student be allowed to play baseball this spring because an event in another sport (AFLAC All American High School Baseball Classic) was allowed under the regulations.

The Executive Committee noted that the AFLAC event involved a series of tryouts, while the Denny's event had no tryouts and participants were hand-picked in part on bowling scores. The difference is significant, the rule is clear and the request for waiver was not approved.

Zeeland East High School (Regulation II, Section 11) – Pursuant to Interpretation 219, a request to waive the three-player rule for the 2008-09 school year was made on behalf of the boys and girls swimming & diving coach who is a retired teacher whose sole income is from coaching the West Michigan Swimmers Club which trains at the Holland Aquatic Center and at Zeeland High School pools. There are approximately 135 students involved in grades 7-12 from six different school districts and the two Zeeland high schools which are in a swimming cooperative agreement. The request was granted previously for this coach in the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years. In addition, a request was made to waive the preseason down time restriction to permit this coach to coach students in the USA Swim Championship meet scheduled for July 31 – Aug. 3, 2008. The preseason down time request was not approved previously.

The Executive Committee approved the waiver for out-of-season coaching during the school year. The waiver of the preseason down time coaching restriction was not approved.

Regulation III, Section 1(C) – Pursuant to Interpretation 244, the Executive Committee approved waiver of the enrollment regulation for the following junior high/middle schools to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th and 8th-graders for the sports listed in the 2008-09 school year only:

DeTour-All 7th & 8th grade sports
Engadine-boys & girls basketball, girls volleyball

Fairview-boys basketball
Northport-All 7th & 8th grade sports

Muskegon-Catholic Central High School (Regulation III, Section 1) – The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver for 6th graders to participate with and against 7th and 8th graders in girls softball this spring.

Southern Central Athletic Association (Regulation IV, Section 10[B]) – The schools of this league requested that junior high/middle school football practice be allowed to begin one week earlier (Aug. 18, 2008) than the Monday before Labor Day (Aug. 25, 2008). Due to the change in sports seasons, the league would like to finish junior high boys basketball before Christmas break, and start girls junior high basketball upon the return to school in January. The one week earlier start to football practice would allow for the football season to end by Oct. 15 and allow two weeks of practice prior to boys basketball games on Nov. 3, 2008.

While the Executive Committee is supportive of middle schools' efforts to provide students with four sports season opportunities, the committee was concerned that it would provide competitive inequities to allow one conference to do what others were not doing. The Executive Committee asked that this topic be referred to the Representative Council for discussion, as well as to the Update Meeting survey, Athletic Director In-Service agenda and Junior High/Middle School Committee.

New Member School – Pursuant to the MHSAA Constitution adopted by member schools and according to procedures for MHSAA membership adopted by the Representative Council on March 27, 1997, the Executive Committee approved membership for the following school:

Marshall Academy is a public school academy in existence for eight years on the outer boundary of Marshall, chartered by Ferris State University under the management of Helicon/MJ Management Group. The school has added high school grades in the previous two school years and has an enrollment of 30 9th- and 10th-grade students and 127 students K-10. The school has limited outdoor facilities with plans for outdoor fields in soccer, baseball and softball and an

indoor non-regulation rubber-surfaced gymnasium floor. The school intends to sponsor boys and girls basketball and girls volleyball with plans to become a member of the Mid South League. The school's 2007-08 Membership Resolution was received signed on Dec. 10, 2007. Provided a 2008-09 Membership Resolution is received prior to Sept. 26, 2008, and by Oct. 2, 2009 for the 2009-10 school year, and provided all other rules are complied with, the school would be eligible for MHSAA postseason tournaments in the 2009-10 school year.

Designated Funds – The Executive Committee approved the use of four funds, previously designated by MHSAA staff or the Executive Committee for designated purposes, for settlement of legal claims, if necessary.

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

ONLINE OFFICIALS REGISTRATION UNDERWAY FOR 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration for individuals interested in becoming a high school athletic contest officials for the 2008-09 school year may now do so exclusively online through the Michigan High School Athletic Association Website, mhsaa.com.

From now until June 1, the Association will conduct an exclusive online registration period for new registrants and renewals. After June 1, applications will also be accepted by mail and on a walk-up basis for the upcoming school year. A kiosk is available at the MHSAA for online registration.

Online registrants receive a \$5 discount off their processing fees, regardless of when they submit their application. MHSAA registration fees are among the lowest in the nation. A \$10 fee is charged for each sport an official wishes to work, and the online processing fee is \$20. Officials registering by paper form will incur a \$25 processing fee. Officials registered in 2007-08 will be assessed a late fee of \$20 for registration after July 1. The processing fee includes liability insurance coverage of up to \$1 million for officials while working contests involving MHSAA schools. Officials registered in 2007-08 who add volleyball or basketball for the first time in 2008-09 will have registration fees waived for those sports.

There is an officials' registration test for first-time officials and officials not registered in the previous year. The test consists of 75 questions derived from the MHSAA *Officials Guidebook*, which is available on the Officials page of the MHSAA Website, and may be used during the open-book test.

Online registration can be accessed by clicking "Officials / Registration" on the Home Page of mhsaa.com. More information about officials registration may be obtained by contacting the MHSAA at 517-332-5046 or via e-mail: register@mhsaa.com.

**NOTE: The MHSAA Offices will be closed
June 30-July 4 (our Summer Dead Period).
Have a safe and restful summer!**

AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, April 16, 2008

Members Present:

Jim Derocher, Negaunee
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Eric Federico, Gibraltar

Staff Members Present:

Tom Minter
Peggy Montpas
Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

Also Present:

Keith Eldred, Williamston

2007-08 Year-To-Date – The Audit and Finance Committee reviewed and discussed financial reports for fiscal year 2007-08 through March 31, 2008, which showed improvement in comparison to the previous year when fall tournament attendance was very negatively affected by poor weather. However, winter tournament financial reports to date showed declining revenues in boys and girls basketball.

The committee was provided updates of revenue received and expenses incurred during April; and based on this information, the executive director projected that for 2007-08 there would be reductions in cash of approximately \$254,000.

Participating Teams Lodging Policies

– The committee reviewed existing policies that vary from tournament to tournament. It was agreed that differences in the number of teams participating at the Finals venue, the availability of hotels, conflicts with other events and the size of teams and the student-athletes themselves all work to justify differ-

ent policies for different tournaments. No changes were prepared for the Council's consideration.

Officials – The committee requested that staff research the effect of increasing MHSAA tournament officials' mileage for assignments requiring round-trip travel in excess of 50 miles. This research will be shared with the committee by mail and discussed by the Executive Committee on May 3.

Tournament Football – The committee reviewed initial responses from manufacturers interested in supplying the official ball for the MHSAA Football Playoffs. The committee determined that more information was needed from the manufacturers and some discussion was needed with football coaches before any recommendations could be made to the Representative Council.

2008-09 Proposed Budget – The Audit and Finance Committee approved a 2008-09 budget proposal for presentation to the Representative Council on May 4. ■

FIRST-YEAR ATHLETIC DIRECTORS REQUIRED TO ATTEND 2008 ORIENTATION PROGRAM

New Athletic Directors for the 2008-09 school year are required to attend an orientation program in the MHSAA Offices on either Aug. 7 or Aug 19, 2008. A second session is scheduled for Nov. 25, 2008. A registration form appears on the next page of this *Bulletin* and is also available at mhsaa.com. Current and out-going administrators are asked to inform new ADs (including those who took over mid-year) about this required and valuable program. This requirement of tournament participation is in the 2007-08 *Handbook* on page 73.



2008-09
New Athletic Director
Orientation Program
Advance Registration

By Representative Council Action, attendance is required for first-year athletic directors and athletic directors at new MHSAA member schools. Consult the 2008-09 MHSAA Handbook (page 73) Regulation II, Section 15 (H). The requirement may be waived for a new athletic director who has served in a member high school as an athletic director for at least one school year of the previous five.

New AD Orientation Session I

(two possible dates - preferred for new ADs)

Thursday, Aug. 7, 2008 – MHSAA Office (8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.)

- or -

Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2008 – MHSAA Office (8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

New AD Orientation Session II

(content differs from August programs)

Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2008 – MHSAA Office (8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.)

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

Name: _____

School: _____ School ID: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

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

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

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

Amount Enclosed: _____

Check Number: _____

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

GRAND SLAM LEADERSHIP ("Little" Changes)

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

In high school, when the male voices stretched their necks to reach a high note, our choir director would shout, "It's in the tummy, dummy, not in the throat." And he would put us through exercises to emphasize and strengthen the muscles in our diaphragms.

More recently, a personal trainer spoke to the MHSAA staff about strength and conditioning and ways to avoid aches and pains, especially in the back. She explained that it's not the arms or legs that matter much, but the body's core muscles that do the most to keep us fit and free of pain.

In each case, it's less obvious points of leverage that make the difference; and so it is with leadership. Change is rarely from the top down, seldom obvious when it starts, and rarely accomplished alone.

Buckminster Fuller (1895-1983), one of our nation's earliest environmentalists and author of more than 30 books who coined the term "spaceship earth" and legitimized the geodesic dome as an architectural design, has used a wonderful metaphor that describes non-obvious points of leverage that can be utilized to help facilitate change.

He uses the illustration of a ship trying to turn at sea. To turn it left, you don't push the bow in that direction; you turn the rudder to the right to get the ship to turn to the left.

And on very large ships, attached to the rudder is a trim tab which you turn left to get the rudder to turn to the right more easily, which in turn makes the ship turn left more easily. And all this occurs beneath the surface.

This is all about leverage and the subtleties of affecting change.

Leadership is not always obvious, nor are the tools and techniques of leverage which can change the course of things. But the tools are usually there.

Frances Hesselbein, CEO of the Girls Scouts of the USA, wrote: "... you always have the power, if you just know where to find it. There is the power of inclusion, and the power of language, and the

power of shared interests, and the power of coalition. Power is all around you to draw upon, but rarely raw, rarely visible."

The key to change is often collaboration. Change, real change, usually doesn't occur without it, regardless of the enterprise.

The problem, according to the former mayor of Lansing and former State Representative David Hollister, is this: "Collaboration is an unnatural act by consenting adults."

The real leader makes working together more natural and consensual, and people barely notice. ■

"A shared vision is not an idea. It is not even an important idea such as freedom. It is, rather, a force in people's hearts, a force of impressive power."

"At its simplest level, a shared vision is the answer to the question, 'What do we want to create?'"

"... A shared vision is the first step in allowing people who mistrusted each other to begin to work together. It creates common identity."

"Vision establishes an overarching goal. The loftiness of the target compels new ways of thinking and acting. A shared vision also provides a rudder to keep the learning process on course when stresses develop... with a shared vision, we are more likely to expose our ways of thinking, give up deeply held views, and recognize personal and organizational shortcomings."

— Peter M. Senge
The Fifth Discipline

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

THIS IS A TEST

The following is the closing message of the report of John E. "Jack" Roberts to the membership of the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, March 16, 2008.)

Sometimes after I hear a song over and over, and I begin to really listen to the words, I might write those words down. Especially if it's a song by Springsteen or John Fogerty or Jackson Browne.

But after I do this, and I read the words on paper or even recite the words aloud, I'm always disappointed. The words, without the music, lose something. The lyrics are neither as moving nor as powerful without the melody.

On occasion I have been complimented for my words about educational athletics, but I've come to appreciate that without the music, my words don't work. And I've come to appreciate that you folks provide the music.

Sometimes I may be the words of school sports in Michigan, but all the time you are the music of school sports in Michigan. You make the words meaningful, you make the words memorable, you make the words powerful, you make the words really happen. I don't, and I get that.

The plans we have for 2008 make what we tried to accomplish in 1998 and 1988 seem shallow, timid and unimaginative in comparison. Never have we had more ideas, never have we had larger ideas, for solving problems and improving our support and service for educational athletics in Michigan.

But never, at least since World War II, has the MHSAA been under more financial limitations than we are today.

In that respect, our situation is a lot like many schools – like superintendents and principals who are trying to improve their districts and school educational programs, and like athletic directors who are trying to improve their athletic departments and programs – never more ideas, but never more financial limitations.

Any day now, we will hear from the District Court regarding the fee petition of the plaintiffs' attorneys in the sports seasons

litigation. Under federal law, when a plaintiff brings a lawsuit under the 14th Amendment, plaintiffs' attorneys are entitled to petition the court for reimbursement of reasonable fees and costs if they prevail in the case. Not the defendants, only the plaintiffs' attorneys may do this, and only if plaintiffs prevail. The theory is that this allows the little guy whose Constitutional rights are being denied to pursue a lawsuit without going bankrupt. Plaintiffs' attorneys line up for these cases, claiming it's pro bono work, but seeking big fees if they win. It's intended to help David sue Goliath.

In this case, however, the plaintiffs were Goliath, with 21 timekeepers seeking reimbursement, plus the assistance of the U.S. Justice Department until it realized it was riding the wrong horse. All of this against the MHSAA, with three attorneys at the trial phase, and three attorneys at the appellate phase.

Here, Goliath sued David, won, and is now seeking millions from David.

And who decides what's fair reimbursement in this matter? Well, the same court which found for the plaintiffs on the facts and on the law. So we can't be optimistic, and we don't have insurance – that was used to pay our own attorneys in this case, and amounts to less than 40 percent of what the plaintiffs' attorneys are petitioning the court for.

So how do I spin this sow's ear (or other part of its anatomy) into a silk purse? Well here's a try.

Entrepreneur Ron Dembo, the creator of the environmental firm Zerofootprint, has said this: "It's nice to have resources, but not having money makes you work harder and be more innovative." Indeed.

And one of the themes I have gleaned from the book *The New Radicals* is that the most mission-driven enterprises most often operate in the most resource-constrained environments. It's almost necessary – to test

our missionary zeal – that we operate without all of the resources that we think we need.

Any attorney fee payment in the seasons litigation makes us mad, of course. On the one hand, it's a kick in the stomach that will just make us sick. But on the other hand, it's a test of our missionary zeal.

Can we – will we – pursue our pure mission anyway? Do we have the resolve, the commitment, and the constancy of principle and purpose to pursue our pure mission of educational athletics in Michigan anyway? I'm betting that we do. In fact, I'm betting some of the best part of my professional life that we will.

Last year I gave my wife the book *Blessed Unrest* by Paul Hawkin. It's subtitled "How the Largest Movement in the World Came into Being and Why No One Saw it Coming." It describes how individuals and small organizations have taken on world problems on the local level, and when taken together, have formed the largest movement in the world's history to preserve the environment and protect human rights.

At one point, Mr. Hawkin makes these statements, so applicable to our work: "There are two kinds of games – games that end, and games that don't. In the first game, the rules are fixed and rigid. In the second game, the rules change whenever necessary to keep the game going."

Religious scholar James Carse called these, respectively, finite and infinite games. He said we play finite games to compete and win. They always have losers and are called business, banking, war, NBA, Wall Street, and politics.

He said we play infinite games to play; they have no losers because the object of the game is to keep playing. Infinite games pay it forward and fill future coffers, he said.

This role and responsibility that I have, and this role and responsibility that you have, they are in an infinite game. Paying forward. Filling future coffers. What in the world could be better than this? What could be more stimulating and satisfying than this?

I see the possibilities that this state high school association, which has been among the nation's most committed to the core values of educational athletics, is being tested and being refined. Both its leaders and its members.

Will we continue to pursue our pure mission with passion and with principle anyway? Will we work harder, be more innovative? Will we keep the game going? I sincerely believe that you will, that I will, and that together we will. And I believe that it will make the most powerful music school sports in Michigan has ever heard. ■

UPDATES NEEDED: IMPORTANT WEB LOGIN PERIOD APPROACHING IN JULY

To assure the MHSAA has the **most updated personnel and membership information for your school** as we implement operations for the 2008-09 school year, **member athletic directors need to input all changes using the school login section of mhsaa.com**. The verification period from July 10 through Aug. 1, 2008 is especially critical for the MHSAA to communicate with member schools. This process also allows for a check of 2008-09 sport sponsorship information for your school. **Adding or dropping a sport must be submitted on signed school letterhead via fax or US Mail**. Athletic directors must continually update contact information and personnel changes as they occur to guarantee effective lines of communication between your office and ours throughout the year.

Please tend to this important detail. New administrators experiencing difficulty accessing their school's information via the login page should contact their predecessor or the MHSAA by phone.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RAISING STANDARDS AND PARTICIPATION IN TIMES OF DECLINING RESOURCES

Recently I was challenged to put into one sentence what the goal of a state high school athletic association ought to be. I was given no time to think, and said the following: "To involve an increasingly higher number of students in a program of increasingly higher standards."

Upon reflection, I have become increasingly pleased with that response: to involve an increasingly higher number of students in a program of increasingly higher standards. But if that is our goal, then it requires that we look at how we go about (1) increasing standards, and (2) increasing participation. And that requires we answer the tough question of how we raise standards and participation at a time of declining resources.

I. STANDARDS

Those of us who have devoted our lives to interscholastic athletics believe there is value in participation. But even more than that, we believe that much of the **value of participation** is dependent on the **standards for participation**. We have observed that as we raise standards of eligibility and conduct, we tend to raise the value of participation for students, their schools and our communities.

So where should we be looking next to raise expectations and standards, and how should we be going about it? Here are three ideas:

(A) We know we can continue to improve conduct at our events, but we also know we can't move too rapidly or radically. Remember the story (inaccurate) that a high school association in the west was going to ban booing? That would have been too much, too fast.

But if we are reasonable and practical with our expectations and requirements, and comprehensive in our efforts, we can improve sportsmanship. In fact, there may not be a limit to raising standards of conduct, however incrementally. The limit may not be

on how high we go, but how fast. We must move cautiously.

(B) However, there may be limits to how much we raise other standards. For example, academic standards. While this is educational athletics and there may be a need to raise the minimum statewide academic standards for athletic eligibility, the requirements cannot be raised so much that they actually diminish the value of interscholastic athletics as a tool for schools to reach and hold students and to motivate them to stay in school, like school a little more, and perhaps do a little better than they otherwise would. Participation limited to gifted and talented students limits the value of interscholastic athletics to our students, schools and communities.

The 2007 MHSAA Update Meeting survey indicated that 56.5 percent of 806 respondents favor an MHSAA requirement of a minimum grade point average for athletic eligibility, with 1.5 or 2.0 provided as examples. This included 29 of 60 superintendents, 125 of 201 principals, and 206 of 494 athletic directors participating in the survey. This was the first time in two decades that any MHSAA survey has returned more than 50 percent support for higher academic standards statewide as a prerequisite for interscholastic athletic participation.

That same survey found a smaller percentage, 43.3 percent of respondents, favoring a change in the MHSAA minimum athletic eligibility standards from passing 20 to passing 25 credit hours (four to five courses under traditional semester scheduling) during the previous and current terms. This included 30 of 60 superintendents, 112 of 197 principals, and 185 of 493 athletic directors.

Media and public comment has generally supported a higher MHSAA-adopted statewide minimum academic standard for interscholastic athletic eligibility. However, it is unlikely that this would be a radical

increase, or any change at all that is without the support of the state associations of school boards, superintendents and principals.

Our membership is very diverse, and one rule may not fit all schools. In many schools, the student population is very diverse, and one rule will not fit all students. So if change is coming, it is coming cautiously and with consensus.

(C) We are acutely aware of the need to raise the level of preparation for coaches of interscholastic teams. Nowhere in the school setting do you find supervisory adults working with more students in more emotional settings with more risk of injury . . . and often, with less training.

But again, we cannot raise requirements so much so fast that the candidate pool is reduced and school teams are without coaches, and sports programs must be dropped. There is a limit to how much we can do and how fast we do it before a good thing becomes bad.

The 2007 MHSAA Update Meeting survey indicated almost 72 percent of 805 respondents favored a new requirement for the 2009-10 school year that head coaches complete a basic first aid and/or CPR and/or AED training before coaching an interscholastic scrimmage or contest. Forty-four of 59 superintendents, 152 of 200 principals and 347 of 495 responding athletic directors indicated they favor this new requirement, effective with the 2009-10 school year. This is surprising support for a higher standard.

Historically, the MHSAA has joined with the Michigan Association of School Boards and the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals in opposing bills in the Michigan Legislature which would make it a requirement for coaches to complete specified sports safety or CPR courses. The practical concerns of these organizations trumped their thoughts about what would be ideal for interscholastic athletics and its participants.

However, the more moderate proposal surveyed at the MHSAA meetings last October may have sufficient support to become the rule of the not-too-distant future, because the new standard is more modest and flexible than proposed state laws, and it could be supported by a large majority of the

MHSAA's voluntary membership.

The MHSAA will continue to consider rising standards in these and other areas of interscholastic athletics, looking for the advice and consent of its membership. We recognize that not every good idea is practical or without serious negative unintended consequences. We will seek to find the balance and to adopt those higher standards that increase the value of participation to Michigan's students, schools and communities, without increasing problems.

That, we think, is how we go about raising standards in times of declining resources: cautiously, cost-consciously and with clear consensus. Now let's look at how we might go about increasing participation.

II. PARTICIPATION

Last May, we began a study under the title: "Planning for School Sports in Contemporary Society." This effort has intended to help us answer these questions: How in the face of our historical problems – for example, professionalism, commercialism, nationalism, elitism and specialization – and how in the face of our new problems – for example, the sagging economy and the sports seasons changes – do we increase the relevance of school sports to youth, and how do we increase the usefulness of school sports to schools?

We have discovered that some of the very same ways we go about increasing participation are the ways we go about increasing support and resources. In other words, new efforts to increase participation often equate to new sources of support for the enterprise.

At the conclusion of the 80-page document is a new business plan for the MHSAA, a business diversification plan really, one that relies on tournament gate receipts for a lower percentage of the MHSAA's total revenue. And following that new business diversification plan is an 11-point action plan for 2008 which maps out our immediate plans, several of which are right on point for increasing involvement in times of decreasing resources.

Among the 11 points of the action plan are:

- continued emphasis on sportsmanship;
- continued expansion of the Coaches Advancement Program;
- continued development of leadership training for athletic administrators;
- expansion of the Team Captain Leadership Development Program;
- a third survey of 7th, 8th and 9th-graders regarding their interests in sports participation in the future, including those for which the MHSAA already sponsors tournaments and those for which the MHSAA does not;
- retention of commission-based expertise to expand sponsor and grant support of MHSAA programs;
- continued comprehensive review and overhaul of MHSAA tournament administration, with special emphasis on site selection, financial splits and accounting, scheduling, seeding and staging;
- strategies for uses of video technology at both the MHSAA and local levels;
- expanding use of the Internet for commercial transactions with the public and interactive communications with constituents;
- development of the Center for Excellence in Educational Athletics, which could include an arena that would turn facilities from a major expense item to a significant revenue center for the MHSAA;
- development of the “Reaching Higher” program, a package of strategies that attempts to regain some of the almost 80 percent of young people who drop out of organized sports before they reach the high school level, and to retain the interests and loyalties of the gifted and talent-

ed athlete longer – an elementary to college-bound initiative intending to have kids thinking of school sports earlier and longer than the current pattern.

All of this should demonstrate that the MHSAA is not giving up on increasing numbers and elevating standards even in these tough times. The objectives remain unchanged, but there are some new strategies and devices being added to our tool box.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the media criticized President Bush and leaders of his administration for acting like the Emperor Nero. You may remember, Nero kept fiddling while Rome was burning.

That must not be said of us. For example, we must be attentive and promptly responsive to what’s happening with the seasons shifts. Perhaps history will judge us as having been too slow to reevaluate out-of-season coaching rules. Let it not be said that we were too slow in responding to the issues created by the seasons changes, allowing current patterns to become entrenched and problems institutionalized, and watching participation drop.

On the broader and larger topic – what should be done to keep youth interested in school sports and school sports useful to schools – do we attack that challenge now, imaginatively and comprehensively, or do we wait and merely rearrange chairs on the Titanic?

I think you know the approach that I would prefer; but more importantly, I think you know the approach that students deserve and that schools need, an approach that looks at what might be possible a lot more than what is not. ■

And, we quote —

Champions aren't made in the gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them -- a desire, a dream, a vision.

— Muhammad Ali

TOMMY JOHN SURGERY

You may not have seen L.A. Dodgers Tommy John pitch in the 1970s, but most people recognize his name. Not so much for his accomplishments in baseball, but more so for being the first professional athlete to successfully undergo a revolutionary surgery by Dr. Frank Jobe known to physicians as ulnar collateral ligament reconstruction, or “Tommy John” surgery to you and I. This is a surgical procedure where the ligament on the medial side (inside) of the elbow is replaced with a tendon from another part of the body. Recovery time from this surgery ranges from 6 months for position players to 1 year for pitchers, and includes intensive physical therapy. Full recovery to pre-injury function is usually 18-24 months, and success rate is now around 85 percent.

The ulnar collateral ligament (UCL) is the main ligament on the inside of the elbow that holds the lower part of the arm (radius and ulna) to the upper part (humerus) and prevents them from moving abnormally from side to side. It can become stretched, frayed, or torn through the stress of the throwing motion. This injury is usually not painful and is often misdiagnosed. This injury will rob a pitcher of both velocity and control, as the arm can shift during throwing. It has been referred to as “Dead Arm”. If a thrower continues to participate before the injury is treated a full rupture may occur. When the ligament ruptures, the joint of the elbow becomes unstable and may require surgery.

While an athlete’s style of throwing or the type of pitches they throw can contribute to injuries to the UCL, the greatest determinant actually seems to be the volume of throwing in total. And since injury, and eventually surgery, is becoming more and more common in children ages 10-18, age-based recommendations for pitch limits in young athletes have been developed. Little League baseball moved to adopt pitch count rules voluntarily at first in 2004, then manda-

tory in 2007. The National Youth Sports Organization then refined the pitching rules for the 2008 season.

- Ages 7-8 are limited to a maximum of 50 pitches/day
- Ages 9-10 are limited to 75 pitches/day
- Ages 11-12 are limited to 85 pitches/day
- Ages 13-16 are limited to 95 pitches/day

In addition to pitch count limitations, pitchers ages 16 and younger will be required to comply with mandatory rest requirements:

- If a player throws 61 pitches in a day, they can’t pitch again for 3 calendar days with a minimum of 1 game off
- If a player throws 41-60 pitches in a day, they can’t pitch again for 2 calendar days with a minimum of 1 game off
- If a player throws 21-40 pitches in a day, they must observe one calendar day of rest

Some of the other contributing factors for the increased injury rates seen in young throwers include increased season length, participation in travel teams, playing on more than one team at a time, and throwing more breaking pitches at a younger age. But the volume of throwing still appears to be the major factor in these injuries. By monitoring these factors and adhering to the guidelines for pitch count and rest, the number of injuries to the UCL, as well as surgeries in young throwers, will decrease. And “Tommy John” will be known more for his success on the field, rather than for the surgery named for him.

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

2008-09 UPDATE MEETING AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR IN-SERVICE DATES

Please coordinate calendars now with other administrative or league meetings to **avoid conflicts** with events in your area. If possible, do not schedule league or regional meetings on the dates of Update and AD In-service in your area.

Every Athletic Director should attend an AD In-Service and an Update Meeting each year. AD In-Service programs begin at 8:30 a.m. Update Meetings start with lunch at noon and conclude before 2 p.m. School Board members, Superintendents and Principals are encouraged to join us for the Update Meetings.

The Sept. 29 meeting in Traverse City is a breakfast meeting (complimentary) held in conjunction with the Fall Conference of the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals and also serves as the MHSAA's Annual Business Meeting. The next six meetings listed will begin with a luncheon at Noon followed by the Update Meeting at 1 p.m. Those wishing to attend the meeting but not planning to participate in the luncheon should plan to arrive shortly before 1 p.m.

If you have specific items you feel should be covered, please forward these suggestions to the MHSAA office prior to June 1, 2008.

A registration form will be published in the August Bulletin, and is currently available at mhsaa.com on the Administrators page.

FALL AD IN-SERVICE AND UPDATE MEETING SCHEDULE

Mon. Sept. 29	Traverse City (Grand Traverse Resort)	Update Only
	MASSP Conference	MASSP Breakfast
Wed. Oct 1	Kalamazoo (Pine West)	In-service and Update
Mon. Oct 6	Comstock Park (English Hills Country Club)	In-service and Update
Wed. Oct 8	Frankenmuth (Zehnder's)	In-service and Update
Mon. Oct 13	Gaylord (Hidden Valley Otsego Club)	In-service and Update
Wed. Oct 15	Lansing (Holiday Inn South)	In-service and Update
Wed. Oct 22	Warren (DeCarlos Conference Center)	Update Only (Noon)
Fri. Oct. 31	Marquette	Update Only (10 a.m.)
	Site set by UP Athletic Directors	

UPDATE MEETING ATTENDANCE HISTORY

1978 - 657	1988 - 1,030	1998 - 1,221
1979 - 677	1989 - 1,152	1999 - 1,159
1980 - 812	1990 - 1,163	2000 - 1,109
1981 - 839	1991 - 1,106	2001 - 1,093
1982 - 875	1992 - 1,044	2002 - 1,155
1983 - 949	1993 - 1,042	2003 - 1,060
1984 - 921	1994 - 1,110	2004 - 1,268
1985 - 1,071	1995 - 1,150	2005 - 1,148
1986 - 1,132	1996 - 1,184	2006 - 1,135
1987 - 1,173	1997 - 1,118	2007 - 993

2009 MICHIGAN MERIT EXAM DATES

DATES	CONFLICTS
March 10	Girls Basketball Regionals, Ice Hockey Quarterfinals, LP Boys Diving Regionals
March 11.....	Boys Basketball Districts, Ice Hockey Quarterfinals
March 12.....	Girls Basketball Regionals, Ice Hockey Semifinals, Individual Wrestling Finals

MAKEUP DATES

March 24.....	Boys Basketball Quarterfinals
March 25	None
March 26	Boys Basketball Semifinals

2008-09 NATIONAL TESTING DATES

Please advise students of the 2008-09 test date schedule. Your students should be aware of athletic tournament dates and should attempt to schedule their respective test date away from tournament dates of the sport or sports in which they are interested and participate. Following are test dates for 2008-09 and dates where tournaments would create conflict.

ACT ASSESSMENT DATES	CONFLICTS
Sept. 13, 2008	None
October 25, 2008	LP Cross Country Regionals; Boys Soccer Regionals
December 13, 2008.....	None
February 7, 2009.....	None
April 4, 2009.....	None
June 13, 2009	Baseball Finals; Girls Soccer Finals; Softball Finals

SAT TESTING DATES	CONFLICTS
October 4, 2008	None
November 1, 2008	LP Cross Country Finals; Boys Soccer Finals; Football Pre-Districts
December 6, 2008	None
January 24, 2009	None
March 14, 2009	Girls Gymnastics Finals; Ice Hockey Finals; LP Boys Swimming Finals; Individual Wrestling Finals
May 2, 2009	None
June 6, 2009	LP Boys Golf Finals; Boys & Girls Lacrosse Finals; Baseball Regionals; Softball Regionals; Girls Soccer Regionals

AP EXAM DATES	CONFLICTS
May 4-8, 11-15, 2009	None

(Advanced Placement Exams are administered over a five-day period for each subject)

AWARDS ACCOMPANY MARCH TOURNAMENTS

Just as winter is the busiest season for MHSAA Finals, it also is a time to honor special groups and individuals who have represented high school sports in a most exemplary manner, and also those who represent a positive future for interscholastic athletics.

Forsythe Award Goes to Gent, Newkirk

Presented at the Boys Basketball Finals, the Forsythe Award went to **Jamie Gent** (left), who has served Haslett Public Schools for 41 years, including 18 as athletic director; and **William Newkirk** (right), who recently retired after 35 years of service to educational athletics, the last 11 at Sanford Meridian Public schools. The award, named after former MHSAA Executive Director Charles E. Forsythe for an individual's outstanding contribution to the interscholastic athletics, was presented by MHSAA Representative Council President James Derocher (center).



Visual Image Photography

“A lifetime of service to educational athletics can take you down two distinctively paths and lead you to the same end – making things better for young people – and Jamie Gent and Bill Newkirk are great studies in leadership by example,” said Roberts.

Bos Named Women In Sports Leadership Winner

Jane Bos, the prep sports editor at the Grand Rapids Press, was named the recipient of the 2007-08 Women In Sports Leadership Award by the MHSAA Representative Council. She is shown here receiving the award from MHSAA Executive Director Jack Roberts at the 18th Women In Sports Leadership Conference in Lansing on Feb. 10.

Each year the Representative Council considers the achievements of women coaches, officials and athletic administrators affiliated with the MHSAA who show exemplary leadership capabilities and positive contributions to athletics.

The only female prep sports editor at a major daily newspaper in the state, Bos is in her 19th year at the Grand Rapids Press, where she has won numerous awards from the Michigan Press Association and the Associated Press for her writing.



John Johnson, Okemos

2007-08 Scholar-Athlete Recipients Honored

In ceremonies at halftime of the 2008 MHSAA Boys Basketball Tournament Class C Final on March 15 at the Breslin Center in East Lansing, 32 students were honored as the 2007-08 recipients of the Association's Scholar-Athlete Award, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. In its 19th year of sponsoring the award, Farm Bureau Insurance gives a \$1,000 college scholarship to these 32 individuals, to be used at the college, university or trade school of their choice during the 2008-09 school year.

This year, 1,965 applications were received from 477 schools. Scholarships were awarded proportionately by school classification, with 12 scholarships to Class A student-athletes, six female and six male; eight scholarships to Class B student-athletes, four female and four male; six scholarships to Class C student-athletes, three female and three male; and four scholarships to Class D student-athletes, two female and two male. In addition, there were two at-large honorees which may come from any classification.

Multiple-sport participation was again the norm for this year's applicants, and even more so for the finalists. The average sport participation rate of the finalists was 2.59, while the average of the application pool was 2.07. There were 69 three-sport participants in the finalist field.



2007-08 Scholar-Athletes – Front Row (L to R): Dustin R. Baker, St Louis; Ashley Bish, Detroit Cass Tech; Lindsay Lee Bo, Fruitport; Pam K. Bhullar, Plymouth; Joshua M. Campbell, Kingston; Marisa Coury, Detroit Country Day; Christopher Ellenberger, Onaway; Ryan Patrick Erickson, Okemos. **Second Row:** Erin J. Fedewa, St Johns; Brian Fiani, Detroit Country Day; Julie Fielder, Manchester; Sonny Gast, Bridgman; Melissa Hale, Atlanta; Derek Harrington, Kingsford; David L. Harvey, Plymouth. **Third Row:** Alexandra C. Hock, Lake Orion; Daniel Johns, Comstock Park; Ben Landes, Midland Dow; Clara Leutheuser, Hillsdale Academy; Lindy Rae Melville, Jenison; Logan Matthew Neil, Holland West Ottawa; Megan Novak, Farmington Hills Mercy; Andrew Plaska, Zeeland West. **Back Row:** Zachary Putnam, Hale; Jessica A. Racine, Ishpeming Westwood; Cody R. Rzeznik, Walled Lake Central; Jennifer Schaafsma, East Grand Rapids; Clarissa Tamez, Essexville Garber; Conor Wolohan, Saginaw Nouvel; Mitchell S. Zajac, Holt.

Scope Award Goes to Four Schools

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, Clare, Comstock Park and St. Charles were selected as the recipients of the 2007-08 SCOPE Awards.

Acknowledging the efforts of those schools working to maintain a sane scope for their sports programs, the MHSAA and AT&T created an awards program which is in its second year, helping promote the proper perspective for school athletics.

AT&T presented each school with a \$2,500 check to be used in the continued pro-

motion of an educational attitude for their programs. The ceremonies took place at halftime of the MHSAA Class D Boys Basketball Championship game at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing on March 15.

All schools entering the program were required to submit a variety of materials describing how they would use the \$2,500 to further the promotion of a proper perspective for school sports.



'Game of Century' Remembered in Legends Program

In an effort to promote educational athletics by showcasing some of the great teams of past years, the MHSAA instituted a program called "Legends of the Games" in 1997. This year, the participants from the 1958 MHSAA Class A Boys Basketball Finals –

Detroit Austin Catholic and Benton Harbor – were honored at halftime of the Class A Boys Basketball Final on March 15 at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing.



Two Girls Basketball Teams Tabbed as Legends

Rock Mid Peninsula



In an effort to promote educational athletics by showcasing some of the great teams of past years, the MHSAA instituted a program called "Legends of the Games" in 1997. This year, the 1977-78 MHSAA Girls Basketball championship teams from **DeWitt** (Class C) and **Rock Mid Peninsula** (Class D) at halftime of the Class C Girls Basketball Final on Saturday at the Convocation Center in Ypsilanti.

DeWitt



LEGACY PROGRAM NETS 117 OFFICIALS IN 2007-08

During the 2006-07 school year, 117 high school seniors participated as MHSAA Legacy officials.

This year's class brings the total to 762 students who have become registered and active officials during their senior year of high school through the Legacy program.

The program was conceived by officials, teachers of officiating classes and staff members of the MHSAA and first implemented in 1992.

Basic to the program is the belief that properly and adequately coached from the outset, young people with an interest in officiating can develop as capable officials so that in the future they will be prepared to follow in the footsteps of their adult guide. It is a goal of the program that student officials learn the correct way to perform as an official.

Each student official (high school junior) must be prepared to dedicate time to study, practice and learn officiating skills, as well as officiate 7th and 8th-grade contests. Student officials must understand the need for time commitment before they embark on this experience.

The student's guide is a veteran official who will chart the course, help arrange contests and introduce the student to the practices and procedures of officiating. Assistance with tests and clinic experiences is a part of this responsibility. The teaching guide accompanies the student official to MHSAA rules meetings.

Former athletes remain one of the basic populations from which MHSAA contests officials are developed. They enjoy athletics, have an understanding of the games and a love of the competition. In addition, athletes have an understanding and appreciation of the sportsmanship that is important to competition.

Becoming a member of the officiating "team" through the Legacy program allows students to remain connected to the sport which was enjoyed so much as a player. ■

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS ANNOUNCED FOR WINTER TOURNAMENTS

A total of 170 teams representing over 150 schools have been selected to be recognized for displaying outstanding sportsmanship during selected winter Michigan High School Athletic Association postseason tournament competitions through the Good Sports Are Winners! Program, and all will receive awards ranging from framed certificates to commemorative banners and crystal trophies from MEEMIC Insurance, the Association's corporate partner in sportsmanship efforts.



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The program is conducted in team sports, with schools being evaluated by tournament management at District, Regional and Final Round sites. This winter, a total of 156 different schools were selected in tournaments conducted in girls and boys basketball, girls competitive cheer, ice hockey and team dual wrestling.

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

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

Grosse Pointe North in girls basketball (Class A), **Lawrence** in boys basketball (Class D), **Colon** in girls competitive cheer (Division 4), **Midland** in ice hockey (Division 2), and **Allendale** in team dual wrestling (Division 3) were selected by the tournament management at their respective Finals for displaying the exemplary sportsmanship by their coaches, student-athletes and spectators. Presentation dates at each winning school will be announced at a future date.

Grosse Pointe North was the champion in the Class A girls basketball tournament; Lawrence was a semifinalist in boys basketball; Colon placed third in cheer; Midland was a finalist on the ice; and Allendale was a semifinalist on the mat. This is the second time Midland has been honored with the Finals award in ice hockey, the previous award coming in 1994. Allendale previously won a Finals award in boys basketball in 1991. North was also recognized in ice hockey at the Regional level.

Dearborn Edsel Ford was recognized in the winter at three tournaments, while 13 schools – Allen Park Cabrini, Detroit Pershing, East Lansing, Flint Powers Catholic, Freeland, Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills, Hazel Park, Jenison, Madison Heights Lamphere, Negaunee, Richland Gull Lake, Rockford, Traverse City Christian – received mention in twice. Boys basketball led the way with 75 teams honored, followed by 68 teams in girls basketball; 19 in ice hockey; five in team dual wrestling; and three in girls competitive cheer.

The following page lists Good Sports Are Winners! Award recipients as submitted by tournament managers for the winter sports season.

2007-08 GOOD SPORTS ARE WINNERS! AWARDS

(Based on reports received at the MHSAA offices as of 4-21-08.

NOTE: Not all site managers responded, and there can only be one winner at each site.)

BOYS BASKETBALL

Districts

Auburn Hills Avondale
 Baldwin
 Bark River-Harris
 Benzie Central
 Bloomingdale
 Britton-Macon
 Brown City
 Byron
 Caledonia
 Carsonville-Port Sanilac
 Constantine
 Crystal Falls ForeSt. Park
 Detroit Cody
 Detroit Loyola
 Detroit Mumford
 EaSt. Lansing
 Engadine
 Fife Lake ForeSt. Area
 Freeland
 Genesee Christian
 Grand Rapids Covenant Christian
 Grand Rapids ForeSt. Hills Northern
 Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills
 Grand Rapids WeSt. Catholic
 Grass Lake
 Greenville
 Hemlock
 Holt
 Hopkins
 Houghton
 Iron Mountain
 Kalamazoo Hackett
 Kinde-North Huron
 Lansing New Covenant Christian
 Lapeer West
 Mackinaw City
 Madison Heights Lamphere
 Maple City Glen Lake
 Marshall
 Mayville
 Mt. Clemens
 Mt. Pleasant
 Negaunee
 Niles
 North Adams-Jerome
 Ottawa Lake Whiteford
 Petoskey
 Pontiac Notre Dame Prep
 Redford Thurston
 Romeo
 Romulus
 Royal Oak
 St. Joseph
 Tekonsha
 Traverse City Christian
 Ubly
 Warren Fitzgerald
 Watersmeet
 Whitehall
 Wolverine

Regionals

Adrian Lenawee Christian
 Auburn Hills Oakland Christian
 Bear Lake
 Carson City-Crystal
 Detroit Pershing
 Flint Beecher
 Flint Powers Catholic
 Jenison
 Napoleon
 Negaunee
 Orchard Lake St. Mary's
 Richland Gull Lake
 Saline
 Saugatuck

GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER

Regionals

Marquette
 Pinckney

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Districts

Allen Park Cabrini
 Athens
 Baraga
 Battle Creek Pennfield
 Burton Bendle
 Camden-Frontier
 Cass City
 Central Lake
 Chassell
 Comstock Park
 Cooks Big Bay de Noc
 Coopersville
 Dearborn Edsel Ford
 Detroit Country Day
 Detroit Pershing
 EaSt. Lansing
 Ewen-Trout Creek
 Freeland
 Fremont
 Gaylord St. Mary
 Gladstone
 Hancock
 Hartland
 Hazel Park
 Hillman
 Hillsdale Carleton Academy
 Holland Christian
 Kalamazoo Christian
 Kimball New Life Christian
 Kingsley
 Lansing Everett
 Ludington
 Manistee Catholic Central
 Midland Dow
 Norway
 Oxford
 Paw Paw
 Petersburg-Summerfield
 Pewamo-Westphalia

Port Hope

Reese
 Richland Gull Lake
 Richmond
 River Rouge
 Rockford
 Saline Washtenaw Christian
 Shepherd Morey Public School
 St. Clair Shores South Lake
 Tawas Area
 Traverse City Christian
 Troy
 Utica Ford

Regionals

Allen Park Cabrini
 Battle Creek St. Philip
 Bloomfield Hills Roeper
 Corunna
 Dansville
 Dearborn Edsel Ford
 Detroit Community
 Eben Junction Superior Central
 Galesburg-Augusta
 Ishpeming Westwood
 Livonia Ladywood
 Merrill
 Muskegon Western Michigan
 Christian
 Sandusky
 Sault Ste. Marie
 Wyoming Rogers

ICE HOCKEY

Regionals

Brownstown Woodhaven
 Calumet
 Chelsea
 Dearborn Edsel Ford
 Flint Powers Catholic
 Grand Blanc
 Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills
 Grosse Pointe North
 Hudsonville
 Jenison
 Kingsford
 Madison Heights Lamphere
 Plymouth
 Riverview
 Rockford
 Traverse City Central
 Troy Athens
 Walled Lake Western

TEAM WRESTLING

Districts

Algonac
 Mancelona

Regionals

Algonac
 Mancelona

ALTERNATE-YEAR RULES PUBLICATIONS

The Michigan High School Athletic Association will soon be providing all National Federation rules publications to its member schools and registered officials on an alternate-year rather than annual basis.

Citing the high cost to purchase and ship rules books that have few significant changes year after year, MHSAA staff proposed last spring and the Representative Council approved Nov. 30 a schedule of purchases that will save the association approximately \$115,000 over each two-year period.

The savings will not only allow the association to delay increases in its officials registration fees which are already among the lowest across the country, but it will also help underwrite new officials' recruitment, current officials' retention and training initiatives, including an online video training program that will be available free of charge to all MHSAA registered officials in 2009.

The MHSAA and the Illinois High School Association have mutually agreed on a schedule for alternate-year purchases of National Federation rules books which will permit these two associations to continue to work together on the afore-mentioned and other officiating matters.

The MHSAA is among several high school associations across the country that have been requesting that the National Federation prepare and publish rules changes on a two-year schedule for all sports, not just girls gymnastics. Recently, the National Collegiate Athletic Association adopted a two-year schedule for playing rules changes for intercollegiate athletics, and many other organizations change rules even less frequently.

In the "off years" when publications are not purchased, the MHSAA will provide the previous year's rules book to new officials; and all officials and schools will be provided summaries of changes online, in print and at meetings.

Following is the MHSAA distribution plan for National Federation publications:

2008-09:

Baseball Rules Book and Case Book
Basketball Rules Book and Case Book
Girls Gymnastics Rules Book
Track & Field Rules Book and Case Book

2009-10 and again in 2011-12:

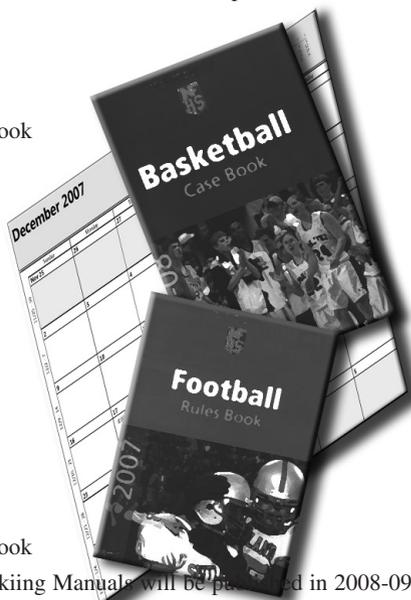
Football Rules Book and Case Book
Ice Hockey Rules Book
Girls Lacrosse Rules Book
Boys Lacrosse Rules Book
Soccer Rules Book
Softball Rules Book and Case Book
Swimming & Diving Rules Book
Volleyball Rules Book and Case Book
Wrestling Rules Book and Case Book

2010-11 and again in 2012-13:

Baseball Rules Book and Case Book
Basketball Rules Book and Case Book
Girls Gymnastics Rules Book
Track & Field Rules Book and Case Book

MHSAA Competitive Cheer and Alpine Skiing Manuals will be published in 2008-09 and 2010-11, etc. Rules books in bowling, golf and tennis will also be provided in 2008-09 and 2010-11, etc.

NOTE: Volleyball and Wrestling Case Books will not be available in 2008-09 as originally reported in the *December/January Bulletin*. ■



SCHOOL CLASSIFICATIONS ANNOUNCED FOR 2008-09

Classifications for Michigan High School Athletic Association elections and postseason tournaments in traditionally classified sports (A, B, C, D) for the 2008-09 school year have been announced, and the enrollment breaks for postseason tournaments set up by divisions appears on the MHSAA Website.

Classifications for the upcoming school year are based on a second semester count date, which for MHSAA purposes was Feb. 27. The enrollment figure submitted for athletic classification purposes may be different from the count submitted for school aid purposes, as it does not include students ineligible for athletic competition because they reached their 19th birthday prior to Sept. 1 of the current school year and will not include alternative education students if none are allowed athletic eligibility by the local school district.

After all the counts are submitted, the 766 tournament-qualified member schools were ranked according to enrollment, and then split as closely into quarters as possible. For 2008-09, there are 190 schools each in Class A, and 192 schools each in Classes B, C and D.

Effective with the 2008-09 school year, schools with 1,017 or more students are in Class A in MHSAA competition. The enrollment limits for Class B are 498 to 1,016; Class C is 234 to 497; and schools with enrollments of 233 and under are Class D. The breaks decreased 38 students between Classes A and B; 9 student between Classes B and C; and 15 students between Classes C and D.

The new classification breaks will see 23 schools move up in class for 2008-09, while 17 schools will move down.

Schools were recently notified of their classification. MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts said that schools may not subsequently lower their enrollment figure. However, if revised enrollment figures should be higher and indicate that a school should be playing in a higher class, that school would be moved up.

Schools have the option to play at any higher classification for a minimum of two years, but must exercise the option by April 15 for fall sports, August 15 for winter sports, and October 15 for spring sports.

MHSAA tournament sports conducted in traditional classifications for 2008-09 are Basketball and Girls Volleyball. Football will use traditional classifications to determine playoff points.

Sports which will compete in nearly equal divisions are: Baseball, Bowling, Girls Competitive Cheer, Cross Country, Golf, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Skiing, Softball, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Track and Field, and Wrestling. Soccer will have 20 percent of sponsoring schools in Division 4 and the remaining schools divided equally into Divisions 1, 2 and 3. Visit the respective sports pages on the MHSAA Web Site to review the divisional alignments.

The eight divisions of the MHSAA Football Playoffs will be announced on Selection Sunday, Oct. 26, 2008. A complete list of school enrollments used to determine classifications for the 2008-09 school year can be found on the Administrators page of the MHSAA Website.

Here is a complete list of the schools changing classification for 2008-09 (Note: This list does not include schools opting up in class/division for tournaments, which can be found on the Administrators page of the MHSAA Website, and on page 342 of this *Bulletin*):

Enrollment Breaks By Classes – 2007-08

(Number of schools in parenthesis)

Class A -- 1,017 and above (190)

Class B -- 498 to 1,016 (192)

Class C -- 234 to 497 (192)

Class D -- 233 and below (192)

Moving Up From Class B To Class A

Bloomfield Hills Andover
 Carleton Airport
 Cedar Springs
 Detroit Renaissance
 Flint Northwestern Academy
 Highland Park
 Jackson Northwest
 Lansing Waverly
 Wayland Union

Moving Down From Class A To Class B

Bloomfield Hills Lahser
 Detroit Finney
 Detroit International Academy
 Flint Central Academy
 Grand Rapids Christian
 Lansing Sexton
 Saginaw
 Tecumseh

Moving Up From Class C To Class B

Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard
 Beaverton
 Clawson
 Detroit Communication Media Arts
 Detroit Frederick Douglass
 Ferndale-Academy of Oak Park
 Hillsdale
 Scottville Mason County Central
 Shelby
 South Lyon East

Moving Down From Class B To Class C

Detroit Cleveland Intermediate
 Erie Mason
 Montrose
 Oscoda
 Vermontville Maple Valley

Moving Up From Class D To Class C

Detroit Charlotte Forten Academy
 Detroit City
 Detroit Winans Academy
 Pittsford

Moving Down From Class C To Class D

Athens
 Colon
 Eau Claire
 Muskegon Catholic Central

New Postseason Eligible Tournament Schools in 2008-09

Ann Arbor Skyline (Class C)
 Redford-Michigan Technical Academy (Class C)
 Fraser-Arts Academy In The Woods (Class C)
 Harper Woods-Chandler Park Academy (Class C)
 Southfield-Bradford Academy (Class C)
 Dearborn-Riverside Academy West (Class D)
 Taylor-Trillium Academy (Class D)
 New Haven-Merritt Academy (Class D)
 Traverse City College Prep Academy (Class D)

ONLINE RULES MEETINGS SLATED FOR AUGUST 2008

Online rules meetings will begin in some sports beginning in August 2008. Limited on-site meetings will continue, but the MHSAA is excited to offer options for coaches and officials to limit travel and alleviate time constraints.

We encourage officials and coaches to take the online rules meetings early in the allowed period to avoid creating heavy online traffic at critical deadlines.

Online rules meetings will not be accessible on Friday nights beginning Aug. 28 due to large volumes of football score reporting. The cutoff on Fridays is 3 p.m. Online rules meetings will be available for the following:

- **Fall 2008 – Soccer: Friday, Aug. 1 to Friday, Sept. 13 (3 p.m.)**
- **Fall 2008 – Volleyball: Friday, Aug. 1 to Friday, Sept. 20 (3 p.m.)**
- **Winter 2008-09 – Basketball, Hockey, Wrestling: Dates TBA**
- **Spring 2009 – All Sports: Dates TBA**

Consult mhsaa.com for all rules meeting information and schedules.

MHSAA CLASSIFICATION BY SPORT — 2008-09

Reflects cooperative programs and options to play in larger classifications or divisions as of April 1, 2008

Sports Utilizing Traditional Classifications

Traditional Classifications for 2008-09		
<u>Class</u>	<u>Enrollment Range</u>	<u>Maximum No. of Schools</u>
A	1,017 and Above	190
B	498-1,016	192
C	234-497	192
D	233 and Below	192

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

SPORT		A	B	C	D
BASKETBALL	Girls	188	189	184	172
	Boys	188	190	187	182
FOOTBALL *		188	188	173	72
GYMNASTICS		44	15	0	1
VOLLEYBALL		185	185	179	167

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

Sports Utilizing "Equal Divisions"

SPORT		1	2	3	4
BASEBALL		161	162	161	162
BOWLING	-Girls	96	103	95	--
	-Boys	99	100	99	--
GIRLS COMP CHEER		80	81	81	81
CROSS COUNTRY	- Girls	140	146	142	143
	- Boys	145	145	144	146
GOLF	- Girls	96	97	97	--
	- Boys	130	131	131	131
ICE HOCKEY		58	59	59	--
LACROSSE	- Girls	25	25	--	--
	- Boys	40	41	--	--
SOCCER	- Girls **	115	115	115	86
	- Boys **	123	124	123	94
SOFTBALL		160	163	162	149

SWIMMING - Girls	77	78	79	--
- Boys	73	73	73	--
TENNIS - Girls	85	85	86	86
- Boys	83	83	83	83
TRACK - Girls	147	154	151	151
- Boys	150	151	152	152
WRESTLING (Team)	115	116	116	116

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

Upper Peninsula Tournaments

SPORT	Division	No. of Schools	Enrollment Range
*Swimming (Boys & Girls)	1	10G 10B	1,430-334G 1,430-334B
**Cross Country (Boys & Girls)	1	11B 11G	1,200-428
	2	12B 11G	343-243
	3	25B 25G	186-67
**Track & Field (Boys & Girls)	1	12B 12G	1,200-356
	2	12B 11G	348-243
	3	25B 25G	200-26
**Golf (Boys & Girls)	1	12B 12G	1,200-356
	2	12B 11G	348-243
	3	22B 20G	200-26/67
***Soccer (Girls - Fall)	1	2	922-343
***Soccer (Boys - Spring)	1	7	922-24
****Tennis (Girls - Fall)	1	7	1,200-433
	2	7	431-84
(Boys - Spring)	1	6	1,200-484
	2	7	433-271

Divisions are set as follows:

**Swimming: All schools one Division.*

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

****Soccer: No MHSAA Tournaments planned for 2008-09.*

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

*UP Schools participate **statewide** in all Other Tournaments*

2008-09 CLASSIFICATION OPT-UPS

Schools which have exercised the option to play in a higher level for 2008-09

TRADITIONALLY CLASSIFIED SPORTS

City/School	Sport(s)	From Class:	To Class:	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Detroit Finney	BBB, GBB, FB, VB	B	A	Fall 2008	4/15/09
Livonia Ladywood	GBB	B	A	Fall 2006	4/15/08
Saginaw	BBB, GBB, VB	B	A	Fall 2008	4/15/09
Warren Regina	GBB	B	A	Winter 07-08	8/15/09

IN BASEBALL (Spring)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Detroit-Finney	2	1	Spring 2009	10/15/10

IN BOYS CROSS COUNTRY (Fall)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Detroit-Finney	2	1	Fall 2008	4/15/10

IN GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY (Fall)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Detroit-Finney	2	1	Fall 2008	4/15/10

IN GIRLS LP GOLF (Fall)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Detroit-Finney	2	1	Fall 2008	4/15/10

IN BOYS LP GOLF (Spring)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Detroit-Finney	2	1	Spring 2009	10/15/10

IN ICE HOCKEY (Winter)

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

*Cooperative Program

IN BOYS LACROSSE (Spring)

From	To			Deadline for
City/School	Division	Division	First Season	Cancellation
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	2	1	Spring 2005	10/15/08
Detroit-U of D Jesuit	2	1	Spring 2006	10/15/08

IN GIRLS LACROSSE (Spring)

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

IN BOYS SKIING (Winter)

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

IN GIRLS SKIING (Winter)

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

IN SOFTBALL (Spring)

From	To			Deadline for
City/School	Division	Division	First Season	Cancellation
Detroit Finney	2	1	Spring 2009	10/15/10
Warren Regina	2	1	Spring 2005	10/15/08

IN BOYS SWIMMING (Winter)

	From	To			Deadline for
City/School	Division	Division	First Season	Cancellation	
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	2	1	Winter 02-03		8/15/87

IN BOYS LP TENNIS (Fall)

	From	To			Deadline for
City/School	Division	Division	First Season	Cancellation	
Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day 4		3	Spring 1999		4/15/08
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	2	1	Spring 2000		4/15/08
Grand Rapids Christian	3	2	Fall 2008		4/15/10
Mt. Clemens	4	3	Spring 2006		4/15/08
Mt. Pleasant	2	1	Spring 2006		4/15/08
Pinckney	2	1	Spring 2007		4/15/08
Port Huron Northern	2	1	Spring 2007		4/15/08
◆ St. Johns	2	1	Fall 2007		4/15/09
Traverse City Central	2	1	Fall 2008		4/15/10

◆ Will return to normal classification for 2009-10 school year.

IN GIRLS LP TENNIS (Spring)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day	4	3	Spring 2008	10/15/09
Detroit-Finney	3	2	Spring 2009	10/15/10
G.R.Forest Hills Northern	3	2	Fall 2006	10/15/08
Grosse Ile	4	3	Fall 2002	10/15/08
Holland	2	1	Fall 2006	10/15/08
Mason	2	1	Spring 2008	10/15/09
Midland-H. H. Dow	2	1	Fall 1999	10/15/08
Mt. Clemens	4	3	Fall 2004	10/15/08
Pinckney	2	1	Spring 2008	10/15/09
Port Huron Northern	2	1	Spring 2008	10/15/09
Richmond	4	3	Fall 2001	10/15/08

IN BOYS TRACK & FIELD (Spring)

From City/School	To Division	Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Detroit-Finney	2	1	Spring 2009	10/15/10

IN GIRLS TRACK & FIELD (Spring)

From City/School	To Division	Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Detroit-Finney	2	1	Spring 2009	10/15/10

IN WRESTLING (Winter)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
East Lansing	2	1	Winter 98-99	8/15/08
Escanaba	2	1	Winter 07-08	8/15/09
Saginaw	2	1	Winter 97-98	8/15/08



**Spring Officials Ratings
 Are Due June 1
 See Next Page for Details**

SPRING RATINGS DUE JUNE 1, 2008

Officials ratings for varsity or subvarsity boys basketball, girls volleyball, wrestling and ice hockey are due by June 1, 2008. Ratings received after this date will not be processed.

Athletic directors are reminded that only one rating should 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 subvarsity rating from one school for working more than one level of competition.

All ratings must be done online at mhsaa.com. Following are instructions:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ONLINE RATINGS

TO ACCESS THE ONLINE RATINGS SYSTEM:

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

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

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

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

Login instructions for coaches can be downloaded from the "MHSAA Officials Ratings Center" Web page. Coaches cannot approve online ratings. That responsibility remains with the athletic director. Once the ratings are entered by the coach, she/he can click on a link to notify the A.D. that they have submitted ratings for approval. **Important: A valid e-mail address for the athletic director is necessary for online ratings.**

FAILURE TO RATE OFFICIALS

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

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

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

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

For the fall seasons of 2007, the following schools have failed to rate any officials:

Football

Big Rapids-Crossroads Charter Academy
Dearborn Heights-Robichaud
Detroit-Chadsey
Detroit-Loyola
Detroit-Northwestern
Detroit-Old Redford Preparatory
Detroit-Southwestern
Flint Southwestern Academy
Grand Rapids-Central
Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills
Lansing-J. W. Sexton
Macomb-Dakota
Mt. Clemens
Muskegon—Reeths-Puffer
Redford-Covenant
Roscommon
Saline
Sebewaing—Unionville-Sebewaing
Shelby
Southfield Christian
Taylor-Light and Life Christian
Warren-Connor Creek Academy West

Boys Soccer

Ann Arbor-Greenhills
Bay City-John Glenn
Benton Harbor
Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice
Buckley
Cadillac Heritage Christian
Detroit-Chadsey
Detroit-Renaissance
Flint Southwestern Academy
Flint-Michigan School for the Deaf
Glen Arbor-The Leelanau School

Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills
Grand Rapids-West Catholic
Hamtramck
Hastings
Ionia
Maple City-Glen Lake
Rochester Hills-Lutheran Northwest
Saginaw-Nouvel Catholic Central
Saginaw
Vicksburg
Wayne Memorial

Girls Volleyball

Alba
Athens
Bay City-John Glenn
Beaverton
Benton Harbor
Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day
Birmingham-Roeper
Bloomfield Hills-Academy of the Sacred Heart
Bloomfield Hills-Marian
Buckley
Cadillac Heritage Christian
Central Lake
Covert
Dearborn-Fordson
Detroit-Chadsey
Detroit-Kettering
Detroit-Marilyn F. Lundy Academy
Flint Northern Academy
Flint-Michigan School for the Deaf
Glen Arbor-The Leelanau School
Grand Rapids-Central
Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills
Howard City-Tri County Area

Ironwood-L. L. Wright
 Kalkaska
 Kinross-Maplewood Baptist Academy
 Lake Odessa-Lakewood
 Lansing-Catholic Central
 Lincoln-Alcona
 Macomb-Lutheran North
 Melvindale-Academy For Business & Tech
 Merrill
 Newberry
 Niles-Brandywine
 Onaway
 Ontonagon

Richmond
 River Rouge
 Roseville-Connor Creek Academy East
 St. Charles
 St. Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic
 Shelby
 Shepherd-Morey Public School Academy
 Taylor-Light and Life Christian
 Wakefield-Marenisco
 Warren-Immaculate Conception
 Webberville
 Wolverine

OFFICIALS REPORTS SUMMARY FOR WINTER 2007-08

Sport	Concern	Praise	Player Ejection	Coach Ejection	Other Ejection	Taunting	Sports'ship
Boys Basketball	97	16	50	33	1	2	23
Boys Swimming	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Girls Basketball	46	8	21	19	1	0	7
Ice Hockey	113	4	147	3	0	0	2
Wrestling	71	10	53	9	3	0	11

Distribution of Reports

Reports of Concern	No. of Schools	Reports of Praise	No. of Schools
1	169	1	31
2	52	2	4
3	14		
4	3		

The Officials Report Form may be completed electronically. Download the PDF file from the Officials page of the MHSAA Web site, mhsaa.com

2007-08 WINTER COACH EJECTION LISTING

City	School	Coach	Sport
Adrian	Adrian HS	Marc Comstock	Boys Basketball
Armada	Armada HS	Mark Carlson	Girls Basketball
Atlanta	Atlanta HS	Jack Moir	Girls Basketball
Auburn Hills	Auburn Hills Christian	Matt Falconer	Boys Basketball
Baldwin	Baldwin Community Schools	Joe Washington	Boys Basketball
Battle Creek	Lakeview HS	Don Bussler	Girls Basketball
Belding	Belding Area HS	Darin Syrjala	Boys Basketball
Bellaire	Bellaire Middle School	John Somers	Boys Basketball
Berkley	Berkley HS	David Roche	Wrestling
Breckenridge	Breckenridge HS	Barry Thomas	Wrestling
Bridgeport	Bridgeport HS	Josh Kennard	Girls Basketball
Burr Oak	Burr Oak HS	Amanda Wilson	Girls Basketball
Carrollton	Carrollton HS	Jeff Treymann	Wrestling
Cedarville	Cedarville HS	Tony Hakola	Girls Basketball
Constantine	Constantine Middle School	Dale Davidhizar	Wrestling
Dearborn Heights	Annapolis HS	Morris Blackwell	Boys Basketball
DeTour	DeTour HS	Scott McCleod	Boys Basketball
Detroit	Detroit Academy of Arts &	Aaromond Atkins	Girls Basketball
Dowagiac	Dowagiac Union HS	Greg Blomgren	Girls Basketball
Ecorse	Ecorse HS	Vincent Parks	Boys Basketball
Erie	Mason Middle School	Rick Schneider	Boys Basketball
Fair Haven	Anchor Bay HS	Al Biland	Wrestling
Flint	Beecher HS	Mike Williams	Boys Basketball
Fruitport	Fruitport HS	Bill Stone	Girls Basketball
Grandville	Grandville HS	Dean Holzwarth	Girls Basketball
Harper Woods	Harper Woods HS	Jeff Mott	Boys Basketball
Harrison Township	L'Anse Creuse HS	Dan Walker	Boys Basketball
Hazel Park	Hazel Park HS	Mr Keasley	Wrestling
Highland Park	Highland Park	Glenn Washington	Wrestling
Holton	Holton HS	Josh Kutchinski	Boys Basketball
Homer	Homer HS	Jim Huffman	Boys Basketball
Howell	Howell HS	Rudy Cender	Boys Basketball
Imlay City	Imlay City HS	Paul Meier	Boys Basketball
Litchfield	Litchfield HS	William Trine	Boys Basketball
Lowell	Lowell HS	David Dean	Wrestling
Mason	Mason HS	Dennis Howe	Boys Basketball
Milan	Milan HS	Chris Packard	Girls Basketball
Monroe	Jefferson HS	Coery Wiley	Boys Basketball
Montrose	Hill Mc Cloy HS	Steve Gauger	Boys Basketball
Morenci	Morenci Area HS	Tim Bovee	Boys Basketball
Mt Pleasant	Mt Pleasant HS	Sam Taylor	Boys Basketball
Muskegon	Muskegon HS	Obra Coleman	Girls Basketball
Muskegon	Orchard View HS	Curtis Adams	Girls Basketball
Olivet	Olivet HS	Brian Dartt	Boys Basketball

Onaway	Onaway Area HS	Justin Hyde	Boys Basketball
Onsted	Onsted HS	Brad Maska	Boys Basketball
Pinckney	Pinckney HS	Doug Lee	Boys Basketball
Pontiac	Pontiac Academy	Joseph Marchina	Boys Basketball
Pottersville	Pottersville HS	Greg Metzger	Girls Basketball
Redford	Covenant HS	Brian Alexander	Boys Basketball
Redford	Redford Union HS	Matt Smith	Ice Hockey
Republic	Republic-Michigamme HS	Robert Salisbury	Boys Basketball
Rochester Hills	Stoney Creek HS	Michael Bennion	Boys Basketball
Romeo	Romeo HS	Steve Heike	Ice Hockey
Romulus	Romulus HS	Yvette Harris	Girls Basketball
Romulus	Summit Academy North HS	Ron Collard	Girls Basketball
Roseville	Conner Creek Academy East	Josh Preston	Girls Basketball
St Clair	St Clair HS	Albert Sharrow	Boys Basketball
St Ignace	LaSalle HS	Doreen Ingaus	Girls Basketball
Swartz Creek	Swartz Creek HS	Todd Gooding	Wrestling
Traverse City	Traverse City Christian	Kevin Kloosterman	Boys Basketball
Warren	Warren Woods-Tower HS	Steve Zdankiewicz	Boys Basketball
Waterford	Waterford Mott HS	Andy Coleman	Girls Basketball
Ypsilanti	Lincoln HS	Mike Ferguson	Ice Hockey

SCHOOLS WITH THREE OR MORE OFFICIALS REPORTS — Winter 2007-08

School	City	No. of Reports
Romeo HS	Romeo	4
Walled Lake Central HS	Walled Lake	4
Warren Mott HS	Warren	4
Dowagiac Union HS	Dowagiac	3
Anchor Bay HS	Fair Haven	3
Fruitport HS	Fruitport	3
Forest Hills Northern HS	Grand Rapids	3
L'Anse Creuse HS	Harrison Township	3
Highland Park Community HS	Highland Park	3
Linden HS	Linden	3
Detroit Catholic Central HS	Novi	3
Novi HS	Novi	3
Brandon HS	Ortonville	3
Pinckney HS	Pinckney	3
Arthur Hill HS	Saginaw	3
St Clair HS	St Clair	3

Ejections for cooperative programs are assigned to the primary school regardless of the student's enrollment.

LOWER PENINSULA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS SELECTION MEETING

East Lansing, January 10, 2008

Members Present:

Tim Aldrich, Petersburg
Mel Atkins, Grand Rapids
Tom Beals, Parchment
Peter Beck, Hillsdale
Mitch Bohn, Sanford
Tony Burton, Brown City
Ken Dietz, Watervliet
Lafayette Evans, Detroit
Jamie Foster, Flint
Denny Fulk, Laingsburg
Paul Gaudard, Flint
Leroy Hackley, Byron Center
Erik Harrelson, Bath
Gary Hice, Petoskey
Cody Inglis, Suttons Bay
Rich Kimball, Lansing
Bruce Lenington, Lathrup Village
John Leroy, Melvindale
Brian Macomber, Rockford

Autumn Mattson, Cedar Springs
Mike Messner, Constantine
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Michael Neuman, Grand Rapids
Jim Noble, Saginaw
Pat Richardson, Grass Lake
Archie Robinson, Flint
Jan Sander, Warren
Meg Seng, Ann Arbor
Cindy Short, Lansing

Members Absent:

Chris Riker, Portage

Staff Members Present:

Nate Hampton (Recorder)
Tom Minter
Mark Uyl
Faye Verellen
Tricia Wieferich

The Committee was presented with the entire list of approved officials in Boys and Girls Basketball who attended an MHSAA rules meeting in the fall, were in good standing with a local approved association and had completed an availability form. Assignments were made for the tournament on the basis of recommendations, ratings average, 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 qualified to the next rating level.

TOURNAMENT INVITATIONS

All officials selected at each tournament level will receive an online invitation from the MHSAA. At Regional Tournaments, officials work one date/game of the tournament.

OFFICIALS AVAILABILITY

Of the available officials, 768 were assigned to the 2007-08 Districts in each gender. Regional assignments for officials totaled 288 in each gender. Also in each gender, 48 officials were selected to work the Quarterfinal games; 24 officials were selected to work Semifinal contests and 12 in the Final games. ■

SWIMMING & DIVING COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, February 20, 2007

Members Present:

Wendy Daniel, Holly
MaryAnn Egnatuk, Albion
Tom Flynn, Beverly Hills (MIAAA)
Brian Foust, Plymouth
Scott Hedges, Bloomfield Hills
Denny Hill, Ann Arbor
Mike Matter, Saginaw
Joe O'Brien, Grand Rapids
Bob Oliver, Haslett
Corrin Poppo, Battle Creek

Mike Rado, Bloomfield Hills, Pres.-MISCA
Doug Vanderjagt, Rockford (MASSP)
John Dudley (Advisory)
Mark VanSoest (Advisory)

Members Absent:

Roy Greenland, Eaton Rapids

Staff Member Present:

Gina Mazzolini (Recorder)

The 2008 Swimming & Diving Committee met on February 19, 2008 at the MHSAA office. After a brief welcome and introductions, the committee was reminded of its responsibility and the process for rule change. The following action was taken.

MISCA PROPOSALS

1. Allow exhibition times to be used for qualifying to the Final Meet.
Rationale:
 - a) Swimmer is officiated by official crew.
 - b) Swimmer is otherwise eligible.
 - c) Swimmer is bound by event imitation.
 - d) Allows coach to put better swimmers in exhibition heat to avoid running up the score.
 - e) Levels the playing field (6 lane pool v 8 lane pool).
2. Set qualifying times to ensure more swimmers per event (per each division).
3. Allow the sport of swimming the same exemption as baseball/softball during the summer dead period.

PROPOSALS SENT TO MHSAA

1. Modify the proposal from last year "In a conference meet, add a qualifying spot (to Regional) equal to the number of returning Final meet finalists in that conference"
To: In a conference meet, add a qualifying spot (to Regional) equal to the number of returning Final meet **participants** in that conference.
2. Prohibit the use of a starting pistol by all swim officials.

3. Require schools to enter each eligible diver into the Regional Meet. The Regional Diving Manager will advance to the Final Manager, a list of all qualifying divers from his/her site. (A swim coach does not have to enter a potential qualifying diver with the swim entry).

FINAL SITE RECOMMENDATIONS 2008-09

Girls	Boys
1-Eastern Michigan U.	1-Eastern Michigan U.
2-Holland Aquatics	2-Holland Aquatics
3-Oakland U.	3-Oakland U.

*Rotate for 2009-2010 (1 to 3, 2 to 1, 3 to 2)

DECLARE FALSE START

The NFHS Swim Rule Book allows for a swimmer (or diver) to declare a false start. The book does not address whether to replace the swimmer. The committee voted the following:

At Finals: Prior to the completion of the previous event, the swimmer must declare a false start. An alternate may be used, without undue delay of the meet.

DISCUSSION/DENIED/TABLED ITEMS

- Swim committee not in favor of 4 season calendar.
- Modify DD for 5221D to increase the differential from the DD for 202A
- Move diving to event 1.
- Mandate boys swim trunks should be worn above the hip bone.
- Modify the number of divers who advance from the region (base it on the results from the previous Final Meet standings).

- Seemingly rampant disregard for the 3-player regulation and the dead period.
- Set procedure for running exhibition heats.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Allow exhibition times to be used for qualifying to the Final Meet (13-0).

Rationale:

- a) Swimmer is officiated by official crew.
- b) Swimmer is otherwise eligible.
- c) Swimmer is bound by event imitation.
- d) Allows coach to put better swimmers in exhibition heat to avoid running up the score.

- e) Levels the playing field (6 lane pool v 8 lane pool).
2. Set qualifying times to ensure more swimmers per event (per each division) (12-0).
3. Allow the sport of swimming, the same exemption as baseball/softball during the summer dead period (12-1).
4. Modify the proposal from last year "In a conference meet, add a qualifying spot (to Regional) equal to the number of returning Final meet finalists in that conference"
To: In a conference meet, add a qualifying spot (to Regional) equal to the number of returning Final meet participants in that conference (12-1).
5. Prohibit the use of a starting pistol by all swim officials (12-0). ■

BOWLING COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, March 13, 2008

Members Present:

Dale Bannister, East Jackson
 Karl Bosman, Trenton
 Harry Burkey, Grosse Pointe Woods (MHSBCA)
 Rick Dodik, Bay City
 Rudy Godefroidt, Hemlock
 Danielle Hare, Saginaw
 Judy Jaeger, Livonia (Advisory)
 Mike Johnson, Grand Rapids
 Sal Malek, Livonia
 Greg Pscodna, Michigan Center

Jonda Schrauben, Portland
 Nancy Simon, Romeo
 Randy Shank, Sterling Heights (Advisory)
 Bruce Worden, Waterford

Members Absent:

Hiawatha Francisco, Cassopolis (MAASP)
 Rich Kimball, Lansing
 John Snyder, Alpena

Staff Member Present:

Randy Allen (Recorder)

PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE

The MHSAA Bowling Committee is a standing committee which meets annually to develop recommendations to the Representative Council and the MHSAA staff regarding policies and procedures associated with the MHSAA Bowling Tournament. The makeup of the committee represents coaches, athletic administrators and tournament officials.

TOURNAMENT REVIEW

All aspects of the MHSAA Regional and Finals tournament were reviewed. Much discussion took place on the subject of lane conditions, including review of correspondence

from coaches. It was agreed that a condition that was slightly more difficult than a house condition would be appropriate for the MHSAA Tournament, but should be made available to individual school programs, leagues and conferences for use during the regular season. The committee reviewed a series of oil patterns prepared by the Kegel company and a proposal was made to adopt the first three "Challenge Series" patterns for use in the MHSAA Tournament with one of the three to be announced as the official pattern each year on Jan. 13. Education on the patterns will take place at the MHSAA fall coaches meetings with information on the three patterns made available to coaches.

The committee discussed the question of conducting the MHSAA Regional on a single day, but agreed that both singles and team events in one day was excessive for bowlers and logistics at host centers, although continued study will take place for future consideration. It was agreed to stay with the existing competition format for 2008-09 and review possible adjustments at the 2009 committee meeting. A coaches suggestion to change the MHSAA procedure for singles lane assignments at the Regionals and Finals was discussed but not supported. It was agreed to allow for two coaches to be present in the bowlers area during singles competition to better facilitate coaching duties and supervision.

Substitution rules, dress code and tiebreaker rules were reviewed with no changes proposed. Clarifications on several tournament and regular season competition procedures will be updated in the 2008-09 Coaches Manual. Several USBC High School Rules were reviewed and it was agreed that the more liberal high school rule regarding ball altering and ball cleaning will be used and included in fall rules meetings and the Coaches Manual.

Fall rules meetings will focus on all MHSAA policies and procedures, as well as special emphasis on coaches leadership and educational focus, sportsmanship, compliance with MHSAA Regulations, athlete eligibility, tryout practices, proper competition environment and restrictions on parents during bowling meets.

The committee gave its support to a comprehensive approach to bowling coaches education that would combine the MHSAA CAP program with industry expertise in training coaches regarding proper instructional techniques, lane condition education with support and cooperation from the coaches association and corporate sponsorship. An attendance requirement for coaches education was favored but not proposed at this time pending MHSAA future plans for on-line instruction and sponsorship plans.

Finals sites for 2009 will be Division 1 at Northway Lanes in Muskegon, Division 2 at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights and Division 3 at Airport Lanes in Jackson. The MHSAA will communicate with additional centers who have expressed an interest in hosting future Regional or Finals events.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The current season dates and limits of competition were reviewed. There was no support for moving the current season to the spring due to more conflicts with spring sports and availability of centers as many close in early May. Adjusting the season later by several weeks was discussed with the suggestion to address a later season start in future seasons.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Adopt the "Kegel Challenge Series" lane oil patterns for the MHSAA Tournament, with recommended use for regular-season competition. One of the three patterns will be chosen each January 15 as the official tournament condition used at the MHSAA Regional and Finals Tournament levels (12-0).
2. Allow two approved school coaches in the bowlers' area during the MHSAA Regional and Finals Singles Tournament (12-0).
3. Adjust the lane rotation procedure at the MHSAA Regional and Final team competition with the odd lane moving one pair to the right and the even lane moving two pair to the right to alleviate congestion with bowlers and spectators during lane changes (12-0). ■

CLASSIFIED INDEX OF VOLUME LXXXIV BULLETINS

Following will be found a classified index of the articles which have appeared in the *Bulletins* issued during the 2007-08 school year, including this present issue. It is hoped that this index will give a ready reference to articles included under the various classified headings. Many superintendents, principals, athletic directors, coaches, and athletic officials keep a complete file of all *Bulletins* received during the year, and this index should be of value to them. Articles have been cross-indexed to aid in their more rapid location with the anticipation that this material will be worthwhile to school and athletic administrators.

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