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## ON THE COVER

The 2008-09 school year is underway, as student-athletes, coaches and athletic administrators have returned to schools across the state for another exciting year of interscholastic athletics. Highlighting the Fall Finals schedule are Football, Girls Golf, Boys Tennis and Cross Country.

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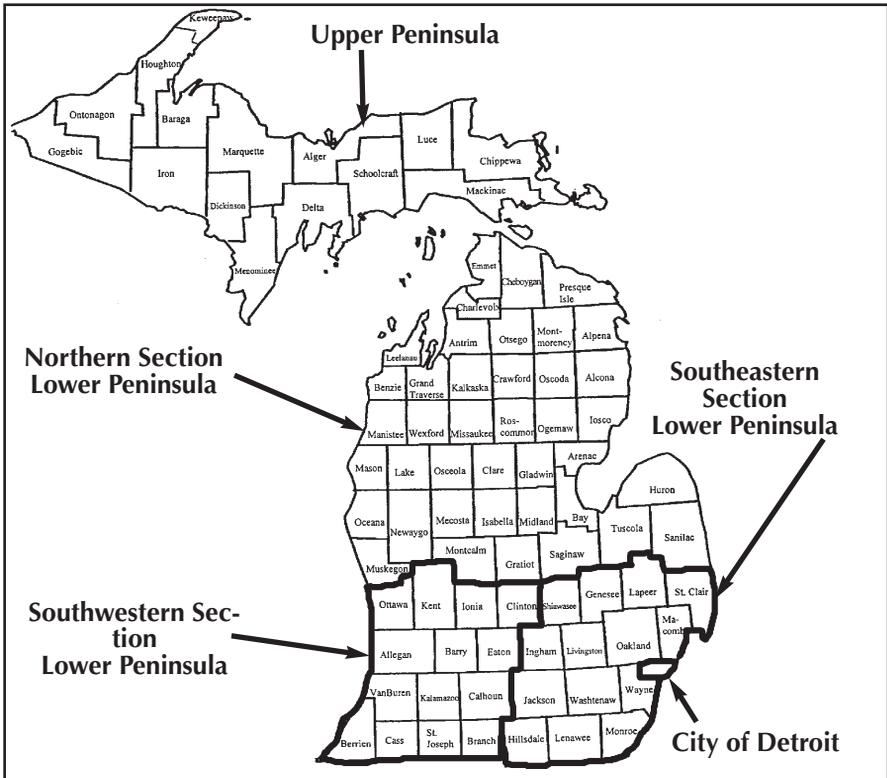
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# REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AND UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Ballots to be Sent to Schools August 28, 2008

MAP OF REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL SECTIONS



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL  
CANDIDATES FOR  
SEPTEMBER 2008 ELECTION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**UPPER PENINSULA  
ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

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

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

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**to make all personnel, telephone and**  
**address revisions necessary for the**  
**2008-09 school year**

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

## REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Gaylord, May 4-6, 2008

### Members Present:

Jim Derocher, Negaunee  
Keith Eldred, Williamston  
Vic Michaels, Detroit  
Renee Bird, Tawas City  
Ken Dietz, Watervliet  
Lafayette Evans, Detroit  
Eric Federico, Gibraltar  
Dan Flynn, Escanaba  
Rudy Godefroidt, Hemlock  
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven  
Chip Hansen, East Jordan  
Kris Isom, Adrian  
Karen Leinaar, Benzonia  
Linda Myers, Morley  
Pete Ryan, Saginaw  
Wendy Shepard, Rochester Hills  
Fred Smith, Buchanan  
Roberta Stanley, Lansing  
Arnetta Thompson, Grand Rapids

### Also Present:

Ed Sikorski, Ann Arbor (May 4-5, a.m.)  
Jim Thelen, Lansing (May 4-5, a.m.)

### Staff Members Present:

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

**Accounts of Meetings** – Motion by Dan Flynn, supported by Pete Ryan, to approve the minutes of the Representative Council Meeting of March 14, 2008; and the Executive Committee Meeting minutes of March 13 and April 16, 2008; and the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee Meeting minutes of April 25, 2008. Adopted.

### REPORTS

**Administration** – MHSAA membership during the 2007-08 school year was 767 high schools and 813 junior high/middle schools as of April 1, 2008. This compares to 762 and 814, respectively, as of April 1, 2007.

As of April 4, 2008, there were 212 **co-operative program agreements** for high schools (an increase of seven over the previous year) and 52 cooperative program agreements for junior high/middle schools (a decrease of five). The most frequent sports

involved in cooperative pro-grams at the high school level are (in order) ice hockey, girls swimming & diving, boys swimming & diving and football. At the junior high/middle school level, the sports most frequently involved in cooperative programs are boys and girls track & field, football and wrestling.

**Eligibility advancement applications** were received and approved for seven students during the 2007-08 school year, the lowest since this provision was first established for the 1987-88 school year. The record high was 94 applications during the 1991-92 school year.

It was reported that 305 **Educational Transfer Forms** were processed for the 2007-08 school year through April 11, 2008, a 26 percent increase over the number approved to date for the 2006-07 school year. Public school to public school transfers continue to be the most common (217), and the divorce exception (No. 8) continues to be the

most frequent reason (202) for the Educational Transfer Form to be used.

**Travel Forms for Out-of-State Practice** were filed by a record 113 schools for the 2007-08 school year, reflecting better compliance with the rule, not necessarily more travel for practice by member schools.

The eight Update Meetings of September and October 2007 were attended by 993 persons. The schedule of eight Update Meetings for 2008 was presented.

A summation of **mailings** from the MHSAA office to Representative Council members during 2007-08 was provided.

A listing of **violations** by schools and officials between April 11, 2007 and April 10, 2008 indicated that the total number of violations for the year increased, most notably for failure to rate officials because the MHSAA office did not provide as many email, web, fax, mail and phone reminders as during the 2006-07 school year. Violations by officials were at record low levels.

Associate Director Tom Rashid described the **Athletic Director In-Service programs** conducted by the MHSAA during 2007-08, reporting that the previous year's record attendance of 714 was surpassed by 30, including 93 at two sessions for new athletic directors. In addition, a special session for administrators of charter schools was attended by 40 persons in October. The schedule for the fall of 2008 was presented.

Assistant Director Kathy Westdorp reported a record number of sessions and attendees for the MHSAA **Coaches Advancement Program (CAP)** during the 2007-08 school year. An ambitious schedule has been established for the remainder of this school year; and during the summer, units will be evaluated and additional trainers will be prepared. Many partnerships for presenting CAP are being established with colleges and universities, coaches associations, leagues and conferences, and individual school districts.

Assistant Director Mark Uyl reported that **officials' registrations** for 2007-08 exceeded 13,000, an all-time record.

**Officials Reports** for the spring 2007, fall 2007, and winter 2007-08 seasons were reviewed, revealing no particular trends except an increase of ejections in soccer due to rules changes for the sport.

Plans for the **Officials' Banquet** on May 10 were reviewed. Mr. Uyl reported that the video training project involving eight Midwest states continues to progress, although slower since involvement of the national organization. It is still hoped that much of the new video training program will be available to Michigan officials during 2008-09, at no charge to those officials.

**Legislation** – A written report from the association's legislative liaisons was distributed, and Mr. Rashid and Mr. Hampton reported on the House Education Committee hearings of the previous Tuesday relative to House Bill 5422.

**Litigation** – The Representative Council reviewed the history and status of the sports seasons litigation with special attention to the all-school survey that was conducted in 1998 and preceded the association's response to the complaint filed in this case, as well as the May 22, 2001 District Court Order and Opinion in which it was made clear that the plaintiffs had waived all monetary damages, both punitive and compensatory, when they waived their jury demand.

Notwithstanding that ruling, the U.S. District Court issued an Order and Opinion on March 31, 2008 that requires a payment to the plaintiffs of approximately \$3,000,000 in interest on the approximately \$4,500,000 in fees and costs that must be paid to plaintiffs' attorneys. Therefore, the MHSAA has been forced to file a Notice of Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit to challenge at least that portion of the District Court's March 31 ruling requiring an interest payment to plaintiffs. The MHSAA is also prepared to make a Chapter 11 filing if necessary to protect programs and services to schools and their constituents.

Motion by Dan Flynn, supported by Eric Federico, that the Representative Council continues to interpret the MHSAA Constitution to mean that the MHSAA does not have the authority to request financial contributions or assessments from its member schools for any purpose. Adopted.

Legal counsel also updated the Representative Council regarding a case involving the MHSAA which is on appeal to the Michigan Court of Appeals which has granted a Stay of the Oakland County Circuit Court Order that would impose upon the MHSAA

the duty to establish alternative schedules and venues so that all tournaments could be conducted according to a particular school's religious preferences and policies.

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

Presentations were made by Denny Hill, Coach at Ann Arbor-Pioneer High School, on behalf of the Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association, and by Rich Tompkins, Executive Director of the Michigan Interscholastic Coaches Association.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Online Rules Meetings** – The schedule for expanding online rules meetings as an option for coaches and officials in all sports was presented, indicating that soccer and volleyball will be added for the fall of 2008; basketball, ice hockey and wrestling will be added for the winter of the 2008-09 school year; and all sports will have the online rules meeting for the spring of 2009 and thereafter.

The following accompanying procedures have been established by the staff and were reported to the Council:

1. The starting date for the online meetings in the fall of 2008 (soccer and volleyball) will be Aug. 1, while the ending date will be staggered: 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13, for soccer; 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, for volleyball. Starting and ending dates for winter and spring meetings will be determined after evaluating the fall procedures.
2. Fall sports online rules meetings will not be available on Fridays after 3 p.m. to avoid Internet score reporting that taxes the system.
3. As a guideline, after online rules have begun for a sport, staff will continue to provide face-to-face meetings at approximately 25 percent of the number of sites in the past (not to exceed four sites per year).
4. Staff will not conduct fact-to-face meetings for individual leagues or officials associations but will attempt to provide one of the face-to-face meetings in conjunction with the statewide coaches as-

sociation conference/convention.

5. Baseball and softball and boys and girls lacrosse will be conducted separately when online, but will be combined for face-to-face meetings.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Pete Ryan, to approve the following two policies for sports with online meetings:

1. Eliminate the exam substitute for head coach attendance. If the school's designated head coach fails to attend (online or in-person), that person cannot coach at that season's MHSAA tournament.
2. When online meetings become available in a sport for which meeting attendance has not been mandatory, the voluntary attendance policy changes to a mandatory attendance policy.

Adopted.

**Trimester Topics** – At the March 14, 2008 Representative Council Meeting, when adopting a package of substantive and editorial revisions to make the *MHSAA Handbook* as easy to use and fair to apply in both semester and trimester situations, action on two substantive issues was delayed for further study and discussion: (1) the minimum academic standard for athletic eligibility; and (2) the period of ineligibility following a deficiency at the end of a trimester. The Council was given the staff's plan for completing this project which will involve reconvening the original study group with additional persons invited to serve; seeking that group's completed work by Sept. 1 so the result can be discussed at fall meetings, including Athletic Director In-Service and Update Meetings; and submitting the final work product to the Council for action at its Dec. 5, 2008 meeting.

**Calendar Alternatives** – The Representative Council again reviewed the comprehensive calendar proposal that has been in process since before the Legislature changed the first day of public school academic classes to follow the Labor Day holiday. The major features of this proposal are that the start of football practice will be unchanged but all other fall sports will start the Wednesday following, essentially freeing another summer weekend for those students. The

proposal also establishes the minimum number of days of practice for teams (not individuals) in all sports (not just football), spread over a greater number of calendar days, but never requiring practice on a weekend. The minimum number of practice days for football teams is reduced from 14 to 12 and in line with most other states. The original comprehensive calendar proposal would have delayed the Boys Soccer Finals one week in the fall and scheduled all winter tournaments (except skiing) one week earlier (i.e., shortening all winter seasons one week), but fewer changes were now proposed.

Motion by Keith Eldred, supported by Scott Grimes, to approve these calendar changes to begin the 2009-10 school year, with three modifications: (1) the fall Soccer Tournament will not be delayed one week; (2) only Wrestling (both Team and Individual) Tournaments will be one week earlier in the winter; and (3) all spring sports (including golf and tennis) will start practices on the same day. Adopted.

Council members asked for continuing discussion of some features of the “Four-Start” and “Hybrid” calendar concepts, and the MHSAA is to use the Update Meeting opinion poll and Athletic Director In-Service to help assess schools’ interests in (1) reducing the overlap of boys and girls basketball seasons by one to four additional weeks, and (2) delaying the start of all spring sports practices and the end of the seasons for some spring sports.

2008 Mission Action Plan – The executive director reviewed the progress since the March 14 meeting of the Council regarding the 2008 Mission Action Plan, noting particular progress with respect to the Coaches Advancement Program and the MHSAA Team Captain Leadership Development Program. Underwriting of coaches to CAP may increase by a sponsor also interested in underwriting a non-sport-specific “Coach of the Year” program that could be conducted on the local as well as regional levels. Council members offered suggestions for the criteria for such Coach of the Year awards.

Related to the Mission Action Plan, the Council reviewed Update Meeting survey results regarding membership interest in live telecasts of additional rounds of the MHSAA

Football Playoffs. After reviewing the opportunities to promote many fall sports through this single vehicle, there was a motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Eric Federico, to pursue a live telecast of a single Saturday night Semifinal football game in 2008 with the understanding that the MHSAA would assume no costs for production. Adopted.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Lafayette Evans, to approve the MHSAA Multimedia Rules and Regulations for the 2008-09 school year. Adopted.

Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Scott Grimes, to approve the MHSAA/BCAM “Reaching Higher” Camps for boys and girls, to be conducted in late July, in both 2009 and 2010. It is understood that this program must be run without net expense to the MHSAA for direct costs during these years. Adopted.

## REGULATIONS

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

Motion by Linda Myers, supported by Pete Ryan, to approve the consent package of miscellaneous changes for the purpose of organization, clarity or updating and to incorporate changes or Interpretations previously adopted by the Representative Council. Adopted.

**Regulation I, Section 3(B)** – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Rudy Godefroidt, to approve the following new Section: “The penalties for failure to have a physical examination on file as stated in this section include those of Regulation V, Section 4 except that forfeiture will not be required if consent to information otherwise protected by FERPA and HIPAA are absent from the physical form or not on file. Once discovered, the individual whose form is in question shall not be eligible to participate until the consent form and physical are both on file.” The same change will appear in Regulation III, Section 3(B). Adopted.

**Regulation I, Section 10** – Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Lafayette Evans, to approve the following additions to 2007-

08 *Handbook* Interpretation 96: “In addition, high school coaches or athletic directors may conduct once each school year for each sport a sport-specific presentation to a group of 7th- and 8th-grade students and/or their parents assembled in advance by the school for the purpose of encouraging the students to participate in specific sports when enrolled in that high school. Once each school year for each sport sponsored by that high school, these presentations may be conducted for junior high/middle school teams or groups of students from schools which are subject to the same governing board or are of the same religious denomination as the high school and from which at least 25 percent of the students in the previous year’s 8th grade attended that high school. (Single-gender high schools count only 8th-grade students of that gender.)

“Informational communication (written or oral) announcing the starting dates of practices and other allowed summer activity may be distributed to groups of 8th-grade students (not individuals) on or after April 1, provided they are informational only and confined to students who have formally registered an intention to attend that high school as described above (same governing board or religious denomination and 25 percent previous enrollment).” Adopted.

**Regulation II, Section 13(B)** – Motion by Keith Eldred, supported by Pete Ryan, to approve the addition of the underscored portions to this section: “Any high school which uses an individual as a coach or manager of an interscholastic athletic team who has violated the provisions of Section A of this regulation or Regulation IV, Section 11 shall be placed on probation for one year and the offending coach or coaches shall not be permitted to coach in any sport at that school for a one-year period and shall not coach for a one-year period at any other member school in any MHSAA tournament in any sport.” (The same change will appear in Regulation IV, Section 11[B].) Adopted.

**Regulation II, Section 14** – Motion by Scott Grimes, supported by Ken Dietz, to make the following changes:

- (1) Revise the section heading to read “MULTIMEDIA/INTERNET.”
- (2) Revise Section 14(A) to read: “No

school may sell or rent videos (DVD, tape or film) or sell still images of contests which are part of an MHSAA tournament without the permission of the MHSAA.”

- (3) Revise 2007-08 *Handbook* Interpretation 230 to read (underscored is new):

“Approval for live video distribution of interscholastic contests in sports under MHSAA jurisdiction (and same-day tape delay video distribution before 11:30 p.m. Eastern time) may be granted to a school by the MHSAA executive director when the following conditions are met:

- “a. The video distribution is over a school-owned and operated or non-commercial community service station; or over the Internet on a pay-for-view basis with the fee to be equal to or greater than the amount paid for in-person admission, or on a password-protected basis that is free to viewers. Schools are to exercise appropriate care in the release of the password.
- “b. The video distribution is at least partially student-produced, involving two or more cameras.
- “c. There are no paid advertisements.
- “d. There are no rights fees paid to the school.
- “e. All other MHSAA member schools within the viewing area of a cable or over-the-air telecast provide in advance their written statements of support for the distribution.”

Adopted.

**Regulation IV, Section 3** – Motion by Keith Eldred, supported by Chip Hansen, to approve this new Interpretation for this Section: “An individual high school student may serve as an unpaid volunteer and assist the junior high/middle school coach (the person the junior high/middle school designates as the person responsible for the immediate training or coaching of a secondary school athletic team) but may not participate in practices, thereby increasing his or her own

training as an athlete in that sport. All involvement must be supervised onsite at all times by the designated school coach. The student's involvement is allowed only with district administration approval and applicable only to students from high schools which are subject to the same governing board or are of the same religious denomination as the junior high/middle school and from which at least 25 percent of the students in the previous year's 8th-grade attended that high school. (Single-gender high schools count only 8th-grade students of that gender.) These students are not to be considered or registered as nonfaculty coaches. Undue influence and out-of-season coaching restrictions continue to apply." Adopted.

**Eligibility Lists** – Motion by Dan Flynn, supported by Eric Federico, to approve the following changes in the *Handbook* related to Eligibility Lists:

1. Between the first and second sentences of Regulation II, Section 4, state: "A list must be prepared prior to the participation and at the beginning of each semester/trimester."
2. Add to the end of Regulation II, Section 15(E) the following: "Additions or updates to the list (except transfer students who enroll after the dates in Regulation I, Section 9[F]) may be accepted by the tournament manager if submitted and received prior to the MHSAA's earliest allowed date of competition for any team in that tournament statewide."
3. Revise 2007-08 *Handbook* Interpretation 240 to read (underscored is new): "If a student is omitted by clerical error from the Master Eligibility List submitted to the MHSAA tournament manager and reported after the tournament starts for any team in that tournament, but the school principal attests in writing that the student is eligible, has played on any level of that school's team in that sport during the season and was omitted from inclusion on the Eligibility List submitted for the tournament, that student's name may be added at any time." Delete Part B of 2007-08 *Handbook* Interpretation 240.

Adopted.

Motion by Kris Isom, supported by Wendy Shepard, to approve with additional changes the revised Master Eligibility List for 2008-09. Adopted.

**Out-of-Season Coaching Issues** – The associate director provided an oral report and handout of an April 22 study group meeting regarding out-of-season coaching issues. The topics of that meeting, which will continue to be discussed by that group and at forums throughout the state during the remainder of 2008, included the three-player rule, the supervisory role of coaches out of season and in non-school sports, open gyms, conditioning and weight training, the pre-season down time, the summer dead period, and summer regulations.

**Academic Requirements** – The 2007 MHSAA Update Meeting survey indicated a small majority of respondents favoring an MHSAA requirement of a minimum grade point average for athletic eligibility (e.g., 1.5 or 2.0 GPA). This topic and other forms of academic requirements will be considered by the group which will be completing recommendations for membership discussion and Representative Council action relative to trimester issues (see Old Business).

**Coaching Requirements** – The 2007 MHSAA Update Meeting survey indicated that a majority of respondents favored a requirement that head coaches complete a basic first aid and/or CPR and/or AED training before coaching an interscholastic scrimmage or contest. Council members discussed the merits of such requirements and the variety of ways in which schools are meeting this need. There was consensus that this should remain a matter of local control, especially given the financial issues with which schools must deal at this particular time.

## MEMBER CONCERNS

An administrator of Roseville-Connor Creek Academy East had requested the MHSAA begin the process of adding a position on the Representative Council for a representative of public school academies. Motion by Roberta Stanley, supported by Dan Flynn, to not take any action at this time to create additional representation specifically designated for charter schools on the

MHSAA Representative Council which are currently represented by 12 elected members. Adopted (no change).

### **ATHLETIC EQUITY**

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Rudy Godefroidt, to approve the Athletic Equity Committee recommendation that the staff continue efforts in 2008-09 to inform MHSAA member schools of the importance of equitable scheduling of time and space for practices and competition. Adopted.

### **JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

Motion by Keith Eldred, supported by Kris Isom, to approve the Junior High/Middle School Committee recommendation to apply the "preseason down time" out-of-season restrictions in Regulation II, Section 11(H) to the 14 days prior to the first allowed practice for all fall sports, and 14 days prior to the first practice date of subsequent seasons for junior high/middle school programs, and to add appropriate new language to Regulation IV, Section 10(E); and to also clarify that the "summer dead period" language applies to all levels of MHSAA member schools, and to add such language to the existing regulation. Adopted.

Motion by Keith Eldred, supported by Dan Flynn, to approve the Junior High/Middle School Committee recommendation to require 7th- and 8th-grade students who participate in the 9-12 grade program under the provisions of Regulation I, Section 1(D) to meet the grade 9-12 academic standards in their first semester/trimester of grade 9-10 participation, and to follow the grade 9-12 current and previous semester/trimester academic standards in subsequent semesters/trimesters of participation. Adopted.

The Junior High/Middle School Committee recommendation that the MHSAA Boys Lacrosse Committee consider a change in the multi-team event participation limit from 120 minutes to 150 minutes was referred to the Boys Lacrosse Committee.

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Scott Grimes, to not approve the Junior High/Middle School Committee recommendation to allow participation by 6th-graders in grade 7-8 programs in cross country, tennis, swimming & diving, track & field and golf without the explicit approval of the MHSAA

Executive Committee. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Lafayette Evans, to approve the Junior High/Middle School Committee recommendation to establish an MHSAA study group to review all aspects of allowing participation by 6th-grade students in MHSAA member junior high/middle school athletic programs. The study committee's agenda should include regulatory authority for programs below grades 7-8 and examination of the middle school athletic program model in grades 6, 7 and 8 and what role the MHSAA should have in future years. Adopted.

### **CLASSIFICATION**

The Council reviewed the Classification Summary for 2008-09, with special attention to Upper Peninsula soccer.

Motion by Scott Grimes, supported by Linda Myers, to approve the Classification Committee recommendation to revise Item 1 of the classification procedures as follows (underscored is new): "1. Students shall be counted for MHSAA purposes on the State of Michigan pupil accounting date or, if the State of Michigan does not require a count date in February, then on the first Wednesday of February. The form should be mailed to the MHSAA within ten days of the count date." Adopted.

Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Dan Flynn, to approve the Classification Committee recommendation to allow non-traditional programs to conduct intramural activities with up to three days of interscholastic competition, pursuant to *Handbook* Interpretation 155, and still allow other students of the non-traditional program to be eligible for interscholastic teams at the traditional high school if they are counted for MHSAA classification purposes. Adopted.

### **OFFICIALS**

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Ken Dietz, to approve the Officials Review Committee recommendation to provide the approved association and registered assignors summer meetings in an online format every other year, with a verification test, starting in 2008. Adopted.

Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Scott Grimes, to not approve the Officials Review Committee recommendation to

allow officials who are members in good standing of an approved association and who meet all other tournament criteria to be given “priority consideration” in assignments to MHSAA Baseball and Softball Tournaments. Adopted (no change).

### COMMITTEES

The Council was supplied with a description of MHSAA committees, a copy of the MHSAA Sport Committee Guide, a review of the committee appointment procedures adopted by the Representative Council in May of 1987 and modified in December 2007, a list of those who had identified themselves as candidates for committees in 2008-09, a list of schools not represented on any committees for the past five years, and a list of those who had declined committee appointments in 2007-08. Council members were encouraged to submit nominations for committees, making special efforts to provide nominations from principals, small schools, females and minorities, and any school which has not been represented in recent years. The staff will compile the suggestions and submit them to the Executive Committee for review and appointment. Names of committee members selected to serve during the 2008-09 school year will be published in the MHSAA Bulletin. The only exceptions are those committees involving the selection of tournament officials and award recipients.

### SPORTS ACTIVITIES

**Wrestling** – Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Wendy Shepard, to approve the Wrestling Committee recommendation to seed the top four teams in each division of the Quarterfinal round of the MHSAA Team Wrestling Tournament according to the policies and procedures presented by the committee. Adopted.

In response to a communication from the Michigan Wrestling Association requesting that the Council revisit this position, there was a motion by Dan Flynn, supported by Chip Hansen, to reaffirm the current regulations and philosophies supporting those regulations relative to student-athletes’ and coaches’ participation in all-star events or national high school championships. Adopted.

Motion by Ken Dietz, supported by Scott Grimes, to authorize the staff to select from the two quality venues submitting proposals that site which is in the MHSAA’s long-term best interest for hosting the Individual Wrestling Finals. Adopted.

The Council engaged in a discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of the home weigh-in versus the onsite shoulder-to-shoulder process during regular season competition. Motion by Dan Flynn, supported by Linda Myers, to take the Council’s concern to the Wrestling Committee and urge it to reconsider weigh-in policies and procedures for the regular season. Adopted.

**Girls Volleyball** – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Wendy Shepard, to approve the Volleyball Committee recommendation to change District and Regional formats as follows: (1) District matches may be played on any day during the week designated for District play, and a team cannot play more than one match per day. If a team has to play on back-to-back days, then the opponent must also do so. The District final cannot be played prior to Thursday. If travel dictates, a Friday and Saturday District may be played. (2) During Regional weeks, Semifinal matches must be played on Tuesday and the final matches on Thursday; but if travel dictates, a Friday and Saturday Regional may be played. Staff approval for the Friday/Saturday format would be required. Adopted.

Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Wendy Shepard, to approve the requirement of using MHSAA registered officials for line judges from the Regional level through the Finals of MHSAA tournaments, paid at \$15 per match by the MHSAA. Adopted.

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Fred Smith, to approve the Volleyball Committee recommendation to prohibit a student from trying out and practicing with a non-school team after practicing with (including tryouts) or participating in an athletic contest or scrimmage as a member of a high school athletic team. Defeated.

**Tennis** – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Scott Grimes, to approve the Tennis Committee recommendation to allow an additional coach, registered with the MHSAA on the Regional entry form, for

each additional site utilized for the Final Tournament. Adopted.

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Dan Flynn, to not approve the Tennis and Swimming & Diving Committees' recommendations to exempt tennis and swimming & diving from the summer dead period. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Chip Hansen, supported by Vic Michaels, to approve the Tennis Committee recommendation to adopt the Coman Tiebreak Rule of the USTA for MHSAA tournaments. Adopted.

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the Tennis Committee recommendation to change the Regional entry form to an online format. Adopted.

Motion by Chip Hansen, supported by Renee Bird, to not approve the Tennis Committee recommendation to establish the following provision: "After the first day for team practices established by the MHSAA, regardless of when a player joins a team, a player is limited to two outside competitions during that season." Adopted (no change).

The Tennis Committee recommendation that Tennis Coaches Rules Meetings become mandatory was dealt with earlier under Old Business, Online Rules Meetings.

**Swimming & Diving** – Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Eric Federico, to approve the Swimming & Diving Committee recommendation to allow exhibition (non-scoring) times to be used for qualifying to the MHSAA Final Meet. Adopted.

Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Dan Flynn, that MHSAA swimming & diving qualifying times shall be established within the MHSAA office and qualifying performances reported directly to the MHSAA office for the 2008-09 school year; and that for the 2009-10 year, entry procedures will also be coordinated within the MHSAA office. Adopted.

The Swimming & Diving Committee recommendation that swimming be exempted from the summer dead period was dealt with previously under tennis.

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Scott Grimes, to approve the Swimming & Diving Committee recommendation to modify the diving qualification process as follows: "In a conference meet, add a qualifying spot to the

Lower Peninsula Regional Diving Meet equal to the number of returning final participants (not finalists) from that conference." Adopted.

Motion by Scott Grimes, supported by Renee Bird, to approve the Swimming & Diving Committee recommendation to prohibit the use of a starting pistol by all swim officials during the regular season and MHSAA Finals. Adopted.

**Soccer** – Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Rudy Godefroidt, to approve the Soccer Committee recommendation to stipulate that if the school hosting the District final is to play in the first round, that host school may be the home team if it chooses to do so. Adopted.

Motion by Kris Isom, supported by Wendy Shepard, to not approve the Soccer Committee recommendation to utilize a random draw to determine District composition where the close proximity of schools reduces travel concerns. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve a modification of the Soccer Committee recommendation that will allow a second regular length competition or scrimmage to be played in the week when there is a shortened length multi-team competition format on a non-school day. Adopted.

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Renee Bird, to not approve the Soccer Committee recommendation to reduce the new practice requirements in boys and girls soccer from seven days of practice over ten calendar days to five practice over seven calendar days. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Linda Myers, to not approve the Soccer Committee recommendation to allow MHSAA tournaments to be played on a Sunday if the competition has been delayed due to weather or unforeseen circumstances and the competing schools agree with the Sunday rescheduling. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Kris Isom, to approve the Soccer Committee recommendation to stipulate that on national or state testing days, unless the competing schools and the host site all agree otherwise, no District or Regional final may start earlier than 5 p.m. (4 p.m. for fall soccer if the facility is without lights). Adopted.

Motion by Keith Eldred, supported by Wendy Shepard, to approve the Soccer Committee recommendation to allow MHSAA staff to delay Regional semifinals to accommodate a District winner whose final was delayed due to weather, provided Regional site accommodations can be made. Adopted.

**Boys Lacrosse** – Motion by Eric Federico, supported by Scott Grimes, to table the Boys Lacrosse Committee recommendation to allow 150 running time minutes for multi-team tournaments at the junior high/middle school level. Adopted.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Arnetta Thompson, to not approve the Boys Lacrosse Committee recommendation to allow or require three days of practice in helmets with crosses and balls only, no earlier than the Wednesday prior to the start of practice, but with no other equipment until the start of spring practices. Adopted (no change).

**Ice Hockey** – Motion by Eric Federico, supported by Scott Grimes, to table the Ice Hockey Committee recommendation to allow league and conference adoption of the 17-minute period option as specified in National Federation Rule 6-37-2, with the understanding that this would be optional for regular-season games only. The MHSAA staff is to survey member schools regarding this option. Adopted.

Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Chip Hansen, to not approve the Ice Hockey Committee recommendation to classify neck guards as recommended rather than required equipment. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Wendy Shepard, supported by Eric Federico, to approve the Ice Hockey Committee recommendation to increase from 20 to 22 the number of players allowed in uniform on the bench. Adopted.

It was reported that the Ice Hockey Committee will be examining overtime policies and may make a recommendation to the Representative Council at its December meeting.

**Girls Gymnastics** – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Rudy Godefroidt, to approve the Girls Gymnastics Committee recommendation to require that students who enter the MHSAA Team Finals have actually participated in the MHSAA Regional Tournament or had previously achieved a regional individual qualifying score. Adopted.

**Golf** – Motion by Wendy Shepard, sup-

ported by Vic Michaels, to approve the expansion of the MHSAA Girls Golf Tournament to four equal divisions beginning in the 2009-10 school year (conducted in five Regionals in each division with three teams and three individuals in each Regional advancing to the Finals to maintain a 15-team, 15-individual Finals field in each division), provided school sponsorship holds and schools, managers and the Classification Committee are supportive. Adopted.

The Golf Committee recommendation that Golf Rules Meetings be mandatory for head coaches was considered earlier under Old Business, Online Rules Meetings.

Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the Golf Committee recommendation for clarifying language regarding the use of motorized carts for players with medical needs during the regular season and in MHSAA tournament competition. Adopted.

**Football** – Motion by Lafayette Evans, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the Football Committee recommendation to limit crews to no more than two games in the first three rounds of the MHSAA Football Playoffs. Adopted.

Motion by Eric Federico, supported by Scott Grimes, to refer the following Football Committee recommendation to the Junior High/Middle School Committee: “For games involving students in the 7th and 8th grades, games may be played in ten-minute periods.” Adopted.

The Football Committee recommendation to conduct Football Rules Meetings online as quickly as possible was dealt with previously under Old Business, Online Rules Meetings.

The Council discussed the pros and cons of a shorter regular season schedule and a larger and longer MHSAA Football Playoffs. No action was proposed.

Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Dan Flynn, that the MHSAA survey member schools for their opinions regarding the MHSAA conducting an eight-player football championship to which eight teams will qualify for a three-week championship series, provided at least 20 teams sponsor the eight-player game, and that only those schools with enrollment under 200 students may participate. Adopted.

**Cross Country** – Motion by Dan Flynn, supported by Wendy Shepard, to not approve the Cross Country/Track & Field Committee recommendation to increase the number of individuals who qualify from a Regional to the Final Cross Country Meet to include those who finish in the top 20 of Regions with a minimum of 80 finishers. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Rudy Godefroidt, supported by Fred Smith, to approve the Cross Country/Track & Field Committee recommendation that in Cross Country Regionals with eight or more complete teams, a school finishing in fourth place at the Regional Meet with four or more runners in the top 20 will advance to the MHSAA Final Meet. Adopted.

**Girls Competitive Cheer** – Motion by Wendy Shepard, supported by Ken Dietz, to approve the Girls Competitive Cheer Committee recommendation to adopt the eight technical recommendations advanced from the Competitive Cheer Subcommittee. Adopted.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Vic Michaels, to reformat the 2009 Competitive Cheer Tournament by adding six Districts in each division, from which four teams would advance to each of two Regions in each division, from which four teams would advance to the Finals in each division. Adopted.

Motion by Scott Grimes, supported by Rudy Godefroidt, to approve the assembling of an editing group this summer to further update and review the Competitive Cheer Manual in readiness for its first two-year cycle. Adopted.

Motion by Kris Isom, supported by Wendy Shepard, to approve the retention of the “precision drill” for two years, beginning with the 2008-09 school year. Adopted.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Lafayette Evans, to approve the addition of a comment space on score sheets to allow for clarity with coaches. Adopted.

Motion by Rudy Godefroidt, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the Girls Competitive Cheer Committee recommendation to allow for round sheets to be altered up to one-half hour prior to the competition, without penalty. Adopted.

**Bowling** – Motion by Rudy Godefroidt, supported by Scott Grimes, to approve the Bowling Committee recommendation to adopt the “Kegel Challenge Series” lane oil patterns for the MHSAA tournament, with recommended use for regular season competition (one of the three patterns will be chosen each Jan. 15 as the official tournament condition used at the MHSAA Regional and Final Tournament levels). Adopted.

Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Eric Federico, to approve the Bowling Committee recommendation to allow two approved school coaches in the bowlers area during MHSAA Regionals and Finals Singles Tournament. Adopted.

Motion by Rudy Godefroidt, supported by Renee Bird, to approve the Bowling Committee recommendation to adjust the lane rotation procedure at the MHSAA Regional and Final team competition with the odd lane moving one pair to the right and the even lane moving two pair to the right to alleviate congestion with bowlers and spectators during lane changes. Adopted.

**Basketball** – Assistant Director Nate Hampton, chairman of the National Federation Basketball Rules Committee, distributed a court diagram and highlighted changes in markings for the 2008-09 season.

A report was made regarding discussions with various venues interested in hosting the MHSAA Boys and Girls Basketball Semifinals and Finals.

Motion by Dan Flynn, supported by Fred Smith, to approve at the District level of Boys and Girls Basketball and Girls Volleyball Tournaments the option of allowing teams on the top of brackets to host in order to reduce travel expenses and to increase host school attendance. Adopted.

**Baseball/Softball** – The Council reviewed the history of the Baseball and Softball Finals and optional venues and formats available for the Council’s consideration. Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Ken Dietz, that the staff bring to the Council in December recommendations regarding the best facilities for each sport, baseball and softball, with considerations for separating the Baseball and Softball Tournaments and the effect on expenses as well as Semifinal and Final schedules and Quarterfinal and Regional schedules. Adopted.

**General Tournament Policies** – The Council reviewed current policies and procedures that control or guide the changing of venues to host MHSAA tournaments prior to the Final level in cases of extreme travel.

**Video Replay** – Staff reviewed situations in MHSAA tournaments in two sports which resulted in some requests for video replay under certain circumstances in MHSAA tournaments. Presently, the national playing rules do not allow for video replay in any MHSAA sport, and no action was taken.

**Trophies and Medals** – At the Feb. 11, 2008 meeting of the MHSAA Executive Committee, staff shared concerns for the durability of trophies and the increasing costs for medals presented at MHSAA tournaments. At that time, it was agreed that the MHSAA would continue the agreement with its trophy vendor through 2008-09 and continue to address the breakages associated with the unique shape of the state and the intricacies of the figures, but a request for a proposal for trophy vendors would be distributed in the fall, leading to a decision by the Representative Council for the 2009-10 school year and beyond. Durability would be given the highest consideration during this process.

The medal vendor has suspended for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year the more than \$52,000 annual increase it proposed in January to supply nearly 65,000 medals for MHSAA tournament participants each year. However, even after the staff has made some changes in materials, back-stamping policies, ribbon policies, and the processing and style for extra medals, the MHSAA faces large increases in costs to provide the same number and approximately the same quality of medal in 2008-09 as in the past school year. Motion by Chip Hansen, supported by Renee Bird, to reduce the medal order for early rounds of team and individual tournaments. Defeated. In the alternative, the Council requested that MHSAA staff seek other alternatives, possibly including a bid process for medals for the 2009-10 school year, in an attempt to control the escalating costs for the MHSAA's massive tournament medal distribution, which is the largest of the 12 Midwest states researched by the MHSAA.

## OPERATIONS

**Calendar** – Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Wendy Shepard, to approve the seven-year calendar of MHSAA events, with the modifications required as a result of Council action earlier in these meetings. Adopted.

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

**Future Meetings** – The next meeting of the Representative Council is Dec. 5, 2008, at the MHSAA office in East Lansing, with a full-day schedule anticipated.

The March meeting of the Representative Council will be March 27, 2009, at the MHSAA office.

Motion by Dan Flynn, supported by Eric Federico, to return to the same facility for the spring meetings of 2009 and 2010. Adopted. The Council will be surveyed regarding adjustments in the May meeting schedule.

**Allen W. Bush Awards** – Council members were invited to vote for up to three candidates from five presented, screened from a larger list by the MHSAA Awards Committee. Those who receive the most votes will be notified in May and honored at events important to them during the fall of 2008 or early in 2009. The recipients will be featured in the August Bulletin of the MHSAA.

**Finance** – Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve an increase from 15¢ to 20¢ per mile for all miles traveled beyond 50 round-trip required of officials for MHSAA tournament assignments, Districts through Finals. Adopted.

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Renee Bird, to increase the Boys Basketball Semifinal ticket price to \$8 and the Boys and Girls Quarterfinal Basketball Tournament tickets to \$6. Adopted.

Motion by Eric Federico, supported by Keith Eldred, to approve the 2008-09 revenue and expense budgets, and a capital improvements budget that would result in reductions to cash of \$560,118; and further, to authorize the Executive Committee to approve actions necessary to meet extraordinary financial circumstances prior to the Council's next meeting, if necessary. Adopted. ■

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Gaylord, May 3, 2008

## Members Present:

Jim Derocher, Negaunee  
Keith Eldred, Williamston  
Vic Michaels, Detroit  
Dan Flynn, Escanaba  
Ken Dietz, Watervliet

## Staff Member Present:

Tom Rashid  
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Bellaire and Alba High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** – Because of the need for formal action by the boards of education of these schools, the Executive Com-

mittee tabled a partially completed application for the addition of football to a cooperative agreement which has existed for many years between these two schools in baseball and boys and girls track & field. The combined 2008-09 enrollment would be 247 students. Bellaire sponsored football previously and would be the primary school. Support from the Northern Lakes or Ski Valley Conference has not been received.

**Grandville and Byron Center High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F])** – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey between these two schools whose combined 2008-09 enrollment of 2,999 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 1 tournament. Grandville sponsored ice hockey previously and will be the primary school. Support from the OK Conference was received.

**Maple City-Glen Lake and Leland High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** – A request to waive the deadline for submitting a fall sports cooperative agreement due to the seasons changes was received on April 25, 2008 from Glen Lake High School which had recently learned that Leland High School would be dropping tennis due to students choosing to play soccer in the fall instead of tennis. In 2007-08, Leland had only ten boys tennis players and anticipates even fewer in 2008-09. The combined enrollment of these two schools would be 417. The Representative Council took action in May 2007 to allow for approval of deadline waivers if the reason for the agreement was the direct result of changing seasons and declining participation of existing teams.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver until not later than June 11, 2008.

**Sault Ste. Marie-Sault Area, Brimley and Pickford High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F])** – A partially completed application was received for the addition of Brimley to a cooperative agreement that already exists between Sault Area and Pickford High Schools in boys and girls swimming & diving, and to create a new agreement in boys and girls cross country between Sault Area and Brimley. The combined 2008-09 enrollment of 1,063 students would continue placement of teams in Division 1 of the UP Cross

Country Tournaments. There is only one division for UP swimming & diving.

The Executive Committee approved the application for a cooperative program in boys and girls cross country for Sault Area and Brimley High Schools and tabled the application for the three schools in boys and girls swimming & diving.

**Waterford-Mt. Zion Christian and Auburn Hills Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** – Because of the need for formal action by the boards of education of these schools, the Executive Committee tabled a partially completed application for a cooperative agreement in football between these two schools whose combined enrollment would be 145 students. Mt. Zion was in a cooperative agreement with Novi-Franklin Road Christian which recently dissolved after its second year of operation. Mt. Zion would be the primary school. Approval from the conference or future opponents has not been received.

**Mendon High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5)** – A request to waive the maximum semesters portions of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who began the 9th grade in Ohio in the 2004-05 school year, attending school from Oct. 4 – Dec. 17, 2004, and passing at least four of seven classes. The student has been enrolled and received grades in four first semesters and is currently enrolled in his third or fourth second semester since beginning the 9th grade in 2004-05. It is not clear if the student attended school or was home schooled for the second semester of the 2004-05 school year. The student repeated the 9th grade at Marcellus in 2005-06 and attended Marcellus High School and Worthington High School in Kentucky for four semesters before enrolling at Mendon to begin the 2007-08 school year. The student requested a fifth first semester to begin the 2008-09 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Holland-West Ottawa High School (Regulation I, Section 7)** – A request to waive the previous semester/trimester record regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who passed three of five classes during the second trimester of the 2007-08

school year and was reevaluated in February 2008 with regard to potential learning disabilities.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Cassopolis-Ross Beatty High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who moved to Illinois with her mother and two siblings (but not the father) and enrolled in school there for three days from March 17-19, 2008. The student has returned to the same home in the Cassopolis School District and re-enrolled on April 7, 2008 – the first day after spring break. The student is not eligible by rule because she did not move from Illinois with the persons she had lived with for the most recent 30 calendar days during the previous semester (mother and father).

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Martin High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** – A request was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student (12th grade in 2008-09) to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended East Kentwood High School, did not participate in athletics and has moved into the Martin School District to reside with his grandmother. The student enrolled on March 24, 2008.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Sterling Heights-Parkway Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** – A request was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student (12th grade in 2008-09) to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Warren-Cousino High School and enrolled on March 17, 2008. The student had attended middle school at Parkway Christian and has participated previously in high school athletics.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Grosse Pointe North High School (Regulation II, Section 11)** – Pursuant to Interpretation 219, a request to waive the three-player rule for the 2008-09 school year was made on behalf of the girls and boys swimming & diving coach who is a retired teacher

now employed full-time as the director of the Pointe Aquatics Club. The program currently involves 86 swimmers, 55 younger than grade 6; 21 are in grades 7-12, 11 who come from five schools outside the Grosse Pointe Public Schools. It is estimated there will be six Grosse Pointe North students and four Grosse Pointe South students in the program in 2008-09. Waiver was previously approved for this coach and program in 2006-07 and 2007-08.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this person for the 2008-09 school year.

**Holland High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H])** – Pursuant to Interpretation 219, a request was made to waive the three-player rule on behalf of the boys and girls swimming & diving coach who is employed by the Holland Community Aquatics Center which provides 95 percent of the coach's total income. The position requires coaching the club team and supervision of all competitive programs in the facility, including Holland Public Schools and Holland Christian Schools. Of the 295 participants aged 5-24, 14 different school districts are represented; 13 girls and 10 boys are attending Holland Middle School or Holland High School. Waiver was previously approved for this coach and program in 2006-07 and 2007-08.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this person for the 2008-09 school year.

**Holland High School (Regulation II, Section 11)** – On March 13, 2008, the Executive Committee approved a request to waive the summer dead period restriction for one student and one swim coach who is both the school and non-school coach for a 10th-grade student who has qualified for the U.S. Olympic Trials to be held in Omaha, Nebraska June 30 – July 6, 2008, to qualify for the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, China. Two additional students from the Holland Public Schools are very close to qualifying for the Olympics and may do so at a time that does not coincide with future Executive Committee meetings. The school requested that if the two students qualify (currently grades 8 and 10), their school coach be allowed to coach them during the summer dead period at the Olympic Trials.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for the coach with these two students for this specific event and dead period, should the students qualify for the Olympic Trials.

**Howell High School (Regulation II, Section 11)** – Pursuant to Interpretation 219, a request to waive the three-player rule for the 2008-09 school year was made on behalf of the girls swimming & diving coach who is a retired teacher now employed full-time by the Sea Serpents Swim Club. The program currently involves 108 swimmers ages 5-18 from five school districts, including Howell. It is estimated there will be 12-16 students (boys and girls) from the Howell School District in grades 7-12 involved in the program in 2008-09. Waiver was previously approved for this coach in 2006-07 and 2007-08 while the coach was employed with the Hartland School District and another non-school swim club.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

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

Marshall Academy-boys & girls basketball & girls volleyball

Northern Lakes Conference-All sports (Alanson-Littlefield; Alba; Boyne Falls; Ellsworth; Harbor Springs-Harbor Light Christian; Mackinaw City; Vanderbilt; Wolverine)

Southfield-Faith Christian Academy-boys & girls track & field

Wakefield-Marenisco-grade boys & girls basketball

**New Member Schools** – Pursuant to the MHSAA Constitution adopted by member schools and according to procedures for MHSAA membership adopted by the Repre-

sentative Council on March 27, 1997, the Executive Committee approved membership for **Ingham Academy**, a public school in its first year of operation serving students who are under the supervision of the Ingham County Family Court and required to attend the school, which is currently housed in 5-6 rooms of an office building adjacent to the Courthouse. To begin the 2008-09 school year, the school will be in a permanent location in the former Our Savior Lutheran School which has a gym and outdoor fields. The school is governed by the Court and operated by the Ingham County Intermediate School District which appoints the principal and teaching staff. Currently the enrollment is 20 students. The school anticipates 40 students in the fall of 2008-09. The students generally reside in their own homes. Ingham Academy intends to offer boys cross country, girls volleyball, boys and girls basketball and boys and girls track & field.

The school's 2007-08 Membership Resolution was received signed on Feb. 14, 2008. Provided a 2008-09 Membership Resolution is received prior to Sept. 26, 2008 and by Oct. 2, 2009 for the 2009-10 school year, and provided all other rules are complied with, the school would be eligible for MHSAA postseason tournaments in the 2009-10 school year.

**Officials Mileage Reimbursement** – Pursuant to a request from the Audit and Finance Committee, the Executive Committee reviewed the added cost annually of increasing from 15¢ to 20¢ per mile the mileage reimbursement for MHSAA tournament officials who travel beyond the existing minimum. The Executive Committee approved a recommendation to the Representative Council to increase mileage accordingly for Districts through Finals beginning with the 2008-09 school year.

**Next Meeting** – The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing. ■

*The Only Official Interpretations  
Are Those Received In Writing*

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, June 11, 2008

## Members Present:

Jim Derocher, Negaunee  
Keith Eldred, Williamston  
Vic Michaels, Detroit  
Dan Flynn, Escanaba  
Rudy Godefroidt, Hemlock

## Staff Member Present:

Tom Rashid  
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Bellaire and Alba High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** - The Executive Committee did not approve a partially completed application to add football to a cooperative agreement which has existed for many years between these two schools in

baseball and boys and girls track & field. The application was tabled by the Executive Committee at its meeting on May 3, 2008, pending board and league approval. Support from the Northern Lakes or Ski Valley Conference has not been received nor has the action of either school's Board of Education.

**Benzonia-Benzie Central, Frankfort, Kingsley, Maple City-Glen Lake, Traverse City Christian, Traverse City-Grand Traverse Academy and Traverse City-College Prep Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F])** – Pending receipt by Aug. 15, 2008 of support from potential future opponents, the Executive Committee approved a cooperative agreement in ice hockey between these seven schools which are sponsoring hockey for the first time and whose combined 2008-09 enrollment of 1,819 students will place the team in the Division 2 tournament. Benzie Central will be the primary school. The team is not in a league.

**Jackson-Lumen Christi and Brooklyn-Columbia Central High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F])** – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative agreement in girls gymnastics between these two schools whose combined enrollment is 1,208 students. There is only one division for gymnastics. Lumen Christi has sponsored gymnastics previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Capital Area Activities Conference was received.

**Rapid River, Cooks-Big Bay de Noc and Rock-Mid Peninsula High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Mid Peninsula High School to a cooperative agreement in football that has existed between Rapid River and Big Bay de Noc High Schools since 2004. The application had been tabled previously pending approvals from Big Bay de Noc and the conference. The combined 2008-09 enrollment is 334 students. Both Rapid River and Mid Peninsula sponsored football previously. Rapid River will continue as the primary school. Support from the Mid-Eastern Football Conference was received.

**Sault Ste. Marie-Sault Area, Brimley and Pickford High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F])** – The Executive Committee approved a previously tabled cooperative

program application in boys and girls swimming & diving between these schools. The combined 2008-09 enrollment is 1,190 students. There is only one division of U.P. swimming & diving. Sault Area has sponsored swimming previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Eastern U.P. Athletic Conference was received.

**Waterford-Mt. Zion Christian and Auburn Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** – Because of absence of support from future opponents or the conference, the Executive Committee did not approve a previously tabled application for a cooperative agreement in football between these two schools whose combined enrollment is 145 students. Mt. Zion was in a cooperative agreement with Novi-Franklin Road Christian which recently dissolved after its second year of operation.

**Waterford-Our Lady of the Lakes and Clarkston-Everest Catholic High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])** – Pending the Executive Committee's acceptance not later than Aug. 11, 2008 of MHSAA membership for Everest Catholic High School, the Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls soccer, girls volleyball, girls tennis, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls track & field, boys golf, baseball and softball between these two schools whose combined enrollment is 231 students. Everest Catholic is opening for the first time to begin the 2008-09 school year with 20 students in grade 9. The application was submitted in accordance with procedures that when one or more of the schools making application for a cooperative program is established and opened after the fall and winter deadlines, application may be made until MHSAA tournament assignments are made for the sport(s) involved or Oct. 15, whichever occurs first. In all sports but football (because division numbers are determined at the time of qualification), the agreement will not change the tournament classification and will continue teams in Division 4 or Class D tournaments. Our Lady of the Lakes will be the primary school in all sports which it has sponsored previously. Support from the Catholic High School League was received.

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

- a. Pursuant to instructions revised by the Representative Council in December 2006, the MHSAA staff identified Cooperative Team Renewal Forms that required Executive Committee review, including those involving Class A or B schools or three or more schools of any size which indicate large numbers of students trying out or being cut, or a significant win/loss record. All agreements included conference approvals. The Executive Committee approved the following renewals:
- Bay City-Central and Auburn-Bay City Western in ice hockey
  - Beverly Hills-Groves and Birmingham-Seaholm in ice hockey
  - Kingsford, Iron Mountain, Norway and Felch-North Dickinson in ice hockey
  - Lowell and Caledonia in ice hockey
  - Traverse City-St. Francis, Elk Rapids, Kalkaska and Suttons Bay in ice hockey
- b. Pursuant to instructions of the Representative Council in 1997, the Executive Committee must review Cooperative Team Renewal Forms for cooperative agreements in boys bowling, girls bowling, girls golf and girls competitive cheer where the combined enrollment exceeds the maximum for Class B. The only two programs in this category to be renewed for 2008-09 are listed below and were approved by the Executive Committee:
- Farmington and Farmington Hills-Harrison in boys and girls bowling
  - Farmington Hills-North Farmington and Farmington Hills-Harrison in girls golf

**Pontiac Central High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) –** A request to waive the maximum semesters portions of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a student who was enrolled at Grand Rapids-

Creston High School for the 2004-05 school year as a 9th-grader and was home schooled during the 2005-06 school year. The student did not participate in athletics during this time. The student was enrolled in high school and participated in athletics for both the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years.

Based on the information presented, the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Bay City-Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) –** A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student (2008-09) to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only until Jan. 19, 2009. The student previously attended Reese High School and participated in football. The student will be enrolling at Bay City-Central to begin the 2008-09 school year because transportation will no longer be provided and the student prefers the curriculum at Central. The family has lived in the Bay City School District the student's entire life.

Based on the specific requirement of the Section (that the student has not previously participated in an MHSAA sport in any school, grades 9-12), the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Central Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) –** A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Ellsworth High School and participated in the football cooperative program between these two schools in the previous school year. The student intends to enroll at Central Lake to begin the 2008-09 school year. Support from Ellsworth High School was received.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for the sport of football only until Jan. 19, 2009.

**Coleman High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) –** A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student (10th grade in 2008-09) to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Coleman High School until Jan. 23, 2008, when the student attended Clare High School. The student reenrolled at Coleman High School on March 4, 2008.

The Executive Committee approved the

request for waiver to the extent that this student becomes eligible on her 91st school day of enrollment at Coleman High School starting March 4, 2008.

**Commerce-Walled Lake Northern High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Walled Lake Northern High School for the 9th and 10th grades and a residential facility in Southfield from March 2007 to May 2008. He has completed the program which allows for students to attend a public school while still in treatment. The student recently returned to the residence of his parents in the Walled Lake Northern attendance area and is finishing the second semester of the 2007-08 school year at Warren-Fitzgerald High School. The student will be reenrolling at Walled Lake Northern to begin the 2008-09 school year. The student would be eligible by rule under exception 2 (returning to live with parents) had he withdrawn from Fitzgerald rather than complete the school year there.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Corunna High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])** – A request was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student (2008-09) to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Owosso High School before enrolling at Corunna on March 12, 2008. The family put their home in Owosso up for sale and believed they would be living in Corunna prior to the start of the 2008-09 school year. The family put a bid on a home in the district which fell through. The family now has a purchase agreement for a vacant lot and plans to build a house which will not be ready for the start of fall sports.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Edwardsburg High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student (2008-09) who has a history of family attendance at Edwardsburg Schools through the 8th grade and are residents of Edwardsburg. The student began the 9th grade and played football at St. Joseph Catholic School in Indiana and enrolled at

Edwardsburg on March 17, 2008 due to problems adjusting to the new school and family medical issues which affected academic performance.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Kentwood-East Kentwood High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously lived with her father in the Byron Center School District where the student completed an Educational Transfer Form for eligibility this past school year, 2007-08. In April of 2008, a restraining order was issued which caused the student to return to live with her mother in the East Kentwood School District. The mother has been driving the student to Byron Center since April. The student will be reenrolling at East Kentwood to begin the 2008-09 school year and has used the one-time allowance of the Educational Transfer Form.

Pending receipt of additional documentation to support the facts presented, the Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

**Livonia-Stevenson High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])** – A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student (10th-grade in 2008-09) to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only until Jan. 19, 2009. The student previously attended the Livonia Public Schools before beginning the 9th grade at Ann Arbor-Central Academy where he did not participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until Jan. 19, 2009.

**Monroe High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Middleville-Thornapple Kellogg High School while living with his mother and father. The father has accepted a job in Monroe, is renting a residence in the school district and has placed his home for sale. The student's mother and an 8th-grade sibling will remain in Delton until the home is sold.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Muskegon—Reeths-Puffer High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student (2008-09) to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only until Jan. 19, 2009. The student previously attended Muskegon-Orchard View High School while living with his father and did not participate in athletics. The student is now living with his mother, but not in the Reeths-Puffer School District.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until Jan. 19, 2009.

**Muskegon—Reeths-Puffer High School (Regulation I, Section[B])** – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only until Jan. 19, 2009. The student previously attended Muskegon High School and participated in football. The student is changing schools for a preferred environment.

Based on the specific requirement of the Section (that the student has not previously participated in a MHSAA sport in any school, grades 9-12), the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**St. Charles High School (Regulation I, Section 9)** – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student (2008-09) who is a resident of St. Charles and attended Shields-Community Baptist High School which has an athletic program but is not an MHSAA member school. The student did not participate in any MHSAA member school contests during her enrollment at Community Baptist. The student changed schools for academic reasons in preparation for college.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

**Inkster High School (Regulation II, Section 9[B])** – A request was made to waive the date on which the first allowable football game may be played so that Inkster High School may honor a contract with Warren G. Harding High School in Warren, Ohio. The football schedule in Ohio begins one week earlier than for MHSAA member schools. The request was to play this varsity football game on Aug. 22, 2008, one week earlier than allowed.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request to waive the several portions of the *Handbook* which prohibit this game.

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

Atlanta-all boys & girls sports

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

Burr Oak-boys & girls basketball, girls volleyball

Holland-Calvary Christian-boys & girls basketball & soccer, girls volleyball

Jackson Christian-7th-grade girls & boys basketball & girls volleyball; 7th & 8th-grade boys soccer, boys & girls track & field, cross country

Owendale-Gagetown-boys & girls basketball, girls volleyball

Twining- Arenac Eastern-girls basketball

Waldron-boys & girls cross country, basketball, track & field & girls volleyball

**Niles-Ring Lardner Middle School (Regulation IV, Section 10[B])** – A request was made, as stated in the regulation, to permit middle school football practice to begin earlier than the Monday before Labor Day, on Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2008, because the school's first opponent (John Young Middle School in Indiana) will begin its practices on Aug. 4, 2008. Ring Lardner Middle School is scheduled to play John Young on Thursday Sept. 11, 2008. The Aug. 25, 2008 starting date would require practice on at least one weekend to achieve 14 days of practice over three weeks before Sept. 11, 2008.

Pursuant to its specific authority under this Section, the Executive Committee approved this request for waiver.

**Canton-Plymouth and Hartland High Schools (Regulation V, Section 3[C])** – On May 12, 2008, a boys lacrosse game between these two schools was ended prematurely by the officials due to a fight that occurred between players. Both schools suspended players involved in the fight for the remainder of the season; Hartland High School suspended one student from school for three days. One

Hartland player with a minor role was suspended for the next game. The conduct of coaches was not in question.

The Executive Committee accepted the schools' reports and actions without further requirements of either.

**Constitutional Membership Requirement** – The enrollment of Manistee-Trinity Lutheran Middle School has dropped below the 15-student minimum onsite attendance requirement stipulated in the Constitution for MHSAA membership. The school was in a cooperative agreement with Manistee Catholic Middle School which was to be discontinued. Trinity Lutheran requested that the membership requirement be reevaluated.

The Executive Committee directed this request to the MHSAA Classification Committee's January 2009 meeting.

**Trophy and Medals** – The Executive Committee reviewed the cost increases for the more than 62,000 medals awarded each year at MHSAA tournaments and the efforts of staff before and after the May 2008 Rep-

resentative Council meeting to control those costs without reducing the number of medals received by student-athletes. The committee accepted the staff's recommendation to reduce costs by reducing the amount of stamping on District and Regional tournament medals, which results in significant enough savings which, if locked in for several years, will make it unnecessary to open bidding for MHSAA medals for the 2009-10 school year.

**Individual Wrestling Finals Venue** – The Executive Committee reviewed the strengths and weaknesses of proposals to host the MHSAA Individual Wrestling Finals through 2014.

**Next Meetings** – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Monday, Aug. 11, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Monday, Sept. 29, at 9 a.m. in Traverse City; Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; and Thursday, Dec. 4, at 1 p.m. in East Lansing. ■

## Sportsmanship Summits Scheduled for Fall

The MHSAA will once again hold its bi-annual Sportsmanship Summit in Fall 2008. The summits target high school students, generally sophomores and juniors. An additional summit for middle school and junior high student-athletes may also be scheduled in Grand Rapids at a later date.

The Sportsmanship Summits feature hands-on and interactive breakout sessions – including one session developed by students and instructed by the MHSAA Student Advisory Council. At the end of the day, the delegation from each participating school will meet to develop a sportsmanship action plan to implement upon returning to school.

The Sportsmanship Summits will last from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and the cost is \$25 per participant. Lunch and a continental breakfast are included. Registration at each site is limited to the first 300 students and administrators. Schools are welcome to bring as many as 10 total representatives, including two administrators.

Summit dates for high school students:

**SAGINAW** at the Horizons Center on September 29.

**GAYLORD** at the Otsego Club on October 6.

**WARREN** at the DeCarlos Banquet Center on October 20.

**KALAMAZOO** at the Radisson Plaza on November 3.

Reserve your spots today by mailing or faxing the registration form found on MHSAA.com. If you have any questions, contact Andy Frushour at the MHSAA office –[afrushour@mhsaa.com](mailto:afrushour@mhsaa.com) or 517-332-5046.

# UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Bark River, April 25, 2008

## Members Present:

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

## Staff Members Present:

Nate Hampton (Recorder)

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

## CALENDAR AND SEASON ALTERNATIVES

The committee reviewed the 2008-09 comprehensive sport seasons calendar. Calendars that included a "Four-Start" Concept and a "Hybrid" Calendar Proposal will be topics for discussion at the Representative Council meeting in May 2008 with further discussions with member schools on the "Four-Start" Concept.

## ENROLLMENT LISTING FOR UPPER PENINSULA SCHOOLS

The committee reviewed the 2008-09 Enrollment Listing and Division List for all

current member schools. The only noted change was for Negaunee High School in Boys and Girls Tennis. Negaunee with an enrollment of 499 will move from Division 2 to Division 1.

## UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE HISTORY AND MAKE-UP

The committee was presented with a brief description of the history and current representative make-up of committee members and member school classifications.

Class A schools currently have 0 representatives for 1 school.

Class B schools currently have 2 representatives for 5 schools.

Class C schools currently have 2 representatives for 18 schools.

Class D schools currently have 3 representatives for 30 schools.

This was a discussion item only with no action or recommendation for change. ■

## SELECTION OF MHSAA TOURNAMENT HOSTS FOR 2008-09

### FALL 2008 VOLLEYBALL

#### Class B

District 64 Sault Ste. Marie

#### Class C

District 93 Manistique

District 94 Negaunee

District 95 Iron River-West Iron County

District 96 L'Anse

#### Class D

District 124 Cedarville

District 125 Cooks-Big Bay de Noc

District 126 Eben Junction – Superior Central

District 127 Ontonagon Area

District 128 Watersmeet

**Regional**

Class C – Ishpeming

Class D – Bark River-Harris

**Quarterfinal 16 - St. Ignace**

**WINTER 2008-09 BASKETBALL**

	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>
District 12	Predetermined by Draw	
District 64B	Kingsford (Top line)*	Gladstone (Top line)*
District 93C	Rudyard (Top line)*	St. Ignace (Top line)*
District 94C	Ishpeming-Westwood	Negaunee
District 95C	Houghton	Houghton
District 96C	Iron Mountain	Norway
District 123D	Pickford	Brimley
District 124D	Engadine	Cooks-Big Bay de Noc
District 125D	Carney-Nadeau	Rock-Mid Peninsula
District 126D	Baraga	Felch-North Dickinson
District 127D	Ewen-Trout Creek	Wakefiend-Marenisco
District 128D	Chassel	Painesdale-Jeffers

**Regional Sites**

Class C	Escanaba	Marquette
Class D	Kingsford	Michigan Tech
Class D	St. Ignace	Sault Ste. Marie

**Quarterfinals**

Class C	Petoskey	Cheboygan
Class D	Negaunee or Sault Ste. Marie	Escanaba or Manistique

**BASKETBALL SITE SELECTION AND TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

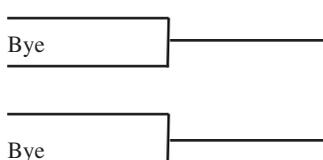
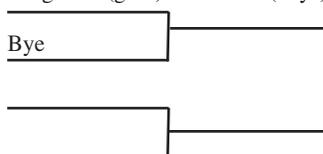
Following a lengthy discussion, the committee determined a different tournament play format for Upper Peninsula District Tournaments that involved considerable travel. (Top bracket lines will host games.)

**FORMAT FOR GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICTS 64B & 93C**

Using the traditional bracket for a five-team District, the school that is due to host by rotation will be placed on line one of the bracket. That school will receive a Bye and will host the next round of the tournament. In order to host other rounds, that school must win.

The other lines of the bracket will be determined by open draw, e.g. District 64B:

Kingsford (girls)/Gladstone (boys)



*\*Teams drawn into top lines within each bracket will host games.*

*Bracket lines 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be determined by open draw.*

*Bracket line 3 will host team drawn onto line 4. Bracket line 5 will host bracket line 6 in the second round of the tournament.*

*As winners advance, top lines will host games.*

## RULES MEETING REVIEW

The committee had the opportunity to review the proposed rules meeting sites for the 2008-09 school year. The committee was made aware that coaches and officials will have opportunities for rules meetings online in 2008-09 and that all sports will have on-line opportunities in 2009-10.

## CORRESPONDENCE

The committee reviewed two pieces of correspondence received by the MHSAA relating to Upper Peninsula tournaments:

1. Site and location of Basketball Regional games and day(s) of competition.
2. Date for the Upper Peninsula Golf and Track and Field Final.

Following discussion, no recommendation was made for change.

## Fall 2008 UP Cross Country

Finals – Oct. 18, 2008 – Sault Ste. Marie

## Fall 2008 UP Boys Soccer

Semifinals – Oct. 22, 2008

Finals – Oct. 25, 2008 TBD

## Winter Swimming

Finals - Feb. 21, 2009 - Marquette

## Spring Golf

Finals – May 29, 2009

Div. 1 – Escanaba – Boys and Girls

Div. 2 – Ishpeming – Boys and Girls

Div. 3 – Bark River-Harris – Boys

Div. 3 – Rock-Mid Peninsula - Girls

## NEW ELIGIBILITY LIST FOR 2008-09

With nearly 25 percent of member schools as trimester schools, the Master Eligibility List form has been changed effective with the 2008-09 school year. Date of enrollment this semester **or trimester**, number of **semesters** of enrollment and participation will now be first, second **or third** semesters **or trimesters**, and number of credit hours carried successfully in the last and current semester **/trimester** will be called for. When completing a list for a student who has previously been enrolled in schools with **both** semesters and trimesters convert the student's information to the system which the student is currently enrolled in using the following: 3 trimesters = 2 semesters and 2 semesters = 3 trimesters. **Changes were also made to the top half of the eligibility list form** which record the type of academic term your school operates under (semester or trimester) and for which sport and term (1st, 2nd of 3rd) the list is prepared for. The new forms have been on mhsaa.com under forms and graphics since June 2008.

In May 2008, the Representative Council clarified the *Handbook* Regulation I, Section 4 indicating **when** schools shall prepare an eligibility list: **“prior to participation and at the beginning of each semester or trimester.** Additions to the squad should be duly added.” Additions or updates to the list may be accepted by tournament managers if they are received **prior the start of competition for any team in that particular district or regional.** These additions may not however include transfer students who enroll after Oct. 1 for fall sports, Feb. 1 for winter sports or May 1 for spring sports. The exact text of the changes to the regulation, can be found in the new 2008-09 *Handbook* on page 55 Regulation II, Section 4 and on page 77 Interpretation 242.

Last year in 2007-08 the Representative Council allowed for the e-mail of eligibility lists to tournament managers. This was not a widespread practice previously because of the signature requirement. Interpretation 166 on page 56 of the 2008-09 *Handbook* reads as follows: “Regardless of the method used to submit an eligibility list (electronic or otherwise), the school principal or superintendent shall verify that the list which is submitted is truthful and accurate, has met the approval of the appropriate school administrator and is submitted on the school's behalf.” It is hoped that these changes serve administrators and staff more efficiently as we determine eligibility prior to participation in scrimmage or contests, rather than subsequently.

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### TAKING STOCK IN WHO WE ARE

Since my arrival in Michigan and for the past two decades plus, there have been several clear and consistent messages expressed by the MHSAA's diverse constituencies.

Immediately, I heard three concerns:

- about **summer basketball**, that the absence of rules was forcing coaches to force kids to compete all summer in a de facto season whose demands dwarfed the real season;
- about **cheerleading**, that we needed to take over cheerleading, whose year-around and world-around competitions were exposing kids to increasingly greater expense and risk; and
- about **officiating**, that officials were insufficient in number and in competence for the increasing speed and skill of interscholastic events.

Shortly thereafter, a second couplet of concerns was heard:

- about the **Football Playoffs**, that an MHSAA tournament limited to 64 teams was leaving out even undefeated teams and breaking up leagues; and
- about **nonpublic schools**, that public schools should not have to compete with private schools for MHSAA championships.

It's time now to take stock of where we are on these five topics, which certainly are not the only matters on the minds of our diverse constituency, but have been the topics expressed first or most often and have had the most staying power during my stay in Michigan.

Here's the first of five brief articles which review where we've been, where we are and where we might head on these topics.

#### OUT-OF-SEASON SPORTS

The concern for **summer basketball** has evolved to be a shared concern for the **year-round** demands on students in **all** sports, and the focus has shifted from over-scheduling by school coaches to the onerous demands of

**non-school** program coaches.

Club coaches who lurk outside the locker rooms of MHSAA Basketball and Volleyball Tournaments to extend "invitations" for students to attend club team "tryouts" the next day.

Travel team ice hockey and soccer coaches especially, but other sports as well, who limit their teams to only those athletes who play their sport year-round, who prohibit those athletes from playing other school sports, and who "promise" they can get those athletes college scholarships.

These are the extreme yet frequently exhibited behaviors that have created a tipping point to this topic.

For two decades, our constituents provided clear consensus that the MHSAA should be working to shorten school seasons and lessen the activity between school coaches and student-athletes out of season. The sound thinking was that this would encourage both multi-sport coaches and athletes, both desirable aims for interscholastic athletics, and would tend to avoid burnout by coaches and athletes.

This proper perspective was intended to avoid pressure on one coach to do as much with his/her school team in the off season as another coach, to avoid the "keeping up with the Joneses" mentality that would lead to an "arms race" in off-season activities by school teams. The increasingly evident result, however, has been that non-school youth sports programs have moved into the voids created by school sports and have demanded more of school-age athletes than the school coaches ever dreamed or dared.

We've had the right philosophy, but we've suffered the wrong result: an environment of constant escalation of out-of-season demands on students with less deference than school coaches have shown for students' health, their academic needs and their interests in other athletic and non-athletic activities.

Perhaps the consequences of doing nothing to control school sports out of season

would have had worse consequences; but candor requires we admit that the efforts of the past two decades have had good intentions but unintended consequences significantly problematic that we must rethink things. Rethink not our philosophies, for they were and are appropriate for school sports. But rethink our strategies.

Last May, the Representative Council took these first significant steps:

- (1) High school coaches will be allowed to make sport-specific presentations to groups of students from feeder junior high/middle schools to try to keep them shooting for the **high school** sports experience.
- (2) High school student-athletes will be allowed to work with teams of their feeder junior high/middle schools in an unpaid and supervised role to give junior high/middle school students positive role models for the **high school** sports experience.

This rethinking has brought the Representative Council to the point of concluding

that the MHSAA should partner with its high school coaches associations to turn things upside down, to provide a comprehensive program that includes controlled out-of-season activities of such high quality that most other alternatives lose their luster and fade into the background.

Because basketball was the sport we were asked to address two decades ago, this new approach will start with that sport and include programs for both younger, developing players and “advance placement courses” for those high school players who are legitimate college prospects.

Meanwhile, the MHSAA has assembled a diverse group of veteran coaches and administrators who have been meeting to reexamine all out-of-season policies and evaluate alternative approaches that are both respectful to the goals and objectives of balanced, educational athletics and responsive to the new challenges these programs must face if they are to remain helpful to schools in reaching, motivating and ultimately educating young people. ■

## **MHSAA STUDENT LEADERSHIP GRANT DOLLARS AVAILABLE**

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

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

Upwards of \$1,000 per instance is available to students to attend existing student leadership camps, and schools to create student leadership programs in their communities.

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

To be eligible for funds:

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

To apply:

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

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

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### THE WORKMAN'S APPROACH

On a long weekend, I observed a workman build stairs and a walkway from my neighbor's rebuilt cottage deck to the boardwalk below that we share toward the beach. The workman's approach to this project intrigued me and may provide a lesson in how to successfully undertake many other types of projects.

The first thing the workman did was affix a long 2" by 12" board at a reasonable angle (not too steep) from the deck down toward the boardwalk. Then he turned from there to the point where his new walkway would meet the existing boardwalk to the beach. There he found the level of the existing boardwalk and built the last section of the new walkway where it would connect to the boardwalk.

Interesting. His first step was to connect to the deck and create an appropriate angle down from the existing deck. His second step was to find the correct level to connect to the existing boardwalk. Two lessons here:

1. A project won't be successful if you fail to take into account the givens of where other factors are with which you must connect.
2. Once you get a fix on where you must start a project and understand where you must end, the details in between pretty much take care of themselves.

And now two applications.

First, the MHSAA is in the process of its second major redesign of its website, **mhsaa.com**, to prepare it to be "all things high school sports in Michigan" for athletes, coaches, administrators, officials, parents and the public. We acknowledge some

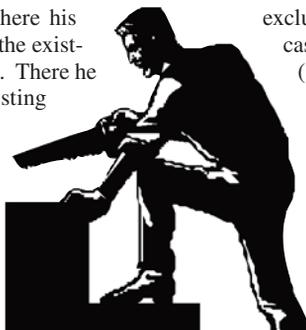
"givens," for example, that it's not appropriate for us to cater to the crude and crass, which will cost us some customers; and that it's not possible to cover our 1,500 schools and all their sports like the Big Ten Conference can cover its 11 schools or a single-sport organization can cover its one sport.

However, we know where we are today and we know where we need to end, which is an engaging, navigable, user-centered site which, for example, (1) is first with MHSAA tournament brackets and scores; (2) is the exclusive source for Internet broadcasts of all MHSAA tournaments; (3) is providing administrators the most ready and reliable information, forms and tools; (4) has an e-commerce store that offers the public merchandise and event tickets.

Second, and not unrelated to the first, the MHSAA is expanding the video presentation of MHSAA tournaments so that nearly all levels of all tournaments are covered. Here again, we acknowledge some givens, for example, that unlike college and professional levels, we will not short-change female sports; and we will not over-expose larger schools compared to smaller schools, which in both cases may reduce the commercial value of our television package.

But again, we know our priorities and that we need to arrive at a point where our expanded video programming uplifts the educational values of school sports as a tool for schools to motivate students toward learning and encourage communities toward healthy support of the unique American tradition called interscholastic athletics.

With the proper end in mind, I'm confident the details will be worked out just fine. ■



## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### UNSAFE AT ANY SPEED

Back before ubiquitous superhighways with wide medians between traffic traveling in opposite directions, we were taught and we practiced the disciplines of how to pass a vehicle safely.

As we approached a slower moving vehicle, we had to check to see from signage and lane lines if we were in a passing zone. Then, if we found that there were no laws against our passing, we checked the road ahead of us to see if the road was straight and the way was clear of oncoming traffic for a sufficient distance that we could safely perform the passing maneuver. And then, just before pulling out into the passing lane, we would check our rearview mirror and side mirror to assure there was no traffic traveling faster from behind us and attempting to pass us even as we prepared to pass the car ahead of us.

Finally, if it was legal, if it was safe for as far ahead as we could see and nothing would jeopardize us from behind, we signaled our intentions and pulled out into the lane intended for oncoming traffic, accelerated to a higher but still legal and safe speed, and completed the passing maneuver.

As an organization considers passing by the slower moving entities it finds in its path of progress, it would do well to remember each of these steps.

- First and foremost, is what we are proposing to do permitted? If it is contrary to the laws and to the lines that demark what the organization can and cannot do. The desire to pass must be subordinated to the prohibitions.
- Then, even if it might be permitted, those driving the organization must look down the road and assess if there are hills and curves ahead that could cause too much uncertainty, or worse, if there were

forces moving in our direction that would cause a collision that would endanger the welfare of our organization and others with whom we share the road.

- Next, if it looks safe ahead, we should still take a look behind us to assure we are not entering into a stream of traffic that is out of our designated lane and occupied by faster moving entities which will overtake us and, in doing so, endanger us. We need to consider if it is our place to be there in that passing lane.
- Then we must inform people of our plans.
- And finally, even when we believe all is clear, we must not accelerate our rate of travel beyond the limits of authority.

In moving ahead on sponsorship of a series of national invitational basketball tournaments and now promoting more such events in other sports, the National Federation of State High School Associations has ignored the rules of the road and safe passing. It is not seeing far enough down the road. It is ignoring oncoming traffic which will harm the purity of its enterprise. It is not respecting what is behind it. Even as the National Federation travels at unauthorized speeds, it will be run over from behind by promoters that travel at speeds that are even more reckless with the health and welfare of school sports than we have now become.

Again, the silver lining of a bad maneuver by our national organization is the opportunity to do a double-check of our own operations. Remembering the lessons of driver's education will keep us on track in Michigan school sports in spite of the dangerous example our national organization gives us. ■

### DEHYDRATION FAQ

#### **What are signs of dehydration?**

Thirst, muscle cramps, weakness, decreased attention, decreased performance, nausea, fatigue, headache, lightheadedness and dark color urine.

#### **When should I hydrate?**

You should drink regularly so that your body is accustomed to being hydrated. Before activity you should drink about 20oz or 2 ½ cups of water or sports drink. During activity you should drink water or sports drink at least 3-4 times per hour or every 10-15 minutes. After activity you should drink 20oz or 2 ½ cups of water or sports drink per every pound lost.

#### **Why do I need to weigh myself before and after practice?**

As little as 2% loss of body fluid can have detrimental effects on the body such as faster heartbeat, impaired decision-making ability and increased body temperature. Weight loss during activity is water loss, NOT fat loss.

#### **Why do I need to check the color of my urine?**

If your urine looks pale like lemonade, it's a good sign of hydration. If it's dark like apple juice, it's a sign of dehydration.

#### **What types of fluid are acceptable?**

Water, sports drinks, juice, milk popsicles are all acceptable sources. One may work better or worse for one athlete than another. Find

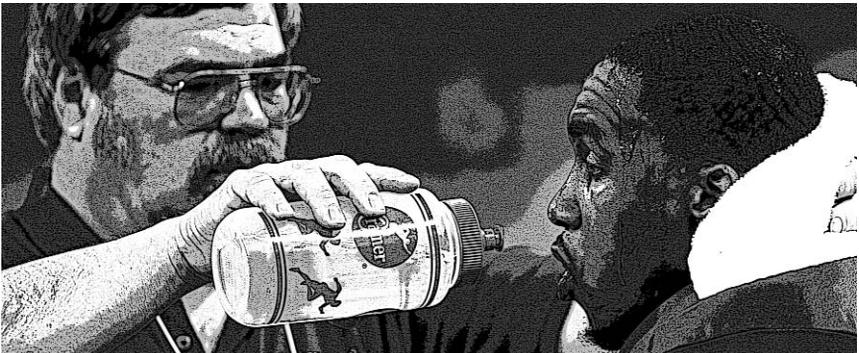
what works for you and stay hydrated. By the time you feel thirsty, your body is already dehydrated.

#### **Water or Sports drink?**

Again this may be a preference per each individual athlete. Typically for workouts that last less than 90 minutes, water is the better choice. For workouts lasting more than 90 minutes, a sports drink may be helpful to replace lost sodium and other nutrients.

Henry Ford Health System's Center for Athletic Medicine offers a comprehensive approach to sports medicine, including surgical and non-surgical care, sports rehabilitation, injury prevention, and performance enhancement programs. The HFHS treatment team includes sports medicine fellowship trained orthopedic surgeons, sports medicine fellowship trained primary care physicians, as well as certified athletic trainers and physical therapists. These health care professionals are supported by the HFHS nationally recognized bone and joint research facility, including the prestigious Herrick Davis Motion Analysis Lab. HFHS is proud to be health care providers to the Detroit area's premier sports programs including professional, collegiate, and high school athletes.

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



## MHSAA Student-Advisory Council Selected

In May 2008 the MHSAA selected its newest eight members to the Student Advisory Council. The four boys and four girls are all from the Class of 2010 and will serve a two-year term. The council meets on matters related to maintaining and promoting a proper perspective and sensible scope for high school sports in Michigan.

The members of the Class of 2009 serving their second year on the council are:

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

The eight members selected from the Class of 2010 include:

- Mackenzie Lawler, Okemos
- Andrea McIntosh, Ann Arbor Greenhills
- Elyse McKenna, Algonac
- Ryan Moore, Central Lake
- Taylor Schultz, Richland Gull Lake
- Nicole Trevarthen, Iron Mountain
- Alex Van Tiem, Detroit U-D Jesuit
- Daniel Yats, Clare

Among other things, the council:

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

The MHSAA will be seeking members of the Class of 2011 starting in March 2009.

### Student Advisory Council Belief Statement

*As the voice of Michigan's student-athletes, the Student Advisory Council's role is to convey the message of how high school sports are supposed to be played. We are responsible for helping the MHSAA maintain a positive and healthy atmosphere in which inter-scholastic athletes can thrive.*

*We believe **athletes** should be competitive, sportsmanlike and excel academically. We believe **students** in the stands should have fun, but not take the focus away from the game. We believe **coaches** should act as teachers, helping student-athletes develop while still keeping high school sports in perspective. We believe that **parents** should always be positive role models and be supportive of their child's decisions. We believe **officials** commit their own time to high school sports and respect should always be shown and given to them.*

*The most important goal for student-athletes is to enjoy high school sports while keeping a high level of respect between all those involved in the games.*

*— Written by the Student Advisory Council,  
adopted by MHSAA Representative Council in Nov. 2007*

## REVIEWING THE REGULATIONS

### TOURNAMENT NOTIFICATION FORM & OPT-OUT PROCEDURES

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

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

1. Schools must notify the tournament manager if they **DO NOT** intend to participate (to "opt out") as noted on the TNF by the stated opt-out date. There is a fax form enclosed with the TNF.
2. Schools must notify the MHSAA if they **DO NOT** intend to participate (to "opt out") as noted on the TNF by the stated opt-out date. There is a fax form enclosed with the TNF.
3. Schools which plan to participate in the MHSAA Tournament must submit an accurate roster and MHSAA Eligibility List (electronic or otherwise) to the tournament manager.

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

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

### ELIGIBILITY ADVANCEMENT REMINDERS

School administrators, counselors and coaches are reminded to present advanced eligibility opportunities to overage junior high/middle school students. MHSAA Regulations prohibit 7th and 8th-grade students who become 15 years of age before Sept. 1 to participate in interscholastic sports competition at their respective grade level. The same is true of 16-year-old 9th-graders in a 10-12-grade high school system if their birthday occurs before Sept. 1.

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

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

Eligibility Advancement Application forms are available on the MHSAA Website at [mhsaa.com](http://mhsaa.com). ■

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

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

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

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

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

MHSAA catastrophic insurance does not cover such events.

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

A list of schools which completed the form in 2007-08 appears below.

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

<p><b>FALL</b> No forms submitted</p>	<p>Clio B.H. Cranbrook-Kingswood Deckerville Detroit Country Day DeWitt East Jackson East Kentwood Eaton Rapids Essexville Garber Farmington Fulton Middleton Gibraltar Carlson Grand Ledge Grandville G.R. Catholic Central G.R South Christian Hamilton Holt Howard City Tri-County Hudsonville Jackson Jackson Northwest Laingsburg Lake Odessa Lakewood Macomb Twp. L'Anse Creuse Adrian Lenawee Christian Lowell Mason Parma Western</p>	<p>Petoskey Portland Royal Oak Birmingham Seaholm Shepherd Public Southfield Christian School Sterling Heights Stevenson Swan Valley Middleville Thomapple-Kellogg VermontvilleMaple Valley Whitehall Wyoming Park Zeeland East</p> <p>Boys Lacrosse: Birmingham Seaholm</p> <p>Boys Golf: Ann Arbor Huron Grand Ledge G,R, Catholic Central Saline Southfield Christian</p> <p>Softball: Alma Bath Temperance Bedford Big Rapids</p>
<p><b>WINTER</b> Girls Basketball: Whitehall</p> <p>Boys Swimming: Brighton</p> <p>Alpine Ski: Clarkston Detroit Country Day Greenville Manistee Maple City Glen Lake Pontiac Notre Dame Prep</p>		
<p><b>SPRING</b> Baseball: Battle Creek St. Philip Benzie Central Big Rapids Blissfield Allen Park Cabrini Caledonia Charlevoix Chelsea Clinton</p>		

Byron Center  
Caledonia  
Cass City  
Chelsea  
Clio  
Coopersville  
Deckerville  
Detroit Country Day  
East Kentwood  
Eaton Rapids  
Farmington  
Flint Kearsley  
Frankfort  
Grand Ledge  
Grand Rapids Creston  
Grandville  
Montrose  
Holt  
Hudsonville

Jenison  
Laingsburg  
Lowell  
Muskegon Catholic Central  
Olivet  
Parma Western  
Portland  
Reed City  
Rockford  
Birmingham Seaholm  
Unionville-Sebawaing  
Saginaw Swan Valley  
Williamston  
Wyoming Park  
Wyoming Rogers  
Zeeland East

Girls Tennis:  
Allegan  
B.H. Cranbrook-Kingswood  
Essexville Garber  
G.R. NorthPointe Christian  
Lake Odessa Lakewood  
Williamston

Girls Soccer:  
Lowell  
Grandville

Girls Lacrosse:  
Birmingham Seaholm

Girls Track & Field:  
Vicksburg

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## Sanctioning Procedures

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

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

ticipating schools.

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

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

## REGISTER ALL NONFACULTY COACHES BEFORE THEY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

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

There are two ways to fulfill the registration requirement:

1. The easiest way to register nonfaculty varsity head coaches is online at [mhsaa.com](http://mhsaa.com), as you provide School Directory information. Click on “School Login” on the left-hand nav bar.
2. Forms for registering other nonfaculty coaches may be found on the MHSAA Website. Forms may be submitted throughout the school year as nonfaculty coaches are assigned. ■

### SUMMARY OF MHSAA NONFACULTY COACHES

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

1980-81	2,172 SHS (404) 166 JHS ( 62)	1991-92	8,326 SHS (570) 395 JHS ( 99)	2001-02	9,808 SHS (547) 1,233 JHS (249)
1981-82	2,455 SHS 176 JHS	1992-93	7,677 SHS (578) 406 JHS ( 84)	2002-03	6,807 SHS (339) 1,016 JHS (174)
1982-83	2,748 SHS 172 JHS	1993-94	7,328 SHS (509) 340 JHS ( 75)	2003-04	6,683 SHS (321) 897 JHS (160)
1983-84	3,276 SHS (441) 191 JHS ( 59)	1994-95	8,695 SHS (559) 392 JHS ( 94)	2004-05	6,690 (HS 337) 818 (JHS 141)
1984-85	3,495 SHS (442) 225 JHS ( 71)	1995-96	8,742 SHS (555) 445 JHS ( 99)	2005-06	6,045 (HS 286) 716 (JHS 132)
1985-86	3,834 SHS (450) 204 JHS ( 60)	1995-96	8,326 SHS (524) 345 JHS ( 72)	2006-07	6,327 (HS 303) 761 (JHS 141)
1986-87	3,611 SHS (410) 208 JHS ( 51)	1996-97	8,326 SHS (524) 345 JHS ( 72)	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>5,309 (HS 264)</b> <b>729 (JHS 130)</b>
1987-88	4,410 SHS (454) 198 JHS ( 60)	1997-98	7,913 SHS (476) 294 JHS ( 69)		
1988-89	5,320 SHS (492) 222 JHS ( 55)	1998-99	9,643 SHS (601) 246 JHS ( 86)		
1989-90	8,193 SHS (630) 621 JHS (147)	1999-00	11,571 SHS (657) 1,562 JHS (326)		
1990-91	8,693 SHS (628) 562 JHS (144)	2000-01	8,486 SHS (452) 1,376 JHS (270)		

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

# FAILURE TO RATE OFFICIALS

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

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

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

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

Following are schools failing to rate officials for winter and spring of the 2007-08 school year.

## Failure to Rate Officials - Winter 2008

### Boys Basketball

Allen Park Inter-City Baptist  
Ann Arbor-Central Academy  
Breckenridge  
Detroit-Allen Academy  
Detroit-Cleveland Intermediate  
Detroit-Finney  
Detroit-Southwestern  
Glen Arbor-Leelanau School  
Grand Marais-Burt Township  
Grand Rapids-Union  
Harper Woods-Chandler Park  
Jackson  
Marine City-Cardinal Mooney  
Mio—Mio-Au Sable  
Niles-Brandywine  
Stephenson  
Taylor-Light and Life Christian  
Warren-Macomb Christian  
Westland-Huron Valley Lutheran

### Girls Basketball

Allen Park Inter-City Baptist  
Boyne Falls  
Burton-Genesee Christian  
Canton-Plymouth Christian  
Canton-Salem  
Detroit-Allen Academy  
Detroit-Cleveland Intermediate  
Detroit-Detroit International  
Academy  
Detroit-Finney  
Detroit-Southwestern

### Baseball

Albion  
Armada  
Battle Creek-St. Philip  
Big Rapids  
Boyne City  
Breckenridge

Flint-International Academy of  
Flint  
Grand Rapids-Creston  
Harper Woods-Chandler Park  
Holland-Black River  
Inkster  
Marcellus  
Parma-Western  
Rapid River  
Redford-Michigan Technical  
Saginaw-Grace Christian  
South Lyon East  
Springport  
Traverse City Christian  
Warren-Macomb Christian  
West Bloomfield  
Westland-Huron Valley Lutheran  
Wolverine  
Ypsilanti

### Competitive Cheer

Allendale  
Bath  
Chesaning  
Clinton  
Davison  
Ferndale  
Hillsdale  
Jackson  
Lapeer West  
Midland-H. H. Dow  
Montrose  
Ovid-Elsie

Reading  
Royal Oak  
Sanford-Meridian

### Ice Hockey

Canton  
Canton-Plymouth  
Durand Area  
Grand Rapids-Central  
Grand Rapids-Union  
Grosse Ile  
Walled Lake Central  
Walled Lake Western

### Wrestling

Breckenridge  
Brooklyn-Columbia Central  
Canton-Plymouth  
Grand Rapids-Union  
Jackson  
Kalkaska  
Midland-H. H. Dow  
Muskegon  
Orchard Lake-St. Mary's  
Pinconning  
Redford Union  
Rochester Hills-Rochester  
Saline  
South Lyon East  
Southfield-Lathrup  
Stanton-Central Montcalm  
Ypsilanti-Willow Run

## Failure to Rate Officials - Spring 2008

Brimley  
Buckley  
Burton-Bentley  
Byron  
Byron Center  
Camden-Frontier  
Canton-Salem

Centreville  
Covert  
Dearborn  
Dearborn-Henry Ford Academy  
Dearborn Heights-Robichaud  
Detroit-Comm. Media Arts  
Detroit Community

Detroit-Coolay  
 Detroit-Finney  
 Detroit-Kettering  
 Detroit-Lundy Academy  
 Detroit-Northwestern  
 Detroit-Osborn  
 Dexter  
 Dundee  
 Ecorse  
 Elk Rapids  
 Fairview  
 Flint-Hamady  
 Fowler  
 Gladwin  
 Glen Arbor-Leelanau School  
 Grand Rapids-Central  
 Grand Rapids-Creston  
 Grand Rapids-Union  
 Grandville  
 Grosse Ile  
 Grosse Pointe Woods-University  
 Liggett  
 Hillsdale-Carleton Academy  
 Holland-Black River  
 Kalamazoo Central  
 Kimball-New Life Christian  
 Lake Orion  
 Lansing Christian  
 Lansing-Waverly  
 Madison Heights-Madison  
 Manton  
 Maple City-Glen Lake  
 Melvindale-Academy Business  
 & Tech  
 Morenci  
 New Haven  
 Ortonville-Brandon  
 Oxford  
 Parma-Western  
 Pentwater  
 Pickford  
 Pontiac Academy for Excellence  
 Portland  
 Pottsville  
 Ravenna  
 Redford-Covenant  
 Roscommon  
 Saranac  
 South Lyon East  
 Southfield-Lathrup  
 St. Charles  
 Taylor-Baptist Park  
 Traverse City Christian  
 Twining-Arenac Eastern  
 Ubly  
 Walled Lake Western  
 Warren-De La Salle Collegiate  
 Waterford Mott  
 Wolverine

**Boys Lacrosse**

Ann Arbor-Greenhills  
 Ann Arbor-Huron  
 Battle Creek-Lakeview  
 Brighton  
 East Lansing  
 Grand Blanc  
 Grand Rapids-Catholic Central  
 Haslett  
 Holland Christian  
 Howell  
 Lake Orion  
 Lansing-Waverly  
 Lapeer West  
 Novi-Detroit Catholic Central  
 Novi  
 Okemos  
 Portage Northern  
 Saline  
 South Lyon  
 Troy-Athens  
 Unionville-Sebewaing  
 Utica Eisenhower  
 Walled Lake Northern  
 Warren-De La Salle Collegiate  
 Warren Mott  
 Waterford Kettering  
 Ypsilanti  
 Zeeland West

**Girls Lacrosse**

Ada-Forest Hills Eastern  
 Ann Arbor-Pioneer  
 Bloomfield Hills-Academy of  
 the Sacred Heart  
 Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-  
 Kingswood  
 Clarkston  
 East Lansing  
 Flint Carman-Ainsworth  
 Grand Rapids-Catholic Central  
 Grosse Pointe Woods-University  
 Liggett  
 Lake Orion  
 Lansing-Waverly  
 Mattawan  
 Rochester Hills-Stoney Creek  
 Troy-Athens

**Girls Soccer**

Albion  
 Ann Arbor-Greenhills  
 Auburn-Bay City Western  
 Bay City-John Glenn  
 Burton-Faith  
 Byron  
 Byron Center-Zion Christian  
 Canton-Plymouth  
 Carleton-Airport  
 Clare

Corunna  
 Dearborn-Fordson  
 Detroit-Renaissance  
 Elk Rapids  
 Flint Central Academy  
 Fruitport-Calvary Christian  
 Grand Rapids-Catholic Central  
 Grand Rapids-Central  
 Grand Rapids-Creston  
 Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills  
 Grand Rapids-Union  
 Hillsdale-Carleton Academy  
 Howell  
 Kalamazoo Central  
 Kimball-New Life Christian  
 Lansing Christian  
 Lansing-Waverly  
 Marine City-Cardinal Mooney  
 Catholic  
 Mt. Morris-E. A. Johnson  
 New Boston-Huron  
 North Muskegon  
 Parma-Western  
 Redford-Thurston  
 Royal Oak  
 Saginaw-Arthur Hill  
 Saline-Washtenaw Christian  
 Sault Ste. Marie-Sault Area  
 Sparta  
 St. Joseph-Lake Michigan  
 Catholic  
 Trenton  
 Walled Lake Western  
 Warren-Cousino  
 Wayne Memorial  
 West Bloomfield  
 Whitehall  
 Wyoming Tri-unity Christian  
 Wyoming Park  
 Ypsilanti  
 Zeeland West

**Softball**

Albion  
 Ann Arbor-Huron  
 Armada  
 Auburn Hills-Oakland Christian  
 Bay City-John Glenn  
 Bloomfield Hills-Academy of  
 the Sacred Heart  
 Brimley  
 Buckley  
 Clare  
 Clio  
 Corunna  
 Detroit-Comm. Media Arts  
 Detroit-Kettering  
 Detroit-Mumford  
 Detroit-Osborn  
 Eastpointe-Eaton Academy

Elk Rapids	& Tech	Saranac
Flat Rock	Morenci	South Lyon East
Flint-Hamady	Muskegon	South Lyon
Fowler	Muskegon Reeths-Puffer	Southfield-Lathrup
Fremont	New Boston-Huron	Stephenson
Genesee	New Haven	Suttons Bay
Grand Rapids-Catholic Central	Ortonville-Brandon	Taylor-Baptist Park
Grand Rapids-Creston	Parchment	Taylor-John F. Kennedy
Hamtramck	Parma-Western	Tekonsha
Inkster	Pentwater	Walkerville
Kalamazoo Central	Pontiac Academy for Excellence	Walled Lake Western
Kinde-North Huron	Pottersville	Waterford Mott
Lansing Christian	Redford-Thurston	White Pigeon
Leslie	Remus-Chippewa Hills	Wolverine
Livonia-Ladywood	Richland-Gull Lake	Wyoming-Godwin Heights
Manistique	River Rouge	Wyoming-Kelloggsville
Melvindale-Academy Business	Saginaw-Buena Vista	

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ONLINE RATINGS

**Ratings due dates are Dec. 1 for fall sports, April 1 for winter sports and June 1 for spring sports.**

### TO ACCESS THE ONLINE RATINGS SYSTEM:

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

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

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

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

# MHSAA TOURNAMENT BALL AGREEMENTS

The “Official Ball” adoptions for seven MHSAA tournament sports will continue with the same manufacturers for 2008-09 as in the past year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 2009 MICHIGAN MERIT EXAM DATES

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

### MAKEUP DATES

<b>March 24</b> .....	Boys Basketball Quarterfinals
<b>March 25</b> .....	None
<b>March 26</b> .....	Boys Basketball Semifinals

## 2008-09 NATIONAL TESTING DATES

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

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

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

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

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

## WILL LYNCH RECEIVES 2008 NORRIS AWARD

Sporting a passion and enthusiasm that has attracted numerous young people into the ranks of high school game officials, Will Lynch of Honor has been selected to receive the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Vern L. Norris Award for 2008. He is pictured above with former executive director Vern Norris (left), for whom the award is named, and current executive director John E. "Jack" Roberts.

The Norris Award is presented annually to a veteran official who has been active in a local officials association, has mentored other officials, and has been involved in officials' education. It is named for Norris, the executive director of the MHSAA from 1978-86, and a well-respected official on the state and national levels. Lynch was presented the award at the MHSAA's 29th annual Officials' Awards and Alumni Banquet on May 10 at the Lansing Sheraton Hotel.

If you combine the time of the roles of teacher-coach and teacher-official, Lynch has given over 70 years of service to high school sports. He is in his 41st year as a registered official in basketball and football, and for 30 years, he was a teacher and basketball-football coach at Benzie Central High School. His 1987 basketball team reached the Class C championship game in the MHSAA Tournament.

As a member of the Betsie Valley Officials Association, Lynch took a leadership role in the recruiting and training of young officials when the MHSAA launched its Legacy program in 1992. Lynch has mentored at least one high school-aged official in each year since then, and been involved in weekly training and evaluation of young officials. He has also served as a mentor in helping numerous adults get their officiating careers started.

Lynch's community work has also been geared towards serving young people. He organized and directed Saturday basketball programs and summer weekend open gym programs for 30 years that were free to the participants. With his wife, Barb, the Lynchs continue to be active in Benzie Central athletics as booster club volunteers.

A 1960 graduate of Highland Park High School, Lynch earned an Associate's degree from Highland Park Community College in 1962; and his Bachelor's of Science degree from the University of Michigan in 1964.

"When you ask people to describe Will Lynch, they all describe a man who leads by example, and leads by caring for others," said Roberts. "Whether it was as a teacher, coach, and especially as an official, Will Lynch always made his presence felt in a way that was encouraging." ■



John Johnson, Oremus

## NEW IN 2008-09: THE PERMANENT PATCH

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

the MHSAA insignia while working contests for member schools.

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

## FIRST CAP GRADUATING CLASS HONORED

No caps and gowns, no pomp or circumstance, just the realization of having achieved the highest level of learning possible with the goal of turning that into providing better experiences in high school sports for the young people taking part in the games.

The first group of individuals to complete all six levels of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Coaches Advancement Program (CAP) were honored recently at the Association's headquarters, a group of 29 people who will go down in the books as the first group to complete one of finest coaches education programs in the country.

CAP is a 36-hour program designed to train coaches in the many facets of coaching school sports. It's a program where the X's and O's of a sport aren't part of the curriculum. Rather, CAP addresses the philosophies of school sports, communications skills, legal issues, the psychology of coaching, sports medicine and first aid, working effectively with parents, teaching skills, healthy living, emotional control, and character.



The program reached 1,240 coaches during 2007-08, the majority of whom take the first two levels. The ultimate goal is for CAP to reach the over 30,000 coaches involved at all levels of school sports, and to advance them through all six levels of programming.

"This program is based on the way people coach – face to face – imparting not only sports skills, but life skills," says MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts. "CAP has been designed to instill the values of educational athletics into its students in a way that ener-

gizes them to go out and touch the lives of young people in a way that can never be measured in wins and losses on the scoreboard. We're proud of our first group of participants who have completed all six levels of the program.

The first group of CAP Level 6 graduates are: Brad Amey, girls soccer coach, Saginaw Heritage High School; Justin Ansel, athletic director, Comstock High School; Larry Ash, boys basketball coach, Plainwell High School; Richard Bailey, baseball coach, Comstock High School; Douglas Barnhard, middle school football coach, Hudsonville; Dustin Cichocki, wrestling coach, Lowell High School; Jeffrey Clark, middle school coach, Schoolcraft; Gregory Corbin, Catholic Youth Organization coach, Detroit; Kelly Derocher, girls cross country and track coach, Saginaw Heritage High School; Gwyneth Evans, athletic director, Vicksburg Middle School; Bradley Geesaman, freshman football coach, Vicksburg High School; Jaime Gordon, varsity girls basketball coach, Kalamazoo Central High School; Kenneth Kubiak, junior varsity golf coach, Kalamazoo Loy Norrix High School; Linda LaVictor, athletic administrative assistant, Bay City Western High School; David Lawrence, track and cross country coach, New Boston Huron High School; Nathan Ledlow, junior varsity football coach, Vicksburg High School; Jeff Lepler, varsity swimming coach, Clinton Township Chippewa Valley High School; Ken Mohney, director of student activities, Mattawan High School; James Noble, track coach and athletic director, Saginaw Heritage High School; Kurtis Phelps, football coach, Schoolcraft High School; Gregory Rapp, junior varsity boys basketball coach, Mattawan High School; Michael Sarandrea, bowling coach and registered MHSAA soccer official, Taylor Kenney High School; Gary Senkowski, tennis coach, Saginaw Heritage High School; Fredrick Smith, athletic director, Buchanan High School; Gary Sporer, soccer coach, Cooks-Big Bay de Noc High School; William Stone, basketball coach, Fruitport High School; John Thompson, athletic director, Brighton High School; Steven Virkstis, cross country and track coach, Comstock Park High School; and Chad Yager, baseball, football and middle school wrestling coach, Mattawan Public Schools. ■



## 2008-09 Overview

### **CAP 1**

2.5 hours:  
1.5 hours:  
2 hours:

### **6 Hours**

Coaches Make the Difference: MHSAA Philosophy and Regulations  
Effective Instruction: The Coach as Teacher  
Sports Medicine and First Aid

### **CAP 2**

2 hours:  
  
2 hours:  
2 hours:

### **6 Hours**

Effective Communication: Characteristics of Coaches who are Great Communicators  
Legal Issues in School Sports: A Game Plan to Meet Legal Needs  
Psychology of Coaching

### **CAP 3**

2.5 hours:  
  
2 hours:  
1.5 hours:

### **6 Hours**

Additional Coaching Responsibilities: Becoming Aware of your Many Resources  
Effectively Working with Parents  
The Coach as Performer: Managing Your Time and Energy Level

### **CAP 4**

2 hours:  
1.5 hours:  
2.5 hours:

### **6 Hours**

Teaching Technical and Tactical Skills  
Preparing for Success  
Strength and Conditioning: Designing Your Program

### **CAP 5**

2 hours:  
2 hours:  
2 hours:

### **6 Hours**

Healthy Living  
Controlling Emotions in Pressure Situations  
Resolving Conflicts in Athletics

### **CAP 6**

6 hour

### **6 Hours**

Champions of Character: Current Issues and Topics In Educational Athletics

## **Coaches Advancement Program Certification**

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

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

*Check [mhsaa.com](http://mhsaa.com) or next page for schedule and enrollment form.*



### ENROLLMENT FORM

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

- Registration is \$60 per level and includes instruction, binder (CAP 1) and refreshments.
- CAP Beginning Certification is achieved after completing CAP1 and CAP2; additional certification occurs after completion of subsequent levels.
- Payment must be received with registration form. (Make checks and money orders payable to MHSAA)
- No refunds will be issued. Money paid may be transferred to another program.

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

(Home Street Address) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(City) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone—Work (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

(School & School ID No.) \_\_\_\_\_

(Amount enclosed) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list below only the course(s) for which you wish to register:

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

\*Date of Birth (required for insurance): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Years of Coaching Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Sport(s) you coach:	Sport	Gender	Level
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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

Why are you attending this Coaches Education program? \_\_\_\_\_

**2008-09 Schedule Appears on "Coaches" Page at mhsaa.com**

# UPDATE MEETING/A.D. IN-SERVICES REGISTRATION

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

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

2008-2009 MHSAA ATHLETIC DIRECTOR IN -SERVICE AND UPDATE MEETINGS  
REGISTRATION FORM

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

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

If you plan to attend one or more of the meetings, please complete the reservation form and return it with payment no later than 10 DAYS prior to that meeting to Camala Kinder, MHSAA, 1661 Ramblewood Dr., East Lansing, MI, 48823.

School: \_\_\_\_\_ School I.D. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

Meeting	AD In-Service Only (\$10)	Update Only (\$18)	Both (\$25)
Wed. Oct. 1 – Kalamazoo, Pine West	# _____ Total \$ _____	# _____ Total \$ _____	# _____ Total \$ _____
Mon. Oct. 6 – Comstock Park, English Hills Country Club	# _____ Total \$ _____	# _____ Total \$ _____	# _____ Total \$ _____
Wed. Oct. 8 – Frankenmuth, Zehnder's	# _____ Total \$ _____	# _____ Total \$ _____	# _____ Total \$ _____
Mon. Oct. 13 – Gaylord, Hidden Valley Otsego Club	# _____ Total \$ _____	# _____ Total \$ _____	# _____ Total \$ _____
Wed. Oct. 15 – Lansing, Holiday Inn <u>South</u>	# _____ Total \$ _____	# _____ Total \$ _____	# _____ Total \$ _____

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

Meeting	Update (\$18)
Wed. Oct. 22 – Warren, De Carlos Conference Center (12 noon – 2 p.m.)	# _____ Total \$ _____
Fri. Oct. 31 – Marquette (no fee)	UP A.D.'s Meeting

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

Meeting	Update
Mon. Sept. 29 – Traverse City, Grand Traverse Resort	MASSP

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_



2008-09  
New Athletic Director  
Orientation Program  
Advance Registration

By Representative Council Action, attendance is required for 1<sup>st</sup> year athletic directors and athletic directors at new MHSAA member schools. Consult the 2008-09 MHSAA Handbook (page 73) Regulation II, Section 15 (H). The requirement may be waived for a new athletic director who has served in a member high school as an athletic director for at least one school year of the previous five.

New AD Orientation Session I

(two possible dates - preferred for new ADs)

Thursday, August 7, 2008 – MHSAA Office (8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)

- Or -

Tuesday, August 19, 2008 – MHSAA Office (8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)

New AD Orientation Session II

(content differs from August programs)

Tuesday, November 25, 2008 – MHSAA Office (8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ School ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (W) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (other) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2008-09 COUNCIL ADVISORY LIST OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

**The Council on Standards for International Educational Travel has published the list of approved educational exchange programs for the 2008-09 school year. For immediate eligibility, an exchange student must be in one of the programs listed below and meet all other eligibility requirements for student-athletes. All listings are “Full” unless otherwise noted.**

AFS-USA	International Fellowship
American Academic and Cultural Exchange, Inc.	International Student Exchange
American Councils for International Education (ACTR/ACCELS)	IntoEdVentures
American Cultural Exchange Service	The Laurasian Institution
American Institute for Foreign Study Foundation (AYA)	Learning and Achievement Foundation
American Intercultural Student Exchange	Nacel Open Door
Amicus International Student Exchange	NorthWest Student Exchange
ASA International	NW Services PEACE Program
Aspect Foundation	Organization for Cultural Exchange Among Nations (OCEAN)
ASSE International	Pacific Intercultural Exchange
American Secondary Schools for International Students and Teachers (ASSIST)	PAX - Program of Academic Exchange
Association for Teen-Age Diplomats	Peace4Kids, Inc. Promoting Educational and Cultural Enrichment
AYUSA International	Quest International
Azumano International	Reflections International
Center for Cultural Interchange	Rotary Ohio-Erie Youth Exchange Program - <i>Conditional</i>
Children's International Summer Villages	Rocky Mountain Rotary Youth Exchange
Council for Educational Travel, USA	Rotary California-Nevada International
Council on International Educational Exchange	Rotary Central States Youth Exchange Program
Cultural Academic Student Exchange, Inc.	Rotary Youth Exchange Florida, Inc. - <i>Provisional</i>
Cultural Homestay International	Rotary District 5950/5960 Youth Exchange Foundation
DM Discoveries	Rotary District 7120 Youth Exchange Program
Education Travel & Culture	Rotary District 7150 Youth Exchange Program
Educational and Cultural Interactions	Rotary ESSEX (Eastern States Exchange)
Educational Resource Development Trust (ERDT/SHARE!)	Rotary YES/SCANEX - <i>Conditional</i>
EF Foundation for Foreign Study	South Central Rotary Youth Exchange - <i>Conditional</i>
Face The World Foundation	State's 4-H International Exchange Program
F.L.A.G.	STS Foundation
Forte International Exchange Association	Student American International
The Foundation for Academic Cultural Exchange	Terra Lingua USA
Foundation for Intercultural Travel	The Traveling School
The Foundation for Worldwide International Student Exchange	United Studies Student Exchange
Global Insights	World Experience
International Cultural Exchange Services	World Heritage
International Experience USA	World Link
	Youth For Understanding USA (YFU USA)

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# HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS PARTICIPATION NUMBERS TOP 300,000 FOR FOURTH YEAR IN A ROW

Strong participation numbers were recorded again during the 2007-08 school year in Michigan high school athletics, as the participation mark for sports in which postseason tournaments are sponsored by the Michigan High School Athletic Association topped the 300,000 mark for the fourth straight year.

The total figure for the school year was 306,924, a number that is down 1.97 percent from the 313,093 figure of a year ago which was the second highest total in the Association's history. Girls participation was down 2.8 percent from a year ago with 127,821; and the boys total of 179,103 was down 1.4 percent. The totals count students once for each sport in which he or she participates, meaning students who are multiple-sport athletes are counted more than once.

Records for participation were set in five sports – three for boys and two for girls. Lacrosse again hit a high-water mark for boys and girls; and cross country set new records in both genders. Boys soccer also set a new mark.

For the concluding Spring sports season, the only sport to see an increase in participation was boys track, which was up 0.6 percent from a year ago. The boys lacrosse figure was up 366 participants (9.7 percent) over last year, and girls lacrosse was up 254 players (14.4 percent).

## 2007-08 Sports Participation

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

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

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

Sport	BOYS & GIRLS TEAMS		GIRLS ONLY TEAMS	
	Schools (A)	Participants	Schools (A)	Participants (B)
Baseball	643/652/4	19,137	-	0/17
Basketball	736/746/1	23,158	704/732	18,221/1
Bowling	297/302/5	3,381	278/297	2,539/5
Competitive Cheer	-	-	322/326	7,381
Cross Country	581/620	8,377	569/612	7,835
Football - 11 player	630/652/36	46,359	-	0/36
Golf	534/572/43	7,505	365/336	3,854/66
Gymnastics	-	-	60/76	619
Ice Hockey	224/242/6	3,979	12	216/9
Lacrosse	95/99	4,126	68/63	2,016
Skiing-Alpine	94/104/2	843	89/104	690/3
Soccer	475/482/18	14,877	441/439	13,879/66
Softball-Fast Pitch	-	-	623/635	15,835
Swimming & Diving	235/272/3	4,879	276/291	6,589/3
Tennis	344/345/4	7,538	351/355	9,472/22
Track & Field-Outdoor	656/663	23,550	652/660	17,844
Volleyball	-	-	713/717	20,881
Wrestling	464/477/95	11,394	-	0/139

## 2008 COACH EJECTION LISTING — SPRING

City	School	Coach	Sport
Allendale	Allendale HS	Katie Ales	Girls Soccer
Baldwin	Baldwin Community Schools	Robert Hilts	Softball
Bay City	Central HS	Eric Anderson	Baseball
Bay City	Central HS	Casey Phelps	Baseball
Bay City	John Glenn HS	Sarah Seranko	Softball
Belding	Belding Area HS	Ted Albert	Baseball
Berrien Springs	Berrien Springs HS	Don Marks	Baseball
Birmingham	Seaholm HS	Sean Garvey	Girls Soccer
Breckenridge	Breckenridge HS	Mark Gulliver	Softball
Burton	Bendle HS	John Petriff	Softball
Canton	Canton HS	Marko DiMichele	Baseball
Capac	Capac HS	Zeke Ramirez	Baseball
Cedar Springs	Cedar Springs HS	Sam Saboo	Baseball
Charlotte	Charlotte HS	Bill Whitely	Baseball
Clio	Clio HS	Joshua Taylor	Baseball
Commerce	Walled Lake Northern HS	Mike Kase	Boys Lacrosse
Coopersville	Coopersville HS	Tim Sheets	Baseball
Dearborn	Divine Child HS	Brett White	Baseball
Dearborn Heights	Crestwood HS	Chris Grodzicki	Girls Soccer
Delton	Delton Kellogg HS	Brian Risner	Baseball
Detroit	Western International HS	Mike Vasquez	Baseball
Durand	Durand Area HS	Mike Smith	Softball
Flint	Flint Southwestern Academy	Leonard Robinson	Softball
Garden City	Garden City HS	Steve Herman	Baseball
Grand Ledge	Grand Ledge HS	Steve Horn	Baseball
Grand Rapids	Forest Hills Northern HS	Sam Striken	Girls Soccer
Grand Rapids	South Christian HS	Josh Burgess	Baseball
Grosse Pointe	Grosse Pointe North HS	Dan Preston	Boys Lacrosse
Hale	Hale HS	Don Springsteen	Softball
Harper Woods	Harper Woods HS	DeAndre Cooper	Baseball
Hart	Hart HS	Mark Dewey	Baseball
Holland	West Ottawa HS	Ron Achterhof	Baseball
Holt	Holt HS	Aaron Housor	Baseball
Jackson	Jackson HS	Joe Ward	Softball
Lansing	Eastern HS	Joe Mendez	Baseball
Lansing	JW Sexton HS	Brian Frechen	Baseball
Leland	Leland HS	Brad Peterson	Baseball
Livonia	Clarenceville HS	Bryan DeCaire	Softball
Macomb	L'Anse Creuse North HS	Mark Gottchalk	Boys Lacrosse
Melvindale	Melvindale HS	Bob Bryan	Baseball
Mendon	Mendon HS	David Cook	Softball
Mendon	Mendon HS	Scott Cook	Softball
Milan	Milan HS	Erik Beehler	Girls Soccer
Monroe	Jefferson HS	Bob Ghena	Girls Soccer
Monroe	Jefferson HS	Mickey Moody	Softball
Monroe	Jefferson HS	Mickey Moody	Softball
Montague	Montague HS	Rick Blankstrom	Baseball
Muskegon	Muskegon HS	Bill O'Brien	Girls Soccer
Novi	Novi HS	Bob Lulek	Softball
Ortonville	Brandon HS	Dave Cullen	Baseball
Owosso	Owosso HS	Eric Arendt	Baseball
Quincy	Quincy HS	Jeff Craig	Baseball
Rochester	Adams HS	Juan Delgado	Girls Soccer

Rochester	Adams HS	Juan Delgado	Girls Soccer
Saginaw	Valley Lutheran HS	Mark Breener	Girls Soccer
Sterling Heights	Sterling Heights HS	Steve Fiordellisi	Girls Soccer
Sterling Heights	Sterling Heights HS	Rick Radzinski	Baseball
Sturgis	Sturgis HS	Jason Harper	Baseball
Troy	Athens HS	Steve Dady	Baseball
Twining	Arenac Eastern HS	Mike Vogel	Softball
Vestaburg	Vestaburg HS	Scott Marshall	Baseball
Warren	Cousino HS	Anthony Sorrentino	Girls Soccer
Warren	De La Salle Collegiate HS	Brian Kelly	Baseball
Warren	Warren Woods-Tower HS	Rick Stevens	Softball
Wayne	Wayne Memorial HS	Dave Colvin	Girls Soccer
Westland	Huron Valley Lutheran HS	Matt Schaeve	Baseball
White Pigeon	White Pigeon HS	Cliff Eger	Baseball
Wyandotte	Roosevelt HS	Rick Dennis	Baseball
Ypsilanti	Lincoln HS	Roger Holly	Baseball
Ypsilanti	Lincoln HS	Bob Stowe	Girls Soccer

## OFFICIALS REPORTS SUMMARY FOR SPRING 2008

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Concern</b>	<b>Praise</b>	<b>P-Eject</b>	<b>C-Eject</b>	<b>O-Eject</b>	<b>Taunting</b>	<b>Sportsmanship</b>
Baseball	102	21	60	37	0	1	14
Boys Lacrosse	37	0	41	3	0	0	5
Boys Track	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Girls Lacrosse	11	1	6	0	0	1	1
Girls Soccer	81	8	40	14	0	0	4
Softball	25	10	5	16	1	1	5

<b>Rpts./Concern</b>	<b>Distribution of Reports</b>		
	<b>No. of Schools</b>	<b>Rpts./Praise</b>	<b>No. of Schools</b>
1	144	1	32
2	38	2	4
3	7		
4	4		

CODE: P = Player C = Coach O = Other

## OFFICIALS REPORTS, 3 OR MORE—Spring 2008

<b>School Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Count</b>
Garden City HS	Garden City	4
Wayne Memorial HS	Wayne	4
Seaholm HS	Birmingham	3
Durand Area HS	Durand	3
South Christian HS	Grand Rapids	3
Grosse Ile HS	Grosse Ile	3
Jefferson HS	Monroe	3
Stoney Creek HS	Rochester Hills	3
Sterling Heights HS	Sterling Heights	3

# 2007-08 OFFICIALS REPORTS LISTING

## (Schools that received 3 or more negative Reports)

In accordance with the May 1996 Representative Council adoption of the "Comprehensive Sportsmanship Package" the names of schools that received three or more "concern" or "ejection" Officials Reports in the school year are listed in this report.

SCHOOL	CITY	NO. OF REPORTS
Lincoln HS	Ypsilanti	8
Clio HS	Clio	7
Holt HS	Holt	7
Clarkston HS	Clarkston	6
Garden City HS	Garden City	6
Grand Ledge HS	Grand Ledge	6
Forest Hills Northern HS	Grand Rapids	6
Hartland HS	Hartland	6
Pinckney HS	Pinckney	6
Quincy HS	Quincy	6
Stoney Creek HS	Rochester Hills	6
Romulus HS	Romulus	6
Royal Oak HS	Royal Oak	6
St Clair HS	St Clair	6
Warren Mott HS	Warren	6
Pioneer HS	Ann Arbor	5
Berkley HS	Berkley	5
Seaholm HS	Birmingham	5
Lahser HS	Bloomfield Hills	5
Breckenridge HS	Breckenridge	5
Center Line HS	Center Line	5
Divine Child HS	Dearborn	5
Anchor Bay HS	Fair Haven	5
L'Anse Creuse HS	Harrison Township	5
Haslett HS	Haslett	5
Loy Norrix HS	Kalamazoo	5
Everett HS	Lansing	5
JW Sexton HS	Lansing	5
Waverly HS	Lansing	5
Marysville HS	Marysville	5
Brandon HS	Ortonville	5
Southgate Anderson HS	Southgate	5
Sterling Heights HS	Sterling Heights	5
Swartz Creek HS	Swartz Creek	5
Athens HS	Troy	5
Walled Lake Western HS	Walled Lake	5
Wayne Memorial HS	Wayne	5
Allen Park HS	Allen Park	4
Bangor HS	Bangor	4
Lakeview HS	Battle Creek	4
Central HS	Bay City	4
Wylie E Groves HS	Beverly Hills	4
Buchanan HS	Buchanan	4
Plymouth HS	Canton	4
Walled Lake Northern HS	Commerce	4
Covert HS	Covert	4
Crestwood HS	Dearborn Heights	4
Dowagiac Union HS	Dowagiac	4
Durand Area HS	Durand	4
Farmington HS	Farmington	4
OA Carlson HS	Gibraltar	4
Central HS	Grand Rapids	4
Creston HS	Grand Rapids	4
Forest Hills Central HS	Grand Rapids	4

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>NO. OF REPORTS</b>
Union HS	Grand Rapids	4
Greenville HS	Greenville	4
Grosse Ile HS	Grosse Ile	4
Hazel Park HS	Hazel Park	4
Highland Park Community HS	Highland Park	4
Howell HS	Howell	4
Imlay City HS	Imlay City	4
Linden HS	Linden	4
Franklin HS	Livonia	4
Mayville HS	Mayville	4
Millington HS	Millington	4
Jefferson HS	Monroe	4
Orchard View HS	Muskegon	4
Detroit Catholic Central HS	Novi	4
Novi HS	Novi	4
Oxford HS	Oxford	4
Adams HS	Rochester	4
Romeo HS	Romeo	4
Arthur Hill HS	Saginaw	4
Unionville Sebewaing HS	Sebewaing	4
Walled Lake Central HS	Walled Lake	4
Lee HS	Wyoming	4
Adrian HS	Adrian	3
Allegan HS	Allegan	3
Alma HS	Alma	3
Huron HS	Ann Arbor	3
Baldwin Community Schools	Baldwin	3
Central HS	Battle Creek	3
John Glenn HS	Bay City	3
Belding Area HS	Belding	3
Brighton HS	Brighton	3
Woodhaven HS	Brownstown	3
Bendle HS	Burton	3
Capac HS	Capac	3
Charlotte HS	Charlotte	3
Chippewa Valley HS	Clinton Township	3
Dearborn HS	Dearborn	3
Delton Kellogg HS	Delton	3
Cesar Chavez Academy HS	Detroit	3
Eaton Rapids HS	Eaton Rapids	3
Garber HS	Essexville	3
Kearsley HS	Flint	3
Fruitport HS	Fruitport	3
Goodrich HS	Goodrich	3
Christian HS	Grand Rapids	3
Kenowa Hills HS	Grand Rapids	3
Northview HS	Grand Rapids	3
South Christian HS	Grand Rapids	3
Grandville HS	Grandville	3
Grosse Pointe North HS	Grosse Pointe	3
Hale HS	Hale	3
Harper Woods HS	Harper Woods	3
Milford HS	Highland	3
Jackson HS	Jackson	3
Lumen Christi HS	Jackson	3
Comstock HS	Kalamazoo	3
Lake Orion HS	Lake Orion	3
Catholic HS	Lansing	3
Eastern HS	Lansing	3
Lapeer East HS	Lapeer	3
Churchill HS	Livonia	3

SCHOOL	CITY	NO. OF REPORTS
Lowell HS	Lowell	3
L'Anse Creuse North HS	Macomb	3
Milan HS	Milan	3
Muskegon HS	Muskegon	3
Newaygo HS	Newaygo	3
Brandywine HS	Niles	3
Western HS	Parma	3
Plainwell HS	Plainwell	3
Port Huron HS	Port Huron	3
Portage Central HS	Portage	3
Portage Northern HS	Portage	3
Portland HS	Portland	3
Roscommon HS	Roscommon	3
Sault Area HS	Sault Ste Marie	3
South Lyon HS	South Lyon	3
Utica Stevenson HS	Sterling Heights	3
Baptist Park HS	Taylor	3
Light and Life Christian HS	Taylor	3
Trenton HS	Trenton	3
Maple Valley HS	Vermontville	3
Cousino HS	Warren	3
Warren Woods-Tower HS	Warren	3
Waterford Mott HS	Waterford	3
West Bloomfield HS	West Bloomfield	3
John Glenn HS	Westland	3
White Pigeon HS	White Pigeon	3

## OFFICIALS REPORTS SUMMARY - 2007-08

CODE: P = Player C = Coach O = Other

Sport	Concern	Praise	P-Eject	C-Eject	O-Eject	Taunting	Sportsmanship
Baseball	102	21	60	37	0	1	14
Boys Basketball	97	16	50	33	1	2	23
Boys Lacrosse	37	0	41	3	0	0	5
Boys Soccer	287	10	256	25	1	0	16
Boys Swimming	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Boys Track	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Football	126	79	100	13	1	0	18
Girls Basketball	46	8	21	19	1	0	7
Girls Lacrosse	11	1	6	0	0	1	1
Girls Soccer	81	8	40	14	0	0	4
Ice Hockey	114	3	147	3	0	0	2
Softball	25	10	5	16	1	1	5
Volleyball	11	3	0	2	0	0	7
Wrestling	71	10	53	9	3	0	11

### Distribution of Reports

Rpts./Concern	# of Schools	Rpts./Praise	# of Schools
1	221	1	99
2	96	2	23
3	66	3	7
4	41	4	1
5	24		
6	13		
7	4		
8	1		

## 2007-08 OFFICIALS VIOLATIONS (From August 1, 2007 through July 31, 2008)

The following registered officials have violated officiating regulations as defined in the *Officials Guidebook*. Censure is a written reprimand. Probation results in MHSAA tournament opportunities being withheld or suspended by the MHSAA. The MHSAA no longer publishes the names of officials who have been suspended for any reason. With schools and officials using the online directory, which is updated in "real time," individuals can easily identify those officials who are currently registered. When confirming an official's registration status, simply use the online directory. **Athletic administrators should also verify the official is registered by checking the ID card on site.**

NAME	CITY	VIOLATION	DURATION
Alfred Banks	Benton Harbor	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 9/26/08
Scott Dobbs	Fair Haven	Worked Unreg.	Probation Indefinitely
Alison Hofley	Birmingham	Worked Unreg.	Censure
Michael Jackson	Romulus	Unprof. Behavior	Probation Thru 10/9/08
Philip Jensen	Mishawaka	Unprof. Behavior	Probation Thru 12/18/08
Quincy Jones	Detroit	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 1/4/09
Mary Lester	Lansing	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 8/30/08
Warren Lester	Lansing	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 8/30/08
Karl Marshall	Grand Rapids	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 4/29/09
Jance Martinovski	Dearborn Heights	Fail. To Fulfill	Probation Thru 10/9/08
Leonardo McClain	Belleville	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 11/27/08
Fred Pins	Big Rapids	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 3/7/09
Jeffery Ross	Traverse City	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 5/7/09
Eric Sharps	Redford	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 11/29/08
William Vine	Newport	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 3/7/09
Michael Yassine	Okemos	Unprof. Behavior	Probation Thru 6/30/08

### ONLINE RULES MEETINGS SLATED FOR 2008-09

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

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

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

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

Consult [mhsaa.com](http://mhsaa.com) for all rules meeting information and schedules.

# MHSAA CLASSIFICATION BY SPORT — 2008-09

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

## Sports Utilizing Traditional Classifications

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

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

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

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

## Sports Utilizing “Equal Divisions”

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

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

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

## Upper Peninsula Tournaments

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

Divisions are set as follows:

*\*Swimming: All schools one Division.*

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

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

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

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

**NOTE: Cooperative Programs for MHSAA Senior and JuniorHigh/Middle Schools previously listed in this Bulletin now appear only on the Administrators Page of [mhsaa.com](http://mhsaa.com), and will be updated periodically.**

# 2008-09 CLASSIFICATION OPT-UPS

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

## TRADITIONALLY CLASSIFIED SPORTS

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

### IN BASEBALL (Spring)

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

### IN BOYS CROSS COUNTRY (Fall)

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

### IN GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY (Fall)

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

### IN GIRLS LP GOLF (Fall)

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

### IN BOYS LP GOLF (Spring)

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

### IN ICE HOCKEY (Winter)

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

\*Cooperative Program

### IN BOYS LACROSSE (Spring)

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

### IN GIRLS LACROSSE (Spring)

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

### IN BOYS SKIING (Winter)

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

### IN GIRLS SKIING (Winter)

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

### IN SOFTBALL (Spring)

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

### IN BOYS SWIMMING (Winter)

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

### IN BOYS LP TENNIS (Fall)

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

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

### IN GIRLS LP TENNIS (Spring)

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

### IN BOYS TRACK & FIELD (Spring)

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

### IN GIRLS TRACK & FIELD (Spring)

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

### IN WRESTLING (Winter)

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

## Scholar-Athlete Award Materials Available Online

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

The deadline for the 2008-09 competition is Dec. 5, 2008. Schools must submit all of its applications in one packet. All application materials must be delivered to the MHSAA by the end of the business day on Dec. 5. Applications that arrive after the deadline will not be considered.

If you have any questions, visit the Scholar-Athlete page on the MHSAA Website, or contact Andy Frushour in the MHSAA office at [afrushour@mhsaa.com](mailto:afrushour@mhsaa.com).



# 2008-09 ORDER FORM FOR MHSAA MATERIALS

Mail order to MHSAA, 1661 Ramblewood Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823.

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THIS ORDER.

Quantity		Total Cost
	<b>BASEBALL (available after Jan. 1)</b>	
_____	Baseball Rules Book . . . . .	@ \$10.00 _____
_____	Baseball Umpires Manual (2009 & 2010) . . . . .	@ \$15.00 _____
_____	Baseball Case Book . . . . .	@ \$10.00 _____
	<b>BASKETBALL (available after Sept. 1)</b>	
_____	Basketball Rules Book . . . . .	@ \$10.00 _____
_____	Basketball Case Book . . . . .	@ \$10.00 _____
_____	Basketball Simplified and Illustrated Rules Book . . . . .	@ \$10.00 _____
_____	Basketball Officials Manual (2007-09) . . . . .	@ \$15.00 _____
_____	Basketball Handbook (2008-10) . . . . .	@ \$15.00 _____
	<b>COMPETITIVE CHEER (available after Sept. 1)</b>	
_____	Competitive Cheer Rules & Regulations Manual (2008-10) . . . . .	@ \$15.00 _____
	<b>FOOTBALL (available after Aug. 1)</b>	
_____	Football Rules Book . . . . .	@ \$10.00 _____
_____	Football Case Book . . . . .	@ \$10.00 _____
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_____	Football Officials Manual (2008 & 2009) . . . . .	@ \$15.00 _____
	<b>GYMNASTICS (available after Oct. 1)</b>	
_____	Girls Gymnastic Rules Book & Manual (2008-10) . . . . .	@ \$15.00 _____
	<b>ICE HOCKEY (available after Oct. 1)</b>	
_____	Ice Hockey Rules Book . . . . .	@ \$10.00 _____
	<b>BOYS LACROSSE (available after Jan. 1)</b>	
_____	Lacrosse Rules Book . . . . .	@ \$10.00 _____
	<b>GIRLS LACROSSE (available after Jan. 1)</b>	
_____	Lacrosse Rules Book . . . . .	@ \$10.00 _____
	<b>SOCCER (available after Aug. 1)</b>	
_____	Soccer Rules Book . . . . .	@ \$10.00 _____
	<b>SOFTBALL (available after Jan. 1)</b>	
_____	Softball Rules Book . . . . .	@ \$10.00 _____
_____	Softball Umpires Manual (2008 & 2009) . . . . .	@ \$15.00 _____
_____	Softball Case Book . . . . .	@ \$10.00 _____
	<b>SWIMMING &amp; DIVING (available after Aug. 1)</b>	
_____	Swimming & Diving Rules Book . . . . .	@ \$10.00 _____
	<b>TRACK (available after Jan. 1)</b>	
_____	Track & Field Rules Book . . . . .	@ \$10.00 _____
_____	Track & Field Case Book . . . . .	@ \$10.00 _____
_____	Track & Field Officials Manual (2009 & 2010) . . . . .	@ \$15.00 _____
	<b>VOLLEYBALL (available after Aug. 1)</b>	
_____	Volleyball Rules Book . . . . .	@ \$10.00 _____
_____	Volleyball Case Book & Officials Manual (2008-2009) . . . . .	@ \$10.00 _____
	<b>WRESTLING (available after Oct. 1)</b>	
_____	Wrestling Rules Book . . . . .	@ \$10.00 _____
_____	Wrestling Case Book & Officials Manual (2008-2009) . . . . .	@ \$10.00 _____
	<b>OTHER PUBLICATIONS</b>	
_____	Court & Field Diagram Guide . . . . .	@ \$15.00 _____
_____	NFHS Statisticians' Manual . . . . .	@ \$15.00 _____
_____	2008-09 School Directory . . . . .	@ \$20.00 _____
_____	2008-09 Officials Directory . . . . .	@ \$20.00 _____
_____	2008-09 MHSAA HANDBOOK . . . . .	@ \$20.00 _____
_____	BULLETIN Subscription . . . . .	@ \$20.00 _____

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

– Use of this form expires June 1, 2009 –

# REQUESTS FOR RULE/REGULATION INTERPRETATIONS/RULINGS

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

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

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

## WHOM TO CONTACT AT THE MHSAA

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

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Staff</b>	
Advertising . . . . .	Frushour	CAP Registration . . . . .VanDerMoere
Athletic Director In-Service. . . . .	Rashid	Nonfaculty Registration . . .VanDerMoere
Registration . . . . .	Kinder	Committees. . . . .Rashid/Kinder
Athletic Equity Committee . . . . .	Hampton	Competitive Cheer . . . . .Westdorp/Waddell
Awards (Forsythe/Bush/Norris/WISL) . . . . .	Allen/VanDerMoere	Cooperative Programs . . . . .Rashid/Yonkers
Baseball: . . . . .		Cross Country . . . . .Uyl/ Wieferich
Tournament . . . . .	Uyl/Wieferich	Educational Transfer Forms .Rashid/Waddell
Rules . . . . .	Uyl/Allen	Eligibility Advancement.Allen/VanDerMoere
Basketball: . . . . .		Eligibility Questions . . . . .
Tournament . . . . .	Hampton/Wieferich	. . . . .Rashid/Allen/Hampton/Mazzolini/Uyl
Rules . . . . .	Hampton/Minter	Executive CommitteeRoberts/Rashid/Yonkers
Bowling . . . . .	Allen/VanDerMoere	Finance . . . . .Roberts/Minter/Montpas
Bulletin . . . . .	Kaminski	Football: . . . . .
Calendar . . . . .	Minter	Playoffs . . . . . Hampton/ Wieferich
Captain’s Clinics . . . . .	Frushour/Osters	Rules . . . . . Hampton/Minter
CHAMPS Clinics. . . . .	Johnson	Schedules/Open Dates . . . . .Wieferich
Classification . . . . .	Roberts/Kinder	Foreign Exchange Programs . . . . .Mazzolini
Coaches: . . . . .		Games Wanted . . . . .Kaminski
Education . . . . .	Westdorp	Golf . . . . .Allen/Waddell
Guidebook . . . . .	Westdorp	Gymnastics . . . . .Westdorp/Waddell
		Handbook . . . . .Rashid
		Host Availability Forms . . . . .Cobb/Osters

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

# REGULATIONS VIOLATED BY SCHOOLS

August 1, 2007 through July 21, 2008

Reg./ Sect	Explanation	Sport	Penalty – Duration
I 1	Unenrolled students participated	Boys Lacrosse	Forfeit – All 06-07 Games
	Unenrolled student participated	Football	Forfeit – 1 V Game
	Unenrolled student participated	Football	Forfeit – 9 Frosh Games of 2006
I 3	No physical on file; withdrew from tournament	Volleyball	Forfeit – All Games
	No physical form on file (2 athletes)	Wrestling	Forfeit – 2 Matches
	No physical form on file	Wrestling	Forfeit – 2 Matches
	No physical form on file	Baseball	Forfeit – Multiple Games
	No physical form on file	Volleyball	Forfeit – All Frosh Games
	No physical form on file (2 athletes)	Boys Tennis	Forfeit – 4 JV Matches
	No physical form on file	Boys Cross Country	Forfeit – 12 Meets
	No physical form on file	Ice Hockey	Forfeit – 3 Games
	No physical on file; participated in scrimmage	Baseball	Censure/Sport
	Improperly completed physical examination form on file	Wrestling	Forfeit – 1 V Match
	No physical form on file	Softball	Forfeit – 1 V Game
No physical form on file	Volleyball	Forfeit – All V Games & District	
I 4	9th semester	Boys Basketball	Forfeit – 3 Games
	Student participated in fifth first semester	Football	Forfeit – 3 V Games
I 6	Graduated foreign exchange student	Boys Soccer	Forfeit – 6 V Games
I 7	Previous semester record	Football	Forfeit – 1 V Game
	Previous semester record	Football	Forfeit – 1 JV Game
	Previous semester record	Boys Basketball	Forfeit – 1 V Game
	Previous semester record	Baseball	Forfeit – 5 JV Games
	Previous semester record	Ice Hockey	Forfeit – 2 Games
	Previous semester record	Girls Golf	Forfeit – 1 Meet
	Previous semester record	Football	Forfeit – 5 V Games
	Previous semester record (2 athletes)	Football	Forfeit – 1 V Game
	Previous semester record	Boys Soccer	Forfeit – 2 Games
Previous semester record	Football	Forfeit – 1 V Game	
I 8	Current semester record	Girls Soccer	Forfeit – 2 V Games
I 9	Transfer	Girls Bowling	Forfeit – 5 Games
	Transfer	Football	Forfeit – 2 V Games
	Transfer	Football	Forfeit – 1 V Game
	Transfer	Football	Forfeit – 1 V Game
	Transfer	Football	Forfeit – 3 V Games
	Transfer	Boys Basketball	Forfeit – 1 JV Game
	Transfer	Girls Basketball	Forfeit – 1 JV Game
	Transfer (1-5 students)	Football	Forfeit – 8 V Games
	Transfer	Girls Basketball	Forfeit – All Games in Dec.
	Transfer	Volleyball	Forfeit – 1 Game
	No transfer form on file	Wrestling	Forfeit – 5 Matches
	Transfer	Volleyball	Forfeit – All Frosh Games
	Transfer	Football	Forfeit – 1 V Game
Transfer	Football	Forfeit – 2 JV Games	

<b>Reg/ Sect</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>Penalty – Duration</b>
	Transfer	Football	Forfeit – 3 V Games
	Transfer	Boys Bowling	Forfeit – 1 Match
	Transfer	Football	Forfeit – 1 V Game
	Transfer	Boys Basketball	Forfeit – 9 Frosh Games
	Ineligible transfer student participated in frosh scrimmage	Football	Censure/Sport
	Transfer	Boys Soccer	Forfeit – 5 Games
	Transfer	Boys Cross Country	Forfeit – 4 Meets
	Transfer	Boys Basketball	Forfeit – 4 Games
I 10	Undue influence Coach recruited players for AAU team Coach recruited athletes; head coach must attend CAP	Baseball Girls Basketball	Censure/Sport Censure/Sport
I 11	Athlete accepted merchandise certificate; returned award, is eligible	Wrestling	Probation/Sport – Thru 08-09
I 11	Athlete accepted merchandise certificate; returned award, is eligible	Boys Golf	Censure/Sport
I 12	Booster club paid for all-star game Coach paid excessive summer camp fees; internal action taken.	Football Boys Basketball	Censure/Sport Censure/Sport
I 13	Participated in Little League game (5 JV players) 3 Games	Baseball	Suspension/Athlete – 3 Games
	Athlete participated in travel hockey game	Ice Hockey	Suspension/Athlete – 3 Games
	Unapproved participation on women's national team	Girls Soccer	Suspension/Athlete – 3 Days of Competition
	Participated in adult league game	Ice Hockey	Suspension/Athlete – 3 Games
	Played on another school team	Girls Basketball	Suspension/Athlete – 3 Games
	Participated in home run derby	Baseball	Suspension/Athlete – 1 Day of Competition
	Participated in ODP event without prior permission	Girls Soccer	Suspension/Athlete – 3 Games
II 4	Athlete not on eligibility list	Boys Basketball	Forfeit – 1 Frosh Game
II 7B	262 schools had a total of 412 violations for failure to rate officials (includes schools with multiple violations)		
II 9	Athlete used equipment at camp; withheld from preseason scrimmage	Football	Censure/Sport
II 10	Exceeded weekly limitation	Girls Soccer	Forfeit – 1 V Game
	Athlete participated wrong wt class; coach dismissed.	Wrestling	Forfeit – 3 Meets
	Athlete didn't complete alpha weigh-in	Wrestling	Forfeit – 7 Matches
	Athlete played in JV and varsity game same day	Boys Soccer	Forfeit – 1 V Game
	Wrestled at illegal weight	Wrestling	Forfeit – 1 Meet
	3 games in 1 week	Boys Soccer	Forfeit – Weekend Tournament
	Athletes participated in 5 quarters	Boys Basketball	Forfeit – 1 Game
	Participated in national tournament	Competitive Cheer	Censure/School
II 11	Preseason down time violation; internal action taken	Boys Tennis	Censure/Sport
	Coach assisted with off-season workouts	Girls Soccer	Censure/Sport

<b>Reg./ Sect</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>Penalty – Duration</b>
	Coach took students to out-of-state camp over 600 miles. Internal action: cancelled 2 days of practice & 2 scrimmages; no out-of-state camps in 2008 & 2009.	Volleyball	Censure/Sport
	Out-of-season coaching (JV coach); Boys Basketball withheld from 2 days of summer competition	Boys Basketball	Censure/Sport
	Preseason down time violation. Internal action: cancelled 4 consecutive days of practice & competition; coach to complete CAP 1 & 2	Boys Tennis	Censure/Sport
	Took players to summer league competition before end of season; 2 summer comp dates eliminated & coach required to attend CAP	Boys Basketball	Censure/Sport
	Out-of-season coaching; no further contact for school year	Football	Censure/Sport
	Violation of 3-player rule; 1 less preseason scrimmage allowed	Ice Hockey	Probation/Sport – Thru 1st Day of 08-09 Practice
	Used school transportation to summer camp; internal action taken	Football	Probation/Sport – Thru 07-08
II 11	Preseason down time violation; suspended practice for 1 day	Boys Tennis	Censure/Sport
	Middle school coach involved with AAU team	Boys Basketball	Censure/Sport
	Coach not allowed to work with any students prior to season	Girls Basketball	Censure/Sport
	Boys coach coached girls out of season	Girls Swimming	Censure/Sport
	Used school transportation to summer camp	Boys Basketball	Censure/Sport
	Coach conducted open gym; practice will start 1 day later	Softball	Censure/Sport
	Coach conducted open gym; practice will start 1 day later	Baseball	Censure/Sport
	Coach worked with more than 3 athletes out of season	Softball	Forfeit – 2 Scrimmages
	Coach took students to out-of-state camp over 600 miles. Internal action: cancelled 2 days of practice and all scrimmages; no out-of-state team camps in 2008.	Volleyball	Censure/Sport
	Coaches worked with players out of season; suspended from 2 scrimmages and 3 games.	Ice Hockey	Suspension/Coach 2 Weeks
	Coach worked with more than 3 players out of season	Baseball	Censure/Sport
	Asst. coach took 9 players to tournament out of season; coach must attend CAP	Softball	Probation/Sport Thru 3/9/09
	Out-of-season coaching	Boys Cross Country	Censure/Sport

<b>Reg./ Sect</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>Penalty – Duration</b>
	Coach worked with more than 3 players out of season; coach resigned.	Volleyball	Censure/Sport
	Coach and athletes attended non-school meet	Boys Track	Censure/Sport
	Coach and athletes attended non-school meet	Girls Track	Censure/Sport
	Non-school coaching (JV coach)	Ice Hockey	Censure/Sport
	One off-season workout with 5 7th-graders	Boys Basketball	Censure/Sport
II 13	Coach participated in national tournament (2nd Team & Ind. year); may not attend or coach at any site or any level	Wrestling	Suspension/Coach 2009 Team & Individual Tournaments
	Coach participated in national tournament	Wrestling	Probation/Sport – Thru 08-09
II 14B	Opposing school conducted live telecast	Football	Censure/School
II 15	Withdrew from tournament after draw	Baseball	Probation/Sport – Thru 08-09
	Athlete withdrew from tournament after draw	Girls Golf	Probation/Sport – Thru 08-09
	Athlete wrestled in wrong weight class in 08 tourn. Suspended from 1/3 of 2009 season & all of 09 tournament	Wrestling	Suspension/Athlete – 2009 Tournament
	3 athletes competed in wrong weight class	Wrestling	Forfeit – 2 Meets
	Withdrew from tournament	Girls Golf	Probation/Sport
V 3	Ejected player participated in next day of competition	Baseball	Forfeit – 1 Game
	Internal action taken	Boys Lacrosse	Appearance Required
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