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MHSAA winter sports action is in full swing. The 2003 boys and girls ski finals are slated for Feb. 24, while champions will also be crowned in wrestling and gymnastics during the winter. Upper Peninsula individual wrestling champions will be crowned on Feb. 14-15, while team wrestling finals take place Feb. 28-March 1, with the Lower Peninsula individual finals being decided one week later. The Upper Peninsula girls gymnastics finals are scheduled for March 1, followed by the Lower Peninsula championships on March 7-8.

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, Nov. 6, 2002

### Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan  
Keith Eldred, Williamston  
Tom Rashid, Detroit  
Dan Flynn, Escanaba  
Eric Federico, Gibraltar

### Staff Members Present:

Jack Roberts (Recorder)

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

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**Brimley and Paradise-Whitefish Township High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative agreement in baseball for these schools. Brimley has sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. The combined enrollment will be 194, which will keep the program in Division 4 of the MHSAA Baseball Tournament in 2003.

**Burton-Valley Christian Academy and Flint-Michigan School for the Deaf (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** - Because no league endorsement was provided, the Executive Committee tabled the application for cooperative programs in girls softball, with Valley Christian Academy (which sponsored the sport previously) as the primary school, and boys track & field, with Michigan School for Deaf (which sponsored boys track previously) as the primary school. The combined enrollment is 102.

**Lansing Christian, Lansing-New Covenant Christian and Holt-Central Lutheran High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative agreement in baseball for these schools. Lansing Christian (which will be the primary school) and New Covenant Christian each sponsored the sport previously. The combined enrollment will be 292 (still Division 4). The Southern Michigan Athletic Association approved this cooperative agreement.

**Muskegon-Western Michigan Christian and Muskegon Catholic Central High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls and boys track & field for these schools. Western Michigan Christian sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. The combined enrollment is 522 (Division 3).

**Redford-St. Agatha and Redford-Bishop Borgess High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** - The Executive Committee approved the addition of baseball, softball and boys and girls track & field to the cooperative agreement that exists in football between these schools. St. Agatha (which will be the primary school for baseball and softball) conducted baseball and softball previously; Bishop Borgess (which will be the primary school for track & field) sponsored track & field previously. The combined enrollment is 232. The Catholic High School League supported this application.

**Traverse City-St. Francis and Traverse City Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** - The Executive Committee approved the addition of girls soccer to the cooperative agreement that exists for these schools in boys and girls skiing. The com-

bined enrollment is 417. The Lake Michigan Conference approved this application.

**Ypsilanti-Willow Run High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5)** - A late request to waive the maximum semesters portions of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a student whose health, habits and academics suffered after a car accident killed her father during the 2001-02 school year, which was to be her senior year.

The Executive Committee noted that her transcript shows the student was struggling academically throughout her high school years, and it actually records her as a 10th-grader in both 1999-00 and 2000-01. Furthermore, the student received grades in the maximum number of semesters in which eligibility is allowed. Therefore, the request for waiver was denied.

**Cheboygan Area High School (Regulation I, Section 5)** - Request was made to waive the semesters of competition regulation and specifically Interpretation No. 32 so that four girls who played on the boys golf team during the fall of 2002-03 may also play on a girls golf team that is being established for the first time in the spring of 2002-03.

Because approval of the girls golf team followed the participation of these students in fall golf, in the interest of promoting growth in girls interscholastic golf programs, the Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Fenton High School (Regulation I, Section 7)** - Request to waive the previous semester record regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who was given credit for just one course during the second semester of the 2001-02 school year after he transferred from Brother Rice High School to Fenton in January of 2002. The student's family has been involved in protracted litigation over a business matter and the student's friend was paralyzed in a Sept. 8, 2001 car accident, after which the student's grades declined. The student also had a serious car accident. The student's grandmother had surgery and his grandfather died in January 2002. The student had been doing passing work in all courses through the third quarter marking period, but ended up passing only one course. One course was made up during

the summer session.

The Executive Committee determined that IF the school district waives additional local academic standards for athletic eligibility, then the minimum requirement of passing 20 credit hours is waived. The second semester of the 2001-02 school year must count as one of the eight allowed.

**Battle Creek-Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility after 90 school days of enrollment on behalf of a student who enrolled at Central on Sept. 27, 2002. She previously attended Battle Creek-St. Philip Catholic Central High School where she participated in swimming & diving through a cooperative program with Battle Creek-Central prior to the 2002-03 school year.

The Executive Committee confirmed that IF the student was in classroom attendance at Battle Creek-Central High School on Sept. 27, the student is immediately eligible. IF NOT, the Executive Committee granted the request to waive the regulation to the extent that the student is eligible on her 91st school day of enrollment at Battle Creek-Central High School.

**Burr Oak High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** - A late request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility after 90 school days of enrollment at Burr Oak High School on behalf of a student who transferred from Sturgis where she was having difficulty with academics and was involved with "the wrong crowd." She enrolled Oct. 18 at Burr Oak.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Clinton High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - A late request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level on behalf of 9th and 10th-graders. The 10th-grader played a portion of the JV football season at his previous school; the 9th-grader never participated in high school sports. The students enrolled Oct. 29.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver on behalf of the 10th-grader, pursuant to the requirement of Section 9(B) that there may be no previous participation in interscholastic scrimmages or games.

The Executive Committee granted the request for eligibility only at the subvarsity level on behalf of the 9th-grader.

**Farmington Hills-North Farmington High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of two sisters, in the 10th and 11th grades, who last year attended Bloomfield Hills-Marian High School. There was no change of residence.

Noting that the published rationale for the transfer regulation prohibits consideration of family finances, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Flint-Powers Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation No. 58-d was made on behalf of a 10th-grader who moved with his father and sister from the residence of his grandmother in the Flint-Kearsley district. Powers is not the closest nonpublic school to the new residence, but is the closest nonpublic school of the same denomination that the student attended from kindergarten through 8th grade.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Grand Marais-Burt Township High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who relocated during the summer with his family from downstate to a residence that would place him in the Newberry High School district, but many miles closer to Burt Township High School.

Citing the unique geography, distance and road conditions, the Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Lansing-Sexton High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who is relocating from the residence of his mother in Jackson to the residence of his grandmother and father in Lansing. The parents were never married, but a hospital birth record identified the mother and father and an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was provided.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver on the condition that the school investigate and assure that the student is living with his father.

**Marine City High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a student who transferred to Marine City High School after his father died. The student relocated from his family residence in Burton to his grandmother's residence in Marine City. He enrolled at Marine City on Oct. 9.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver on the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Marine City High School.

**Mayville High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a student who attended North Branch-Wesleyan Academy but whose family could no longer afford that tuition because the student's father has medical bills related to his mother's illness.

Noting that the published rationale for the transfer regulation prohibits consideration of family finances, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**West Bloomfield High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a student who relocated from the residence of his mother to the residence of his father. He previously attended Walled Lake Northern, enrolling at West Bloomfield on Oct. 8, 2002.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver on the student's 91st school day of enrollment at West Bloomfield High School.

**Belleville High School (Regulation V, Section 3[A])** - The Belleville High School varsity girls basketball team was removed from competition during the third quarter of a game against Wyandotte-Roosevelt on Oct. 15, 2002. The school submitted a report of its actions.

The Executive Committee accepted the actions of the school and coach, which involved a one-game suspension of the coach and apologies to his team and contest officials.

**Women in Sports Leadership Conference** - Management invited discussion that the Sportsmanship Summit in the fall and the Women in Sports Leadership Conference in the winter be held in alternating school years, with mini-grants for local initiatives in the "off year" of each event. The Executive Committee will make this recommendation to the Representative Council.

**Additional Tournaments** - The Executive Committee reviewed the efforts to date to prepare the Representative Council to make decisions in December regarding additional MHSAA tournaments.

**Representative Council** - The Executive Committee reviewed the schedule and draft agenda for the Dec. 6, 2002 Representative Council Meeting.

**Next Meetings** - The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 5, at 9 a.m. in Mt. Pleasant (Representative Council next day in Mt. Pleasant); Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing (Classification Committee to follow at 1:00 p.m.); Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing (Finance Committee to follow); Thursday, March 20, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing (Representative Council next day); Wednesday, April 16, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing (Finance Committee to follow); Saturday, May 3, at 6 p.m. in Gaylord (Representative Council Sunday-Tuesday); and Wednesday, June 4, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing. ■

*The Only Official Interpretations  
Are Those Received In Writing*

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE MEETING Oct. 28, 2002

## Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan  
Keith Eldred, Williamston  
Tom Rashid, Detroit  
Dan Flynn, Escanaba  
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven

## Staff Members Present:

Jack Roberts (Recorder)

The Executive Committee convened by teleconference to consider the input of constituents and Representative Council members regarding the three options from which the US District Court in Kalamazoo required the MHSAA to select for a new sports seasons schedule in the six sports at issue in CFE v. MHSAA.

The Aug. 1, 2002 Opinion of the US District Court in Kalamazoo states (pp. 11-12):

The MHSAA may either: (1) combine all sports seasons so both sexes' teams play in the same season ("combine seasons"), and move girls' volleyball to its advantageous season of fall; or (2) reverse girls' basketball and volleyball; and in the Lower Peninsula, reverse two girls' seasons with two boys' seasons from among golf, tennis, swimming and soccer; and in the Upper Peninsula, keep combined seasons in golf and swimming and reverse seasons in either tennis or soccer; or otherwise treat the Upper Peninsula the same as the Lower Peninsula; or (3) reverse girls basketball and volleyball; and in both peninsulas, combine seasons in two sports, and reverse seasons in one of the two remaining sports at issue.

The MHSAA should notify this Court which of these options it has chosen, and the particular placement of seasons under that option, by 90 days from the date of this Opinion and Injunctive Order, which is **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30,**

**2002.** These 90 days will permit the MHSAA to consult with its member schools during the school year, which begins in less than one month.

The Executive Committee cited no constituent sentiment to combine additional sports in the same season for boys and girls, which eliminated the District Court's first option. The Executive Committee knew of no sentiment to impose the Upper Peninsula schedule on the Lower Peninsula, which eliminated the District Court's third option.

The Court's second option was favored because it minimizes the number of sports conducted in the same season for boys and girls and because it continues to allow the Lower and Upper Peninsulas to have different arrangements of seasons and tournaments.

The Executive Committee considered the pros and cons for schools, students, coaches and officials of the six choices of Option 2 for the Lower Peninsula and the two choices of this option for the Upper Peninsula.

The Executive Committee voted to notify the District Court that the MHSAA selects Option 2. Specifically, in the Lower Peninsula, MHSAA tournaments for golf and tennis for girls and boys will be switched: boys golf will be offered in the spring; girls golf in the fall; boys tennis will be offered in the fall; girls tennis in the spring. The MHSAA Upper Peninsula Golf and Swimming & Diving Tournaments will each be maintained in the same season for boys and girls (golf in spring; swimming & diving in winter). The MHSAA will offer Upper Peninsula Soccer Tournaments for girls in the fall and boys in the spring.

All of the existing rules and regulations that have applied to a sport and season for one gender would be applied to the other gender if the MHSAA tournaments in that sport are reversed. For example, if Girls and Boys Tennis Tournaments are reversed, each gender would assume the starting dates, max-



imum scrimmages and games, etc., that served the other gender prior to the tournament switch.

Pursuant to the requirements of applicable law, the MHSAA may respond to member schools' requests to change the seasons of MHSAA tournaments. The MHSAA may offer or delete tournaments for sports in

response to member schools' sponsorship of those sports.

Implementation of these changes is subject to the appeal currently pending with the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, File No. 02-1127, any subsequent appeals, and the entry of any existing or future orders staying implementation of lower court orders. ■

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## OFFICIAL REPORT OF SPECIAL ELECTION

East Lansing, Nov. 12, 2002

### REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

#### SOUTHWESTERN SECTION - CLASS C AND D SCHOOLS

**Total number of legal ballots received 42**

Ken Dietz, Hartford	14
Timothy O. Flynn, Athens	5
James E. French, Constantine	17
Greg Wieman, Bath	6
Illegal or incomplete ballots received	3

No majority - Names of Ken Dietz and James E. French submitted to schools.

## OFFICIAL REPORT OF SPECIAL ELECTION

### Second Ballot

East Lansing, Dec. 2, 2002

### REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

#### SOUTHWESTERN SECTION - CLASS C AND D SCHOOLS

**Total number of legal ballots received 43**

Ken Dietz, Hartford	23
James E. French, Constantine	20
Illegal or incomplete ballots received	2

Elected by majority of votes - Ken Dietz

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Mt. Pleasant, Dec. 5, 2002

## Members Present:

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Tom Rashid, Detroit  
Dan Flynn, Escanaba  
Karen Leinaar, Benzonia

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**Dowagiac Union High School (Regulation I, Section 1)** - Request was made to permit an 8th-grade student, who is not over-age for 8th-grade sports, to participate in the high school wrestling program during the first semester of the 2002-03 school year with the likelihood that the student will become a 9th-grader at the start of the second semester of the 2002-03 school year. The student was in 8th grade last

school year and is being retained in the 8th grade for academic reasons.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver with the following conditions: (1) If the student participates at all this semester (practices, weigh-ins or meets), then both semesters of the 2002-03 school year count against the eight allowable semesters of eligibility for high school athletics regardless of the grade in which he is enrolled this semester or next; and (2) The student must be passing at least 20 credit hours (not 50% of his course work) during the first semester of the 2002-03 school year. In other words, the Executive Committee is considering this student a 9th-grader who has been provided an alternative curriculum for the first semester of the 2002-03 school year, which is the student's first of eight allowable semesters of eligibility in high school athletics.

**Ellsworth Community School (Regulation I, Section 1[D])** - The school district sought a clarification on whether or not junior high/middle school students who play their basketball season in the fall may also compete in high school basketball games in the winter under Regulation I, Section 1(D).

The Executive Committee affirmed the interpretation provided by staff to the school district. The MHSAA does not impose a policy that a student could not play 12 junior high games in the fall and another 8 high school games in the winter (or even 8 junior high games in the fall and 12 high school games in the winter). However, there is nothing to prohibit a school district or league from adopting a policy that prohibits a student from playing on the junior high team in the fall and the high school team in the winter. It is sensitivity to the unique needs of very small school districts that provides the flexibility of Regulation I, Section 1(D), and it is this same sensitivity and flexibility that underscores the general policy to permit additional restrictions at the league level.

**Detroit-Denby High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5)** - Request was made to waive the maximum semesters portions of the eligibility regulation on behalf of a student who it is said was withdrawn from Los Angeles Manual Arts High School because of domestic violence during his 9th-

grade year in 1998-99. His transcript shows grades and credits for both semesters of that school year and that he was placed in the 10th grade for the 1999-2000 school year at Palisades High School.

Noting that this student had been in attendance for the maximum semesters allowed, and failing to see a direct connection between the domestic problems during 9th grade and the repeating of 10th grade, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Grosse Pointe North High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5)** - Request was made to waive the maximum semesters portions of the eligibility regulation on behalf of a student who entered Detroit-Southeastern High School in the fall of 1998. After attending there for 9th and 10th grades (1998-99 and 1999-00), the student transferred to East Catholic in the fall of 2000. He moved to the Grosse Pointe attendance area in April of 2001, was listed as a 10th-grader then and was scheduled to be an 11th-grader for the 2001-02 school year.

Noting that the student has attended school for the maximum semesters and that grade repetition was based on an error, not a compelling need, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Ann Arbor-Huron High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who was born and raised in Korea where his father still lives and intends to remain. The student lived with friends and attended 9th grade in Atlanta, Georgia. His mother relocated from Korea to Ann Arbor during the summer. The student relocated to her residence and enrolled at Huron High School.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver, provided this student was not a foreign exchange student during the 2001-02 school year.

**Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who has been attending and residing in a boarding school in Connecticut. The student's mother resides in the family's Michigan residence but the student's father has relocated to Connecticut for employment purposes.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Burton-Valley Christian Academy (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level on behalf of a 9th-grade student who relocated to Grand Blanc and enrolled at Valley Christian Academy in late November.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2002-03 school year provided the student has not participated in an interscholastic scrimmage or contest in any MHSAA sport.

**Constantine High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a student who left Constantine on Sept. 25 and attended classes at White Pigeon on Sept. 26 before reenrolling at Constantine High School Sept. 30, 2002.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Dearborn High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility after 90 school days of enrollment at Dearborn High School on behalf of a student who attended Divine Child High School before enrolling at Dearborn High School on Oct. 4.

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

**Dearborn Heights-Annapolis High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level on behalf of two 10th-grade students (brothers) who previously attended Dearborn High School where they participated in two sports. They attended middle school in the Annapolis district and have always lived there.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver, citing the specific requirement of this section that students must not have participated previously.

**Delton Kellogg High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who enrolled

at Delton Kellogg High School at the start of the 2002-03 school year after being home schooled.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Grand Rapids-Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level on behalf of a 9th-grade student who began the school year at Union High School where he did not participate on any competitive interscholastic team.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only during the remainder of the 2002-03 school year.

**Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Oakfield Baptist Academy where he played basketball.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver, citing the specific requirement of this section that students must not have participated previously.

**Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a student who has lived with her family in the Forest Hills Northern district but attended Grand Rapids-Catholic Central until her enrollment at Northern. She had been treated for depression and is transferring because of the stigma of her illness.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver when documentation is provided from medical authorities to the executive director which satisfies the Executive Committee's criteria.

**Grosse Pointe North High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility after 90 school days of enrollment at Grosse Pointe North on behalf of a student who enrolled there Oct. 9, 2002. He previously attended Grosse Pointe Woods-University Liggett School. There was no change of residence.

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

Pointe North High School.

**Hazel Park High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** - A late request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility after 90 school days of enrollment at Hazel Park High School since Oct. 17, 2002, on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Hazel Park during 2001-02 and the beginning of the 2002-03 school year. He withdrew on Sept. 24 and enrolled the following day at Royal Oak-Dondero. On Oct. 17, the student withdrew from Dondero and reenrolled at Hazel Park. There was no change of residence. The student did not participate in athletics at Dondero but had played at Hazel Park.

The Executive Committee tabled the item pending receipt of additional information.

**Holt High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who began the 2002-03 school year as a student at Lansing-Eastern High School when she was assaulted by an Eastern student at a football game.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver, finding both the reason for the transfer and the documentation compelling.

**Holt High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a student who began the 2002-03 school year at Lansing-Everett High School where he had a breakup of relationship with a female student.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Hudsonville-Freedom Baptist High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Hudsonville High School through 10th grade.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Hudsonville-Freedom Baptist High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level on behalf of two 10th-graders who were home schooled prior to the start of this school year and have not competed in interscholastic athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the first semester of the 2002-03 school year.

**Hudsonville-Freedom Baptist High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B] & [D])** - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level on behalf of a 9th-grade student who transferred from a home school where he did not participate interscholastically before his Nov. 4 enrollment at Freedom Baptist. The school also requested that the student be eligible on any level after 90 school days of enrollment at Freedom Baptist.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level for the remainder of the 2002-03 school year and denied the request for eligibility at the varsity level after 90 school days of enrollment at Freedom Baptist.

**Jenison High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level on behalf of a 9th-grade student who enrolled Nov. 7, 2002, after previously attending Grandville-Calvin Christian High School where he did not participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only during the remainder of the 2002-03 school year.

**Kalamazoo-Comstock High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who reenrolled at Comstock on Oct. 29, 2002. He attended Comstock for 9th and 10th grades. His mother moved to Mississippi in the spring of his 10th-grade year while he remained with his stepfather in Comstock, which didn't work out. The student relocated to his mother and started the 2002-03 school year in Mississippi. The student returned to Comstock at the end of the first quarter of the 2002-03 school year and is living with friends.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Lake Orion High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-

grade student who relocated from the residence of his mother where he attended Pontiac-Northern High School to the residence of his father in Lake Orion. The parents were never married but a birth certificate identifying the mother and father and an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form were provided.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Manistee Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred from the public to the nonpublic school in Manistee, and there was no change of residence.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Negaunee High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who relocated with his family from New York to Michigan, securing housing in Marquette but enrolling in Negaunee.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Portage Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level on behalf of a 9th-grade student who enrolled after the first nine weeks of school at Portage Northern where she did not participate in interscholastic athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only during the remainder of the 2002-03 school year.

**Saginaw-Buena Vista High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who attended classes at Saginaw High School until he enrolled at Buena Vista High School on Sept. 10.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver provided the student did not practice or play at Saginaw High School.

**Sault Ste. Marie-Sault Area High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Sault Area High School and participated in athletics during 9th grade. He and his mother

(who has been divorced from the student's father for some time) relocated to Minnesota for the start of the 2002-03 school year and he played JV football there. He returned without his mother, who remains with four other children on public assistance in Minnesota.

Based on the conditions in Minnesota and because the student is returning to his former school, the Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Stanton-Central Montcalm High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility after 90 school days of enrollment at Central Montcalm High School on behalf of a 10th-grade student who enrolled Oct. 28, transferring from Greenville High School where he had participated in athletics. This is a school of choice student who encountered transportation problems.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

**Westland-Lutheran High School Westland (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Livonia-Ladywood High School for 9th grade and has not participated in interscholastic athletics. She began the 2002-03 school year at Lutheran High Westland.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2002-03 school year.

**Wyandotte-Our Lady of Mt. Carmel High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Mt. Carmel for 9th grade and until Oct. 31 of 10th grade. She attended Allen Park-Cabrini High School for a few days, without practice or participation, and returned to classes at Mt. Carmel on Nov. 5.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

**Battle Creek-St. Philip Catholic Central High School (Regulation II, Section 11[G])** - Request was made to waive applicable regulations so that St. Philip may rehire for the 2002-03 volleyball season a coach who resigned at the end of last season

and has since coached more than three St. Philip students in that sport during the school year. She resigned because of relocation of her employment to Coldwater. The conditions for her employment have been modified so that she is able to coach at St. Philip Catholic Central again.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for this one time only for both this school and this coach.

**Regulation II, Section 11(G)** - The Executive Committee was asked to consider how the three-person rule is interpreted when three high schools share the same facility for a sport. If the coach of each school's gymnastics team is present, may there be a total of three students in grades 7-12 of that district present? Or may there be three students from each of the separate high schools (and feeder schools to the respective high schools) . . . total of nine students? Or are there other interpretations that could be made?

The Executive Committee affirmed that the technical reading of the *Handbook* regulations and interpretations is that only three students of grades 7 through 12 of a multi-high school district may be present, no matter how many schools and coaches of that district are present. However, in sports that require specialized experience and close supervision (e.g., gymnastics), it would be reasonable on a case-by-case basis to allow three students to be involved for every high school present from that multi-high school district.

MHSAA staff will develop options for *Handbook* language for the Representative Council to consider in May, some of which might treat multi-high school districts under this section as they are under Interpretation No. 57-b of the transfer regulation.

**Norway-Vulcan and Norway-Holy Spirit Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1)** - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program at the mid-

dle school level in boys and girls basketball and boys and girls track & field between these schools. Norway-Vulcan will be the primary school.

**Girls Competitive Cheer Finals** - Grand Valley State University, the outstanding host for the 2002 MHSAA Competitive Cheer Finals, is required to keep its facility available for possible men's and women's intercollegiate league basketball playoff games on the Saturday of the 2003 MHSAA Competitive Cheer Finals. Staff reported that the number of teams and spectators has grown to the point where few high school gymnasiums can handle the event.

Staff and Executive Committee discussed several scheduling options, including (in order of preference) the use of two high school sites on Saturday, a Friday night/Saturday schedule at one high school location, or continuing at GVSU with a flexible date, either Friday or Saturday, finalized about one week in advance.

**Personnel** - The Executive Committee reviewed the draft for a job posting, scheduled for Dec. 16, 2002, for an executive staff position to be filled by summer 2003 following a retirement in December 2002.

**Representative Council** - The Executive Committee reviewed the schedule and agenda for the Dec. 6 meeting.

**Next Meetings** - The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing (Classification Committee to follow at 1 p.m.); Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing (Finance Committee to follow); Thursday, March 20, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing (Representative Council next day); Wednesday, April 16, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing (Finance Committee to follow); Saturday, May 3, at 6 p.m. in Gaylord (Representative Council Sunday-Tuesday); and Wednesday, June 4, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing. ■

# REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Mt. Pleasant, Dec. 6, 2002

## Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan  
Keith Eldred, Williamston  
Tom Rashid, Detroit  
Dan Flynn, Escanaba  
Keith Alto, Newberry  
Melvin Atkins, Grand Rapids  
Eric Federico, Gibraltar  
Judy Green, North Branch  
Magra Grillo, Gladwin  
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven  
Norm Johnson, Bangor  
Karen Leinaar, Benzonia  
Eunice Moore, Detroit  
William Newkirk, Meridian  
Robert Riemersma, Manistee  
Randy Salisbury, Britton  
Donald Weatherspoon, Lansing

## Members Absent:

Kathy McGee, Flint  
Michael Shibley, Rockford

## Also Present:

James Derocher, Negaunee  
Ken Dietz, Hartford  
Pete Ryan, Saginaw  
Edmund Sikorski, Ann Arbor

## Staff Members Present:

Randy Allen  
Nate Hampton  
John Johnson  
Suzanne Martin  
Gina Mazzolini  
Tom Minter  
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

**Accounts of Meetings** - Motion by William Newkirk, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the following accounts of meetings: Representative Council Meetings of May 5-7, and May 22, 2002; the Executive Committee Meetings of May 4, June 5, Aug. 9, Aug. 28, Sept. 17, Oct. 9, Oct. 28 and Nov. 6, 2002; the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee Meeting of Sept. 20, 2002; and the Board of Canvassers Meetings of Sept. 13 and Oct. 1, 2002. Adopted.

## REPORTS

**Legislation** - The Representative Council received a copy of House Bill No. 6251 (amended).

**Litigation** - Attorney Edmund Sikorski presented brief reports on four cases where the MHSAA is a named defendant. One involves a claim against an insurance policy which the MHSAA purchased for all eligible participants in interscholastic athletics. The second involves the Michigan Freedom of Information Act: the MHSAA is appealing a Circuit Court decision to the Michigan Court of Appeals. The third case is a nearly four-year-old case brought against the MHSAA and several school districts: the Circuit Court upheld the MHSAA and the school districts, and plaintiffs have appealed. The fourth and oldest case is the sports seasons litigation with which the US District Court in Kalamazoo is not finished, but the US Court

of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit has already issued a stay to at least delay implementation of the District Court's injunction.

**Administration** - The executive director provided an overview of fall tournaments.

Results of the 2002 **Update Meeting** survey were reviewed with special attention given to proposals that were supported by a majority of Update Meeting attendees at all seven locations.

The results of two completed surveys were reviewed. One showed the membership favoring a Team Track & Field Meet. The other favored no change in MHSAA policies prohibiting its tournaments from being scheduled on Sundays, even when emergencies postpone contests.

At its May meeting, the Representative Council appointed three ad hoc committees, the work of which was reviewed for the Representative Council: on seeding of selected team tournaments, on alternative education definitions and eligibility issues, and on the transfer regulation's definition and application of one semester. Several MHSAA standing committees and the Representative Council will see suggestions or proposals from these ad hoc committees.

A portion of the preliminary studies conducted by management during the fall on a number of issues affecting interscholastic athletics was also reviewed. One study group declined to support any of a number of pro-



posals to modify MHSAA policies and procedures to allow waivers for students with physical disabilities. Another group which involved the leadership of the state school boards, superintendents, principals and athletic directors organizations, discussed ways to encourage more institutional control of interscholastic athletics. Another group reaffirmed MHSAA philosophies and policies regarding national high school championships, all-star contests, and national team and Olympic Development Programs.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Additional Tournaments** - The Representative Council reviewed student interest surveys conducted in 1997-98 and 2001-02, annual Sports Participation Surveys of member schools and a follow-up survey of member schools in the summer of 2002, the reports of four study groups, and additional information compiled as a result of staff discussions with leaders of six different sports for which the MHSAA does not currently conduct a postseason tournament.

The Council affirmed its primary goal of accommodating maximum participation for students in all sizes and types of schools at all locales in the state, and that its focus should be on sports with the greatest potential for growth among female student-athletes, but that sports should not be overlooked simply because they might also benefit boys.

It was noted that by all criteria, quantitative and otherwise, bowling qualifies to be the next MHSAA tournament sport. The number of schools sponsoring girls teams and boys teams both exceed the minimum for an MHSAA postseason tournament. Leaders of the sport want MHSAA involvement, the sport doesn't require recruitment and training of contest officials and it doesn't require the use of overused school facilities.

Motion by William Newkirk, supported by Margra Grillo, that the MHSAA conduct separate Girls and Boys Bowling Tournaments at the conclusion of the winter season, as bowling is already scheduled by several hundred Michigan schools on either a club or interscholastic basis, and that detailed planning for the tournament should commence without delay so that the first MHSAA tournaments would occur in the 2003-04 school year. Adopted.

Motion by Scott Grimes, supported by

Karen Leinaar, that the MHSAA survey schools in an attempt to obtain as firm a commitment as possible regarding their participation should the MHSAA conduct a postseason tournament within the next two school years in girls field hockey, girls ice hockey, girls and boys lacrosse, and/or girls and boys water polo. Adopted.

**Cooperative Programs** - In May 2002, the Representative Council capped the enrollment of cooperative programs at 3,500 students (except for three years for cooperative programs in sports not previously sponsored by the schools involved), and it requested a study of the options for eliminating, phasing out or otherwise processing existing cooperative programs which have enrollments in excess of 3,500 students. Subsequently, MHSAA staff invited input from all of the schools involved in cooperative programs whose combined enrollment would exceed the 3,500-student cap. At the invitation of the MHSAA, on Sept. 19, representatives of all of these cooperative programs convened in the MHSAA office to discuss the 3,500-student limit and how it might be applied in the future and applied to those programs that currently exceed the 3,500-student cap.

There was no sentiment that the 3,500-student cap should be rescinded. There were some suggestions for evaluative criteria for the grandfathering or phasing out of those programs that exceed the 3,500-student cap.

Those programs are to be notified that the Representative Council intends to make its decision at its March meeting and that those schools should provide any more input that they might have well in advance of the Council's March meeting.

**Rescheduling and Refunds Policy** - In May of 2002, the Representative Council began a discussion of the MHSAA's policies for rescheduling and making refunds for tournament contests that are postponed or cancelled. After much more consideration by the Council at this meeting, there was a motion by Tom Rashid, supported by Dan Flynn, to adopt the policy presented without change (See page 301 for policy). Adopted.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Representative Council Qualifications** - At several meetings during the summer and early fall, the MHSAA Executive Committee had been preparing and revising a series of

questions and answers in order to provide further guidance to what the MHSAA Constitution indicates are the requirements of those who serve on the MHSAA Representative Council.

Motion by Norm Johnson, supported by Randy Salisbury, to approve the policy that had been presented, with three editorial changes. Adopted. These interpretations will be included in the MHSAA Representative Council Manual and in other appropriate written communications. Other questions of eligibility will be interpreted by the Representative Council or, in emergencies, by the MHSAA Executive Committee.

**National Federation Concerns** - After the printing of MHSAA publications for the 2002-03 school year, the National Federation Softball Rules Committee revised the softball umpire's uniform and eliminated the authority of states to make adoptions relative to the softball umpire's uniform. Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Scott Grimes, that Michigan continue with navy blue as the required color and powder blue as an option in both baseball and softball in 2003, with the understanding that both officials shall wear the same color in any particular contest. Adopted.

The National Federation is seeking state high school associations' help in promoting a fundraiser for Special Olympics and the National Federation with ten percent of the funds raised by a particular school staying with that school. Motion by Tom Rashid, supported by William Newkirk, not to promote or participate in any National Federation fundraiser. Adopted.

Council members also expressed concerns for the National Federation's tendency toward national promotions and national competitions. Special criticism was directed toward elite basketball camps that had been proposed by the National Federation and the endorsement by the National Federation of national high school cheerleading championships.

Motion by Tom Rashid, supported by Keith Eldred, that the MHSAA withdraw its membership from the National Federation. Defeated.

Motion by Judy Green, supported by Dan Flynn, to express the MHSAA's opposition to the National Federation's directions, especially related to national high school champi-

onships and cheerleading. Adopted. The Council asked that this action be communicated to state high school associations across the country, as well as to the leadership of MASB, MASA, MASSP and MIAAA, and that those organizations be encouraged to contact their national counterparts.

**Skiing** - At the Council's May 2002 meeting, a motion was adopted to approve a recommendation that a face guard be required on helmets in the slalom and giant slalom events.

Motion by Robert Riemersma, supported by Karen Leinaar, to require the full head helmet for the giant slalom and the full head helmet with face mask for the slalom. Adopted. This rescinds the requirement for the face mask attached to helmets in the giant slalom, making use of the face mask a voluntary decision of the competitors in that event.

**Awards** - There were six nominees for the 14th **Women in Sports Leadership Award**, and the Awards Committee narrowed the candidates to three, which were presented to the Representative Council. Council members were asked to vote for one candidate. The name of the recipient will be released at an appropriate time and the recipient will be honored during the Awards Luncheon of the 2003 Women in Sports Leadership Conference.

There were 10 nominees for the **Charles E. Forsythe Award**, and the Awards Committee narrowed the candidates to five, which were presented to the Representative Council members for a ballot vote. The name of the recipient will be released at an appropriate time and the recipient will be honored during the 2003 Boys Basketball Final Tournament.

**Meeting Expenses** - Expenses for this meeting were approved at the specified hotel rate for accommodations and parking, the IRS specified meal allowance and a 30¢ per mile mileage allowance round-trip.

**Future Meetings** - The next meeting of the Representative Council will be held on Friday, March 21, 2003, 8:15 a.m. at the MHSAA building in East Lansing. The spring meeting of the Representative Council will be May 4-6, 2003, at Sylvan Treetops Resort in Gaylord. The fall 2003 meeting will be held on Friday, Dec. 5, 2002, in Mt. Pleasant.

**Farmington Hills-North Farmington**

**High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** - At the Nov. 6, 2002 Executive Committee Meeting, the request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of two sisters, in the 10th and 11th grades, who last year attended Bloomfield Hills-Marian High School. There was no change of residence. The stated need was family finances.

Noting that the published rationale for the transfer regulation prohibits consideration of family finances, the Executive Committee

at its November meeting denied the request for waiver.

Pursuant to its privilege under the MHSAA Constitution, the school made the request for waiver to the full Representative Council.

Motion by William Newkirk, supported by Eunice Moore, to deny the request for waiver. Adopted.

The meeting was adjourned. ■

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Randy Salisbury, Britton  
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### Members Absent:

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### Staff Members Present:

Randy Allen  
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**Appointed Members** - According to the MHSAA Constitution, "It is the annual responsibility of the Council to ascertain that the Council elective process has provided for the representation of females and minorities. If, in the judgment of the Council, these results have not been achieved, said Council shall appoint not to exceed four Representative Council members-at-large for two-year terms."

Motion by Paul Ellinger, supported by Eunice Moore, to reappoint Kathy McGee and Marga Grillo to their second two-year terms on the Representative Council. Adopted.

Motion by Tom Rashid, supported by Keith Eldred, to appoint Fred Procter, Principal at Beverly Hills-Wylie E. Groves High School, to a two-year term on the Representative Council. Adopted.

**Election of Officers** - Officers elected to serve through the fall, 2003 meeting of the Representative Council were President Paul

Ellinger, Vice President Keith Eldred and Secretary-Treasurer Tom Rashid.

The president appointed Dan Flynn to serve on the Executive Committee on a regular basis during 2003, with the fifth position filled on a rotating basis by other Council members.

William Newkirk and Randy Salisbury were invited to serve with the president and secretary-treasurer on the MHSAA Finance Committee for 2003.

**Recognition** - Council members and staff expressed gratitude to four outgoing members of the Representative Council: Keith Alto, Judy Green, Norm Johnson and Robert Riemersma.

Council and staff also expressed gratitude to Suzanne Martin, Assistant Director, who was attending her final Representative Council Meeting at the conclusion of 25 years of service to the MHSAA as a staff member.

The meeting was adjourned. ■

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### GUT CHECK

*Note: These are portions of the closing comments of MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts at MHSAA Update Meetings across Michigan during October.*

You know and I know that ours is not a perfect organization, that we need to keep reviewing what we do, and we sometimes need to change what we do.

During September alone, in addition to the work of regular MHSAA committees, four other groups assembled to help us understand issues and shape policy proposals.

- An ad hoc committee on seeding met September 9 to discuss the desirability and feasibility of seeding the entry level of some team tournaments.
- A few days later an ad hoc committee on alternative education met to examine how alternative education is expanding and how eligibility rules should apply to different forms of non-traditional education.
- On September 19, an ad hoc committee on the transfer regulation met to consider definitions and applications of the one semester of ineligibility and 90 school day provision of Section 9(D).
- Also on September 19, we convened representatives of cooperative programs with combined enrollments that exceed the new 3500 student limit. We discussed how those existing large cooperative programs might be phased out, grandfathered or otherwise evaluated and processed.

It is obvious from September's activities alone, changes are always in the air at the MHSSA: studied change, democratic change.

It has been repeated so often that it is a cliché: "If we don't keep changing, we start dying."

While it may be true that people need to keep learning and growing to stay alive in

mind, body and spirit, and it may be necessary that small businesses and large must keep reinventing themselves to have profitable products and a market niche, it is not necessarily true that change is good or beneficial for organizations formed and fueled by philosophy.

If a non-profit organization alters its purposes and activities so much as to contradict its founding philosophy, why should it continue to exist? If such an organization must change to survive, maybe it deserves to die.

Some people suggest that school sports must change to survive: must become more like youth soccer to keep up with youth soccer, must become more like travel hockey to keep up with travel hockey, must become more like AAU basketball to keep up with AAU basketball. Must have huge trophies like others, long travel like others. Be commercialized like others, professionalized like others.

This is a very real and relevant debate on the local level of high school sports, and it is again a real and relevant debate on the state and national levels of high school sports. Our National Federation of State High School Associations is again advancing the need for (or its desire for) national invitational tournaments in some sports and national high school championships in others.

In fact, without vote or discussion by its membership, last June the National Federation endorsed the Universal Cheerleading Association national competition. It did so in spite of the fact that the National Federation was formed in the 1920's to oppose national competition and that every relevant vote the organization's membership has taken has opposed national competition. The National Federation is doing this for 2.8 million reasons, for \$350,000 per year for eight years.

Our National Federation was formed to help educators restrain promoters and to ward off commercialism, professionalism, exploitation, and excess. The National Federation is intended to help educators keep

extracurricular athletics within academic goals and schedules of schools.

But if our national association reverses its position on national high school championships because "Everybody is doing it" and well, "We need the money to do good things for schools and students," is that organization really needed?

Our national organization was formed to stand apart from everybody else. If our national organization reverses itself to become part of the problem, can it be part of the solution? Does it change so much that it ceases to have a legitimate purpose?

If our national not-for-profit organization puts philosophy behind profit, does it have a legitimate purpose? If our national organization puts its own survival before needed and requested service to its members, does it have a legitimate role?

The only good thing that might come out of our national association's obsession with national presence, which it wrongly believes can only come from its involvement with national competitions, is that it gives us a reality check; it gives us a gut check. It challenges us again to assess again what we stand for.

And should our state association ever begin to wander as this national example, we would expect to be held accountable by the good educators of Michigan. We would expect to be held accountable by the athletic directors, principals, superintendents and school board members of MHSAA member schools.

The purpose of school sports – our market niche in the lives of schools and the world of sports – is pure, wholesome, amateur, local school sports. Any school sports championship beyond the venues of this state is beyond the scope of educational athletics.

If we have national high school championships, the schools of Michigan will no longer write the rules of high school sports in Michigan. Others will do so, and the lowest common denominator will prevail. Because one state doesn't have a transfer rule, we won't. Because another state doesn't have an amateur rule, we won't. Because another state allows thirty-some regular season high school basketball games, we will have to. The schools of Michigan will no longer control

their own programs.

It is a very difficult and delicate balance to fit state championships in the lives of students and schools, for example, around ACT and SAT test dates, proms and graduations. Imagine what national championships would do. The stress on coaches and strains on budgets are already phenomenal. Imagine what national championships would do. Major colleges have had national championships for years and there's not one of them without financial problems. National championships solve no financial problems but create a host of new problems.

No, rather than imaging those bad things, imagine a high school sports program with greater breadth and depth, with many sports and lots of participants. Imagine a high school sports program with as much attention on sub-varsity as varsity teams, on non-revenue as revenue sports, on girls as boys programs, on character building as win/loss records.

Let's not go far and wide for national tournaments. Let's go deeper and still deeper into the lives of our students and communities.

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A postscript from the book *Built to Last*, subtitled "Successful Habits of Visionary Companies." Authors James C. Collins and Jerry I. Porras, list "twelve shattered myths" by great companies in a chapter entitled "The Best of the Best." Myth 5 is this: "The only constant is change." Here's what the authors say:

"A visionary company almost religiously preserves its core ideology – changing it seldom, if ever. Core values in a visionary company form a rock-solid foundation and do not drift with the trends and fashions of the day; in some cases, the core values have remained intact for well over one hundred years. And the basic purpose of a visionary company – its reason for being – can serve as a guiding beacon for centuries, like an enduring star on the horizon. Yet, while keeping their core ideologies tightly fixed, visionary companies display a powerful drive for progress that enables them to change and adapt without compromising their cherished core ideals." ■

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### REBOUNDING

Somewhere along the way in my unremarkable basketball career, a coach yelled, "Rebounding is the key." And somewhere along the way in my life, I learned that rebounding is not merely the key to basketball.

Somewhere along the way, a basketball coach told me the key to rebounding was effort. Not the luck of the bounce, but effort. Working to get into proper position; working to get to the ball. Over and over again. Relentlessly.

Along the way of my decidedly unspectacular athletic career, other coaches converted that message to other sports:

- After a strikeout or error – rebound.
- After a dropped pass or missed block or tackle – rebound.
- After a penalty – rebound.
- After a loss – rebound.
- After a winless season – rebound.

Anybody who plays, coaches or officiates sport knows that disappointments will occur. They are unavoidable. The key to success as a player, coach or official is to keep going. To rebound.

Through sport, somewhere along the way I got the message that the key to life is not a lucky bounce, but rebounding:

- After a failed exam – rebound.
- After a graduate school rejection – rebound.
- After an injury or illness – rebound.

As we enter a new year, let's keep in mind that whatever setbacks we experienced in 2002 can be overcome. By working to get ourselves back into proper position, and then going for it. Over and over again. Relentlessly.

Happy New Year! ■

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## NCAA INCREASES CORE COURSE REQUIREMENT

A package of reform measures designed to improve the graduation rates of Division I student-athletes received final approval Oct. 31, 2002 by the NCAA Division I Board of Directors. The Board also reiterated its support for additional proposals currently under review that will continue the academic reform movement.

Included in the reform package is a proposal that would increase the number of high school core courses required by prospects to participate in sports as a freshman from 13 to 14, maintain the requirement for a 2.000 grade point average in core courses, and would extend the sliding scale relationship between standardized test scores and core course GPA by eliminating the minimum test score currently in place.

The Board also reviewed additional proposals that will go out to the Division I membership for comment and be considered again by the Council in April 2003. Included in the package is a proposal that would require prospects to meet initial eligibility standards in effect at the time of initial college enrollment rather than those in effect at the time of high school graduation. ■

*And We Quote —*

*"There comes a point where the refusal to take a stand on what is wrong results in its victory."*

*— Allison Hornstein, Student, Yale University  
(Newsweek, Dec. 17, 2001)*

## GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

### ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE & SPORTSMANSHIP

Dear MHSAA:

I would like to bring to your attention the good sportsmanship displayed by Portland, Lowell and Caledonia public schools. On Oct. 11, our golf team encountered a flat tire on I-96 west of Portland on its way to the golf Regional at Broadmoor Golf Course in Caledonia.

Our golf coach called our transportation department, which then contacted the Portland Public Schools Transportation Department. Portland sent a person to our van to check out the situation. Our golf coach also contacted the golf course to notify them of our situation. Lowell Public Schools came and picked up our golf team and took it to the course, while Portland's transportation department took our van and replaced the tire.

Caledonia delayed the players meeting at the golf course for a few moments until we arrived at 9 a.m.

Without the good intent of these three schools, our golfers would not have been able to participate in the Regional tournament. To complete the story, our golf team qualified for the MHSAA Finals for the first time in school history.

The good acts of these schools are true depictions of good sportsmanship that is integral in interscholastic competition. Without the assistance of these schools, our student-athletes would not have had this opportunity. Thank you, and thanks to these three schools for demonstrating the spirit of helping others in interscholastic athletics.

Sportsmanship: A Way of Live!

*Greg Lattig, CAA  
Director of Athletics  
Eaton Rapids High School*

### SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD REMINDERS

Throughout February, the announcement of the applicants, finalists and scholarship recipients for the 2002-03 MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance, will take place.

- All information will be available through the MHSAA Web site -- **mhsaa.com**. The list of entries and additional qualifiers will be posted to the Web site by December 31. Schools should review the list and notify the MHSAA office in writing of any corrections by January 15. Corrections submitted by that time will be reflected in the publication honoring all scholarship recipients, finalists and applicants.
- Barring any delays in the judging process, the following announcement schedule will be followed:
  - Announcement of finalists -- mid January
  - Announcement of fall scholarship recipients -- early February
  - Announcement of winter scholarship recipients -- mid February
  - Announcement of spring scholarship recipients -- late February

*NOTE: All finalists will receive written notification by January 25. This information will be mailed to the building athletic director.*

Scholarship recipients will receive a set of forms which must be filled out and sent to the MHSAA along with two (2) photographs for publication purposes. All other finalists will be informed of their status and will be required to submit one (1) photo.

## 2002-03 MHSAA BUDGET

The following budget for operation of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc., for the 2002-03 school year was considered and approved at the May 2002 Representative Council Meeting.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION .....	\$1,795,585
GENERAL PRINTING .....	162,500
GENERAL OFFICE EXPENSES .....	1,179,519
GENERAL MEETINGS.....	129,700
COACHES & OFFICIALS .....	289,300
BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS.....	195,000
BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS (NET).....	325,000
COMPETITIVE CHEER.....	60,000
CROSS COUNTRY MEETS .....	110,000
FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS .....	1,300,000
GOLF TOURNAMENTS .....	62,000
GYMNASTICS MEETS .....	25,000
HOCKEY TOURNAMENTS.....	195,000
SKI MEETS.....	30,000
SOCCER TOURNAMENTS.....	210,000
SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS .....	225,000
SWIMMING MEETS.....	50,000
TENNIS TOURNAMENTS .....	110,000
TRACK MEETS.....	230,000
VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS.....	210,000
WRESTLING TOURNAMENTS .....	510,000
RADIO/TELEVISION .....	100,000
<b>TOTAL BUDGET FOR 2002-03 .....</b>	<b>\$7,503,604</b>

## Independent Auditor's Report

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

August 15, 2002

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc. as of July 31, 2002 and 2001 and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended together with the statement of functional expenses for the year ended July 31, 2002. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Association's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. The prior year summarized comparative information included in the statement of functional expenses has been derived from the Organization's 2001 financial statements and, in our report dated September 13, 2001, we expressed an unqualified opinion on that financial statement.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc. as of July 31, 2002 and 2001, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

(signed) MANER, COSTERISAN & ELLIS, P.C.



**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**JULY 31, 2002 AND 2001**

	<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents		\$ 333,945	\$ 62,719
Short-term investments		937,385	1,440,003
Accounts receivable		121,185	323,716
Prepaid expenses		154,814	168,056
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b><u>1,547,329</u></b>	<b><u>1,994,494</u></b>
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, less accumulated depreciation		<u>2,417,811</u>	<u>2,584,133</u>
<b>OTHER:</b>			
Long-term investments - designated		1,000,397	848,931
Contribution receivable - Ruster Foundation			30,000
Cash value of life insurance		<u>95,108</u>	<u>117,403</u>
<b>TOTAL OTHER</b>		<u>1,095,505</u>	<u>996,334</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$ 5,060,645</b>	<b>\$ 5,574,961</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>			
Current portion of long-term debt		\$ 112,947	\$ 107,616
Accounts payable		20,937	95,226
Accrued compensation and related items		82,478	89,044
Deferred revenue - officials' registration fees collected in advance		<u>345,469</u>	<u>324,132</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		561,831	616,018
LONG-TERM DEBT - notes payable		1,179,437	1,281,689
DEFERRED COMPENSATION		<u>67,711</u>	<u>49,029</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>1,808,979</u>	<u>1,946,736</u>
<b>NET ASSETS:</b>			
Unrestricted:			
Undesignated		<u>2,251,269</u>	<u>2,646,422</u>
Designated:			
Women in sports leadership		182,202	212,654
Legal Defense		701,086	610,171
Building maintenance fund		21,264	26,106
Student services fund		<u>95,845</u>	<u>132,872</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<u>3,251,666</u>	<u>3,628,225</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		<b>\$ 5,060,645</b>	<b>\$ 5,574,961</b>

See notes to financial statement

**MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES**  
**YEARS ENDED JULY 31, 2002 AND 2001**

	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
<b>REVENUES:</b>		
Tournament and meet income	\$ 6,103,236	\$ 6,172,978
Officials' receipts for current school year	449,957	401,140
Investment income (loss)	(168,229)	261,120
Royalties, advertising and sponsorships	259,834	180,385
Bulletins and publications	37,258	27,898
Contribution - Ruster Foundation		132,872
Miscellaneous	<u>3,790</u>	<u>2,767</u>
Total revenues	<u>6,685,846</u>	<u>7,179,160</u>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Tournaments	5,965,855	5,822,414
Coaches and officials	571,729	731,245
Management and general	<u>524,821</u>	<u>625,129</u>
Total expenses	<u>7,062,405</u>	<u>7,178,788</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	(376,559)	372
<b>NET ASSETS:</b>		
Beginning of year	<u>3,628,225</u>	<u>3,627,853</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 3,251,666</u>	<u>\$ 3,628,225</u>

See notes to financial statement

**MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**  
**YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2002**  
**WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2001**

	Tournaments	Coaches and officials	Mgt. and general	Total	
				<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
<b>OFFICE ADMINISTRATION:</b>					
Salaries and wages	\$ 361,221	\$ 79,026	\$ 94,769	\$ 535,016	\$ 544,639
Accounting and audit			17,604	17,604	14,858
Stationery and supplies	21,155	4,628	5,550	31,333	38,355
Maintenance and repairs	53,263	11,653	13,973	78,889	84,170
Telephone	15,461	3,383	4,056	22,900	22,962
Equipment lease	20,488	4,482	5,376	30,346	5,261
Incidentals	26,667	5,834	6,996	39,497	15,976
Postage	105,452	23,070	27,666	156,188	157,750
Payroll taxes	63,171	13,820	16,573	93,564	90,179
Health and life insurance	146,296	32,006	38,381	216,683	123,130
Retirement	126,280	27,627	33,130	187,037	182,700
Utilities	16,677	3,649	4,375	24,701	18,986
Depreciation	159,461	34,886	41,835	236,182	264,674
Data processing expense	<u>5,375</u>	<u>1,176</u>	<u>1,410</u>	<u>7,961</u>	<u>24,863</u>
Total office administration	<u>1,120,967</u>	<u>245,240</u>	<u>311,694</u>	<u>1,677,901</u>	<u>1,588,503</u>
<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>					
Salary - professionals	467,474	182,561	116,632	766,667	723,260
Travel - professionals	16,791	3,674	4,405	24,870	37,054
Travel, meals and lodging of members	47,023	10,287	12,337	69,647	92,943
National Federation affiliation dues	1,688	369	443	2,500	2,500
Insurance - general	11,159	2,441	2,928	16,528	15,404
Insurance - catastrophic	16,879	3,693	4,428	25,000	25,000
Insurance - liability	30,153	6,597	7,910	44,660	43,207
Litigation expense	105,042	22,981	27,558	155,581	166,601
Officials' liability insurance	20,840			20,840	20,812
Automobile expense	19,029	4,163	4,993	28,185	20,775
Committee meetings	4,248	929	1,115	6,292	4,212
Web site	8,598	1,881	2,256	12,735	16,537
Meetings - general	10,485	2,294	2,750	15,529	12,468
Clinics and workshops	19,188	4,198	5,034	28,420	95,440
Appropriations - other assoc.	<u>7,675</u>	<u>1,679</u>	<u>2,013</u>	<u>11,367</u>	<u>16,711</u>
Total administration	<u>786,272</u>	<u>247,747</u>	<u>194,802</u>	<u>1,228,821</u>	<u>1,292,924</u>

See notes to financial statement

**MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**  
**YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2002**  
**WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2001**

	<u>Tournaments</u>	<u>Coaches and officials</u>	<u>Mgt. and general</u>	<u>Total</u>	
				<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
<b>GENERAL PRINTING:</b>					
State association bulletins	\$ 73,380			\$ 73,380	\$ 84,339
Officials Guidebook		9,068		9,068	9,326
Forms and blanks	17,280	8,511		25,791	21,631
Films		750		750	530
Rule books	161,975			161,975	164,985
Officials Directory		13,547		13,547	14,739
Handbooks	7,247			7,247	6,856
Publications and books	39,141	19,278		58,419	59,885
Book of Champions	12,424			12,424	11,624
Mentor		8,830		8,830	8,170
Stripes		8,204		8,204	6,710
General printing	<u>9,751</u>	<u>2,133</u>	<u>2,558</u>	<u>14,442</u>	<u>27,485</u>
Total general printing	<u>321,198</u>	<u>70,321</u>	<u>2,558</u>	<u>394,077</u>	<u>416,280</u>
<b>OTHER:</b>					
Committee meetings	11,508		5,668	17,176	22,353
Taxes	4,354	953	1,142	6,449	5,200
Interest expense	<u>34,137</u>	<u>7,468</u>	<u>8,957</u>	<u>50,562</u>	<u>85,157</u>
Total other	<u>49,999</u>	<u>8,421</u>	<u>15,767</u>	<u>74,187</u>	<u>112,710</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>2,278,436</u>	<u>571,729</u>	<u>524,821</u>	<u>3,374,986</u>	<u>3,410,417</u>
<b>TOURNAMENT AND MEET EVENT EXPENSE-DIRECT</b>					
	<u>3,687,419</u>			<u>3,687,419</u>	<u>3,768,371</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>5,965,855</b>	<b>571,729</b>	<b>524,821</b>	<b>7,062,405</b>	<b>7,178,788</b>

See notes to financial statement

**MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**YEARS ENDED JULY 31, 2002 AND 2001**

	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:</b>		
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ (376,559)	\$ 372
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Realized and unrealized (gain) loss on investments	238,436	(150,922)
Depreciation	236,182	264,674
Accounts receivable	232,531	(350,334)
Prepaid expenses	13,242	(48,679)
Accounts payable	(74,289)	12,465
Accrued compensation and related items	(6,566)	5,052
Deferred revenue	21,337	51,167
Deferred compensation	18,682	17,460
Total adjustments	<u>679,555</u>	<u>(199,117)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>302,996</u>	<u>(198,745)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of property and equipment	(69,860)	(126,041)
Purchases/sale of investments - net	112,716	118,271
Purchase of cash value life insurance	22,295	(32,721)
Decrease (increase) in cash proceeds from long-term debt		<u>16,198</u>
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>65,151</u>	<u>(24,293)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	13,200	58,983
Reduction of long-term debt	<u>(110,121)</u>	<u>(102,878)</u>
Net cash used by financing activities	<u>(96,921)</u>	<u>(43,895)</u>
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>271,226</b>	<b>(266,933)</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year</b>	<b><u>62,719</u></b>	<b><u>329,652</u></b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of year</b>	<b><u>333,945</u></b>	<b><u>62,719</u></b>

See notes to financial statement

# MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting - The Association utilizes the accrual method of accounting which recognizes income when earned and expenses when incurred.

Financial statement presentation - The Association is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets. The Association has no temporarily or permanently restricted activity or net assets.

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits and savings accounts maintained at the bank and cash management accounts maintained by investment brokers. Interest bearing cash accounts which result from the transition of long-term investments or the accumulation of interest within the long-term investment accounts are classified as other assets and are included in long-term investments instead of cash since these funds are designated and not available for current operating expenditures.

Investments - The Association records investments at fair value.

Accounts receivable - No allowance for doubtful accounts is considered necessary.

Property and equipment is stated at cost. Depreciation is computed over the estimated useful life of the assets on the straight-line method. Generally, the Association capitalizes items in excess of \$1,000.

Compensated absences - The liability for compensated absences (accrued annual leave) is accrued at the time such benefits are earned.

Deferred revenue - Revenue from officials' registration fees collected for the upcoming year is deferred and recognized in the period to which it relates.

It is the Association's policy to allow basketball tournament host schools to retain a portion of the tournament revenue to cover direct tournament expenses and to participate in the excess of receipts over expenses. The tournament receipts retained by the host schools under this policy amounted to \$649,030 and \$647,806 in 2002 and 2001, respectively. These amounts are not reflected in the statements.

Tournament expenses include the expenses which are directly related to the event.

# MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## NOTE 2 - NATURE OF THE ORGANIZATION, RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc. is a voluntary association of public, private and parochial secondary schools. The Association was created to establish, provide for, supervise and conduct interscholastic athletic programs throughout the state. The Association is exempt from federal income tax under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Unrelated business income, if any, is subject to tax. The Association receives substantially all revenue from members in the state of Michigan.

The Association categorizes its activities into two major program categories described as follows:

**Tournaments** - Promulgation of eligibility regulations and contest rules, meetings and publications to communicate such regulations and rules, and direct administration and costs related to tournaments for member schools and their students.

**Coaches and officials** - Registration of contest officials, and training programs for registered officials and coaches of member schools.

The Association is required to disclose significant concentrations of credit risk regardless of the degree of such risk. Financial instruments which potentially subject the Association to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash, cash equivalents and certain investments. The Association places its cash, cash equivalents and investments with high-credit-quality financial institutions. Although such investments and cash balances exceed the federally insured limits, they are, in the opinion of management, subject to minimal risk.

The process of preparing financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the use of estimates and assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses. Such estimates primarily relate to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements. Accordingly, upon settlement, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

## NOTE 3 - PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT AND OTHER DEPRECIABLE ASSETS

Property, equipment and other depreciable assets consist of the following:

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Land	\$ 255,606	\$ 255,606
Building and improvements	2,190,797	2,190,797
Furniture, equipment and automobiles	<u>1,096,328</u>	<u>1,081,140</u>
	3,542,731	3,527,543
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>1,124,920</u>	<u>943,410</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>2,417,811</u>	<u>2,584,133</u>

Depreciation expense amounted to \$236,182 and \$264,674 in 2002 and 2001, respectively.

# MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## NOTE 4 - INVESTMENTS

Investments, which are presented in the financial statements at fair value, are comprised of the following:

	Year ended July 31,	
	2002	2001
Short-term investments:		
Certificates of deposit		\$ 200,000
Money market		1,848,187
Mutual funds	935,537	1,238,196
	\$ 937,385	\$ 1,440,003
Long-term investments:		
Certificates of deposit	476,796	347,978
Mutual funds	523,425	500,779
Money market	176	174
	\$ 1,000,397	\$ 848,931
Investment income consists of the following:		
Interest and dividends	\$ 70,207	\$ 110,198
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	(238,436)	150,922
	(168,229)	261,120

## NOTE 5 - LONG-TERM DEBIT

Note payable - City of East Lansing Economic Development Corporation (EDC) - The EDC assigned its interest in the note to the bank who purchased the underlying bond issue. The land and related building is mortgaged to secure the note. Interest is currently payable at a variable rate which is 3.23% at year end. The note is payable in amounts ranging from \$8,100 to \$14,200 per month plus interest through July 2016.

	2002	2001
	\$ 1,238,800	\$ 1,336,000
Note payable - bank - secured by equipment, due in monthly installments of \$1,216, including interest at 8.60%, through November, 2005.	42,951	53,305
Note payable - Secured by vehicle, due in monthly installments of \$367 through December 2004.	10,633	1,389,305
	1,292,384	1,389,305
Less current portion	(112,947)	(107,616)
	\$ 1,179,437	\$ 1,281,689

Year ended <u>July 31,</u>	
2003	\$ 112,947
2004	129,563
2005	143,702
2006	134,126
2007	128,400
Thereafter	643,646
	\$1,292,384



# MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## NOTE 6 - DESIGNATED EQUITY

Designated equity relates to women in sports leadership funds, legal defense funds, building maintenance funds and student services funds which amount to \$182,202, \$701,086, \$21,264 and \$95,845, respectively at July 31, 2002, and \$212,654, \$610,171, \$26,106 and \$132,872, respectively at July 31, 2001.

## NOTE 7 RETIREMENT PLANS

Effective January 1, 2002 the Association established a 401(k) which covers substantially all employees. The plan previously maintained by the Association, a defined contribution money purchase plan, merged into the 401(k) plan effective February 15, 2002. The amount contributed is based on the employees' compensation. Association contributions made to the plans amounted to \$187,037 and \$182,700 for the years ending July 31, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

The Association also maintains a flexible benefit plan available to all employees.

## NOTE 8 SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOWS DISCLOSURES

The purchase of three automobiles were financed partially through the trade-in of other vehicles. The total net book value of the vehicles traded in was \$59,900.

Interest paid on the notes payable amounted to \$50,562 in 2002 and \$85,157 in 2001.

## NOTE 9 - CONTINGENCIES

There are three lawsuits outstanding in which the Association is a defendant. If the Association should not prevail in one of these cases, it is possible that the judge may award to the plaintiffs part or all of their litigation costs, which plaintiff claims to be approximately \$2,000,000 at year end. It is the opinion of management that the actual claims, if any, resulting from the aforementioned litigation would not have a material adverse effect on the capacity of the Association to serve its membership.

## NOTE 10 - LEASES

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

2003	12,849
2004	12,849
2005	9,566
2006	<u>3,141</u>
	\$ 38,405

## NOTE 10 - RESTATEMENT

The 2001 financial statements have been restated to increase deferred revenue by \$41,164 and reduce revenue and related increase in net assets by \$41,164.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Our report on our audits of the basic financial statements of Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc. appears on page 1. Those audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

(signed) MANER, COSTERISAN & ELLIS, P.C.  
Lansing, Michigan  
August 15, 2002

# REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF THE MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

## SCHOOL YEAR - 2001-02

**PUBLICATIONS** - Monthly *Bulletin* distributed to junior and senior high schools and registered officials; Officials' Directory and School Directory and calendars prepared; *Book of Champions* published; Association *Handbook* distributed to junior and senior high schools; rule books for football, basketball, track, swimming, wrestling, gymnastics, soccer, softball, spirit, ice hockey, volleyball, and baseball distributed to schools and registered officials; blanks and forms were distributed to schools. *Stripes* and *Mentor* were published and distributed to all registered officials and head coaches, respectively. The *Officials Guidebook* was published for distribution to all prospective officials. The *Coaches Guidebook* was published and distributed to all schools. The *Competitive Cheer Manual* was published for the ninth time.

**RULES MEETINGS/CLINICS** - General meetings and rules meetings held in baseball/softball, competitive cheer, football, basketball, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, golf, wrestling, gymnastics, volleyball, soccer, and ice hockey for coaches and registered officials. The Officials Awards and Alumni Banquet honored 20, 30 and 40 year officials. Special meetings were conducted for coaches association presidents and league and conference executives. Tournament managers meetings were held in most sports. Meetings were held with representatives of local officials associations. In-service programs for officials assignors and sessions to train the basketball, football, volleyball, wrestling, soccer, baseball and softball trainers of approved officials associations were conducted. The 14th Women in Sports Leadership Conference was held. Meetings for competitive cheer judges and coaches were held across the state.

**COMMITTEES** - Over 300 different individuals served on the following Association committees during the 2001-02 school year:

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

**PARTICIPANTS** - Approximately 256,000 students were members of interscholastic athletic squads of the 754 member high schools during the 2001-02 school year.

**REGISTERED OFFICIALS** - There were 11,746 officials registered in one or more sports during the year.

**UPDATE MEETINGS** - Meetings for 1,093 people were conducted during the fall in Frankenmuth, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Gaylord, Pontiac, Comstock Park, and Marquette.

**PACE SEMINARS** - There were approximately 772 participants who completed one or more courses in the Program for Athletic Coaches' Education at sites throughout the state during the 2001-02 school year.

**ATHLETIC DIRECTORS IN-SERVICE** - 165 athletic directors participated in the Athletic Directors In-Service programs at 9 sites throughout the state during August of 2001.

**SPORTSMANSHIP** continued to be an emphasis of the association. Sportsmanship mini-grants to local schools and leagues exceeded \$15,000. ■

## CHAMPS CLINIC DRAWS A CROWD AT GIRLS BASKETBALL FINALS

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

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

The 2002 Girls Basketball CHAMPS Clinic held Dec. 7 at Central Michigan University (free of charge, underwritten by Farm Bureau Insurance and the Detroit Shock) drew 60 participants and their parents. While the youngsters improved their game skills, their parents heard from different members of the Central Michigan University athletic and physical education staff about sports nutrition, academic eligibility requirements and parental sportsmanship.



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*Participants in the MHSAA's CHAMPS Clinic are recognized at halftime of the Class D Girls Basketball Final at Rose Arena in Mt. Pleasant on Dec. 7.*

# **Bowling Added To MHSAA Postseason Tournament Schedule In 2003-04 By Representative Council**

Bowling makes its debut as a Michigan High School Athletic Association postseason tournament event in 2003-04, being added to the schedule in a vote taken on Dec. 6 by the legislative body of the organization, the Representative Council.

By being added to the winter sports season schedule with separate girls and boys tournaments, the MHSAA will have a total of 26 championships – 13 for girls and 13 for boys, beginning next year.

Sponsorship of bowling as an interscholastic sport by MHSAA member schools has exceeded the 64-school minimum for consideration of MHSAA postseason tournaments. The Michigan High School Bowling Conference estimates that approximately 250 teams existed statewide last year as either interscholastic or community teams.

Details about the administration of the sport will be announced at a future date. It is anticipated that there would be at least a Regional level of competition prior to the postseason tournament Finals, and that the calendar would coincide with existing winter sports which end in an MHSAA-sponsored postseason tournament.

"The addition of bowling for girls and boys responds to the growth of bowling in all types of schools in all parts of our state, and it has the most immediate potential for growth in female participation," said MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts. "We're pleased to offer this tournament at a time of year when there is less participation in high school sports than in the fall and spring. It's a sport that doesn't require officials recruitment and training and doesn't add a scheduling burden to already over-used school facilities."

In making the decision to add bowling, the MHSAA utilized student interest surveys conducted in 1997-98 and 2001-02, its annual sports participation survey of member schools, and a follow-up survey in the summer of 2002 about sports in which the MHSAA does not currently offer postseason tournaments. The MHSAA Executive Committee appointed study groups in August to evaluate bowling, lacrosse, girls field hockey and girls ice hockey. MHSAA staff also met with the statewide leadership of the water polo and equestrian communities.

The Council will act at future meetings to add additional championships. It authorized a survey of member schools to determine participation commitments in potential MHSAA postseason tournaments in girls field hockey, girls ice hockey, lacrosse and water polo, to be completed for review at the Council's next meeting on March 21, 2003.

The last addition to the MHSAA tournament schedule occurred in the 1993-94 school year, when the first Girls Competitive Cheer tournament took place that winter, attracting more participating schools and spectators than girls skiing and girls gymnastics combined. Prior to that, boys and girls soccer tournaments were initiated in the 1982-83 school year.

The history of the MHSAA providing postseason tournaments for girls predates the boom in girls participation. Regional skiing meets for girls and boys were initiated in the 1953-54 school year, with a statewide tournament being added in 1974-75. The first statewide MHSAA tournament for girls was in gymnastics in 1971-72. During the 1972-73 school year, girls tournaments began in golf, swimming and diving, tennis, and track and field. Girls basketball followed in 1973-74; softball in 1974-75; volleyball in 1975-76 and cross country in 1978-79. By the time Title IX took effect in 1976, the MHSAA was already conducting nine statewide tournaments for girls. Since 1971-72, when it first offered girls statewide tournaments, the Association has now added 13 tournaments for girls, while boys have had a net gain of four.

The Fall meeting of the 19-member legislative body of the Association's 1,300-plus member schools is one of its three regularly-scheduled sessions each year. The agenda also included reports from a variety of ad hoc committees convened by the Association to study a variety of other issues impacting high school athletics.

In other actions, the Council approved a policy for the rescheduling of tournament games when postponed and an accompanying ticket refund policy (see more details on next page);

defined qualifications for candidacy for the Representative Council; voted to maintain the same uniform requirements for softball umpires as in previous years – with dark blue shirts and gray slacks; and modified a requirement for faceguards on helmets in skiing, requiring guards only for the slalom event.

The Council also passed a motion opposing the National Federation of State High School Association's movement toward national high school tournaments and its endorsement of the Universal Cheerleaders Association national championships.

Three appointed positions to the Council were also filled at the meeting. **Kathy McGee** of Flint and **Margra Grillo** of Gladwin were reappointed to their second and final two-year term on the board, and **Fred Procter** of Birmingham was appointed to his first term. McGee is the athletic director and girls basketball coach at Flint Powers Catholic High School, Grillo is a board of education member for Gladwin Public Schools; and Procter is the principal at Birmingham Groves High School.

Reelected as Council officers were **Paul Ellinger**, superintendent of Cheboygan Public Schools, as president; **Keith Eldred**, athletic director at Williamston Middle School, as vice-president; and **Tom Rashid**, director of health and physical education for the Archdiocese of Detroit, as secretary-treasurer.

The Representative Council is the 19-member legislative body of the MHSAA. All but five members are elected by member schools. Four members are appointed by the Council to facilitate representation of females and minorities; and the 19th position is occupied by the Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee. Three of the four appointed positions to the board were filled at this meeting. ■

## **RESCHEDULING AND REFUNDS**

### **Adopted by the MHSAA Representative Council**

**December 2002**

If an MHSAA tournament meet or contest is postponed or suspended because the facility becomes unusable or as a result of acts of persons or nature, and the playing rules require that the meet or contest must be played or resumed, the meet or contest must be played or completed on the first available subsequent date, except Sundays, at the same facility.

If that facility is unavailable at any future time within the tournament schedule, MHSAA staff will determine if other facility options are available. If no reasonable options exist, the contest(s) will not be played and a coin toss or tosses will determine which team or teams will advance to the next level of the tournament. If it is the championship game of the entire tournament series, co-champions will be named and awards provided.

Refunds on admission tickets or parking are not provided by the MHSAA for postponed or suspended MHSAA tournament meets or contests, or for such meets or contests that are terminated before their normal conclusion for any reason. Tickets will be honored for admission to a rescheduled or resumed contest.

## 2002 FALL COACH EJECTION LISTING

<b>City</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Coach</b>	<b>Sport</b>
Alanson	Littlefield HS	Ken Truman	Girls Basketball
Alanson	Littlefield HS	Erika Wagner	Girls Basketball
Ann Arbor	Huron HS	Fleming Morris	Football
Athens	Athens HS	Jim Novar	Girls Basketball
Baldwin	Baldwin Community Schools	Joe Washington	Football
Battle Creek	Central HS	Greg Williams	Girls Basketball
Bay City	John Glenn HS	Liviu Gligor	Boys Soccer
Canton	Plymouth Christian HS	Rick Erickson	Boys Soccer
Carrollton	Carrollton HS	William Dalton	Football
Caseville	Caseville HS	Brian Siegfried	Girls Basketball
Charlotte	Charlotte HS	Jay Pollice	Boys Soccer
Commerce	Walled Lake Northern	Drew Drummond	Boys Soccer
Galesburg	Galesburg-Augusta HS	Tim Born	Girls Basketball
Gladwin	Gladwin HS	Sam Wilson	Football
Grand Rapids	Union HS	Jamie Taylor	Girls Swimming
Grayling	Grayling HS	Kyle Langseth	Boys Soccer
Hillsdale	Hillsdale HS	Brad Felix	Girls Basketball
Ionia	Ionia HS	Dan Painter	Football
Jackson	East Jackson HS	Mark Raczkowski	Football
Jackson	Jackson HS	Jim Flack	Boys Soccer
Kent City	Kent City HS	Steve McClintock	Football
Kinde	North Huron HS	Randy Miller	Football
Kingsford	Kingsford HS	Mark Novara	Football
Laingsburg	Laingsburg HS	Bryan Matthews	Boys Soccer
Lansing	JW Sexton HS	Eric Nelson	Boys Soccer
Lansing	Waverly HS	Dale Ward	Boys Soccer
LeRoy	Pine River Area HS	Mark Kassuba	Football
Lowell	Lowell HS	Paul Legge	Boys Soccer
Madison Heights	Lamphere HS	Ivan Neubauer	Boys Soccer
Muskegon	Muskegon HS	Marie Williams	Girls Basketball
North Branch	North Branch HS	Marc Krugielki	Boys Soccer
Parchment	Parchment HS	Krynd Brand	Girls Basketball
Paw Paw	Paw Paw HS	Hassan Alsakha	Boys Soccer
Pentwater	Pentwater HS	Robert Brinkman	Girls Basketball
Pinconning	Pinconning Area HS	Jason Donahue	Girls Basketball
Riverview	Gabriel Richard HS	Donald Mandell	Football
Rochester	Adams HS	Juan Delgado	Boys Soccer
Saginaw	Heritage HS	Andy Mulvey	Boys Soccer
Saline	Saline HS	Luis Downey	Boys Soccer
Saline	Saline HS	Alan Leslie	Football
South Lyon	South Lyon HS	Phil York	Boys Soccer
Southgate	Southgate Anderson HS	Paul Ivitu	Boys Soccer
Sparta	Sparta HS	Jeremy Ogg	Boys Soccer
Taylor	John F Kennedy HS	Keith Merwin	Football
White Lake	Lakeland HS	Brian Burlison	Football
White Lake	Lakeland HS	Brian Kennedy	Girls Basketball
Wyandotte	Mt Carmel HS	Emmitt Long	Football
Wyandotte	Mt Carmel HS	Dennis Parker	Football

## SCHOOLS WITH THREE OR MORE OFFICIALS REPORTS — Fall 2002

School	City	No. of Reports
Brighton HS	Brighton	4
Anchor Bay HS	New Baltimore	4
Adams HS	Rochester	4
Adrian HS	Adrian	3
Allegan HS	Allegan	3
Berkley HS	Berkley	3
Montabella HS	Blanchard	3
L'Anse Creuse HS	Harrison Township	3
Jackson HS	Jackson	3
JW Sexton HS	Lansing	3
Lincoln Park HS	Lincoln Park	3
Muskegon HS	Muskegon	3
Okemos HS	Okemos	3
Saline HS	Saline	3
John F Kennedy HS	Taylor	3
Bedford HS	Temperance	3
Waterford Mott HS	Waterford	3

## OFFICIALS REPORTS SUMMARY FOR FALL 2002

Sport	Concern	Praise	Player Ejection	Coach Ejection	Other Ejection	Taunting
Boys Golf	3	0	3	0	0	0
Boys Soccer	180	15	158	19	3	3
Football	123	18	103	16	1	1
Girls Basketball	41	8	19	12	1	0
Girls Swimming	1	0	0	1	0	0

### Distribution of Reports

Reports of Concern	No. of Schools	Reports of Praise	No. of Schools
1	141	1	35
2	71	2	3
3	15		
4	5		

## MIAAA HONORS THIRD EXEMPLARY ATHLETIC AWARD CLASS

Michigan's professional organization of high school athletic directors, the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA), recently recognized Midland Dow and Troy Athens high schools as having Exemplary Athletic Programs. Representatives of Dow and Athens were recognized by the MIAAA and the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) at halftime of the MHSAA Class A Girls Basketball Final on Dec. 7

The MIAAA, in partnership with the MHSAA, conducted the extensive review program this fall prior to recognizing Dow and Athens as two of Michigan's model high school athletic programs. The schools went through a rigorous screening process, which included an application and a written documentation of the program's strengths. Both schools also hosted a two-day, on-site visit by a MIAAA evaluation team made up of veteran athletic administrators.

The MIAAA Exemplary Athletic Award Program recognizes that outstanding school athletic programs greatly serve students, families, communities and schools. Michigan's athletic administrators realize these exemplary programs occur when partnerships and cooperation exist between all administrators in a school district, as well as among parents, community and student leaders.

The athletic programs' philosophy at Dow High School is that participation in athletics helps young people develop physically, emotionally and intellectually. Desirable outcomes include the development of not only physical skill but also sportsmanship, citizenship, teamwork, self-discipline, loyalty, tolerance, and perseverance. The athletic program offers 22 sports 11 for males and 11 for females. Fifty-two teams compete at freshman through varsity

levels. Athletic director Dan McShannock stated, "We are proud of the fact that each year we average over 44 per cent of our male and female students participating on at least one athletic team".

In Midland Dow's 33-year athletic history, the athletic teams have won 123 Saginaw Valley Conference championships, 49 MHSAA district championships, 40 MHSAA regional, 11 MHSAA state runner-up and 3 MHSAA state championships. In the past 4 or 5 years, Dow's boys' and girls' teams have either won the SVL Richard Leach All Sports Trophy or been runner-up.

Dow student-athletes have also excelled in the classroom. The average GPA of its student-athletes has exceeded 3.30 each of the past three years. Dow athletes continue to lead the SVL in Scholar Athlete recipients with a two year average of 413. Dow student athletes have taken part in Peer Tutoring Programs, D.A.R.E. presentations, Lunch Box Learners Program and sportsmanship workshops. Dow athletes strive to become well-rounded individuals with the skills, and character to be contributing citizens.

*The Charger* is the official newsletter of the Dow High athletic program. McShannock states, "It serves our department in many ways: community out-reach, general information, promotion of educational athletics, coaches' education, parent information, and hot issues, just to name a few." Members of the athletic department have written special articles on various topics, including "Sportsmanship," "A Case for High School Athletics," "Sports Nutrition," "Athletic Eligibility," "Pro-active Legal issues," and "25 Years of Girls' Sports." They have developed a Student and Parent Athletic Handbook that briefly outlines their entire athletic program.





Dow High School is fortunate to have the support of the Dow High All Sports Booster Club. Through this organization's efforts Dow High receives over \$30,000 in gifts each year. McShannock states, "Receiving the MIAAA Exemplary Athletic Program Award is a tribute to the hundreds of athletes, students, coaches, staff and community that have dedicated themselves to the successes of the athletic program at Dow High for the past 35 years."

The philosophy of the athletic department at Troy Athens High School maintains that participation in athletic activities is a valuable educational tool that provides lessons in teamwork, sportsmanship, and self-confidence. Emphasis is placed on maintaining a quality program where student athletes and spectators follow sound concepts of fair play, good sportsmanship, mutual respect and cooperation. A "win at all cost" mentality, which undermines good sportsmanship; is not tolerated.

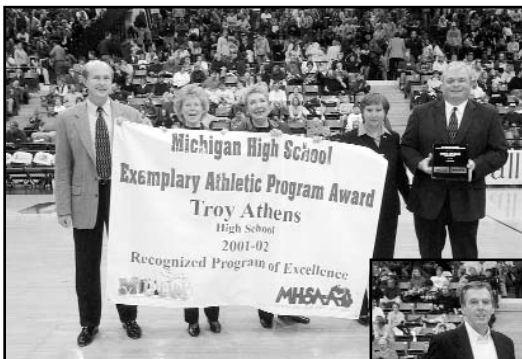
Troy Athens High School continues to offer its student body a very comprehensive athletic program. The athletic program is cognizant of the ever-changing student body needs and responds to the students with a wide variety of interscholastic sports and

activities. The program offers 28 varsity programs, 15 for girls and 13 for boys. A complete junior varsity and freshman program is offered to complement varsity teams. Troy Athens boasts a total of 63 interscholastic teams.

Athletic Director Bob Dowd says, "The process that is involved is a good reflection on the community, personal and student body. Our Troy Athens Red Hawks have achieved a great deal of its success due to the efforts of the veteran staff and the parent cooperation.

"Due to the continued support from our Administrators, School Board members, faculty, parents and community, Troy Athens has been able to offer these excellent programs. Our support system provides us with the financial support to offer our student athletes the finest equipment available, a full-time trainer and the vision to see the needs for quality facilities and playing fields."

The Troy School District goal is educational athletics, believing that the educational process continues onto the athletic practice field. Coaches are the teachers and the playing fields are the classrooms. ■



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*Members of the Troy Athens and Midland Dow athletic departments display Exemplary Athletic Program Award banners presented by the MIAAA at the Girls Basketball Finals in Mt. Pleasant on Dec. 7.*



## CARROLLTON HONORED IN “LEGENDS” PROGRAM

*In an effort to promote educational athletics by showcasing some of the great teams of past years, the Michigan High School Athletic Association instituted a program called “Legends Of The Games” in 1997, which honored its sixth girls basketball school at halftime of the Class C Girls Basketball Final on Dec. 7. Following is MHSAA historian Ron Pesch’s account of Carrollton’s 1979, 1981 and 1982 championship teams.*

For years, Carrollton High School had fought for its own identity. The high school was often referred to as Saginaw Carrollton, but graduates are quick to point out that the school resides outside the city. Or as Vonnie Thompson, a sleek 5-7 all-state guard for the Cavaliers and later a basketball standout at the University of Michigan, stated some 20 years ago: “We are not outside Saginaw. Saginaw is outside us.”

Thompson and her peers did more than a band of high-priced, big-city image consultants ever could do to establish the school's image. Three MHSAA championships in a span of four years can alter the landscape. Suddenly, everybody knows your name.

The rise to the top of the Class C girls basketball ranks began in the fall of 1976. Coached by Gary Zimmerman, the team won the first of seven District titles in a row. A sudden run to the MHSAA Final in 1977 was unexpected, as a young Cavalier squad eventually lost to DeWitt, but Carrollton emerged as a team to be reckoned with. The Cavaliers returned to final round again in 1978, falling to eventual champ Allen Park Cabrini in the Quarterfinals.

That tournament experience was invaluable for Zimmerman's squad heading into 1979. The team featured a balanced scoring attack and solid defense, and sported an undefeated record when the postseason started. The run through the tourney was storybook-like, capped by a 50-31 win over Royal Oak Shrine in the title game as Carrollton finished 28-0. Sharon Sawyers notched 15 points while Laura Collison ended with 14 and Lori Gnatkowski (later a star at the University of Michigan, establishing longstanding career marks in assists and steals) added 13 for the Cavaliers. All three had been members of the 1977 team. Defensively, they contained Rachelle Bostic, one of the state's top players, limiting her to 14 points.

While the team graduated four of its five starters following the season, the Carrollton bench cradled the seeds for another outstanding run. However, the veteran coach would not be along for the ride. The team won another District crown in 1980, but Zimmerman stepped aside following the season. Bill DeLong took the reigns in 1981, and inherited a talent-laden group on the brink of domination in Class C. Four starters – Vonnie Thompson, Kelly Burns, Kelly Maturen, and Laura Goodwin – were on the roster in 1979 championship season. Still, the Cavaliers needed to gel as a team.

While the team dropped its season opener to Class A power Midland, it rebounded with 16 straight victories before tournament play. Carrollton cruised through the District, and routed once-beaten Unionville-Sebewaing in the Regional Final, 70-40. Thompson, suffering from an ankle injury sustained five days before the start of Districts, returned to the lineup in that contest, providing leadership and 15 points to spark the Cavaliers into a spot in the Class C Quarterfinals for the fourth time in five years.

Awaiting the team was unbeaten and top-ranked Redford St. Agatha. Carrollton, ranked No. 2 in the polls, dismantled the opponent, 64-40, shooting a blistering 58 from the floor in the final three quarters of play after trailing 13-12 at the end of the first frame. Sophomore Sue Mayes pumped in 18 points, including six in the opening quarter. According to DeLong, it was the team's best performance on the year.

With a 47-37 win in the Semifinals against Caledonia, Carrollton headed to the Finals. Ironically, the Cavs would face Addison, the same school they had defeated in the 1979 Semifinals. The Cavaliers opened a 10-point lead at the end of three quarters, 40-30, and

cruised to their second title in three years, 53-46. The five starters went the distance, with Thompson leading the champions with 17 points.

The team's success brought new pressure in 1982. With three returning starters in the lineup, Carrollton's experience was expected to carry the team far.

Indeed, in the regular season, the Cavaliers dropped only two contests and earned a No. 2 ranking in the polls. Again, they rolled through the Districts.

The first real test came in the Regionals against familiar foe Unionville-Sebewaing. Top-ranked in the Class C polls, USA was still smarting from the 30-point thumping it took in the previous year's Regional. Facing perhaps the principal roadblock to repeating, Carrollton escaped with a 53-52 win and advanced to the Regional Final against Flint Academy.

Junior Sue Mayes scorched the net for 23 points, grabbed nine rebounds and had nine steals as Carrollton topped Academy, 58-34, for another trip to the Quarterfinals. DeLong had the chance to go to his bench in the Quarterfinal game, as his team opened up a 37-10 halftime lead over Detroit Holy Redeemer, en route to a 61-30 win.

The battle with Homer in the Semifinals proved to be far more challenging. After opening up a 16-6 first-quarter lead, the Cavaliers found themselves in a battle of survival. Homer scored the first eight points of the second quarter to cut the gap to 16-14. The struggle continued throughout the remainder of the contest, and with two minutes to play, the teams were knotted at 34-34. However, Carrollton was able to take advantage of a series of Homer turnovers, and went on an 11-0 run to earn a return ticket to the Final.

To some degree, the championship game with White Cloud was anticlimactic. Carrollton again focused on defense, as Marcie Weigandt and Tammy Wallschlager worked underneath to shutdown the Indians' height advantage. After building a 30-10 lead at intermission, the Cavaliers were able to relax. Mayes finished with 18 points while Lamia added 12 as Carrollton blazed their way to an easy 60-32 victory.

"I guess it's more of relief than joy to win it this year," said Thompson, who finished her career with 22 points and six assists, in the *Detroit Free Press*. "The pressure was always there this year to come out and do it again. This was my last game ever here and I wanted to make it a good one. We also wanted to win it for (DeLong)." ■



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***Members of Carrollton's 1979, 1981 and 1982 championship teams were honored at the MHSAA Girls Basketball Finals in December.***

## 2003 GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER REGIONALS

(February 22, 2003)

No.	Class	School	City	Manager
1	A	Portage Northern HS	Portage	Carl Latora
2	A	Okemos HS	Okemos	Keith Froelich
3	A	Ladywood HS	Livonia	Sal Malek
4	A	Rochester HS	Rochester Hills	Michael Watson
5	A	Lapeer East HS	Lapeer	Gary Oyster
6	B	Gull Lake HS	Richland	Marc Throop
7	B	Divine Child HS	Dearborn	Tony DeMare
8	B	Stoney Creek HS	Rochester Hills	Shane Redshaw
9	B	Allendale HS	Allendale	Dave Chrisinske
10	B	Central Montcalm HS	Stanton	John Kearney
11	C	Climax-Scotts HS	Climax	Kevin Langs
12	C	Leslie HS	Leslie	Scott Farley
13	C	Whitmore Lake HS	Whitmore Lake	Charmaine Balsillie
14	C	Breckenridge HS	Breckenridge	Low Pavlik
15	C	Shelby HS	Shelby	Steve Guy

## 2003 COMPETITIVE CHEER FINALS

(March 1)

Class	School	City	Manager
A & CD	Lake Orion HS	Lake Orion	Jim Wood
B	Oxford HS	Oxford	Pat Ball

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## 2003 LP GIRLS GYMNASTICS REGIONALS

(March 7-8, 2003)

No.	School	City	Manager
1	Holland HS	Holland	Brett Roach
2	Plymouth Canton HS	Canton	Sue Heinzman
3	Athens HS	Troy	Bob Dowd
4	TBA	TBA	Alicia Herpick

## 2003 LP GYMNASTICS FINALS – March 8-9

Class	School	City	Manager
All classes	Plymouth Canton HS	Canton	Sue Heinzman

## 2003 UP GYMNASTICS FINALS – March 2

Class	School	City	Manager
All Classes	Menominee HS	Menominee	Dale VanDuinen

# 2003 Lower Peninsula Boys Swimming and Diving Finals

## LOWER PENINSULA BOYS DIVING QUALIFICATION SITES Tuesday, March 4, 2003

- 1 -1 Pioneer HS --Ann Arbor --Dennis Hill, Mgr.
- 2 -1 Lake Orion HS-- Lake Orion -- Darrin Abasse, Mgr.
- 3 -1 Grand Haven HS--Grand Haven --Mick Homan, Mgr.
- 4 -2 Andover HS--Bloomfield Hills--Marty Simmonds, Mgr.
- 5 -2 DeWitt HS--DeWitt--Teri Reyburn, Mgr.
- 6 -2 East Grand Rapids HS--East Grand Rapids--

## LOWER PENINSULA FINAL BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING SITES Friday-Saturday, March 7-8, 2003

*Swimming Preliminaries at Noon Friday; Diving Preliminaries and Semifinals follow last heat of swim prelims. Finals for swimming and diving begin at Noon Saturday*

DIVISION 1 at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti -- Sam Jalet, Mgr.

DIVISION 2 at Oakland University, Rochester -- Jonathan Teal, Mgr.

## UPPER PENINSULA FINAL SWIMMING & DIVING SITE FOR BOYS & GIRLS Saturday, February 15, 2003

OPEN DIVISION at Marquette High School--Scott Koski, Mgr.

# 2002-03 Boys and Girls Swimming Qualifying Times

## 2002-03 BOYS & GIRLS QUALIFYING TIMES

EVENT	GIRLS D1	GIRLS D2	BOYS D1	BOYS D2
200 MEDLEY RELAY	1:57.79	2:04.59	1:44.09	1:49.59
200 FREESTYLE	2:02.19	2:07.99	1:50.39	1:55.99
200 IND. MEDLEY	2:18.69	2:26.49	2:04.99	2:11.59
50 FREESTYLE	:25.64	:26.29	:22.94	:23.69
100 BUTTERFLY	1:02.79	1:06.99	:55.99	:58.99
100 FREESTYLE	:56.19	:58.59	:49.99	:51.99
500 FREESTYLE	5:27.89	5:47.59	5:01.49	5:17.59
200 FREE RELAY	1:44.99	1:49.99	1:32.99	1:37.49
100 BACKSTROKE	1:03.29	1:07.39	:57.09	:59.99
100 BREASTSTROKE	1:11.79	1:15.69	1:03.49	1:07.59
400 FREE RELAY	3:51.59	4:05.79	3:25.39	3:36.99

# 2003 LP INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

## February 22

### DIVISION 1

**Region 1 - Charlotte**

Muskegon Mona Shores District 2  
Charlotte District 3

**Region 2 at Saginaw Heritage**

Traverse City Central District 1  
Lake Orion District 5

**Region 3 at Clinton Twp. Chippewa Valley**

Hartland District 4  
Clinton Township Chippewa Valley District 6

**Region 4 at Novi**

South Lyon District 7  
Temperance Bedford District 8

### DIVISION 2

**Region 5 at Warren Woods Tower**

Birmingham Groves District 15  
Hazel Park District 16

**Region 6 at Middleville Thornapple-Kellogg**

Lowell District 10  
Allegan District 11

**Region 7 at Ionia**

Fremont District 9  
TBA District 12

**Region 8 at Oxford**

Clio District 13  
Wyandotte Roosevelt District 14

### DIVISION 3

**Region 9 at Howard Tri-County**

Cheboygan District 17  
Spring Lake District 18

**Region 10 at Alma**

Williamston District 19  
Caro District 20

**Region 11 at Ostego**

Byron Center District 21  
Napoleon District 22

**Region 12 at Yale**

Goodrich District 23  
Melvindale District 24

### DIVISION 4

**Region 13 at Ithaca**

Rogers City District 25  
Hart District 26

**Region 14 New Lothrop**

New Lothrop District 27  
Olivet District 28

**Region 15 at Lawton**

Eau Claire District 29  
Bronson District 30

**Region 16 at Clinton**

TBA District 31  
New Haven 32

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## 2002 LOWER PENINSULA INDIVIDUAL FINALS

March 6-8

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

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## 2002 UPPER PENINSULA INDIVIDUAL FINALS

February 14-15

Site	City	Manager
Escanaba HS	Escanaba	Justin Gluesing

# 2003 LP TEAM WRESTLING MASTER REGIONAL PAIRINGS

February 19

## DIVISION 1

### **Region 101 at Saginaw Heritage - Pete Ryan**

Saginaw Heritage District 103 vs. Flushing District 104

Bay City Western District 102 vs. Traverse City West District 101

### **Region 102 at Grand Haven - Ken Ranta**

Grandville District 107 vs. Grand Rapids Northview District 108

Zeeland District 106 vs. Muskegon Mona Shores District 105

### **Region 103 at Charlotte - Ron Beegle**

Lansing Eastern District 111 vs. Charlotte District 112

Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central District 110 vs. Battle Creek Central District 109

### **Region 104 at Clarkston - Michael DeGain**

Davison District 117 vs. Clarkston District 118

Troy District 116 vs. Pomntiac Northern District 115

### **Region 105 at Clinton Township Chippewa Valley - Al Kastl**

New Baltimore Anchor Bay District 121 vs. Clinton Township Chippewa Valley District 122

Sterling Heights Stevenson District 120 vs. Utica Eisenhower District 119

### **Region 106 - Grosse Pointe South - Tim Bearden**

Detroit Catholic Central District 125 vs. Lincoln Park District 128

Grosse Pointe South District 124 vs. Fraser District 123

### **Region 107 at Temperance-Bedford - Bill Regnier**

Wayne Memorial District 131 vs. Ann Arbor Huron District 132

Tempreance Bedford District 130 vs. Garden City District 126

### **Region 108 at Hartland - Kirk Evenson**

Plymouth Canton District 127 vs. Walled Lake Western District 129

Hartland District 114 vs. Novi District 113

## DIVISION 2

### **Region 109 at Gaylord - Christian Wilson**

Ogemaw Heights District 135 vs. Fremont District 134

Remus Chippewa Hills District 136 vs. Gaylord District 133

### **Region 110 at Ionia - Barry Markwart**

Lowell District 139 vs. Wyoming Park District 138

Hastings District 145 vs. Fruitport District 137

### **Region 111 - Middleville Thornapple-Kellogg - Mark Uyl**

Mattawan District 142 vs. Stevensville Lakeshore District 141

Coldwater District 143 vs. Allegan District 140

### **Region 112 at Jackson Northwest - Rich Kimball**

Eaton Rapids District 147 vs. Haslett District 146

Mason District 148 vs. Richland Gull Lake District 144

### **Region 113 at Flint Kearsley - Bill McDonald**

Lapeer West District 151 vs. Clio District 150

Oxford District 152 vs. Swartz Creek District 149

### **Region 114 St. Clair Shores Lakeview - Lyde De Hooghe**

Harper Woods Notre Dame District 163 vs. St. Clare Shores Lakeview District 162

Warren Fitzgerald District 164 vs. Algonac District 161

### **Region 115 - Birmingham Groves - Thomas Flynn**

Bloomfield Hills Lahser District 159 vs. Auburn Hills Avondale District 158

Birmingham Groves District 160 vs. Redford Thurston District 157

### **Region 116 - Dearborn Heights Crestwood - Sean Maloney**

Riverview District 155 vs. Monroe Jefferson District 154

Allen Park District 156 vs. Tecumseh District 153

# 2003 LP TEAM WRESTLING MASTER REGIONAL PAIRINGS

February 19

## DIVISION 3

### **Region 117 Gladwin - Dave Beyer**

Gladstone District 165 vs. Gladwin District 169

Standish-Sterling District 168 vs. Roscommon District 166

### **Region 118 at Howard Tri-County - Alan Parker**

Benzonia Central District 167 vs. Howard City-Tri County District 174

Alma District 171 vs. Shelby District 170

### **Region 119 - Vermontville Maple Valley - Mike Sparks**

Parchment District 184 vs. Hillsdale District 187

Coloma District 186 vs. Vermontville Maple Valley District 185

### **Region 120 at Delton Kellogg - Mike Garvey**

Allendale District 172 vs. Hamilton District 183

Wyoming Godwin Heights District 182 vs. Comstock Park District 173

### **Region 121 Caro - Al Michalak**

Saginaw Swan Valley District 175 vs. District 180

Birch Run District 178 vs. Chesaning District 176

### **Region 122 at Durand - Joe Guyski**

Montrose District 179 vs. Macomb Luthern North District 192

Goodrich District 191 vs. Yale District 181

### **Region 123 - Madison Heights Lamphere - Russ McKenzie**

Madison Heights Bishop Foley District 190 vs. Flat Rock District 196

Melvindale District 194 vs. Madison Heights Lamphere District 193

### **Region 124 at Napoleon - Scott Ashe**

Williamston District 177 vs. Ida District 195

Brooklyn Columbia Central District 189 vs. Napoleon District 188

## DIVISION 4

### **Region 125 at Munising - Pete Kelto**

St. Ignace District 199 vs. Iron Mountain District 198

Munising District 197 vs. Rogers City District 200

### **Region 126 at Mancelona - Mark Nixon**

Leroy Piner River District 203 vs. Mancelona District 202

Whittemore-Prescott District 201 vs. Blanchard Montabella District 205

### **Region 127 at Hesperia - Tim Coffey**

Ithaca District 207 vs. Holton District 206

Montague District 204 vs. Carson City-Crystal District 219

### **Region 128 at Freeland - Jeff Bell**

Brown City District 210 vs. Mayville District 209

Freeland District 208 vs. New Lothrop District 211

### **Region 129 at Decatur - Jeff Kawaski**

Eau Claire District 215 vs. Three Oaks River Valley District 214

Bangor District 213 vs. Lawton District 216

### **Region 130 at Olivet - Tom Sowles**

Bellevue District 220 vs. Bronson District 217

Martin District 212 vs. Springport District 222

### **Region 131 at Byron - Terry Evanish**

Detroit Holy Redeemer District 227 vs. New Haven District 226

Byron Area District 221 vs. Lutheran Westland District 228

### **Region 132 at Quincy -Mike Nowicki**

Hudson District 224 vs. East Jackson District 223

Quincy District 218 vs. Blissfield District 225



# 2003 TEAM WRESTLING TOURNAMENT FINAL PAIRINGS

February 28-March 1  
Kellogg Arena Battle Creek

**QUARTERFINALS**  
(Friday, Feb. 28)

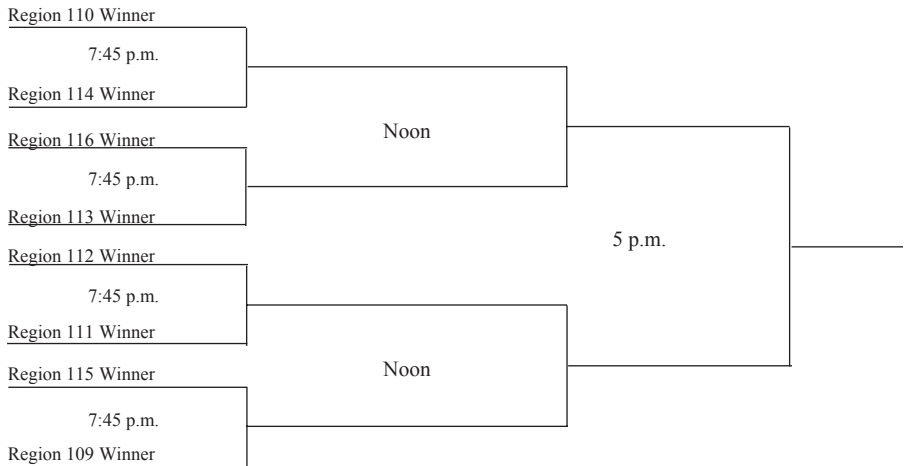
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**FINAL**  
(Saturday, March 1)

## DIVISION 1



## DIVISION 2



# 2003 TEAM WRESTLING TOURNAMENT FINAL PAIRINGS

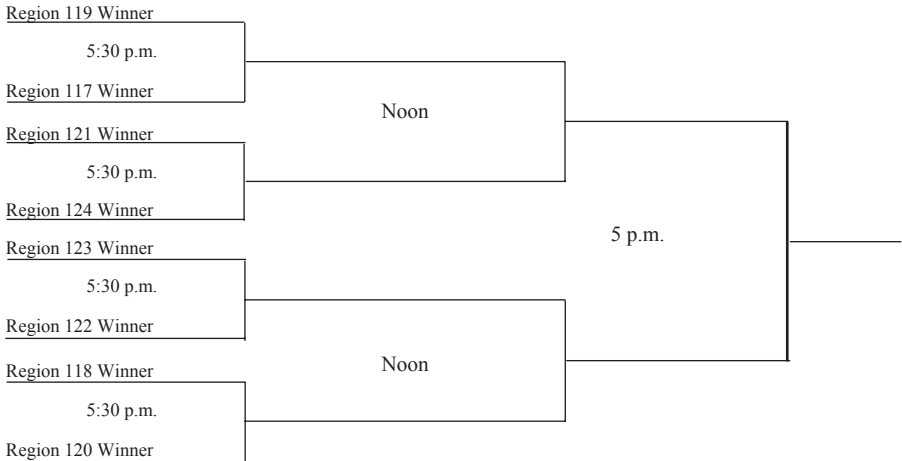
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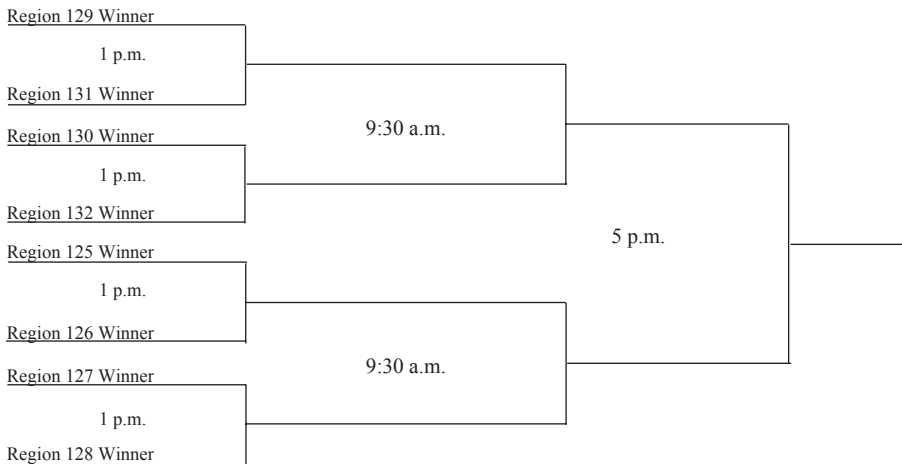
**SEMIFINALS**  
(Saturday, March 1)

**FINAL**  
(Saturday, March 1)

## DIVISION 3



## DIVISION 4



# Athletic Equity Committee Meeting

East Lansing, October 10, 2002

## Members Present:

Malinda Baker, Leroy  
Charmaine Balsillie, Whitmore Lake  
Gillie David, Waterford  
Diana Davis, Stevensville  
Justin Gluesing, Escanaba  
Rudy Godefroidt, Hemlock  
Barry Hobrla, Lowell  
Dewayne Jones, West Bloomfield  
Rich Kimball, Jackson  
Diane Laffey, Harper Woods

Arlene Richardson, Detroit  
Deb VanKuiken, Holly

## Members Absent:

Susan Clavo, Flint  
Cecelia Winkler, Flint

## Staff Member Present:

Nate Hampton (Recorder)  
Gina Mazzolini

Following the welcome and introduction of committee members, the committee was reminded of its authority and responsibility. Noting that all recommendations will be directed to the Representative Council or a specific sport committee for action.

## EQUITY COMMITTEE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

The Equity Committee, as with any other MHSAA Standing Committee, has the duty and responsibility to discuss matters of specific interest relating to equity opportunities for women and minority men and women and to then make recommendations of action to the Representative Council that involve all levels and positions within the governess of the MHSAA.

Goals include, but are not limited to:

- Gather statewide data to define equity problems, direct actions and to monitor progress.
- Promote through motivation, support and training competent coaches, officials, athletic directors, and governing board members regardless of race, ethnicity or sex.
- Sensitize and encourage organizations and employers to affirmatively seek women and minorities for athletic leadership training, placement and promotion.
- Promote the benefits of athletics and athletic leadership to students, educators, parents and community.
- Improve communication between the school districts, the Michigan High

School Athletic Association, governing boards, professional associations and higher education regarding the need for balanced staffing of athletic programs.

The meeting continued with a review of recommendations made to the Representative Council by the Equity Committee from its start in 1986 to the present; along with the 2001 committee minutes which had two specific recommendations to the Representative Council.

## LITIGATION UPDATE

The committee was provided information relating to current litigations that involve the MHSAA. There was lengthy discussion and associated questions relating to the Community for Equity case and the presentation of the court ordered Compliance Plan due by October 30, 2002.

## 2001 MEETING MINUTES

The committee reviewed the 2001 Equity Committee minutes, the May Representative Council Meeting minutes, 2003 WISL Conference Planning Committee, the National Federation of State High School Association's Equity Committee minutes and the minutes of the Study Committee for Waiver Procedure for Students with Physical Disabilities.

The committee's discussion continued with the following topic items:

- Information was shared relating to an OCR audit conducted by Escanaba High School and the resulting compliance issues.

- Associated with this discussion it was suggested that high school athletic directors may not be informed as to the person in their respective districts that is assigned to be the Title IX Coordinator, but when questions arise, the athletic director is more than likely the person speaking on behalf of the district. It was suggested that the MIAAA may consider conference sessions on Title IX issues.
- 2002 Update Meeting Survey: The committee noted survey items relating to previous Equity Committee discussion items that included: sport classifications, use of 3-person official crews at basketball regionals; and options presented for the sports season compliance plan.
- Tournament official assignment: the committee reviewed current policies regarding the selection process for choosing tournament officials. The committee noted with some concern that in basketball the number of women officials, and in some cases, minority officials, that make themselves available and/or meet all the necessary requirements with ratings and other related paperwork, limit the choices that the selection committees have available. With so few women officials it is suggested that the standard 3-year rotation for final officials might be relaxed in order to have a larger pool of women officials for semifinal and final competitions.
- Additional tournament sports: The committee was made aware of the longstanding MHSAA/member school discussions relating to adding new tournament sports. On August 28, 2002, the Executive Committee approved appointment to four study/planning committees for bowling, lacrosse, field hockey and girls ice hockey and in doing so, the Executive Committee was not making a commitment that any of these four sports would be the next MHSAA tournament sport or that different sports would not also be studied.
- School approved uniforms and gender appropriateness: MHSAA staff and several committee members shared concern for team uniforms that are questionable as to whether or not they meet current rule code standards or uniforms being worn by individuals in no-traditional ways to give the appearance of being legal prior to competition but during competition could be considered illegal; and uniforms worn by both males and females that are suggestive in cut and style. Specific sports of concern are: tennis, swimming, cross country, track and field and volleyball.
- Prime-time scheduling practice/competition: The committee was asked if in their opinion there is concern for "prime-time practice and/or competition" with girls teams and boys teams. The general consensus is that there are still high school programs that do not share equally in prime practice/competition space and times. It was suggested that the MIAAA might consider this topic a conference item.
- Basketball Officials and Coaches Communication Committee (BOCCC) Position Paper: The committee was made aware of the good effort on the part of BCAM and several basketball official associations to generate dialogue on the game behavior of coaches and officials.
- Correspondence/Other: The committee received no directly related correspondence but did share several articles relating to general topics of concern by the committee.

**COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS**

The committee examined the most recent list of high school and junior high/middle school cooperative programs, noting the current policies and criteria required to establish a cooperative program and how schools have used cooperative programs to offer more participation opportunities to students.

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

There were no recommendations to the Representative Council from the Equity Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. ■

# Ski Committee Meeting

East Lansing, November 7, 2002

## Members Present:

Derek Anderson, Marquette  
Jim Bartlett, Nub's Nob Ski Area  
Bob Bonetti, Negaunee  
Ken Brackney, Fenton  
Ed Grice, Boyne Mountaint Ski Resort  
Dale Harrison, Brighton  
Gary Hice, Petoskey  
John Horrigan, Cadillac  
Karen Leinaar, Benzonia

Sue Miller, Coach, Charlevoix  
Tami Mitchell, Clarkston  
Renae Rhoades, Howell

## Members Absent:

Karry Boone, Commerce  
Jessica McClain, Roscommon

## Staff Members Present:

Gina Mazzolini (Recorder)

The MHSAA Ski Committee met on Nov. 7, 2002 at the MHSAA office in East Lansing to review proposals, approve school assignments/host sites and discuss general ski issues. The following action was taken.

### SELECTION OF REGIONAL/ FINAL SITES

#### 202-2003 Regional Sites/Host School

1. Caberfae/Cadillac
2. Pine Knob/Waterford United
3. Mt. Brighton/Detroit Catholic Central
4. Boyne Mtn./Charlevoix, Boyne City
5. Crystal Mtn./MC Glenn Lake, TC St. Francis
6. Cannonsburg/East Grand Rapids

#### 2003-2004 Regional Sites

1. Boyne Mountian
2. Mt. Holly
3. Alpine Valley
4. Marquette/Brule
5. Schuss
6. Pine Knob

#### Final Site Rotation

##### 2002-2003

Class A-Marquette; Class BCD-Nub's Nob

##### 2003-2004

Class A-Nub's Nob; Class BCD-Boyne

##### 2004-2005

Class A-Boyne; Class BCD Marquette

##### 2005-2006

Class A-Marquette; Class BCD-Nub's Nob

The committee approved this rotation through 2007.

## HIGH SCHOOL SKI REMINDERS

For high school skiing, there is no restriction on the length of the ski.

The 55mm riser rule remains in tact.

## PROPOSALS FROM MHSSCA

A proposal was made to add a sentence to the MHSAA Ski Manual describing the treatment of additional individual qualifiers. When the number of individual qualifiers is greater than 12, a 7th flight will be created for the additional individuals.

The following recommendation for Regionals and Finals: If at all possible, do not use students as race officials (to include gatekeeper).

Discussion on Final venues: When possible, provide participating schools with lanes for training; help with snow and quality of course; provide written back-up scoring.

The committee approved the CUSSA/MHSAA sanctioned meets. Reminder: A student may participate in CUSSA Meets sanctioned by the MHSAA, but each meet must count as one of the 15 ski meets allowed for that school team and individual that season. Each individual must submit their CUSSA/high school meet schedule to the athletic director before they compete in a high school meet.

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Recommend that mouthguards/jaw guards be required on slalom helmets (10-0 in favor). ■

# Volleyball Committee Meeting

East Lansing, November 12, 2002

## **Members Present:**

Karel Bailey, North Muskegon  
Jane Bennett, Ann Arbor  
John Blankenship, Frankenmuth  
Mindy Breat, Bad Axe  
Michelle Brines, Cadillac  
Lorin Cartwright, Ann Arbor  
Kenny Coy, Galien  
Blake Hagman, Kalamazoo  
Cody Inglis, Suttons Bay  
Nancy Jungkans, Dansville  
Jean LaClair, Bronson  
Rick Ledy, St. Ignace  
Pam Metcalf, Reading  
Vic Michaels, Detroit  
Steve Miller, Harrison Township  
Sheryl Mox, Potterville

Jeff Phillips, Owosso  
Kathy Richards, Whitmore Lake  
Cheryl Ritz, Wayland  
Jan Sander, Warren  
Debbie Spranger, Warren  
Dale Wilhelm, Reed City  
Lisa Zwick, Mason

## **Members Absent:**

Brooke Ballee, Delton  
Tracy Daniel, Portage  
Carie Walker, Grand Rapids  
Art Ziemelis, Allegan

## **Staff Members Present:**

Gina Mazzolini (Recorder)

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The 2002-03 Volleyball Committee met in the MHSAA office building. The committee was reminded of its responsibility and the process for rule change.

## **RALLY SCORING**

After discussion on scoring, a motion was made that if permitted by National Federation Volleyball Rules, conduct the 2003-04 school year MHSAA Volleyball Tournament in a best 3 of 5 match format with rally scoring to 25 points (15 points in game 5), and permit such match and game scoring for any regular season varsity contests. If the 3 of 5 match rally scoring format is used at the sub-varsity level, it is recommended that the scoring for games 1 through 4 be to 21 points for junior varsity/freshmen matches and to 15 points for junior high/middle school matches.

## **DISTRICT PLAYOFF**

If the MHSAA postseason tournament match format becomes a best 3/5 match, a District Tournament format change may need to be made where 5 or more schools are assigned. A motion was made to play Pre-Districts on Thursday and the 2 Semifinal and the Final match on Saturday.

## **LIMITATION ON FINAL OFFICIALS**

A motion was made to limit Final officials from working consecutive years. A Final official cannot be considered for a Final the year following a Final assignment.

## **SPECTATOR BEHAVIOR**

The committee approved in concept a statement for student spectators of the Final Tournament which would prohibit bare chests in the facility. Tournament management will seek assistance from the school of those students or remove the students from the facility.

## **2005 WINTER TOURNAMENT CALENDAR**

A motion was made that if the volleyball season is located in the winter of 2005, in that year only, begin the playoff series one week earlier. (The proposal does not affect the season start dates; it just begins each level of the MHSAA tournament one week earlier than previously scheduled.)

## **FINAL TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

The committee voted unanimously to switch Class A and Class C Finals. The Final schedule will be: Class D at Noon, Class A at 2 pm, Class C at 4 pm, and Class B at 6 pm.

### CONTRACTING OFFICIALS

The committee confirmed that at the varsity level, the host school must contract two officials. The committee wants to reinforce the recommendation to contract two officials for all levels of high school volleyball.

### RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Approve the use of rally scoring for all levels of girls volleyball, regular-season and MHSAA tournaments.

3/5 match plays to 25 points for varsity.

3/5 match plays to 21 points for junior varsity/freshmen.

3/5 match plays to 15 points for middle school.

(15-4 in favor)

2. Begin volleyball playoffs one week earlier in 2005 (18-1 in favor).
3. Change the MHSAA District Tournament format to play Pre-Districts on Thursday and two Semifinals and the Final match on Saturday (15-4 in favor).
4. Prohibit officials from working the Finals in consecutive years (17-2 in favor). ■

## MICHIGAN VOLLEYBALL RECRUITS BENEFIT

New NCAA legislation has been enacted to define allowable periods for recruitment of women volleyball players to Division I institutions. A recent proposal adopted by the NCAA Board of Directors provides an exception for those states where schools sponsor winter volleyball, therefore allowing all Division I institutions to recruit in Michigan during the otherwise "Quiet Period" of Jan. 1 through Feb. 14, which is the heart of the high school volleyball season in Michigan.

Because high school evaluations are exempt from the 80-day limit on evaluations, these 52 days of recruitment are additional days of exposure for Michigan high school volleyball players. Michigan is regarded as one of the top states for producing volleyball athletes and ranks sixth in the nation for Division I volleyball recruits.

## ELIGIBILITY ADVANCEMENT REMINDERS

School administrators, counselors and coaches are reminded to present advanced eligibility opportunities to over-age jr. high/middle school students. MHSAA Regulations prohibit seventh and eighth-grade students who become 15 years of age before Sept. 1 to participate in interscholastic sports competition at their respective grade level. The same is true of 16-year-old ninth-graders in a 10-12 high school system if the birthday occurs before Sept. 1.

If the local school administration and parents can agree and arrange, these over-age students can be advanced athletically and participate in the 9-12 program, even if it is in a separate building.

The students will be limited to four years of high school eligibility and must maintain the requirement to be passing work in at least four full credit courses.

Eligibility Advancement Application forms are available on the MHSAA Web site at [mhsaa.com](http://mhsaa.com) and are also included in the *MHSAA Handbook*. ■

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