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The 2003-04 school year is underway, and so are the sports seasons. Among the championships to be determined later this fall are girls tennis and boys & girls cross country for both peninsulas, along with lower peninsula boys golf. The UP girls tennis finals kick off the 2003 fall championships on Oct. 3, followed by LP girls tennis and LP boys golf on Oct. 17-18. The UP cross country titles will be decided on Oct. 18, while the LP cross country finals take place on Nov. 1.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, August 13, 2003

Members Present:

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Keith Eldred, Williamston
Pete Ryan, Saginaw
Karen Leinaar, Benzonia

Staff Members Present:

Andy Frushour
Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

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

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

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

A determination of undue hardship is a matter addressed to the discretion of the

Executive Committee within the educational philosophy and secondary role of voluntary extracurricular competitive athletics in the academic environment. The Executive Committee was cautioned to avoid making exceptions that would create precedent that effectively changes a rule without Representative Council action or local board of education adoption, which would exceed Executive Committee authority.

Students for whom waiver of a particular regulation is granted must be eligible in all respects under all other sections and interpretations of the regulations prior to their participation. Adoption of these regulations is a choice schools make locally when they consider their option of MHSAA membership. Consistent with rulings of the Attorney General and Michigan Supreme Court, schools are not bound by the decisions of the Executive Committee, but the association may limit participation in the post-season tournaments it sponsors to those schools which choose to apply rules and penalties as promulgated by the MHSAA and adopted by each member school's board of education. The MHSAA exercises no independent authority over schools or students during regular season.

Summary of 2002-03 Waiver Requests - During the 2002-03 program year, there were 408 (vs. 324 in 2001-02) requests by member schools to waive regulations, of which 215 (197 in 2001-02) were granted by the Executive Committee. Of the total, 291 (234 in 2001-02) requests involved the transfer regulation, of which 130 were granted (130 in 2001-02).

Rationale for Transfer Regulation - The

following rationale for the transfer regulation, first established by the Executive Committee on Aug. 6, 1985 and last reviewed Aug. 9, 2002, was reaffirmed:

- A. The rule tends to insure equality of competition in that each school plays students who have been in that school and established their eligibility in that school.
- B. The rule tends to prevent students from "jumping" from one school to another.
- C. The rule prevents the "bumping" of students who have previously gained eligibility in a school system by persons coming from outside the school system.
- D. The rule tends to prevent interscholastic athletic recruiting.
- E. The rule tends to prevent or discourage dominance of one sport at one school with a successful program, i.e., the concentration of excellent baseball players at one school to the detriment of surrounding schools through transfers and to the detriment of the natural school population and ability mix.
- F. The rule tends to create and maintain stability in that age group, i.e., it promotes team stability and team work expectation fulfillment.
- G. The rule is designed to discourage parents from "school shopping" for athletic purposes.
- H. The rule is consistent with educational philosophy of going to school for academics first and athletics second.
- I. It eliminates family financial status from becoming a factor on eligibility, thus making a uniform rule for all students across the state of Michigan (i.e., tuition and millage considerations).
- J. It tends to encourage competition between nonpublic and public schools, rather than discourage that competition.
- K. It tends to reduce friction or threat of students changing schools because of problems they may have created or because of their misconduct, etc.

Regulation I, Section 1 - Pursuant to instructions of the Representative Council in 1997, the Executive Committee must review Cooperative Team Renewal Forms for cooperative agreements in girls golf where the combined enrollment exceeds the maximum for a Class B school. The renewal form for

Battle Creek-Central and Pennfield High Schools was reviewed and approved.

Allen Park-Cabrini & Melvindale High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey between these schools. Cabrini sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. The combined enrollment is 889, which will keep the program in Division 3.

Burton-Valley Christian Academy (Regulation I, Section 1) - A late request was made to waive the April 15 deadline for a fall 2003 cooperative program in girls basketball between Burton-Faith Christian, which had to cancel its girls basketball program because several girls did not return to the school for 2003-04, and Valley Christian Academy.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Essexville-Garber, Auburn-Bay City Western & Freeland High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program for these three schools in boys and girls skiing. Garber, which sponsored the sport previously with Saginaw-Nouvel Catholic Central in a cooperative program that has been dissolved, will be the primary school. No league is involved. The combined enrollment will be 2,700.

Houghton, Calumet & Hancock High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved the addition of Hancock to the cooperative program that has existed between Houghton and Calumet High Schools in boys and girls swimming & diving.

Lathrup Village-Southfield Lathrup and Southfield High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - A late request was made to waive the enrollment limit and the April 15 application deadline for a cooperative program in boys soccer. Both schools sponsored the sport previously but Southfield has insufficient numbers to continue a team. The combined enrollment would be 3,219.

The Executive Committee denied the requests for waiver.

Painesdale-Jeffers, Chassell & Ironwood-L. L. Wright High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved the addition of L. L.

Wright High School to the cooperative agreement that exists in boys and girls swimming & diving for Jeffers (primary) and Chassell. The combined enrollment will be 731.

Sault Ste. Marie-Sault Area & Pickford High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) -

The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls swimming & diving. Sault Area has sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. The combined enrollment will be 1,128.

Perry High School (Regulation I, Sections 1 & 7) - A student began the 2002-03 school year as a full-time student at Perry High School. In October 2002, the student was diagnosed with a mental illness. The student remained out of school but was permitted to submit work to teachers for credit. However, all of this student's first semester grades were recorded as incompletes.

On Jan. 16, 2003, the IEP Team determined the student to be eligible for special education, but there was disagreement within the team regarding services. From mid-February through June 6, 2003, sessions with the teacher consultant focused on the student's completion of first semester work and credits, and the student passed four classes by June 6.

As of the Feb. 12, 2003 count date, the student was considered a Perry High School special education student for the second semester. Based on the student's attendance at scheduled sessions with his tutor, the school district counted the student as a 0.07 full-time equivalent student; and after Feb. 12, the student attended most sessions with his tutor. He was not enrolled in special classes, and he neither attempted nor completed second semester course work. The student did not attend the school where the IEP had placed the student (Lincoln School).

When school administration sought clarification of the student's athletic eligibility for the start of the 2003-04 school year, it was told that the student is not eligible because the student did not take and pass a minimum of 20 credit hours of course work for the most recent previous semester in which the student was enrolled (second semester 2002-03).

The school made a late request for the Executive Committee to consider these questions:

- 1) Was the student enrolled at Perry High School during the second semester of 2002-03, pursuant to *Handbook Interpretation No. 3*?
- 2) If the student was enrolled during the second semester and did not take and pass at least four courses for that second semester, the student is now ineligible under Regulation I, Section 7. If so, will the Executive Committee grant the request to waive the regulation?

The Executive Committee tabled consideration of these questions pending receipt of the student's transcript since first enrolling in 9th grade, the student's IEP, and clarification of the school district's policies and procedures for students making up deficiencies.

Brimley High School (Regulation I, Section 1 & 8) - Request was made to waive applicable regulations to permit a student to be eligible under Interpretation No. 46 even though the non-traditional program in which this student is now enrolled was not included for eligible athletes on the school's February 2003 Enrollment Declaration Form. The student was enrolled in February at Brimley High School and subsequently enrolled in the uncounted non-traditional program.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Lake City High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) - Request to waive the maximum semesters portions of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a student who started high school in 1999 at Houghton Lake and dropped out of school on March 16, 2001. He began 10th grade again that fall at Lake City High School.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Detroit-Central High School (Regulation I, Sections 4, 5 & 9) - A late request to waive applicable regulations was made on behalf of a student who enrolled at Murray-Wright High School in the fall of the 1999-00 school year and who has been given grades for eight consecutive semesters since enrolling in the 9th grade. This includes the second semester of the 2000-01 school year when correspondence indicated the student had dropped out and was participating in the REACH Project. He enrolled at Central High School for the start of the 2001-02 school year. The student's transcript indicat-

ed he was placed in the 12th grade during the second semester of the 2002-03 school year. The school's letter referred to transfer, but the real issue appeared to be the maximum semesters portions of the eligibility regulation.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Creston High School (Regulation I, Section 7) - Request was made to waive the previous semester record regulation on behalf of a 10th-grade student who was given a four-week suspension for theft during the second semester of the 2002-03 school year, which contributed to his passing only three of six courses.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Royal Oak-Kimball High School (Regulation I, Section 8) - A late request was made to waive applicable regulations and particularly Interpretation No. 46 to permit a 9th-grade student to be eligible for interscholastic athletics at Kimball High School when he enrolls at Bloomfield Hills International Academy, a non-traditional program administered by a consortium in which Royal Oak participates. The student attended Royal Oak schools for 6th through 8th grades but held dual residency with his mother in the Oak Park School District and with his father in the Farmington School District. Bloomfield Hills administration advised that it is the public school of a student's residence that facilitates and funds that student's enrollment at the International Academy, even if that student most recently attended a nonpublic school. However, Royal Oak-Kimball administration indicated that it has facilitated the attendance and will be the conduit for the state funding of this student at the International Academy for this non-resident student.

Noting the student's history in the Royal Oak Schools, the Executive Committee granted the request for waiver if both school districts' administration confirm that the student will be counted for state aid membership at Royal Oak-Kimball High School on the official membership count day in September.

Athens High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a student who attended 9th and 10th grades at Battle

Creek-Harper Creek while residing with his father. The student has relocated to his mother's residence in Athens and enrolled at Athens High School. The student's mother and father were never married but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was provided along with a birth certificate identifying the mother and father.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Auburn Hills-Oakland Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Oakland Christian Schools from Kindergarten through 8th grade. He attended Oxford Christian Academy for 9th and 10th grades; it closed. He attended Lawrence Technological University High School Advanced Technology Academy for 11th grade; it relocated from Southfield to Dearborn, making the long commute even longer.

Noting that the substantial relocation of Advanced Technology Academy should provide the same options as if the school closed, the Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Big Rapids High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of two sisters (10th and 11th-graders) who lived in Big Rapids with their father during the first semester of 2002-03 and returned to Czechoslovakia for the second semester. They are returning to Big Rapids for 2003-04 but their mother is having problems obtaining a Visa. The students participated in tennis last fall.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver and requested staff inquire if forfeitures are required for the 11th-grader's participation during the previous school year.

Bronson High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Sturgis High School where he did not participate in school sports.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are actually

held for the second semester of the 2003-04 school year at Bronson High School.

Brown City High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who resides in North Branch and is transferring from Marlette High School to Brown City High School. The student lived with his divorced mother in Brown City and attended Brown City High School even after his mother remarried and they moved to Marlette. He remained living in Marlette and attending Brown City when his mother and stepbrother were killed in a car accident in the summer of 2002. On March 11, 2003, the student enrolled at Marlette High School because he lacked transportation to Brown City. The student's father was jailed shortly thereafter, and the student relocated to a home in the North Branch School District and continued to attend Marlette High School.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Burton-Atherton High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility after 90 school days of enrollment on behalf of a 12th-grade student who enrolled at Atherton High School on March 3, 2003.

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

Dansville High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level on behalf of a 10th-grade student who played basketball at her previous school. She selected Dansville for a curriculum offering it provides.

Pursuant to the specific criteria for this section (no prior participation), the request for waiver was denied.

Dearborn High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Dearborn-Divine Child High School as a 9th-grader where he did not participate in school sports.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only

until the first day that classes are actually held for the second semester of the 2003-04 school year at Dearborn High School.

Dearborn Heights-Annapolis High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only on behalf of a 10th-grader who did not participate in sports at Dearborn-Divine Child High School in 2002-03.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are actually held for the second semester of the 2003-04 school year at Annapolis High School.

Ellsworth High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who lived in Ellsworth with her parents and attended Ellsworth schools through 5th grade. Following her parents' divorce, the student moved with her father and attended Davison schools from 6th through 11th grades. The student's father is moving to Mexico and the student's mother is medically unable to care for her. The student has returned to Ellsworth to live with close friends of the student's mother.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Evart High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Big Rapids High School where he lived with his mother. The student relocated to the residence of his father in Evart. The parents never married. There was no father's name listed on the birth certificate and therefore no Educational Transfer Form submitted. Big Rapids indicated that the student did not participate in any sports in the 2002-03 school year.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are actually held for the second semester of the 2003-04 school year at Evart High School.

Hartland High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level on behalf of a 10th-grade student who lives in Hartland but attended Flint-Powers Catholic High School

in 2002-03 where she did not participate in school sports.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are actually held for the second semester of the 2003-04 school year at Hartland High School.

Hudson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who is transferring from Gobles High School to Hudson because his mother has been transferred to a new job in Arizona. The father does not appear to be part of any possible family arrangement. The student will live with his grandparents in Hudson. A 12th-grade brother will be living with an aunt and uncle and continuing at Gobles until graduation this spring. The student participated in at least high school football last school year.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

L'Anse Creuse & Mt. Clemens School Districts (Regulation I, Section 9) - These school districts entered into an agreement with the U.S. Army Garrison - Selfridge which would allow students various choices of enrollment at Mt. Clemens or L'Anse Creuse schools, a choice of three high schools.

The Executive Committee confirmed the transfer regulation will apply, without any modifications, for students who resided at the Garrison during the 2002-03 school year; but students who relocate with their families to the Garrison for the 2003-04, 2004-05 or 2005-06 school year may enroll at any of the high schools of the Mt. Clemens or L'Anse Creuse School District and have immediate eligibility insofar as the transfer regulation is concerned. Any student who resides in the Garrison now or in the future and changes high schools will be subject to the transfer regulation.

Lansing-Sexton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose parents are divorced and live out of state. The student has been living with his father and grandmother in Kentucky, but the student's father has left the home for long periods and the grandmother's health has deteriorated.

The student has relocated to the residence of his aunt and her husband in Lansing.

The Executive Committee noted the absence of a compelling reason for the transfer and denied the request for waiver.

Macomb-L'Anse Creuse High School North (Regulation I, Sections 7 & 9) - Request to waive the previous semester and transfer sections of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended L'Anse Creuse North for his first three semesters of high school. In January of 2003, his family was evicted from their apartment. His mother moved in with a boyfriend and the student relocated to his grandmother's residence in the Clintondale School District where the student enrolled, but he failed two courses when special education services were not provided. The student has relocated to his cousin's residence and reenrolled at L'Anse Creuse North.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Madison Heights-Bishop Foley High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who wishes to transfer because she was the victim of a documented physical attack.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Manistee Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who is relocating from his parents in Georgia to an aunt in Manistee. The student attended Manistee Catholic Schools through 8th grade.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Marquette High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a student who previously attended Detroit-Murray-Wright High School while living with his mother, who has transferred guardianship to the student's brother who lives in Marquette. The student's parents are divorced; and both parents live in Detroit.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Marshall High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a stu-

dent whose parents are deceased. She lived with her uncle and attended Battle Creek-Pennfield High School in 2002-03. Guardianship was assigned to another person who resides within the Marshall School District.

The Executive Committee noted the lack of details and the absence of a compelling reason for the transfer, and it denied the request for waiver.

Martin High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Martin High School until May 5, 2003, when he transferred to Parchment High School under school of choice. The student had lived with his mother and grandparents from birth to age 15 and then, when his mother married in April of 2001, resided in an eventually very tense situation with his mother and stepfather. In April 2003, the student moved in with his natural father (who never married the student's mother) in Parchment. On May 5, the student could no longer obtain daily transportation to Martin High School so he transferred to Parchment for six weeks to complete his junior year. The student wishes to return to Martin and reside again with his grandparents.

The Executive Committee noted the student was enrolled at Parchment for just 23 days and is returning to a previous residence and the previous school, and it granted the request for waiver.

Montrose-Hill McCloy High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level on behalf of a student who previously attended school in Grand Rapids where he did not participate in interscholastic athletics.

Pending the school's confirmation that the student is a 10th-grader, the Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are actually held for the second semester of the 2003-04 school year at Hill McCloy High School.

Portage Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previous-

ly attended Kalamazoo-Hackett Catholic Central where she played volleyball and softball. The student was seeking different academic offerings.

Pursuant to the specific criteria for this section (no prior participation), the request for waiver was denied.

Redford-Bishop Borgess High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a student who was asked to leave Detroit-St. Martin de Porres High School. He enrolled March 19, 2003 at Bishop Borgess, which has a cooperative program in football with St. Katherine Drexel in which the student would like to participate.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Redford-Thurston High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Garden City High School while residing with his recently divorced mother. His mother lost her home and now both parents wish the student to live with his grandparents in the Thurston School District.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Rochester Hills-Adams High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Stoney Creek High School during 2002-03 under the district's open enrollment agreement. He played football and basketball. Rochester Community Schools did not honor the request for the student to enroll in January 2003 at Adams High School, which serves his residence, and may have alleviated unanticipated transportation problems.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Royal Oak-Kimball High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility after 90 school days of enrollment on behalf of a 12th-grade student who enrolled at Kimball on March 3, 2003. The student has been under treatment for depression and dyslexia since August 2002.

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

High School.

Saginaw-Michigan Lutheran Seminary (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Carrollton High School in 2002-03. He is relocating his residence with his parents from Carrollton to Saginaw Township, but Michigan Lutheran Seminary is not the closest nonpublic school to the new residence. The student attended Wisconsin Synod Lutheran schools through 8th grade.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Tawas Area High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Twining-Arenac Eastern High School for 10th and 11th grades while residing within the Tawas Area School District with a foster parent who is a teacher at Arenac Eastern. On July 25, 2003, the student turned 18 and was released from foster care. He has established residency with a police officer in the Tawas Area School District but now, because of lack of transportation to Arenac Eastern, has enrolled at Tawas Area High School.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Vermontville-Maple Valley High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a student who completed three semesters in Florida before withdrawing Feb. 20, 2003, but who will be placed in the 10th grade at Maple Valley High School. The student has lived with his aunt and uncle in the Maple Valley district since mid June after living with other relatives on and off for approximately three years. It was reported that the student and his brother were abandoned by their mother. The student participated in wrestling in Florida.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver. It also emphasized that the student has only two first semesters of eligibility remaining and will not be eligible in 12th grade.

Warren Woods Tower High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A late request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attend-

ed Warren-De La Salle High School as a 9th-grader when he participated in football.

Pursuant to the specific criteria for this section (no prior participation), the request for waiver was denied.

Pannonia Christian Educational Exchange (Regulation I, Section 9) - This organization is not listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) because it places so few students (approximately four per year) that CSIET costs are prohibitive. At its Aug. 19, 1999 meeting, the Executive Committee received the evaluation of MHSAA Assistant Director Gina Mazzolini, who is familiar with the evaluation criteria and processes of CSIET. She found that the organization exceeds some standards, meets most others and may be deficient in only two respects: (1) that it depends on the host community to provide funds to share expenses of airfare and spending money, and (2) it has no provision for repatriation of remains should the student die. The Executive Committee determined that Pannonia Christian Educational Exchange was approved for the 1999-00 school year only. The program was also approved on the same basis for 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03. The request for 2003-04 has been received. The program has operated without problems for host families, schools and students.

The Executive Committee approved this program for immediate eligibility and a maximum of two semesters of eligibility for the 2003-04 school year.

Regulation II, Section 9 - At its June 18, 2003 meeting, the Executive Committee considered if this section and 2002-03 *Handbook Interpretation No. 179* prohibit an MHSAA member high school from participating in football against teams made up of students from MHSAA member schools (both with and without football), non-member Christian schools and mostly home schools.

The Executive Committee recalled the legitimate purpose of this very old rule, noted many of the original circumstances do not exist at this time, noted also that junior high/middle schools are not prohibited from playing non-school football teams, and determined that it would be helpful for schools in filling subvarsity schedules to have the flexibility to schedule certain community teams in

football, as member high schools may do in other sports even at the varsity level.

Therefore, the Executive Committee determined that for the 2003 football season only, member schools may schedule non-school teams in football at the subvarsity level only, and that this topic should be considered further by the Representative Council in December.

There was a request to review this action.

The Executive Committee discussed the issues brought to its attention by member school administrators and determined there was no need for further action until the Representative Council Meeting in December.

Burt Lake-Northern Michigan Christian Academy (Regulation III, Section 1) - Request was made to waive the enrollment regulation and specifically Interpretation No. 228 to permit 6th-graders to participate in the 7th- and 8th-grade athletic program.

The Executive Committee granted the request for the 2003-04 school year only.

Highland Park Schools (Regulation III, Section 1) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between Liberty Middle School, Barber Focus School and Henry Ford Academy in all sports (football, girls and boys basketball, girls volleyball, wrestling, baseball, softball and boys and girls track & field). Liberty Middle School will be the primary school.

Hillsdale Academy (Regulation III, Section 1) - Request was made to waive the enrollment regulation and specifically Interpretation No. 228 to permit 6th-graders to participate with 7th and 8th-graders in basketball, track & field, cross country and volleyball.

The Executive Committee granted the request for the 2003-04 school year only.

Holland-Calvary Baptist Schools (Regulation III, Section 1) - Request was made to waive the enrollment regulation and specifically *Handbook* Interpretation No. 228 to permit 6th-graders to participate with 7th and 8th-graders in girls and boys basketball and girls volleyball.

The Executive Committee granted the request for the 2003-04 school year only.

Holland Christian and Zeeland Christian Junior High Schools (Regulation

III, Section 1) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program at the junior high/middle school level in the sports of boys and girls cross country, football and boys and girls swimming & diving. Holland Christian Junior High will be the primary school.

Dansville Schools (Regulation III, Section 3) - Request was made to waive the requirement that physical examinations occur on or after April 15 for application to the following school year. The student in question had a physical April 14, 2003, and cannot afford another physical.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

New Member Schools - Pursuant to the MHSAA Constitution adopted by member schools and according to procedures for MHSAA membership approved by the Representative Council on March 27, 1997, membership was considered for:

A. **Dearborn-Advanced Technology Academy** at the high school level. The school is chartered by Lake Superior State University and intends to sponsor girls and boys basketball, baseball and softball, and to add ice hockey in 2004-05. Enrollment of approximately 400 students in grades 9-12 is anticipated, including nearly 100 students who previously attended St. Alphonsus High School, site of this new charter school. Approved.

B. **Detroit-Consortium College Prep High School** at the junior high/middle school and high school levels, public school academies operated by the Leona Management Group. Approximately 210 students are enrolled in grades 9-11. The school anticipates sponsoring cross country (boys and girls), basketball (boys and girls), track & field (boys and girls) and possibly competitive cheer (needs to be clarified). Approved.

C. **Kinross-Maplewood Baptist Academy** at the high school level. The projected enrollment is 16 students; and the school intends to sponsor basketball and wrestling for boys and volleyball and soccer for girls. In addition, the school will be in a cooperative program in football with Pickford (previously approved by the Executive Committee if Maplewood Baptist Academy had suffi-

cient students for and was accepted into membership by the Executive Committee). Approved.

D. **Lake Leelanau-Leelanau Community Christian School** at the junior high/middle and high school levels. No site visitation has occurred because the school's grade 9-12 enrollment is only 12. It is the school's desire to enter into a cooperative agreement with Lake Leelanau-St. Mary in boys and girls basketball, baseball and softball. Not approved.

E. **Sturgis-Lake Area Christian School** at the junior high/middle and high school levels. During the site visit it was learned the projected high school enrollment is nine students, the school is seeking membership in order to seek a cooperative agreement with Centreville, and the school's status after 2003-04 is uncertain. Not approved.

2003-04 Committees - The Executive Committee approved dates and invitations to

serve for most MHSAA committees for 2003-04, including the first Lacrosse Committee that will meet several times during 2003-04 and the Ice Hockey Committee which will convene in both September and May in 2003-04 and then only in May for 2004-05 and beyond.

Personnel - The Executive Committee reviewed the executive director's Standards of Performance for submission to the full Council for a comment period.

Next Meetings - The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Monday, Sept. 29, at 9:30 a.m. in Traverse City (preceded by Annual Business Meeting and Update Meeting Breakfast); Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday Nov. 12, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; and Thursday, Dec. 4, at 9 a.m. in Mt. Pleasant (followed by Representative Council Meeting Dec. 5). ■

MHSAA'S TOM RASHID RECEIVES NATIONAL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR HONORS

Tom Rashid, MHSAA Associate Director, received national Athletic Director of the Year honors at the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Awards Banquet in Tulsa, Okla., on July 31.

Rashid, Director of Physical Education and Athletics for the Archdiocese of Detroit and Director of the Catholic High School League for the last 25 years before joining the MHSAA staff in August, was selected for the top award from eight finalists throughout the country.

He earned the state's Athletic Director of the Year award from the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association last March, and is slated to receive a National Federation of State High School Associations Citation at its conference for athletic directors in Indianapolis on Dec. 16.

In 2001, Rashid was honored with the MHSAA's Allen W. Bush Award, which recognizes noteworthy support and the promise of continuing commitment to the MHSAA and interscholastic athletics.

Rashid served as MIAAA President in 1998, and sat on the organization's Board of Directors from 1988-2000. He also served on the MHSAA Representative Council from 1988 until he was hired by the MHSAA last spring.

A 1973 graduate of St. Alphonsus High School in Dearborn, Rashid obtained his bachelor's degree in history from Eastern Michigan University, and his master's degree in Urban Education from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, Sept. 3, 2003

Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan
Keith Eldred, Williamston
Dan Flynn, Escanaba
Margra Grillo, Gladwin
Randy Salisbury, Britton

Staff Members Present:

Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

Executive Committee Authority and Responsibility

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

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

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

A determination of undue hardship is a matter addressed to the discretion of the Executive Committee within the educational philosophy and secondary role of voluntary extracurricular competitive athletics in the academic environment. The Executive

Committee was cautioned to avoid making exceptions that would create precedent that effectively changes a rule without Representative Council action or local board of education adoption, which would exceed Executive Committee authority.

Students for whom waiver of a particular regulation is granted must be eligible in all respects under all other sections and interpretations of the regulations prior to their participation. Adoption of these regulations is a choice schools make locally when they consider their option of MHSAA membership. Consistent with rulings of the Attorney General and Michigan Supreme Court, schools are not bound by the decisions of the Executive Committee, but the association may limit participation in the post-season tournaments it sponsors to those schools which choose to apply rules and penalties as promulgated by the MHSAA and adopted by each member school's board of education. The MHSAA exercises no independent authority over schools or students.

Caledonia High School (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - Request was made to extend the Aug. 15 winter sports cooperative agreement deadline so that Caledonia may continue to sponsor girls gymnastics. The athletic director, hired July 1, learned that East Grand Rapids dropped the sport on July 10. The school is planning on becoming the third team in a cooperative program that already exists between Grand Rapids-Catholic Central and Grand Rapids-West Catholic.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver until not later than Sept. 23, 2003.

Kalamazoo-Loy Norrix, Kalamazoo Central and Kalamazoo-Hackett Catholic Central High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program for these

three schools in ice hockey. Loy Norrix, which has been in an ice hockey cooperative program with Hackett, will be the primary school. Kalamazoo Central sponsored the program previously on its own with limited participation. Combined enrollment for this program will be 3,319 (Division 1).

Lansing-Catholic Central and Lansing Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey. These two schools participated cooperatively in the past (2000 - 2002) and dissolved the program in May 2002. Catholic Central continued in the Division 3 tournament. Catholic Central will be the primary school. The combined enrollment will be 746, keeping the program in Division 3.

Parma-Western, Concord and Springport High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - The Executive Committee approved the addition of Springport High School to the cooperative program that has existed between Western and Concord in girl's gymnastics (open tournament). The combined enrollment for the three schools is 1,477.

White Cloud and Baldwin High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program for these schools in wrestling. White Cloud sponsored the sport previously but cancelled much of the 2002-03 season due to lack of participants. The combined enrollment will be 746, placing the program in Division 3. White Cloud was previously in Division 4.

Wyandotte-Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Ecorse, Flat Rock and Taylor Light and Life Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program for these four schools in ice hockey. Mt. Carmel had a cooperative agreement with both River Rouge and Light and Life Christian. Documentation dissolving the previous cooperative agreement with River Rouge has been received. The combined enrollment for this program will be 952, keeping the program in Division 3.

Grosse Ile High School (Regulation I, Sections 1[C], & 7) - A late request was made to waive or interpret applicable regulations to allow a student to take three high

school classes and four middle school classes and participate in high school competition.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver and affirmed that Interpretation No. 24 makes this student an 8th-grader and not eligible to compete for this high school. If the school places this student in the 9th grade, which would require that he be taking more high school classes than middle school classes, the student would be eligible if he is taking and passing at least 20 credit hours of course work at the high school level.

Perry High School (Regulation I, Sections 1 & 7) - A student began the 2002-03 school year as a full-time student at Perry High School. The school's correspondence indicated the following:

- a) In October 2002, the student was diagnosed with a mental illness. The student remained out of school but was permitted to submit work to teachers for credit. However, all of this student's first semester grades were recorded initially as incompletes.
- b) On Jan. 16, 2003, the IEP Team determined the student to be eligible for special education, but there was disagreement within the team regarding services. From mid-February through June 6, 2003, sessions with the teacher consultant focused on the student's completion of first semester work and credits, and the student passed four classes by June 6.
- c) As of the Feb. 12, 2003 count date, the student was considered a Perry High School special education student for the second semester. Based on the student's attendance at scheduled sessions with his tutor, the school district counted the student as a 0.07 full-time equivalent student; and after Feb. 12, the student attended most sessions with his tutor. He was not enrolled in special classes, and he neither attempted nor completed second semester course work. The student did not attend the school where the IEP had placed the student (Lincoln School).

When school administration sought clarification of the student's athletic eligibility for the start of the 2003-04 school year, it was told that the student was not eligible because the student did not take and pass a minimum

of 20 credit hours of course work for the most recent previous semester in which the student was enrolled (second semester 2002-03).

The school made a late request for the Executive Committee to consider these questions at its Aug. 13, 2003 meeting: (1) Was the student enrolled at Perry High School during the second semester of 2002-03, pursuant to *Handbook* Interpretation No. 3? and (2) If the student was enrolled during the second semester and did not take and pass at least four courses for that second semester, the student is now ineligible under Regulation I, Section 7. If so, will the Executive Committee grant the request to waive the regulation?

At its Aug. 13, 2003 meeting, the Executive Committee tabled consideration of these questions pending receipt of the student's transcript since first enrolling in 9th grade, the student's IEP, and clarification of the school district's policies and procedures for students making up deficiencies. These materials were received.

The Executive Committee determined on the basis of the student's transcript that the student is eligible by MHSAA minimum standards (passing 20 credit hours in the previous semester).

Fremont High School (Regulation I, Section 7) - Request to waive the previous semester record regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who passed 15 of 30 credit hours last spring. It was learned sometime during the past semester that the student has a learning disability and is hearing-impaired.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver, noting that the five-credit deficiency could have been or still could be made up by school accommodations permitted under MHSAA regulations.

Ann Arbor-Huron High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A late request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Ann Arbor-Greenhills where she participated on the only girls basketball team sponsored by the school and had very limited playing time.

Pursuant to the specific criteria for this

section (no prior participation), the request for waiver was denied.

Ashley High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who moved to Ashley with his natural father from the residence of his father and stepmother in Ortonville.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Benzonia-Benzie Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended 9th grade in Grand Blanc while living with her father. The student relocated to her mother's residence in Beulah and enrolled at Benzie Central High School. The student's mother and father were never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was provided along with a birth certificate which identified both birth parents.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Bloomfield Hills - Cranbrook Kingswood High School (Regulation 1, Section 9[B]) - Request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred from Bloomfield Hills-Marian High School. The student attended Cranbrook Schools from Kindergarten through 8th grade and wishes to return to Cranbrook as the family prefers Cranbrook's academic and social environment. The student competed in varsity girls swimming at Marian and wishes to compete in JV meets at Cranbrook.

Pursuant to the specific criteria for this section (no prior participation), the request for waiver was denied.

Burton-Genesee Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who left Linden High School for social, academic and religious reasons.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Concord High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - Request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level was made on behalf of a

10th-grade student who attended Alpena High School. The student is living with an aunt in Jackson. The student played in several freshman football games for Alpena last fall.

Noting that the student does not reside in the Concord School District and pursuant to the specific criteria for this section (no prior participation), the request for waiver was denied.

Constantine High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation and specifically exception No. 4 on behalf of two 12th-grade foreign exchange students whose host family resides in the White Pigeon School District. The host family lives closer to Constantine High School than to White Pigeon and family members pass through Constantine on their way to work.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Dearborn-Divine Child High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation No. 70 was made for an incoming 9th-grader who practiced three days (Aug. 11-13, 2003) with the U of D Jesuit High School football team. The student was accepted at U of D Jesuit but attended no classes. He attended Divine Child for 5th and 6th grades, was a Divine Child parish member and lives one mile from Divine Child. The school cited internal family disagreements.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Delton Kellogg High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who was home schooled for the second semester of 2002-03 after receiving failing grades due to excessive absences related to his mother's battle with cancer. While being home schooled, the student was taught by his sister who had graduated from the home school. The time in home school resulted in academic success and the student has returned to Delton Kellogg because his sister is no longer available to provide instruction and the home school has ceased to operate.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Dundee High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation and specifically exception No. 4 on behalf of a 12th-grade foreign exchange student whose host family resides in the Ida School District. The mother teaches in the Dundee School District and her children attend Dundee Community Schools.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Edwardsburg High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Edwardsburg as a freshman and practiced with the JV girls basketball team for one week this fall until she transferred to Elkhart (Indiana) Baptist High School where she attended classes for two days. She did not practice or play in any games, and has since reenrolled at Edwardsburg. The school stated that the student became physically ill with anxiety while attending Elkhart Baptist.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Flint-Powers Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation and Interpretation No. 70 to permit eligibility on behalf of a 9th-grade student who practiced one day with the Rochester-Adams girls basketball team. Formerly home schooled, the student's father is a pastor who was recently assigned to a church in Flint due to the sudden death of the former pastor.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Frankenmuth High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student in his third year of high school who attended Frankenmuth schools for grades 1-8. The student attended Birch Run High School for 9th grade. In August of 2002, the student moved with his mother to Freeland and repeated the 9th grade at Freeland High School. In December of 2002, the student moved to live with his father in Frankenmuth and continued attending Freeland where he did not participate in athletics. Transportation to Freeland has become very difficult for the father.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Fruitport-Calvary Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - Request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended North Muskegon High School and did not participate in any MHSAA tournament sports. Calvary Christian, in a first-year cooperative agreement with Muskegon Catholic Central, does not sponsor a junior varsity soccer team and requested that this student be allowed to compete in varsity competition.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day of classes of the second semester of the current school year.

Grand Rapids-Creston High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - Request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility after 90 school days of enrollment was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who enrolled at Creston High School on March 10, 2003, after transferring from Grand Rapids-Catholic Central.

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

Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who resides in the Forest Hills Central attendance area. The district has a policy which allows students who relocate from another school district to have the option of attending either Forest Hills Central or Forest Hills Northern. Other family members and friends attend Forest Hills Northern.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Grand Rapids-Catholic Central where the student was teased and criticized.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Grandville-Calvin Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on

behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended school in Virginia and lived with his grandparents for the past two years because his mother is deceased and his father is not part of the family arrangement. The student's grandmother now has cancer so the student is continuing to reside with an uncle with whom he lived during the summers of 2001, 2002 and 2003. Calvin Christian is the closest nonpublic school to the uncle's residence.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Harrison High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred from Skeels Northern Christian Academy when her mother lost her teaching job in the Harrison district as a result of the closing of the elementary school this year. If varsity eligibility is not granted, the school requested subvarsity eligibility as the student was not involved with any MHSAA tournament sport.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Holland-West Ottawa High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - Request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Hamilton High School. The student did not participate in athletics while attending Hamilton.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of classes in the second semester of the 2003-04 school year.

Holland-West Ottawa High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - Request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended school and lived in Mexico with his father and mother. The father has severe health problems and the student now lives with his sister in the West Ottawa School District. The student did not participate in organized athletics in 9th grade.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of classes in the second semester of the 2003-04 school year.

Holt-Central Lutheran High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A late request to

waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended St. Matthew Lutheran School through grade 8 and Holt High School for grades 9 and 10. The student played tennis and basketball at Holt. He wishes to play soccer this fall as he returns to the school system he formerly attended. Central Lutheran has only 27 students and limited numbers on its soccer team.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Hudsonville-Freedom Baptist High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred from Wyoming Park High School, preferring the environment and atmosphere at Freedom Baptist. A letter of support from Wyoming Park was received.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Imlay City High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who resides with his aunt in Imlay City. His birth mother is deceased. His father remarried but moved out of the home. The stepmother asked the student to move out.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Indian River-Inland Lakes High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a student who transferred from Wolverine High School after the 9th- and 10th-grade years. She changed schools for academic reasons and has participated in the Cross County Finals for three years.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Iron Mountain High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) - Request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only in the sport of girls swimming & diving was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Kingsford High School. Iron Mountain and Kingsford are in their second year of a cooperative agreement in girls swimming. A letter of support from Kingsford was received.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for swimming & diving only until the first day of classes of the sec-

ond semester of the 2003-04 school year.

Jonesville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of two 11th-grade twin sisters who transferred from Hillsdale-Will Carleton Academy which is adding an 11th grade. Will Carleton was a K-10 school last year. The students live in the Jonesville School District.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Jonesville High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - Request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility after 90 school days of enrollment was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who enrolled on March 3, 2003 after transferring from Pittsford. The student lived with an aunt in the Jonesville district. The student has returned to live with his mother in Pittsford and continues to attend Jonesville.

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

Lansing Eastern High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a student who was placed originally in a foster home in Webberville and after a conflict there, attended Lansing-Waverly while a brief resident of St. Vincent Home. He returned to the foster home in Webberville and attended Lansing Eastern. At its Feb. 19, 2003 meeting, the Executive Committee granted a request for waiver of the transfer regulation, allowing the student to attend Webberville High School based in part on the student's treatment team recommendation that he return to Webberville after a physical attack which took place at Lansing Eastern. The student has moved from his foster mother in Webberville to an apartment in the Everett attendance area with other Sudanese refugees, including his cousin, citing a need for independent living and permanency in the successful relocation of refugees from Sudan.

The Executive Committee tabled the request until the staff's Aug. 25 request for additional information is answered.

Lansing - Everett High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A late request was made to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level on behalf of a 10th-grade

student who attended Holt High School, did not play in any MHSAA tournament sports, and due to transportation problems is attending the school that serves his residence.

The Executive Committee granted the request at the subvarsity level only until the first day of classes of the second semester of the 2003-04 school year at Everett High School.

Lansing-Sexton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - At its Aug. 13, 2003 meeting, the Executive Committee denied a request for waiver on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose parents are divorced and live out of state. The student had been living in Indianapolis with his father and grandmother, but the student's father was unreliable and the grandmother's health has deteriorated. The student relocated to the residence of an aunt and uncle in Lansing. The school requested the Executive Committee reconsider its decision based on additional information which may point to a homeless situation for the student. The new information included clarification on the absence of the father and mother in the student's life for some time; the grandmother's financial status and health renders her unable to care for herself and another person; and the student's environment in the grandmother's home was not suitable.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Marine City High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended 9th and 10th grades in Texas while living with his father. The student relocated to his mother's residence in Marine City and enrolled at Marine City High School. The student's mother and father were never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was provided along with a birth certificate which identified both birth parents.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Midland H. H. Dow High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation No. 70 for an incoming 9th-grader who practiced one day (Aug. 12, 2003) with the Midland High School girls swim team while on the same

day, her mother was requesting a school of choice option at Dow. The school of choice request was granted and the student had her class schedule changed on Aug. 14, 2003. She had not attended another practice at either school since Aug. 12.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Mt. Pleasant-Sacred Heart Academy (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation No. 70 for an incoming 9th-grader who practiced five days (Aug. 11-15, 2003) with the Blanchard-Montabella High School football team.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

North Branch High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of two 10th-grade students (twin brother and sister) who transferred from Coleman High School where they lived with their mother to North Branch High School where they live with their father. The mother suffers from documented mental illness, under treatment since August 2002.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Orchard Lake-St. Mary Preparatory High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation No. 70 to permit eligibility on behalf of a 9th-grade student who attended Bloomfield Hills-Cranbrook for at least the 8th grade and practiced with Cranbrook High School from Aug. 11 to 21, thinking that he had been accepted by the school. He did not participate in a scrimmage nor attend any classes at Cranbrook. Cranbrook indicated it did not have space for the student and would not accept him; thus he enrolled at St. Mary on Aug. 25.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Redford-Thurston High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - At the Aug. 13, 2003 Executive Committee Meeting, the request to waive the transfer regulation was denied on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Garden City High School while residing with his mother who was recently divorced from the student's

stepfather. His mother lost her home and both she and the student's stepfather wanted the student to live with the grandmother in the Thurston School District. Additional information was submitted indicating the mother is in a shelter and the student's birth father is unknown.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Rock-Mid Peninsula High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A late request was made to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation No. 70 on behalf of a 9th-grade student who completed the 8th grade at Mid Peninsula, practiced with Eben Junction-Superior Central's girls basketball team, and then on the first day of school attended Mid Peninsula. The student did not play in any games or attend any classes at Superior Central.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Saginaw-Heritage High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - Request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy, which does not have a basketball program. The student did not participate in an MHSAA tournament sport.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level until the first day of classes in the second semester of the 2003-04 school year at Heritage High School.

Saginaw-Nouvel Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - Request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who attended one day of classes this fall at Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy where she did not participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level until the first day of classes in the second semester of the 2003-04 school year at Nouvel Catholic Central High School.

Sand Creek High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - Request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who resides in the Adrian

School District. He previously attended Lenawee Christian where he participated in soccer and track & field. He now wishes to play football. There was no change of residence.

Pursuant to the specific criteria for this section (no prior participation), the request for waiver was denied.

Sand Creek High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - Request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended high school in Scapoose, Oregon where he participated in freshman football.

Pursuant to the specific criteria for this section (no prior participation), the request for waiver was denied.

Sandusky High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation and specifically exception No. 2 on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Sandusky schools previously and lived with his grandparents until 1997 when he was placed in various institutions. He recently completed courses in the Lansing Alternative Adult Continuing Education Program while he was residing at Pine Lodge. The student was returned to his grandparents.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver, determining that, under the circumstances presented, the grandparents were the student's parents for the purposes of exception No. 2.

Troy-Athens High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who was asked to leave Catholic Central High School on June 4, 2003.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Waldron High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who had attended Waldron schools since elementary school. The student, whose parents are divorced, left the home of her mother on Aug. 17 and moved in with her father in the Camden-Frontier district, attended three days of school there, observed one practice session, and two days later reconciled with her mother. An

Educational Transfer Form for eligibility at Camden-Frontier was completed on the same day the student returned to her mother. She then reenrolled at Waldron on its first day of school, Monday, Aug. 25, 2003.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

West Bloomfield High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who attended Orchard Lake-St. Mary for three days of classes, practiced with the football team and participated in one scrimmage. The student attended West Bloomfield throughout his K-8 education.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Wyoming-Kelloggville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 9th-grader who attended two days of school at Grandville High School, practiced since Aug. 11, and played in one scrimmage and one game with the Grandville High School freshman football team. He then returned to his district of residence on Aug. 28, 2003 when his mother's job was suddenly changed.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver, effective Sept. 15, 2003.

Wyoming Park High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who was a ward of the court from March through November 2002 and chose to attend Wyoming-Rogers High School when the student was ordered by the court to not attend Wyoming Park to prohibit interacting with a specific student who attended there. The student is no longer a ward of the court and wishes to attend Wyoming Park.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Norton Shores-Mona Shores High School (Regulation I, Section 13[A]) - Request to waive the limited team membership regulation and specifically Interpretation No. 135 was made on behalf of 11th- and 12th-grade girls basketball players who competed in a 3-on-3 basketball competition on Aug. 16, 2003, one week after practice had begun. Another student from Rockford also

competed, and the three-game suspension has been applied by that school. The event was originally scheduled for Aug. 2, 2003 in Grand Haven, before practices began. When no other team was available in their age bracket, the girls were offered the opportunity to play on Aug. 16 in Ludington. The school appealed the minimum three days of competition suspension.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids Christian High School (Regulation II, Section 10[A] 2) - A late request was made to waive the limits of competition for basketball. This school cancelled its first girls basketball game with East Grand Rapids scheduled for Aug. 28, 2003, because East Grand Rapids had a conflict with a football game and Grand Rapids Christian had a conflict with funeral arrangements for the parent of one of its girls varsity basketball players. The game was rescheduled for Sept. 13. However, this causes Grand Rapids Christian to have six games scheduled over a two-week period.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Portland High School (Regulation II, Section 11[G]) - Request was made to waive applicable regulations so that Portland High School could continue to employ a coach who resigned Nov. 1 and since has coached more than three Portland students in that sport during the school year. The coach was hired the first week of June as the girls 8th-grade "B" coach. He was the only applicant. He coached the girls 7th-grade "A" team last school year and resigned on Nov. 1, 2002 and continued to coach in the boys program. The school maintained that because it is a "B" team, the coach will most likely not coach any girls from either the 7th-grade AAU team or the girls he coached last year.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver and requested the staff reemphasize the limitations on coaching out of season during the school year.

Ewen-Trout Creek Junior High School (Regulation III, Section 1) - Request was made to waive the enrollment regulation and specifically Interpretation No. 228 to permit 6th-grade girls to participate with and against 7th-graders on the basketball team. The school hopes to maintain a separate 8th-grade

team. The high school's enrollment is 143.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for the 2003-04 school year only.

Regulation I, Sections 4 & 9 - Interpretation No. 46 allows students to continue eligibility at their original school when they change from that traditional school to a non-traditional program of that school district or of a consortium in which that district participates, and the non-traditional program's enrollment is included on the Enrollment Declaration Form of the traditional school. The Executive Committee confirmed that it does not matter where the student's transcript is maintained or where the student will walk for graduation (traditional or non-traditional school).

Regulation I, Section 5 and Regulation II, Section 11 - The Executive Committee confirmed that a female student, who wanted to play girls tennis (fall season) for her new school but is ineligible under the transfer regulation for one full semester, may not practice with the girls team in the fall and then tryout and play for the school's boys team in the spring, pursuant to:

- a) **Regulation I, Section 5(B) -** A student shall be limited to participation in only one sport season when that sport, leading to an MHSAA championship, is sponsored twice during the school year.
- b) **Interpretation No. 32 -** If students represent their school on a boys team (competition and/or exhibition), they are not eligible to compete on a girls team during the current year in the same sport. Likewise, those who participate on the girls team may not compete on the boys team.
- c) **Interpretation No. 211 -** It is a violation of the three-player rule for a boy to practice with the girls basketball team of his

school if it also has a boys basketball team. It is a violation of the three-player rule for a student who was a member of a school's girls basketball team to practice with the boys basketball team during the same school year.

New Member School - Pursuant to the MHSAA Constitution adopted by member schools and according to procedures for MHSAA membership approved by the Representative Council on March 27, 1997, the Executive Committee approved an application for membership for Detroit-University Prep High School, a public school academy chartered by Wayne State University which expects a 9th grade only enrollment of 125 students. An additional grade will be added each year until the school has grades 9 through 12. The initial intent is to sponsor basketball and baseball for boys and basketball, volleyball and soccer for girls. Bowling is a likely addition to the sports program. The middle school, University Prep Academy, was an MHSAA member in 2002-03. The school will be permitted participation in MHSAA tournaments in 2004-05 if the school's 2004-05 Membership Resolution is received on time and the school is in good standing.

Personnel - The Executive Committee approved the executive director's 2003-04 Standards of Performance and the executive director's contract through July 31, 2006.

Next Meetings - The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Monday, Sept. 29, at 9:30 a.m. in Traverse City (preceded by the Annual Business Meeting and Update Meeting Breakfast); Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday Nov. 12, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; and Thursday, Dec. 4, at 9 a.m. in Mt. Pleasant (followed by the Representative Council Meeting Dec. 5). ■

The Most Efficient Method of Communication With the MHSAA on Eligibility Questions is Through the Athletic Director or Principal

Athletic Directors should gather all information necessary on a question and then call or write the MHSAA. Coaches or parents calling the MHSAA on eligibility matters can create confusion and delay. (Parents or coaches subsequently inform the AD, who then calls the MHSAA to verify and then "gets back" to the parent or coach.) A.D.'s or Principals are encouraged to contact the MHSAA Office directly.

Please follow this efficient path of communication

Remember, only written eligibility interpretations are official. Have new students complete the New Student Transfer Information Form to gather detailed eligibility information for internal school review.

Do not mail the New Student Transfer form to the MHSAA



John Johnson, Okemos

MHSAA Executive Director Jack Roberts addresses 65 first-year athletic directors at the New A.D. In-Service at the MHSAA Office Building in August. The MHSAA will sponsor a Coaches In-Service on Saturday, Oct. 25, at Frankenmuth HS. For details and registration, see page 127 of this Bulletin.

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THE PURPLE COW

(This Title is Borrowed from the Book "Purple Cow: Transform your Business by Being Remarkable" by Seth Godin)

This message is about two topics, unrelated to one another, but similar in this respect: they threaten the future of school sports. They threaten the place that sports has in schools and the niche that school sports has in society.

The first topic is local: decisions that have been made at the local level about sports funding and management. The second is national: pressures being applied at the national level to promote national high school championships.

In more than a dozen small ways for more than a dozen years, the leaders of school sports have been giving up leadership of local programs. We have been transferring responsibilities to non-school entities.

For example, when we drop 7th- and 8th-grade programs, when we turn to nonfaculty coaches for our school programs, when we resort to non-school funding for these programs, when we utilize non-school personnel to assign officials, and even when we sponsor cooperative programs between schools for sports teams, the lines between school and community get fuzzy. The fuzzier these lines get, the less the public will see need for sports as a part of schools; and the less sports are a part of schools, the less schools will have sports as a tool for reaching and motivating students in schools, as well as community interest and support for schools.

And now we have participation fees. Typically, one of the differences between school teams and community teams is that ours is free, theirs is not. So again, with participation fees, we blur the line of what makes us special and unique.

We have to be on guard, if it's not too late already, that little changes don't accumulate into a big shift from school to community control of our programs.

The second issue that fundamentally threatens the place of sports in schools and the niche that school sports has in society is the movement toward national high school championships.

Certainly there are some events for schools from multiple states. There are also some non-school events for school age athletes from many states. But there is nothing close to a national high school championship. Some in the National Federation of State High School Associations want to change that.

None of what is currently occurring seriously affects high schools or students in Michigan. None of what is currently occurring threatens the nature of educational athletics in Michigan. What *does* threaten our programs is National Federation sponsorship of national high school championships, making national championships official and approved, making national schedules and travel usual and expected.

There are a host of practical problems, beyond the philosophical objections, to national high school championships. Cost. Loss of classroom instructional time. Overlap of seasons. Different seasons. Different ending dates to coinciding seasons. Different eligibility rules. Different contest maximums. Increased specialization. Increased commercialization. Diminishing of state high school championships, and further diminishing of regular season local programs. And more.

In response to these two threats, as well as the LeBron James circus during 2002-03, the MHSAA has launched a program that some would call a branding campaign but is merely an effort to define ourselves so others do not. It's an effort to say old things in a new way. It's an effort to distinguish ourselves from sports on all other levels by all other sponsors.

The NCAA and professional leagues speak of branding. Those groups brand themselves; we define ourselves. They spend countless dollars on branding strategies; we spend countless hours making a distinction between them and us.

Our mission is different: not entertainment, but education. Our message is differ-

ent: team more than individual; character-building more than winning. They will market a game between the Lakers and the Rockets as Shaq versus Yao Ming, while we will focus on the team and on the values of teamwork and hard work, promoting loyalty and school spirit, teaching leadership and sportsmanship.

Schools will try to give equal attention to star and substitute, varsity and subvarsity, revenue-producing and non-revenue-producing sport, boys and girls programs. We market the multiple-sport opportunity at the local level, not specialization and national competition.

We are the "purple cow" in a pasture full of black and white cows that are otherwise indistinguishable, one from another. We are the remarkably different athletic program, the noticeable one. If we try to compete with the glitz and glamour of college and professional sports, we fail miserably. If we try to

be like every other community program that travels the nation or globe but gets barely a blurb in our newspapers, we will lose our place altogether.

With cheerleaders, pep bands, yellow buses and motorcades, pep assemblies and comprehensive coverage on radio and television – and none of this found in non-school sports – we have the upper hand by far. Unlike every other sport program that seems to have another level after the state title, there is nowhere to go after the high school championship. It's the top, the end . . . the qualifier to nothing else . . . the pinnacle of what a high school team can do. *Why* would we give up all of this for a national high school tournament?

We need to be the purple cow. We need to be the remarkable program, the one different from all the others. That is our charm, that is our place, and that is our future. ■

THE MESSAGE FOR 2003-04 AND BEYOND — "HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS: IT'S ABOUT TEAM!"

To better define the mission of high school sports as educational support programs which help develop tomorrow's community leaders, the Michigan High School Athletic Association released a new video and brochure in August with the theme, "High School Sports: It's About TEAM!"

The six-minute video, hosted by sportscaster Jim Brandstatter, promotes the proper perspective that should be brought to high schools sports, a perspective that educational athletic programs should provide meaningful playing opportunities for *all* participants – not just an elite few.

The video was mailed with colorful brochures to reinforce the message. In addition, the Association will utilize the It's About TEAM! slogan as its primary message for the 2003-04 school year.

Schools have been provided artwork and ready-to-print articles for their regular season and MHSAA postseason tournament souvenir programs. Public address announcement scripts and public service announcements for radio and television have also been developed. The It's About TEAM! logo on the home page of the MHSAA Web site – mhsaa.com – links to the variety of resources that are being produced to help deliver the message.

"It's important that we do everything we can to provide schools tools to help promote this message," Roberts added. "We want this message to not just be preached to the choir - our school people, but to the public as well. We plan as a staff, and are asking our members to be proactive in presenting this message in community forums of all types - not just at their school buildings. We must preserve high school sports as educational, as local, as a vital part of schools and communities, and as something which primarily exists to prepare young people for the next level of life - not necessarily the next level of sports."

The MHSAA encourages frequent use of any or all of these resources at school assemblies, board meetings, and booster club events, and for inclusion in game programs and local media coverage. ■

IT'S ABOUT TEAM!

MY PREP CAREER: A GIRL, A GOAL AND A POOL

(Editor's Note: Beginning with this issue, each MHSAA Bulletin for 2003-04 will include articles illustrating defining moments and/or the value and purpose of high school sports.)

Please submit articles or contributions to: Rob Kaminski, MHSAA-Bulletins, 1661 Ramblewood Dr., East Lansing, MI 48823, or e-mail to programs@mhsaa.com

When I was growing up, the end of summer meant my skin would soon be tinted green and would reek of chemicals.

I wasn't allergic to school – I was a swimmer.

Swimming on my high school team was the only reason I looked forward to fall. I was a summer girl, in love with lazy days at the water and the musky smell of barbecue before dinner. I knew what lay ahead come October – cold days, algebra tests, gray skies.

No, I was a July girl who found solace in the fact that even if the warm days were fading, the swim season was just beginning.

My prep career was neither glorious nor out of the ordinary. I was an average swimmer, good compared to many, slow compared to anyone elite. My events were the 200- and 500-yard freestyle, distance events that made me feel like I had more endurance than that Energizer Bunny.

Most of my 10-year career as a swimmer, I wasn't a champion. I never went to a state meet, or even came close to qualifying for one.

But before my senior year began, I had a goal. I wanted to break six minutes in the 500 free. I was somewhat obsessed with this achievement. In government class, instead of listening to the lecture, I wrote down what my split times would be for each 50 yards if I was to break the time.

On days I felt sick and stayed home from school, I'd still go to swim practice at 3:15 p.m., hoping my coach wouldn't know I'd

been absent.

Why did I care so much? What was the point?

I'm still not sure, but I can tell you this: six years later, the memory of what it felt like when it happened is still fresh.

I dropped a lot of time my senior year, but by my the final home meet – Senior Night – I still hadn't broken six minutes. I'd been close; I swam a 6:02 more than once and dipped to 6:01 once or twice. The closer I got, the more ridiculous it seemed that I couldn't break the time. When you're swimming 20 lengths of the pool, what's one more second?

On Senior Night, my coach introduced each swimmer to the small crowd in the natatorium. When she came to me, she told the crowd about my goal. People clapped a bit, then she introduced the next girl.

But when I got to the starting block to swim, it felt like people sat up and began to pay more attention. For once, they weren't just watching a race. They knew what I was after.

I asked the girl next to me what her best time was. She said 5:51. I knew then that she'd beat me, but I didn't care. I decided that for as long as I could, I'd just try to keep up with her pace.

It worked. For half the race, we swam side by side. And when she finally pulled away, she didn't get too far. I thought to myself, "Is she having a slow day or am I really doing this?"

By the last 100 yards, I knew I had a chance. Even with my ears mostly underwater, I could hear the fans going nuts and yelling my name.

I remember my last 15 yards best. The crowd was so loud that every turn of my head was like an explosion of applause and shouting. My arms and legs were numb but they were still pumping, fueled by an adrenaline rush. I was out of breath, but not out of will power.



Finally, I touched the wall. The crowd gave me one final cheer that sounded as if they were collectively saying, "She did it!"

I gasped for air, then pushed off the wall to lean back, strip off my goggles and look at the scoreboard.

There it was. My time – 5:57.16.

I sank into the water and pumped my fist in the air, the one true moment in life that I had reason to do that. This was my grand slam, my slam dunk, my hat trick.

The girl next to me smiled at me and shook my hand. She beat me by nearly 10 seconds, a personal best for her, too. She placed third.

Me? I placed fourth out of six swimmers. I couldn't have cared less. I swam my cool down lap with a grin so big it hurt my cheeks.

That was my moment of glory, and it

stays with me now, reminding me in moments of gloom about the payoff I'd get from working hard, about the ability we all have to accomplish things that seem impossible.

Every athlete's career is different, but every one, I believe, is marked with a similar story, with a defining moment, a goal reached that means the world to that person and perhaps very little to the rest of us.

I think we can all use a reminder now and then about how much is possible if only we try. ■

— Krista Latham

Latham is a sportswriter for the Detroit Free Press; This story was reprinted with permission from the Free Press

MICHIGANDERS CHOSEN TO SERVE ON NATIONAL COMMITTEES

Randy Allen, Assistant Director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, has been appointed to two rules committees of the National Federation of State High School Associations and will serve through the 2006-07 school year on the National Federation Ice Hockey and Softball Rules Committees.

Other Michigan personnel serving on National Federation committees during 2003-04 are **Kathy McGee**, Girls Basketball Coach at Flint Powers Catholic High School, on the Basketball Rules Committee; **Madeline Siehling**, Grand Rapids area gymnastics judge, on the Girls Gymnastics Rules Committee; **Andy Weidenbach**, Ice Hockey Coach at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood High School, on the Ice Hockey Rules Committee; **Kathy Hutfilz**, St. Louis area track official, on the Track & Field Rules Committee; and **Nate Hampton**, MHSAA Assistant Director, on the Football Rules Committee.

And We Quote —

"It is amazing what can be accomplished when nobody cares about who gets the credit."

— Robert Yates

TITLE IX'S SPIRIT IS ALIVE

Throughout the first and evolving documents to implement Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments, it is clear that the spirit and intent of Title IX is this: assess and accommodate the interests of males and females equally in education.

Almost immediately the focus moved from curriculum to extracurricular programs and, overwhelmingly, to just one such program: competitive athletics.

And as the years went by, the emphasis shifted from assessment and accommodation to mandating equal numbers of participants and creating programs to make that happen.

The result of balancing participation numbers and dollars in intercollegiate athletics was the elimination of many so-called "Olympic" sports, especially such programs for men, even when they volunteered to pay for the programs themselves. First the "walk-ons" were barred, and then many of the programs were dropped altogether.

The result in high school sports has not been so much the elimination of programs but the reluctance of schools to add new programs that boys clearly wanted and would well support.

Such enforcement failed the spirit and intent of Title IX.

It also fails common sense. Three to five women's professional sports leagues in the United States – including volleyball and softball – have folded since being founded in the 1990s, and the professional soccer and basketball leagues have nearly done so. They wallow in general spectator apathy and red ink.

Yet the Title IX enforcers told colleges and schools to ignore consumer interest and free market principles, requiring that as much money be spent on female athletics as on male programs.

Colleges and schools burdened by reductions in government funding to education generally found they were cut no slack from the government in funding women's and girls athletics to artificial and unsupported levels.

But recently there has been a gentle breeze of refreshing change.

In July, the U.S. Office for Civil Rights issued a letter which results from the work of the Commission on Opportunity in Athletics established by the U.S. Department of Education in response to criticism of Title IX enforcement, especially from the National Intercollegiate Wrestling Coaches Association. The Commission met during the last half of 2002 and issued its findings early in 2003.

The letter states in part: **"If a school does not satisfy the 'substantial proportionality' prong, it would still satisfy the three-prong test if it maintains a history and continuing practice of program expansion for the underrepresented sex, or if 'the interests and abilities of the members of [the underrepresented] sex have been fully and effectively accommodated by the present program.' Each of the three prongs is thus a valid, alternative way for schools to comply with Title IX.**

"The transmittal letter accompanying the 1996 Clarification issued by the Department described only one of these three separate prongs - substantial proportionality – as a 'safe harbor' for Title IX compliance. This led many schools to believe, erroneously, that they must take measures to ensure strict proportionality between the sexes. In fact, each of the three prongs of the test is an equally sufficient means of complying with Title IX, and no one prong is favored."

The point is this. What we have been saying for years, and what we said in our written statement to the Commission last fall, is that the original spirit and intent of Title IX is to listen to the students and to accommodate their interests and abilities.

The third prong of the three-prong test is the most valid, the most in tune with the spirit of Title IX. The proportionality prong is no longer the safe harbor, no longer more valid or more usable than the other two prongs.

What this means in practical application is this. If you have interest by boys in lacrosse but there is no interest sufficient to start any new girls sports, you can start the

boys lacrosse program without waiting. The likely result is that starting boys lacrosse will ignite interest in girls lacrosse. A win-win result: accommodate boys – encourage girls.

The Commission on Opportunity in Athletics was given eight questions to answer. In its written statement last fall, the MHSAA addressed questions 3 and 4.

Question 3 was this: "Is further guidance or other steps needed at the junior and senior high school levels, where the availability or absence of opportunities will critically affect the prospective interests and abilities of student-athletes when they reach college age?"

We told the Commission it was being asked the wrong question. The issue is not what high schools should do to accommodate colleges, but what colleges should do to accommodate the demonstrated interests of high school students.

The Commission's report gets it right. While it was asked the wrong question, it gave the right answer: **"One important theme that has emerged has been the identification of a disconnect between high school and college athletic programs in terms of the respective opportunities they make available. While high school athletic participation for boys and girls has been steadily increasing, the nature of college athletics makes it possible for only a relatively small number of high school athletes to be able to participate in varsity sports at the college level. Thus, cuts in specific programs for men and women at the college level may severely limit the opportunities for boys and girls who participate in those sports in high school. The Commission heard testimony indicating that colleges are not always sensitive to national and regional trends in student interest at the high school level.**

"The Commission heard arguments that Title IX enforcement may contribute to this situation by encouraging schools to add certain teams or drop others solely to increase the relative participation percentages for students of one sex. While this may help to create the impression of opportunity, it does not necessarily best serve the interests of the high school students who will eventually be served by the college system.

"In response to this disconnect, it has

been suggested that if colleges are careful to factor in demonstrated athletic interest at the high school level, there may be a greater likelihood that a larger number of student athletes will be able to participate in college athletics." Amen!

Question 4 given to the Commission was this: "How should activities such as cheerleading or bowling factor into the analysis of equitable opportunities?"

We suggested to the Commission that the very presence of this question reflected some biases and we told the Commissioners to put their personal preferences and old fashioned notions aside. We told them to believe what girls said they wanted (that's the spirit of Title IX).

We were heard. The MHSAA was even cited in the Commission's final report, the only high school association in the country to be mentioned: **"In contrast, the Office for Civil Rights does not have a definition of sports used in assessing the participation opportunities available at individual institutions. Instead, it offers technical assistance to educational institutions to help them identify whether or not activities they sponsor are athletic opportunities for purposes of Title IX compliance. This approach allows for flexibility for schools in determining which sports they will offer for their students.**

"The five factors identified by the Office for Civil Rights for determining whether a particular activity is a 'sport' are: 1) whether the selection of teams/participants is based on factors related primarily to athletic ability, 2) whether the activity is limited to a define season, 3) whether the teams/participants prepare for and engage in competition in the same or similar way as other teams/participants in the interscholastic or intercollegiate athletics program (e.g., with respect to coaching, recruitment, budget, tryouts and eligibility, and length and number of practice sessions and competitive opportunities), 4) whether the activity is administered by the athletic department, and 5) whether the primary purpose of the activity is athletic competition and not the support or promotion of other athletes. These criteria allow institutions wide latitude in counting participation in emerging sports

as athletic opportunities for purposes of Title IX compliance.

"In addition, some of the national organizations reporting to the Commission have indicated an expansion in the types of activities they recognize as sports opportunities for students. The NCAA, for instance, recognizes nine sports as emerging sports for women, including bowling and squash. Similarly, the NAIA recognizes women's wrestling as an emerging sport. The NFHS lists 13 emerging sports and state athletic associations may include even more. For instance, the Michigan High School Athletic Association recognizes competitive cheer as a sport and recently added a state championship in bowling.

"Thus, emerging sports, including cheerleading and bowling as well as many

others, may help schools meet their commitment to offer athletic participation opportunities to their students that meet the requirements of Title IX if they meet the guidelines of the Office for Civil Rights." Hurray!

Any school in Michigan that is not actively assessing the interests of female athletes and accommodating those interests is failing to meet its responsibilities even if Title IX never existed. But schools which meet the demonstrated interests and still do not have as much female participation or spend the same number of dollars on girls sports as boys, are doing right by their constituents and the intent of Federal law. OCR's recent affirmation of common sense and Title IX's original intent is good news for the boys and girls of Michigan. ■

Finals Program Information Kits Available Only on CD-ROM or Online

The MHSAA would like to emphasize that schools reaching the regional levels of tournaments will no longer be provided hard copy of the program information kits for the souvenir programs at MHSAA Finals in select sports. The kits are available on the CD-ROM schools received in September, and on the specific sport pages of the MHSAA Web site – mhsaa.com

Each school which advances past the Regional round of the MHSAA tournaments listed below is required to submit the finals program information kit and a team photograph in a timely manner so that your school may be properly recognized in the souvenir program for that sport in the event it reaches the final round. Those sports and the deadline for submitting that information by e-mail are as follows:

FALL

Boys Soccer--Monday, Nov. 3
Football--Tuesday, Nov. 18
Girls Basketball--Friday, Nov. 28

SPRING

Baseball/Softball--Monday, June 14
Girls Soccer--Monday, June 14

WINTER

Team Wrestling--Friday, Feb. 27
Competitive Cheer--Monday, March 1
Ice Hockey--Monday, March 8
Volleyball--Monday, March 15
Boys Basketball--Monday, March 22

Open the file on the CD-ROM or Web site for the appropriate sport, save it to your hard drive under a different name, fill out the form on your computer, and then attach it to an e-mail to send to our office, along with a team photograph. Photographs should be scanned and e-mailed with the document, or may be sent to the MHSAA via overnight mail service. Complete instructions are included on the disk. **Contact Rob Kaminski at the MHSAA with questions: 517-332-5046**

AEDs AT HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC EVENTS

This past winter, at a high school volleyball tournament in Northport, Michigan the mother of one of the girls competing collapsed amongst the crowd of spectators. A paramedic in attendance immediately recognized this as a cardiac arrest, and according to Principal Patrick Lamb, sprinted outside and up the hill to the nearby health center, and returned with an automatic defibrillator and shocked the woman's heart back to life. In the opinion of health professionals involved this mother would have died if an Automatic External Defibrillator hadn't been close to the school.

This was not only a life-threatening emergency; it was a wake-up that fortunately demonstrated dramatically how an AED can save a life. Based on this experience, the community has now purchased AEDs for the schools; in fact Lamb stated that following this incident, three organizations stepped forward with offers to buy an AED for the school. American Heart suggests that if donations are made for the specific purpose of establishing an AED program in a school or schools in a community, priority should be given to those schools that are farthest from EMS response, those with the largest student population and schools that are used as community meeting sites or that sponsor large student or adult gatherings. High schools should generally be given higher priority than elementary schools.

Automatic External Defibrillators are relatively inexpensive, (around \$ 2,000-3,000), easy to use (there are courses designed to be easily taught to lay people) and they have saved several lives in Michigan. (These rescuers and the lives saved are recognized every spring by the American Heart Association at *Save a Life Day* luncheon ceremonies held in Lansing and Detroit.

The confusion, however, lies in whether they are appropriate in schools. Zealous athletic boosters may like to have the purchase of an AED as a goal for fundraising. However, if the argument is made that it could save the life of an athlete, statistically,

that is highly unlikely. In an American Association Advisory on AEDs in schools, it was stated: *There is limited epidemiologic data about the risk of sudden cardiac arrest in anyone younger than 35 years of age. But we know that in children and adolescent's death from cardiovascular disease is much less common than in older adults. In 1999 a nationwide total of 923 deaths due to all diseases of the heart was reported in children and adolescents 1 to 19 years of age (299 deaths in children 1 to 9 years of age and 624 deaths in children 10 to 19 years of age). This number includes sudden cardiac arrest but also includes in-hospital deaths and a wide variety of cardiovascular deaths that were not sudden.*

In regard to high school athletes, the same advisory goes on to say: *Sudden cardiac arrest in young athletes is reported approximately 12 to 20 times nationwide per year. Most arrests occur in high schools, and few of these deaths occur in elementary schools. The median age of athletes who die suddenly is 17 years; only 3 percent of athletes who experienced sudden cardiac arrest were suspected to have underlying cardiovascular disease before the arrest. Most deaths occur among basketball and football players during or immediately after a training session or formal athletic contest, between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m.*

Those in athletics have heard of instances where an athlete's heart has been struck with great force by a blow to the chest, (commotion cordis) to cause the heart to stop beating. However, this is extremely rare, only 5 cases per year in the US, which occurred to athletes 10-18 years old (nearly two thirds of those died were playing baseball or softball).

A school administrator, coach or athletic director has to decide if the cost of the AED and training is worth the cost based on the rare instances that it will save a high school athlete's life. (It should be noted that most AEDs are designed for adults but can be used on children who are eight years or older - special pediatric AEDs are recommended for

younger children). Some may decide it is, others may decide that resources can be better spent, elsewhere. But it is important to focus on the benefits to others who use the school facilities.

The Northport experience shows us that the life that is saved is NOT likely to be between the lines in high school athletic competition; it is much more likely to be in the stands. It is not unusual at all to hear about a spectator dying or having a cardiac event while watching a game or meet. An important factor that should not be overlooked is the fact that during athletic event, that there is likely to be a large number of adult and older adult fans, many of whom will become emotionally involved in the outcome of the event. Many of these fans will be at high risk for heart disease and sudden cardiac arrest and death. Northport has a new Community Arts Center/Auditorium adjoining the high school which has regular programs attended by senior citizens.

American Heart Association suggests that you can view the risk of sudden cardiac arrest in schools as a school issue or a community issue. The low risk of sudden cardiac arrest in the young (estimated to be 0.5 to 1 death due to sudden cardiac arrest per 100,000 young persons under 35 years of age per year) will translate into an extremely low risk of sudden cardiac arrest in any single school. No school is likely to have sufficient attendance to have a risk of a single sudden cardiac arrest even in a 10- to 20-year period. But if 150,000 children and adolescents attend schools in a metropolitan school system for 10 hours per day, 5 days per week, 40 weeks per year, one sudden cardiac arrest would likely occur within that school system every three to six years. To have the opportunity to resuscitate that single victim of sudden cardiac arrest, every single school in the system would need to establish a PAD/AED program with well-trained rescuers and a practiced, rapid response to an emergency.

The American Heart Association's Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) program strives to encourage communities and organizations to place in AEDs where large numbers of the public gather, such as airports, shopping malls, large athletic venues such as high school athletic events. AEDs are also being placed in police and fire vehicles that

may be the first respond to a cardiac arrest, before an ambulance arrives..

Some legal and even health professionals, (who are ignorant of the physiologic changes that occur immediately follow the stoppage of the heart), may say that "if we have an emergency we will call 9-1-1." That is the same as saying they won't buy fire extinguishers because they can always call the fire department. Just as early use of a fire extinguisher will either put out the fire or keep it from spreading – an AED shocks the heart back to life before the metabolic by-products of unoxygenated, uncirculated blood build up, (including a condition called "acidosis"), so that the heart and brain cells can no longer regain function, and death can occur in as little as 10-12 minutes.

Others will say that CPR saves lives - but even though it is important that people are trained in CPR, the likelihood of survival decreases about 10 percent *EVERY MINUTE* that goes by without defibrillation. For example, a good response time in many communities is the arrival of an ambulance with trained paramedics with a defibrillator within eight minutes – that means there is only a 20 percent chance (one chance in five) that they will save that person's life!

Some lawyers mistakenly advise school boards and administrators that having an AED exposes them to liability, however Michigan has a Good Samaritan Law in place that protects organizations and those who use an AED (and even the physician who writes the authorization necessary for the purchase of an AED) from successfully being sued.

It is easily assumed that if an AED is purchased and in place, that an emergency will be handled expeditiously. The AED is not a "magic box;" there must be training done to insure that rescuers know CPR, are trained to still call 9-1-1 and have been taught to use the AED in a variety of situations and that re-training is done regularly.

Training in CPR and the use of AEDs is offered by American Heart Association, the National Safety Council and the American Red Cross for those who are not health professionals. Learning how to use an AED is simple; (a study reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association found that even 6th-graders trained in the use of AEDs could effectively use a device within 30 sec-

onds of the time taken by trained paramedics). One manufacturer, Zoll Medical Corporation, has put extensive research and development in designing an AED that is user friendly and easy to understand for the average person who has no medical background.

Training staff in CPR and the use of automatic external defibrillators and having these proven devices readily available is an important community service that can prevent a needless tragedy and community groups are looking for the type of project that can make this kind of difference.

Whenever a young athlete loses their life, there is usually a grass-root movement in the community to raise funds so that a similar tragedy doesn't occur to another child. One example is the *Project A.D.A.M.* a successful PAD program. A joint effort of David Ellis

and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, the program honors the memory of Adam Lemel, a 17-year-old Wisconsin high school student who collapsed and died during a basketball game. Project A.D.A.M. has expanded from its original goal of establishing a PAD program in one high school in Wisconsin to a national program with the goal of establishing PAD programs in high schools throughout the country.

Visit the American Heart Association Web site at americanheart.org/cpr for further information. ■

— John D. McPhail

John Mc Phail, MA, CRC, has extensive experience in cardiac rehabilitation and has been an American Heart Association Instructor-Trainer for over 25 years

ASTHMA AND EXERCISE CAN GO TOGETHER

Asthma is a chronic disease of the airways in the lungs. People who have asthma have sensitive, or twitchy airways that react to certain triggers. This makes the airways swell up, produce extra mucus and tighten, which causes symptoms like coughing and wheezing. Common triggers for asthma include dust, pet dander, weather conditions, tobacco smoke and exercise. About a half million people in Michigan have asthma, including more than 130,000 children – and it's on the rise.

Some people have asthma that is triggered only by exercise (exercise-induced asthma, or EIA). Just as with other asthma triggers, a person who is triggered into an asthma attack by exercise has airways that narrow and tighten after he or she begins exercising, and symptoms of EIA can be much worse with seasonal allergies. The symptoms usually start within five to ten minutes after exercise, and may last as long as 30 minutes. Fast, hard breathing, wheezing and a tight chest are signs of an asthma attack. People with EIA may also have extra mucus in their lungs that makes them cough during an attack. An asthma attack can be very serious and scary, and in rare cases, deadly. If people with EIA don't get treatment, they will often limit themselves from taking part in physical activities.

No matter what triggers asthma, symptoms can almost always be prevented. Some people avoid the symptoms by keeping their asthma under control with their regular asthma medicines. Others take certain inhaled asthma medicines before they exercise. Many famous athletes, like Amy VanDyken (Olympic gold medalist in swimming) and Jerome Bettis (Pittsburgh Steelers) have asthma and are at the top of their game. People with asthma can work with their doctor to make an Asthma Action/Management Plan that includes ways to control triggers and treat symptoms, so they can stay active.

The Asthma Initiative of Michigan (AIM), has launched a Web site: GetAsthmaHelp.org to help people affected by asthma get the information they need. For people without Internet access, there is an asthma information line: 1-866-EZ LUNGS (395-8647).

— American Lung Association of Michigan

MHSAA COACHES IN-SERVICE

The MHSAA has announced the speaker panel for the third annual Coach In-Service program scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 25, at Bronner Auditorium in Frankenmuth High School. The four hour program will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will feature five outstanding speakers on a variety of subjects designed to assist new and recently appointed coaches at both the high school and middle school level.

Jack Roberts, Executive Director of the MHSAA will open the program with a review of regulations while providing meaningful insight on the role of high school sports. Marshall Thomas, successful basketball coach and athletic director at Saginaw High School will share his reflections on coaching and teaching while defining the role of the coach in interscholastic sports. Marty Ewing of Michigan State University's Youth Sports Institute and a noted sports psychologist will discuss effective communication with parents and athletes.

Ray Allen of Central Michigan University, a former high school and college coach, will discuss effective planning and teaching. Attorney Al Bush Jr. will conclude the program with a presentation on managing the risk of coaching interscholastic athletics.

Registration is \$20 per coach and payable in advance by returning the registration form with payment. Registration forms are also available online at mhsaa.com. Participants can register on-site the day of the program as well.

REGISTRATION FORM COACHES ORIENTATION PROGRAM

Name _____

School _____ School ID _____

City _____ Phone _____

Home Address _____

City _____ Phone _____

Please indicate which sport(s) you coach _____

Please Include a Payment of \$20, payable to the MHSAA

Please Return to:

MHSAA
Leanne Moore
1661 Ramblewood Dr.
East Lansing, MI 48823

MHSAA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR BILL BUPP TO RETIRE IN OCTOBER

Bill Bupp, Assistant Director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association since October of 1986, will retire on October 3. Subsequent to his retirement announcement, Bupp accepted a position with the Lansing Public Schools.

During portions of his 17 years at the MHSAA, Bupp has administered Association programs in baseball, softball, cross country, track and field; and he is most noted for his work in wrestling throughout his career. The MHSAA Team Dual Tournament and the Michigan Weight Monitoring Program are two of the major developments under his leadership. Both have been instrumental in transforming high school wrestling from a declining to a growing sport in Michigan.

Beginning in 1990, Bupp was given responsibility for the Association's services to officials and helped transform the MHSAA into one of the nation's most proactive state high school associations in that regard. His efforts to improve MHSAA services to local officials associations, trainers and assignors have been particularly noteworthy.

Bupp has also played a significant role in MHSAA in-service programs for athletic directors and coaches, and he developed two Association newsletters – *MENTOR* for coaches and *STRIPES* for officials – which are produced three times annually.

"Bill has been an agent of change and a workhorse in his service to educational athletics," said MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts. "There have been many tangible improvements in MHSAA services to schools and officials because of Bill's innovations and detailed implementation.

"Bill is well respected for his decade of service as a member of a local school board for which he was president. He is highly respected by the staff of the National Federation of State High School Associations and National Association of Sports Officials for his work in preparing educational materials and other support vehicles for officials."

Bupp attended Niles Public Schools and graduated from Central Michigan University in 1965 with a degree in Education. He earned a Master's Degree in Journalism from CMU in 1972.

He coached wrestling and taught English at North Farmington and Big Rapids High Schools before moving to Alma High School in 1968. At Alma, Bupp taught English and Journalism and coached football and wrestling for five years before being named Athletic Director in 1973. He was named Assistant Principal in 1980, and served in that position prior to joining the MHSAA in 1986. ■



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SCHOOL PERSONNEL CHANGES**

SPRING TOURNAMENT RECIPIENTS OF SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The recipients of the top Michigan High School Athletic Association's Good Sports Are Winners! Awards for the 2003 spring sports season have been named, with each school to receive commemorative banners and crystal trophies from MEEMIC Insurance, the Association's corporate partner in sportsmanship efforts.

Birmingham Brother Rice in baseball, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central in girls soccer, and Chelsea in softball were selected by the tournament management at their respective Finals for displaying the most exemplary sportsmanship by their coaches, student-athletes and spectators.

Birmingham Brother Rice was the Division 1 runner-up in baseball, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central was a finalists in Division 2 girls soccer, and Chelsea was the champion in the Division 2 softball tournament. This is the first Finals level award for all of the schools involved in any sport. Forest Hills Central was also recognized for its outstanding sportsmanship at the Regional level of the Girls Soccer Tournament.

The Good Sports Are Winners! Award made its return in 2002-03 with the corporate underwriting of MEEMIC Insurance. The program had previously been offered from 1989 to 1996, and again during 2000-01.

At the District and Regional level of MHSAA tournaments, all schools which meet a set of sportsmanlike standards are recognized. There are standards in the program which automatically disqualify a school from consideration from the award. Any team which is disqualified for the Good Sports Are Winners! Award at the District or Regional level of a tournament becomes ineligible for the award at higher levels of that same tournament.

In all, 137 teams in baseball, girls soccer and softball are being recognized for their outstanding sportsmanship at Spring tournaments. Those teams will be recognized through the publication of their names in the MHSAA *Bulletin*, the MHSAA Finals program series, and on the MHSAA Web site. During the course of the school year, over 1,000 teams will be recognized in 11 activities for their sportsmanship efforts during MHSAA tournaments.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by over 1,300 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition. No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools. Member schools which enforce these rules are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments, which attract approximately 1.6 million spectators each year.

MEEMIC Insurance Company, with headquarters in Auburn Hills, writes full coverage private passenger automobile protection and homeowners insurance for educational employees and their immediate families in the state of Michigan. MEEMIC was founded by teachers for teachers in 1950. Most representatives of the company are or were teachers themselves. MEEMIC's history of competitive pricing and a commitment to superior service has cultivated a tradition of teachers serving teachers and their families, our "MEEMIC Club."

The following page lists the Good Sports Are Winners! Award recipients as submitted by tournament managers for the 2003 Spring sports season.

(NOTE: There can be more than one winner at each site, and not all site managers responded.)

GOOD SPORTS ARE
WINNERS!
SPRING 2003 AWARDS

BASEBALL

District Awards

Division 1

No Managers Reported

Division 2

Clinton Township Clintondale

Carleton Airport

DeWitt

Fowlerville

Milan

Mt. Clemens

Ypsilanti Willow Run

Division 3

Beaverton

Benzie Central

Blissfield

Breckenridge

Britton-Deerfield

Clare

Coleman

Dundee

Erie Mason

Farwell

Freeland

Grand Rapids Baptist

Hemlock

Ithaca

Kingsley

Maple City Glen Lake

Mason County Central

Montrose

Sanford Meridian

St. Charles

Suttons Bay

Traverse City St. Francis

Division 4

Mason County Eastern

Regional Awards

Division 1

No Managers Reported

Division 2

Clio

Comstock Park

Dearborn Divine Child

DeWitt

Howard City Tri-County

Monroe Jefferson

Shepherd

Tecumseh

Whitehall

Division 3

Blissfield

Boyne City

Morley-Stanwood

Rudyard

Whittemore-Prescott

Division 4

Bay City All Saints

Hale

Hillman

Kinde North Huron

Mason County Eastern

Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart

Pellston

Saginaw Mich. Luth. Seminary

Quarterfinal Awards

Division 1

No Managers Reported

Division 2

Comstock Park

Pinconning

Division 3

Blissfield

Reading

Division 4

No Managers Reported

GIRLS SOCCER

District Awards

Division 1

Battle Creek Central

Grandville

Holland

Holland West Ottawa

Kalamazoo Central

Portage Central

Zeeland

Division 2

Harper Woods Regina

Division 3

Battle Creek Pennfield

Benzie Central

Caro

Delton Kellogg

Frankenmuth

Ludington

Manistee

Millington

Otsego

Parchment

Perry

Plainwell

Portland

Reed City

Saginaw Swan Valley

Division 4

No Managers Reported

Regional Awards

Division 1

No Managers Reported

Division 2

G.R. Forest Hills Central

Lapeer West

Muskegon Mona Shores

Petoskey

Division 3

No Managers Reported

Division 4

No Managers Reported

SOFTBALL

District Awards

Division 1

No Managers Reported

Division 2

Carleton Airport

DeWitt

Milan

New Boston Huron

St. Clair Shores Lakeview

St. Clair Shores South Lake

Williamston

Willow Run

Division 3

Beaverton

Benzie Central

Blissfield

Breckenridge

Britton-Deerfield

Clare

Coleman

Dundee

Erie Mason

Farwell

Grand Rapids Baptist

Ida

Ithaca

Kingsley

Maple City Glen Lake

Mason County Central

Meridian

Saginaw Swan Valley

St. Charles

St. Louis

Suttons Bay

Traverse City St. Francis

Division 4

Baldwin

Mason County Eastern

Regional Awards

Division 1

No Managers Reported

Division 2

Coopersville

Corunna

Dearborn Divine Child

DeWitt

Howard City Tri-County

Milan

Shepherd

Whitehall

Division 3

Coleman

Elk Rapids

Indian River Inland Lakes

Maple City Glen Lake

Riverview Gabriel Richard

Division 4

Arenac Eastern

Bay City All Saints

Beal City

Kinde North Huron

Mason County Eastern

Posen

St. Joseph Lake Mich. Cath.

Quarterfinal Awards

Division 1

No Managers Reported

Division 2

No Managers Reported

Division 3

Clinton

Riverview Gabriel Richard

Division 4

No Managers Reported

New Bat Standard Adopted for MHSAA Softball In 2004

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), through its Softball Rules Committee and Board of Directors, has adopted the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) 2004 Bat Performance Standard, effective January 1, 2004.

The ASA announced its revised bat performance standard for 2004 on June 30 after more than two years of on-field and scientific test lab research. NFHS rules previously required bats to meet the ASA bat performance standard and be stamped with the approved certification mark. The NFHS rule change only requires bats to meet the new 2004 standard and be on the approved ASA list; the previously required "ASA 2000" certification mark will no longer be required.

With few exceptions, the majority of bats in school inventories from past years will meet the new ASA standard. Only the "hot" bats that exceed the standard and that are on the ASA "Banned Bat" list are expected to be a problem. Schools and coaches should visit the ASA Web site and inform parents of the new standard and approved bat list well in advance of the 2004 season. The new standards will be covered thoroughly at the 2004 MHSAA Softball Rules Interpretation meetings.

NFHS 2004 Softball BAT RULE

2004 NFHS Softball Rules Book, Rule 1-5-4 states: "**Effective January 1, 2004, the bat shall meet the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) 2004 Bat Performance Standard.**"

To be legal for use in MHSAA member school softball in 2004, bats must either have the ASA 2004 Certification mark, or be on the ASA "Approved Bat List" available on the ASA Web site at: asasoftball.com

ENFORCEMENT

The MHSAA will handle enforcement of the new bat standard with the following procedures for schools, coaches and game officials.

1. Have **each participating team** provide the umpires a current printed copy of the approved bat list from the ASA Web site. Each bat in their possession and intended for use should be highlighted, so that the umpire can quickly inspect and verify the bat's legality. A new list need only be printed off when new bats are added to the team's inventory.
2. Have the **host school** provide the umpires upon arrival, a current printed copy of the approved bat list, from the ASA Web site. The list should be printed off at least once per week.
3. Have **umpires** carry with them a current printed copy of the approved bat list from the ASA Web site to utilize when inspecting bats. The list should be printed off at least once per week.
4. Have **both** the schools and the umpires be responsible for being in possession of a current approved bat list from the ASA Web site.

Detailed information and FAQ's about the ASA Bat Certification Program can be found on the ASA Web site at asasoftball.com ■

2003-04 MHSAA ADOPTIONS OF NATIONAL FEDERATION OPTIONS

BASEBALL

- I. 4-3-1 Note 1** -- A regulation called game where a winner cannot be determined, shall be counted as 1/2 game won and 1/2 lost for each team. (MHSAA allowed – requires league adoption)
- II. 4-2-3** - The four options listed are the only permitted game-shortening procedures allowed for baseball and softball games at the varsity and sub-varsity levels. (Schools, leagues or invitational tournament management shall determine which are to be utilized with prior mutual written consent): Item ‘A’ shall be observed for every game of the MHSAA Softball tournament series.
1. Require games to be terminated when there is a 15-run difference after three innings or a 10-run difference after five innings;
 2. Allow a team to discontinue play any time it trails by more than 15 runs;
 3. Establish shortened games of five or six innings;
 4. Establish a time limit to terminate games of regular season varsity tournament events and any sub-varsity game (one hour, 45 minutes recommended).
- III. 4-2-4 Note** -- A game called for any reason where a winner cannot be determined, or any game called at anytime for mechanical failure (i.e. artificial lights, water system, etc.) will be treated as a suspended game. If the game is to be completed, it will be continued from the point of suspension, with the lineup and batting order of each team the same as the lineup and batting order at the moment of suspension, subject to the rules of the game. (Reg. II, Sec. 11(H)2 NOTE: Use of option 1 or 3 may impact the season 56 game/date limit allowed baseball and softball by MHSAA Regulation II, Section 11(A).) Options 1 and 3 are as follows:
1. If an athletic event is terminated due to the above mentioned reasons, it will count as a game/day of competition.
 2. If that athletic event is to be continued from its point of suspension on another day, it will not count as an additional game/day of competition.
 3. If that athletic event is to start over from the beginning, it is to count as an additional game/day competition.
- III.** The MHSAA has adopted the following options permitted under National Federation playing rules for baseball.
- A. All provisions for the Courtesy Runner rule as published in the National Federation Baseball Rules Book under “Suggested Speed Up Rules”, Rule 10.
- V. Double First Base**
- A. During MHSAA Tournament contests, the double first base will not be used and must be manually removed.
 - B. For regular-season games, use of the double first base is optional by mutual consent of competing teams or by league adoption. If not used, the double first base is not required to be removed.

BASKETBALL

Point-Differential Rule

At all levels of competition, after the first half when one team has a lead of 40 points or more, a running clock will be established. The clock will revert to regular time schemes should the score be reduced to a 30-point lead or less. During any running clock mode, the clock will be stopped as normal for all timeouts and between quarters; and for free throws during the last two (2) minutes of the game.

FOOTBALL

- I. Pregame coin toss may be held on the field twenty minutes prior to kickoff.
- II. The running clock, 35-point margin mercy rule will be used for all football games, play-offs and regular season, varsity and sub-varsity, high school and junior high/middle school.
- III. The 10-yard-line overtime rule outlined in the National Federation Football Rules Book will be in effect for all varsity regular-season games and MHSAA Playoff games.
- IV. Junior high/Middle football teams may schedule games with non-school teams as is currently allowed in all other sports. The Regulation does not apply to senior high school teams.
- V. Games for 7th-and/or 8th-graders shall be played in 8-minute quarters. Games involving 9th-graders with 8th- and/or 7th-grade students may be played in 10-minute quarters.
- VI. For the 2003 football season *only*, member schools may schedule non-member teams in football at the sub-varsity level.

GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER

No props or music are allowed during competition.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Requirements for Regular-Season Meets

Dual Meets

- (1) Exhibition performances are prohibited.
- (2) There can be no more than 6 competitors per team event when 2 judges are contracted to judge the events.
- (3) There can be no more than 7 competitors per team per event when 4 judges are contracted and 2 events are conducted simultaneously.

Double Dual Meets or Quad Meets

- (1) Exhibition performances are prohibited.
- (2) No more than 6 competitors per team can compete in each event.
- (3) There can be no more than 7 competitors per team per event when 4 judges are contracted and 2 events are conducted simultaneously.

Tri Meets

- (1) Exhibition performances are prohibited.
- (2) There can be no more than 5 competitors per team per event when 2 judges are contracted to judge each event.
- (3) There can be no more than 7 competitors per team per event when 4 judges are contracted and 2 events are conducted simultaneously.

ICE HOCKEY

- I. Point Differential Rule** - The point differential rule (mercy rule) is in effect for both the regular season and MHSAA Tournament. The rule is as follows: A running clock shall be used when a team leads by ten or more goals during the first and second periods. After two periods of play or anytime during the third period, the game will be terminated when a team leads by ten goals. The rule is not optional nor shall it be modified.
- II. Regular Season Overtime Procedures** - The following overtime procedure has been adopted for regular season contests:

For regular season tournaments involving four or more teams played on days not followed by a school day (weekend tournament/holiday tournament), any number of overtimes periods up to 8 minutes in length each may be played to determine a winner. Local tournament management may elect to limit the number of overtimes played and break ties by statistical methods. This additional overtime provision will not apply to total-goals tournament formats.

Regular season single games are limited to one 8-minute overtime period, after which a game shall end as a tie if no goals are scored in the overtime period. Other on-ice tiebreakers such as penalty shot shoot-outs or additional periods of 4-on-4 are not allowed in either regular season single games or regular season tournaments.

Schools are not required to play overtime periods. In summary, regular season tournaments when 4 or more teams are involved may use multiple overtime periods. Regular season games that are not part of tournaments are limited to one overtime period.
- III. MHSAA Tournament Overtime Procedures** - During MHSAA Tournament contests, unlimited overtime periods not to exceed 8 minutes in length will be used to determine a winner. Procedures for resurfacing are stated in the MHSAA hockey General Information Bulletin and Tournament Managers Manual.
- IV. Tournament Netting Requirements** - As approved by the MHSAA Representative Council in May, 2002, all MHSAA ice hockey tournament facilities shall have protective netting behind the goal area, or restrict seating behind the goals.
- V. Neck Guards** - The MHSAA has approved mandatory use of neck guards for all players, including goalies in both MHSAA regular season games and MHSAA tournament games. Neckguards are to be worn properly during the game and also during pre-game and between period warm-up time.

SOCCER

- I.** The MHSAA has received approval to:
 - a) Allow leagues and individual schools to use the three whistle officiating system.
 - b) Require players to sit out 10 minutes for a yellow card offense.
- II.** The MHSAA has adopted the following options permitted under National Federation Rules:
 - a) Use two 15-minute sudden-victory overtime periods for regular-season and tournament games.
 - b) Leagues and independents may adopt or agree by contract to invoke the mercy rule to end a game when a team is ahead by 10 goals or more and the game is beyond 10 minutes into the second half (NOTE: Officials must be aware of this adoption by the

schools or leagues before the contest begins).

The mercy rule is in effect for all MHSAA tournament competition, **excluding** the District Final, the Regional Final and the Championship Final Games.

- c) Players may wear soft and yielding ski caps during inclement weather. Caps must be alike in color.

SOFTBALL

I. 4-2-5 --A regulation called game where a winner cannot be determined, shall be counted as 1/2 game won and 1/2 lost for each team. (MHSAA allowed -- requires league adoption)

II. 4-2-3 - The four options listed are the only permitted game-shortening procedures allowed for baseball and softball games at the varsity and sub-varsity levels. (Schools, leagues or invitational tournament management shall determine which are to be utilized with prior mutual written consent); Item 'A' shall be observed for every game of the MHSAA Softball tournament series.

1. Require games to be terminated when there is a 15-run difference after three innings or a 10-run difference after five innings;
2. Allow a team to discontinue play any time it trails by more than 15 runs;
3. Establish shortened games of five or six innings;
4. Establish a time limit to terminate games of regular season varsity tournament events and any sub-varsity game (one hour, 45 minutes recommended).

III. 4-2-3 Note 1 -- A game called for any reason where a winner cannot be determined, or any game called at anytime for mechanical failure (i.e. artificial lights, water system, etc.) will be treated as a suspended game. If the game is to be completed, it will be continued from the point of suspension, with the lineup and batting order of each team the same as the lineup and batting order at the moment of suspension, subject to the rules of the game. (Reg. II, Sec. 11(H)2 NOTE: Use of option 1 or 3 may impact the season 56 game/date limit allowed baseball and softball by MHSAA Regulation II, Section 11(A).) Options 1 and 3 are as follows:

1. If an athletic event is terminated due to the above mentioned reasons, it will count as a game/day of competition.
2. If that athletic event is to be continued from its point of suspension on another day, it will not count as an additional game/day of competition.

IV. Double First Base

- A. During MHSAA Tournament contests, the double first base will not be used and must be manually removed.
- B. For regular-season games, use of the double first base is optional by mutual consent of competing teams or by league adoption. If not used, the double first base is not required to be removed.

SWIMMING & DIVING

I. DEQ Regulation states a pool must have 79 inches of water in order to use starting platforms. (A waiver has been allowed by DEQ for pools with at least 60 inches of water).

II. Definition for in-water starts

III. Step-Up starts will be used.

TENNIS - USTA

- I. Schools may use no-ad scoring or play pro-sets or shorten the rest period between a split set.
- II. Cumulative Point Penalty System at all levels of the MHSAA Tournament.
- III. For unsportsmanlike conduct after a match is completed (Regional or Final), player is defaulted for the rest of the tournament and one point is subtracted from the team total.
- IV. The Continuous Play Rule has been eliminated.
- V. Minimum requirement is an unaltered shirt with sleeves, preferably in school colors or with school identification. (Females may wear a sleeveless dress/shirt, including racer-back cut. Team shorts/skirts are required and shall be the same color. Penalty: Match will not start unless the individual/team has uniform on. Point Penalty system for lateness will be used.

TRACK & FIELD/CROSS COUNTRY

- I. The only head attire that may be worn during competition will be a knit stocking cap, sweat band or ski band; all must be unadorned, single-colored cloth.
- II. Except for traditional wedding bands, medical alert necklaces or bracelets and religious medals, jewelry is prohibited in all competition. This will include, but is not limited to pierced earrings, barrettes made of hard plastic, leather, cloth, metal and plastic bracelets. Elasticized ponytail holders having metal parts are legal. Ponytail holders do not have to be a single color. Multiple ponytail holders do not have to be the same color. Watches will not be worn in any competition.
- III. Ribbons worn to secure the hair do not have to be a solid color. If multiple ribbons are worn they do not have to be the same color.
- IV. Interpretations for Track & Field and Cross Country:
 - Sunglasses may be worn in competition only if they are prescription glasses.
 - Competitors may not wear temporary body adornment (painted or fastened) during competition.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

- I. Schools may utilize 3-of-5 game matches and/or rally scoring, as well as other formats, during regular-season play.
- II. The third game of a match may be played even though one team wins the first two.

WRESTLING

- I. Assistant referee allowed
- II. MHSAA tournament weigh-in procedures may be used
- III. Growth allowance of two pounds on the second Sunday of January 1.
- IV. Home weigh-ins permitted by mutual contractual consent ■

FALL RATING FORMS DUE DECEMBER 5, 2003

Officials rating forms for varsity or sub-varsity baseball, girls soccer, and softball were sent in late April to all MHSAA member schools sponsoring those sports. The forms are designed to be "read" by a mark sensor scanning device. Many of the blanks already have been completed and returned. The deadline for receiving forms in this office will be Dec. 5, 2003. **Rating blanks received after this date will not be processed.**

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

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

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

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

It is important that rating forms be reviewed by athletic directors before mailing to insure that they are completely and properly filled out. All schools should be positive that EITHER the superintendent OR the principal AND the athletic director OR the coach sign and review the ratings forms and that they be returned to the MHSAA office at the earliest opportunity.

NOTE: When an official receives a rating value of 5, the school must submit an Unsatisfactory Rating Explanation form to the official and to the MHSAA with the Rating Form. **WITHOUT THE DOCUMENT** the "5" rating will be expunged from the officials rating record.

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

OFFICIALS RATINGS

Schools are responsible for rating officials who officiate contests involving their teams in the sports (listed below) for which official ratings are maintained. Schools which fail to rate any official during the season shall be subject to the penalties outlined under Regulation V, Section 4. The following information shows a four year tracking of the ratings. The figures for 1994-95 were the first to include separate ratings for varsity and subvarsity contests. The number of officials ratings submitted by schools and processed by the MHSAA since 1994-95 follow:

Sport	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
G. Basketball	32,909	33,088	31,527	33,677	32,447	31,238	31,229	30,231	30,084
Football	28,037	28,039	27,689	28,946	28,841	28,344	28,270	26,468	26,872
B. Soccer	6,362	7,024	6,975	7,604	7,498	7,648	7,529	8,350	8,405
B. Basketball	34,489	34,729	33,572	34,306	33,075	33,230	32,708	33,053	32,069
G. Volleyball	14,876	14,234	13,695	13,932	13,514	13,876	13,630	14,114	14,847
Wrestling	7,972	7,877	7,807	8,313	7,840	8,064	7,844	8,071	8,736
B. Ice Hockey	—	1,455	1,582	2,026	2,417	2,594	2,636	3,017	3,166
G. Soccer	3,982	4,580	5,017	5,420	5,889	5,746	6,149	6,559	6,660
Baseball	10,436	11,108	12,150	12,867	12,257	11,319	11,488	12,026	11,472
G. Softball	10,208	11,159	12,693	13,390	12,680	11,999	12,095	12,359	12,298
TOTAL	149,271	153,293	152,707	160,481	156,458	154,058	153,578	154,248	154,609

FAILURE TO RATE OFFICIALS

Spring Season 2003

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

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

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

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

For the spring season of 2002-03, the following schools have failed to rate any officials:

BASEBALL

Albion
Burton-Bendle
Decatur
Detroit Central
Detroit Henry Ford
Detroit Kettering
Detroit Martin Luther King
Detroit Northern
Detroit Pershing
Detroit St. Martin de Porres
Fife Lake Forest Area
Freesoil
Harper Woods
Kingsley
Lansing Christian
Lincoln Park
Memphis
Muskegon Heights
Oxford
Pontiac Central
Royal Oak Dondero
St. Joseph Lake Mich. Cath.

Vassar

Warren -Fitzgerald
Watervliet

GIRLS SOCCER

Auburn Hills Oak. Christian
Battle Creek Harper Creek
Clare
Flint Southwestern Academy
Lansing Christian
Monroe
Oscoda
Pontiac Central
Richland Gull Lake
Rochester
Romeo
Saginaw Arthur Hill
South Haven
Southfield Christian
Three Rivers
Utica Ford II
Wayland Union

SOFTBALL

Belding
Bloomfield Hills-Academy
of the Sacred Heart
Bronson
Canton-Plymouth
Detroit Central
Detroit Denby Tech & Prep
Detroit Northern
Detroit Pershing
Detroit Southeastern
Farmington Hills Harrison
Lincoln Park
Memphis
Petersburg-Summerfield
Pigeon Laker
Pontiac Central
Portage Northern
Roscommon
Saginaw Buena Vista
Southfield Lathrup
Southgate Anderson
Wolverine
Wyoming Kelloggsville

**2003 FALL RATINGS ARE DUE
DECEMBER 5**

REGULATIONS VIOLATED — BY SCHOOL

August 1, 2002 through July 31, 2003

Reg./ Sect.	Explanation	Sport	Penalty	Duration
I 1	Not enrolled in school (2 athletes)	Boys Track	Forfeit	Multiple Meets
I 2	Over-age athlete participated	Boys Soccer	Forfeit	8 Games
I 3	No physical	Football	Forfeit	1 JV Game
I 4	Excessive semesters	Boys Basketball	Forfeit	6 Games
	Fifth-year student participated	Football	Forfeit	1 V Game
I 7	Less than 20 credit hours previous semester.	Ice Hockey	Forfeit	1 Game
	Less than 20 credit hours previous semester.	Football	Forfeit	1 V Game
	Less than 20 credit hours previous semester.	Girls Basketball	Forfeit	1 V Game
	Less than 20 credit hours previous semester.	Boys Soccer	Forfeit	2 V Games
	Less than 20 credit hours previous semester.	Boys Basketball	Forfeit	1 Game
	Less than 20 credit hours previous semester.	Girls Basketball	Forfeit	1 V Game
	Less than 20 credit hours previous semester.	Boys Basketball	Forfeit	9 JV Games
	Less than 20 credit hours previous semester (2 athletes).	Boys Track	Forfeit	2 Meets
	Less than 20 credit hours previous semester (2 athletes).	Competitive Cheer	Forfeit	2 Contests
I 8	Less than 20 credit hours current semester.	Competitive Cheer	Forfeit	1 Fr. Meet
I 9	Transfer.	Football	Forfeit	2 V Games
	Transfer.	Football	Forfeit	2 JV Games
	Transfer.	Girls Basketball	Forfeit	2 Games
	Transfer.	Boys Basketball	Forfeit	Multiple Games
	Transfer (2 athletes).	Boys Basketball	Forfeit	1 Game
	Transfer.	Football	Forfeit	1 V Game
	Transfer.	Football	Forfeit	3 JV Games
	Transfer.	Boys Basketball	Forfeit	Multiple JV Games
	Transfer.	Volleyball	Forfeit	1 Game
	Transfer (2 athletes).	Football	Forfeit	2 V Games
	Transfer.	Football	Forfeit	2 V Games
	Transfer.	Ice Hockey	Forfeit	Multiple Games
	Transfer.	Football	Forfeit	1 V Game
	Ineligible foreign exchange student.	Boys Swimming	Forfeit	4 Meets
	Ineligible foreign exchange student.	Boys Soccer	Forfeit	4 Games
	Transfer.	Football	Forfeit	1 Game
	Graduated foreign exchange student.	Volleyball	Forfeit	2 Games
	Transfer.	Girls Basketball	Forfeit	4 Games
	Transfer.	Boys Basketball	Forfeit	3 JV Games

Reg./ Sect.	Explanation	Sport	Penalty	Duration
I 13	Participated in 3-on-3 tournament.	Girls Basketball	Suspension/Ath.	3 Games
	Participated in non-school comp.	Girls Soccer	Suspension/Ath.	3 Games
	Participated in non-school tourn. (5 freshmen)	Boys Basketball	Suspension/Ath.	3 Games
	Participated in 3-on-3 competition.	Boys Basketball	Suspension/Ath.	3 Games
	Participated in outside competition.	Boys Soccer	Suspension/Ath.	Season
	Athletes (2) participated in	Boys Basketball	Suspension/Ath.	3 Games
	Participated in rec. league games.	Boys Basketball	Suspension/Ath.	3 Games
II 7B	178 schools had a total of 237 violations for failure to rate officials; 45 schools had multiple violations.			
II 8B	No attendance or exam.	Girls Tennis	Censure/Sport	
II 10	Athlete exceeded competition limits.	Volleyball	Forfeit	1 JV Game
	2 athletes participated in JV and varsity on same day.	Baseball	Forfeit	1 JV Game
	Athlete participated in varsity and JV on same day.	Wrestling	Forfeit	1 Match
	Exceeded pitching limitations.	Baseball	Forfeit	1 Game
	Exceeded maximum games.	Boys Soccer	Forfeit	2 Games
II 11	Coaches worked with more than 3 players out of season.	Volleyball	Probation/Sport	Thru 03-04 Year
	Coach paid summer camp fees for athletes.	Boys Basketball	Censure/Sport	
	Coach worked with more than 3 players out of season (coach resigned).	Boys Soccer	Censure/Sport	
	Coach worked with more than 3 players out of season (coach resigned).	Girls Soccer	Censure/Sport	
	Violation of 3-player rule; coach suspended for 2 weeks.	Boys Soccer	Censure/Sport	
	JV coach worked with more than 3 players.	Boys Soccer	Censure/Sport	
	Practiced before allowable date. Sport censored.	Wrestling	Forfeit	2 Scrimmages
	Out-of-season coaching.	Football	Probation/Sport	Thru 03-04 Year
	Out-of-season coaching.	Baseball	Probation/Sport	Thru 03-04 Year
	Coach worked with more than 3 players out of season.	Girls Basketball	Censure/Sport	
	Violated summer camp equipment rules.	Football	Suspension/Ath.	Scrimmages
	Coach worked with more than 3 players out of season.	Girls Soccer	Censure/Sport	
II 11B	Participated in 4 preseason scrimmages.	Volleyball	Probation/Sport	Thru 03-04 Season
II 11G	School transportation used out of season.	Football	Forfeit	1 Preseason Scrimmage
II 13	Participated in all-star event.	Ice Hockey	Suspension/Coach	3 Games
II 15	Withdrew from tournament.	Volleyball	Probation/Sport	Thru 04-05 Year

Reg./ Sect.	Explanation	Sport	Penalty	Duration
V 3A	Coach removed team from field. Coach withdrew team from court.	Softball Girls Basketball	Appearance Required Appearance Required	
V 3D	Disqualified athlete not withheld from next game.	Boys Soccer	Forfeit	1 Game
V 4B	Athletes (3) wrestled in wrong weight. Athlete wrestled in wrong weight. Athlete wrestled in wrong weight. Athletes (2) wrestled in wrong weight. Athlete wrestled in wrong weight. Athlete wrestled in wrong weight. Athlete wrestled in wrong weight. Athlete wrestled in wrong weight. Athlete wrestled in wrong weight. Athlete wrestled in wrong weight. Athletes wrestled in wrong weight. Athlete wrestled in wrong weight.	Wrestling Wrestling Wrestling Wrestling Wrestling Wrestling Wrestling Wrestling Wrestling Wrestling Wrestling Wrestling	Forfeit Forfeit Forfeit Forfeit Forfeit Forfeit Forfeit Forfeit Forfeit Forfeit Forfeit Forfeit	1 Meet 1 Match 2 Matches 1 Meet 1 Match 1 Meet 3 Matches 1 Match 1 Meet 2 Matches 2 Meets 1 Meet

2002-03 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
Lapeer East HS	Lapeer	9
Swartz Creek HS	Swartz Creek	8
Walled Lake Western HS	Walled Lake	7
Alpena HS	Alpena	6
Brighton HS	Brighton	6
Kalamazoo Central HS	Kalamazoo	6
Allegan HS	Allegan	5
Allen Park HS	Allen Park	5
Dexter HS	Dexter	5
Harrison HS	Farmington Hills	5
Grosse Ile HS	Grosse Ile	5
Howell HS	Howell	5
Kingsford HS	Kingsford	5
Anchor Bay HS	New Baltimore	5
South Lyon HS	South Lyon	5
Cousino HS	Warren	5
Wayland Union HS	Wayland	5
Willow Run HS	Ypsilanti	5
Adrian HS	Adrian	4
Avondale HS	Auburn Hills	4
Central HS	Battle Creek	4
Montabella HS	Blanchard	4
Center Line HS	Center Line	4
Charlotte HS	Charlotte	4
Flint Southwestern Academy	Flint	4
Catholic Central HS	Grand Rapids	4
L'Anse Creuse HS	Harrison Township	4
Jackson HS	Jackson	4
Lake Orion HS	Lake Orion	4
Waverly HS	Lansing	4
Lincoln Park HS	Lincoln Park	4
Linden HS	Linden	4

Mt Clemens HS	Mt Clemens	4
Brandon HS	Ortonville	4
Port Huron HS	Port Huron	4
Portage Central HS	Portage	4
Adams HS	Rochester	4
Southfield HS	Southfield	4
Central Montcalm HS	Stanton	4
John F Kennedy HS	Taylor	4
Bedford HS	Temperance	4
Waterford Mott HS	Waterford	4
Lakeland HS	White Lake	4
Williamston HS	Williamston	4
Almont HS	Almont	3
Bangor HS	Bangor	3
Berkley HS	Berkley	3
Brother Rice HS	Bloomfield Hills	3
Buckley HS	Buckley	3
Cheboygan Area HS	Cheboygan	3
Clio HS	Clio	3
Durand Area HS	Durand	3
East Lansing HS	East Lansing	3
Kearsley HS	Flint	3
Frankfort HS	Frankfort	3
Fruitport HS	Fruitport	3
West Catholic HS	Grand Rapids	3
Grayling HS	Grayling	3
Milford HS	Highland	3
Holland HS	Holland	3
Holt HS	Holt	3
Houghton Lake HS	Houghton Lake	3
Jenison HS	Jenison	3
Eastern HS	Lansing	3
JW Sexton HS	Lansing	3
Lowell HS	Lowell	3
L'Anse Creuse North HS	Macomb	3
Madison HS	Madison Heights	3
Mattawan HS	Mattawan	3
Midland HS	Midland	3
Jefferson HS	Monroe	3
Muskegon HS	Muskegon	3
Reeths-Puffer HS	Muskegon	3
North Branch HS	North Branch	3
Okemos HS	Okemos	3
Onaway Area HS	Onaway	3
Otsego HS	Otsego	3
Oxford HS	Oxford	3
Western HS	Parma	3
Paw Paw HS	Paw Paw	3
Northern HS	Pontiac	3
Portage Northern HS	Portage	3
Rochester HS	Rochester Hills	3
Rockford HS	Rockford	3
Kimball HS	Royal Oak	3
Heritage HS	Saginaw	3
Saline HS	Saline	3
Southgate Anderson HS	Southgate	3
St Louis HS	St Louis	3
Sterling Heights HS	Sterling Heights	3
Utica Ford II HS	Sterling Heights	3
Trenton HS	Trenton	3
Walled Lake Central HS	Walled Lake	3
Waterford Kettering HS	Waterford	3
West Bloomfield HS	West Bloomfield	3

2002-03 OFFICIALS VIOLATIONS

(From August 1, 2002 through July 31, 2003)

VIOLATION ABBREVIATIONS: Unprofessional Behavior (Unpro. Behavior); Failed to Fulfill Contract two or more times (Fail. To Fulfill); Working Unregistered (Work Unreg.).

NAME	CITY	VIOLATION	DURATION
Richard Baes	Washington	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 8/7/03
James Baldwin	Inkster	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 12/12/03
Debra Berkey	Grand Junction	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 1/14/04
William Blachford	Troy	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 2/28/04
Leon Braisted III	Madison Heights	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 1/8/04
Sarah Bulthuis	Nunica	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 6/25/04
Joseph Capps	Grand Rapids	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 7/16/04
Lawrence Causey	Detroit	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 1/23/04
Lakelvert Cosby	Detroit	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 8/2/03
Gary Cox	Dearborn Heights	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 8/20/03
Daniel Daldine	Sterling Heights	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 3/21/04
Dennis Donald	Warren	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 7/10/04
Larry Du Bois	Detroit	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 4/2/04
Gregory Folsom	Clare	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 2/27/04
Everett Goodson	Mt Pleasant	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 9/10/03
Ricky Greene Sr	Flint	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 10/22/03
Carl Gregor	Marquette	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 7/22/04
Anthony Howard	Pontiac	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 7/28/04
Ashley Howard	Howell	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 12/10/03
Keith Hunter	Detroit	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 8/22/03
James Jackson	Detroit	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 10/1/03
Michael James	Grand Rapids	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 7/18/04
Stan Karchefski	Detroit	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 10/14/03
Dennis Keith	Dunbar	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 7/29/04
Glenn Kimmerly	Niles	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 7/22/04
Mark Klein	Allen Park	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 6/25/04
Rodney Marshall	Kalamazoo	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 8/20/03
Jack McCoy	Farmington Hills	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 11/19/03
David Mortensen	Pinckney	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 6/20/04
Dwight Mosley	Saginaw	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 9/24/03
Scott Neusel	Dearborn	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 1/8/04
Keith Opalach	Belleville	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 1/23/04
Michael Ossy	Dearborn	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 2/25/04
Linda Pellerito	Grand Rapids	Unprof. Behavior	Probation Thru 04-05 Year
Larry Rocker	Detroit	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 7/9/04
Linda Rusaw	Fenton	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 12/16/03
Steven Rush	Saginaw	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 1/23/04
Dale Schramski	Waterford	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 8/21/03
Jack Servis	Midland	Unprof. Behavior	Probation Thru 4/16/04
Robert Shelton	Owosso	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 2/25/04
Joe Simmons	Detroit	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 7/28/04
Monte Steward	Saginaw	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 2/26/04
Russell Viau	Redford	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 2/3/04
Dale Wells	Waterford	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 8/7/03
Mark Will	Whitehall	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 4/1/04
Jeffrey Wood	Temperence	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 1/9/04
Douglas Woodhams	St Johns	Unprof. Behavior	Probation When Court Probation Expires

Following is a list of officials who have had unresolved business with the MHSAA for at least two school years, including those who have submitted checks that have been twice returned for "insufficient funds."

NAME	CITY	REASON
David Abbott	Midland	Unresolved Business
James Adams	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Zekai Akbay	Farmington Hills	Unresolved Business
Drew Algase	Plymouth	Unresolved Business
Rob Allen	Pontiac	Unresolved Business
Michael Althaver	Waterford	Unresolved Business
John Andary	New Baltimore	Unresolved Business
Carl Anderson	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Robert Anderson	Owosso	Unresolved Business
Justin Andre	Sault Ste Marie	Unresolved Business
Jeffrey Applegate	Genesee	Unresolved Business
Thomas Archinal	Grosse Pte Park	Unresolved Business
Daniel Armstrong	Portage	Unresolved Business
David Arnold	Trenton	Unresolved Business
R Michael Arnold	White Lake	Unresolved Business
David Asher	Harrison	Unresolved Business
Dennis Atkins	St Joseph	Unresolved Business
Kurt Atwood	Muskegon	Unresolved Business
Gregory Avery	Trenton	Unresolved Business
John Avery II	Sawyer	Unresolved Business
William Ayotte	Hazel Park	Unresolved Business
Curtiss Babcock	Whitehall	Unresolved Business
John Bachman	Grand Rapids	Unresolved Business
Brian Backman	Shelby Township	Unresolved Business
Paul Baetz	Milford	Unresolved Business
Max Bailey	Redford	Unresolved Business
David Baker	Kalamazoo	Unresolved Business
Merrie Bannink	Holland	Unresolved Business
Michael Bargy	Kewadin	Unresolved Business
Mark Barnes	Saginaw	Unresolved Business
Raymond Barnes	Lansing	Unresolved Business
Michael Barrett	DeWitt	Unresolved Business
James Barry	Iron River	Unresolved Business
Jeffery Barth	Onsted	Unresolved Business
Michael Bates	Flint	Unresolved Business
Terry Bates	Saginaw	Unresolved Business
Cort Baumler	Alpena	Unresolved Business
Kevin Baxter	Greenville	Unresolved Business
Jerome Beacham	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Eric Beck	Baraga	Unresolved Business
Charles Becker	Gladstone	Unresolved Business
Steve Beland	Rogers City	Unresolved Business
Ryan Belcher	Big Rapids	Unresolved Business
David Bell	Grand Blanc	Unresolved Business
Devlin Bell	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Gerhard Bell	Sterling Heights	Unresolved Business
Thomas Bell	Lansing	Unresolved Business
Charles Belote	Coldwater	Unresolved Business
Ray Belote Jr	Coldwater	Unresolved Business
Brett Bennett	South Lyon	Unresolved Business
Linda Berkel	Hickory Corners	Unresolved Business
Thomas Betts	Caledonia	Unresolved Business

NAME	CITY	REASON
Bryan Beuckelaere	Dearborn	Unresolved Business
Chris Bidelman	Grand Rapids	Unresolved Business
Christian Bileth	Grand Rapids	Unresolved Business
Thomas Birchmeier	Montrose	Unresolved Business
Bryan Bishop	Saranac	Unresolved Business
Michael Bishop	Auburn Hills	Unresolved Business
Nathaniel Bishop	Inkster	Unresolved Business
David Blanchard	Grand Rapids	Unresolved Business
Timothy Blanchard	Sturgis	Unresolved Business
Wendell Blankenship	Lansing	Unresolved Business
Marc Bloxom	Huntington Woods	Unresolved Business
Terry Bolton	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Michael Boogaart	Holland	Unresolved Business
Douglas Botkins	Fairgrove	Unresolved Business
John Bradley	Battle Creek	Unresolved Business
Charles Brady Jr	Charlevoix	Unresolved Business
Scott Brant	Trenary	Unresolved Business
John Braun	Bark River	Unresolved Business
Christian Brauning	Harper Woods	Unresolved Business
Bob Brennerman	Dowagiac	Unresolved Business
John Breslin	Grand Rapids	Unresolved Business
Jeffrey Brohn	Flushing	Unresolved Business
G. Dale Bronson	Prescott	Unresolved Business
Calvin Brown	Farmington Hills	Unresolved Business
James Brown Jr	St Ignace	Unresolved Business
Kevin Brown	Chicago	Unresolved Business
Timothy Brown	Bay City	Unresolved Business
Ryan Brubaker	Mt Pleasant	Unresolved Business
Charles Bryson	Southfield	Unresolved Business
James Brzezinski	Royal Oak	Unresolved Business
Patrick Bucheli	Troy	Unresolved Business
Bryan Buike	Almont	Unresolved Business
Rick Bullard	Shepherd	Unresolved Business
Roy Bullard	Canton	Unresolved Business
Robert Burch	Pontiac	Unresolved Business
Joseph Burke	Lincoln Park	Unresolved Business
Steven Burlison	Hazel Park	Unresolved Business
Theresa Buschke	Battle Creek	Unresolved Business
Kenneth Caldwell	Midland	Unresolved Business
Richard Calkins	Concord	Unresolved Business
Gary Campbell	Hazel Park	Unresolved Business
Mark Carlson	Marquette	Unresolved Business
David Carr	Commerce Township	Unresolved Business
Stewart Carr	Toledo	Unresolved Business
Todd Carrico	Belleville	Unresolved Business
Phil Casterton	Grand Rapids	Unresolved Business
Kim Cinglie	Erie	Unresolved Business
Bryce Clark	Auburn Hills	Unresolved Business
Chuck Clark	Newaygo	Unresolved Business
Patrick Cleland	Traverse City	Unresolved Business
Paul Coats	Chesterton	Unresolved Business
Michael Collins	Brighton	Unresolved Business
Harold Conklin	Paw Paw	Unresolved Business
David Conn	Tawas City	Unresolved Business
James Conway	Albion	Unresolved Business

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Jerry Cook	Gowen	Unresolved Business
Joel Cook	Grass Lake	Unresolved Business
Anthony Coraci	Fraser	Unresolved Business
Martin Costello	Southfield	Unresolved Business
George Crayton	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Orlando Crockett	Oak Park	Unresolved Business
Andy Crouch	Hubbell	Unresolved Business
Michael Crumb	Lansing	Unresolved Business
Gregory Curtis	Warren	Unresolved Business
Tim Curtis	Goodrich	Unresolved Business
Timothy Czarnecki	Haslett	Unresolved Business
Ronald Czekai	Cass City	Unresolved Business
David Dangel	Westland	Unresolved Business
Gregg Daniels	Greenville	Unresolved Business
Bryan Davis	Bark River	Unresolved Business
Frank Davis	Durand	Unresolved Business
Joseph De Kock	Hudsonville	Unresolved Business
Thomas De Mille	Stephenson	Unresolved Business
Peter De Witt	Petoskey	Unresolved Business
Robert Decker	Grand Blanc	Unresolved Business
Joseph Deckers	China Township	Unresolved Business
Herb Decoste	Fraser	Unresolved Business
Lyde Dehooghe	St. Clair Shores	Unresolved Business
Stan Denman	Muskegon	Unresolved Business
Shawn Dering	Ypsilanti	Unresolved Business
Gerald Dib	Sterling Heights	Unresolved Business
Chris Dietz	Stevensville	Unresolved Business
Chris Dilbert	New Haven	Unresolved Business
Rick Drolet	Redford	Unresolved Business
Ronald Dunn	Ann Arbor	Unresolved Business
Tom Duran	Toledo	Unresolved Business
Christopher Dutton	Center Line	Unresolved Business
Jeanne Eichstaedt	Sterling Heights	Unresolved Business
Le Roy Elizalde Jr	Flint	Unresolved Business
Allen Ellis	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Berwyn Ellis	Detroit	Unresolved Business
James Ernest	Warren	Unresolved Business
David Etchison	South Bend	Unresolved Business
Anthony Evans	Battle Creek	Unresolved Business
John Faas	Traverse City	Unresolved Business
Greg Farmer	Traverse City	Unresolved Business
Richard Fedorczyk	Sterling Heights	Unresolved Business
Bernie Feldhouse	Port Huron	Unresolved Business
Derek Felt	Grand Blanc	Unresolved Business
Dennis Fessenden	Whitehall	Unresolved Business
David Fewell	Six Lakes	Unresolved Business
Ritchie Feys	Imlay City	Unresolved Business
Scott Fish	Kentwood	Unresolved Business
Robert Fisher	Niles	Unresolved Business
Scott Fisher	Warren	Unresolved Business
Daniel Fitzgerald	Sterling Heights	Unresolved Business
Shawn Fitzgerald	Flint	Unresolved Business
Steve Folino	Northville	Unresolved Business
Robertson Fortosis	Jenison	Unresolved Business
Howard Franklin	Detroit	Unresolved Business

NAME	CITY	REASON
Fredrick Franks	Grand Rapids	Unresolved Business
David Frederick	Hamtramck	Unresolved Business
John Frelich	Novi	Unresolved Business
Kenneth French	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Jason Frentress	Kalamazoo	Unresolved Business
Phillip Garris	Warren	Unresolved Business
Arnie Garritano Jr	Niles	Unresolved Business
Patric Gates	Warren	Unresolved Business
Maurice Geromette	Fraser	Unresolved Business
John Getty	Lothian	Unresolved Business
Louis Gianino	Ypsilanti	Unresolved Business
Steve Giebel	Kalamazoo	Unresolved Business
James Gilhool	St Clair Shores	Unresolved Business
Robert Gillard	Grosse Pte Woods	Unresolved Business
Dave Gillem	Grand Rapids	Unresolved Business
David Gillett	Jenison	Unresolved Business
Jeremy Goetz	New Haven	Unresolved Business
Chris Gonyea	Neenah	Unresolved Business
David Gonyeau	Sault Ste Marie	Unresolved Business
Douglas Goodnough	Pittsford	Unresolved Business
Jack Gordan	Port Huron	Unresolved Business
Michael Gordon	Auburn Hills	Unresolved Business
Walter Gordon	Hillsdale	Unresolved Business
Glen Gorman	Baldwin	Unresolved Business
Tommie Gray	Pontiac	Unresolved Business
Dennis Green	Belleville	Unresolved Business
Ronald Green	Kawkawlin	Unresolved Business
Robert Gregory	Grass Lake	Unresolved Business
Patrick Greve	St Clair	Unresolved Business
Letherron Griffin	Pontiac	Unresolved Business
Jeffrey Griggs	Eaton Rapids	Unresolved Business
David Grimshaw	Vassar	Unresolved Business
Scott Grumbir	Stevensville	Unresolved Business
Edward Grundy	Warren	Unresolved Business
Richard Guerra	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Ronald Guffey Jr	Trenton	Unresolved Business
Jenoe Gyoergy	Roseville	Unresolved Business
Mark Halabis	Cass City	Unresolved Business
Kenneth Hale	Troy	Unresolved Business
William Hall	Wyandotte	Unresolved Business
Roland Hallquist	Troy	Unresolved Business
Jonathon Hanlon	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Warren Hargo Jr	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Albert Harris	Detroit	Unresolved Business
David Harris	Grand Rapids	Unresolved Business
Eric Harris	East Lansing	Unresolved Business
Phillip Harris	Benton Harbor	Unresolved Business
Phyllis Harris	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Roger Harris	Kalamazoo	Unresolved Business
Ronald Harris	Rapid River	Unresolved Business
Sheldon Harris	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Duane Haskins	Burton	Unresolved Business
Dean Havelka	Ithaca	Unresolved Business
Anthony Hayes	Westland	Unresolved Business
Marvin Hayes	Buchanan	Unresolved Business

NAME	CITY	REASON
James Heffner	Kalamazoo	Unresolved Business
Matthew Henne	Burton	Unresolved Business
Edward Henry	East Detroit	Unresolved Business
Mary Herb	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Darrell Hervey	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Brent Heyer	West Bloomfield	Unresolved Business
Charles Hiner	White Bear Lake	Unresolved Business
Walter Hnatiuk	Warren	Unresolved Business
Daniel Hoekstra Sr	Grand Rapids	Unresolved Business
Carl Hoffman	Sanford	Unresolved Business
Patrick Holleran	East Lansing	Unresolved Business
Matthew Hollis	Clarkston	Unresolved Business
Lonnie Hopkins	Sturgis	Unresolved Business
Titus Houston	Muskegon	Unresolved Business
Joshua Howell	Grand Haven	Unresolved Business
William Howes	Marinette	Unresolved Business
Steven Hussung	Michigan City	Unresolved Business
Scott Inman	Hanover	Unresolved Business
Dennis Irvine	Redford	Unresolved Business
Rebecca Isacksen	Ypsilanti	Unresolved Business
Angelo Jackson	Muskegon	Unresolved Business
Ken Jakubowski	St Clair Shores	Unresolved Business
Heather James	Adrian	Unresolved Business
Dale Jandron	Negaunee	Unresolved Business
Randall Jardine	Belleville	Unresolved Business
Linda Jarve	Ferndale	Unresolved Business
Gregory Jeffers	Sterling Heights	Unresolved Business
Gary Jenkins	Monroe	Unresolved Business
Bradley Johnson	Muskegon	Unresolved Business
Charles Johnson	Bloomfield Hills	Unresolved Business
Charles Johnson	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Michael Johnson	Grand Rapids	Unresolved Business
Mike Johnson	Troy	Unresolved Business
Timothy Johnson	Inkster	Unresolved Business
Joe Johnston	Mt Pleasant	Unresolved Business
Douglas Jones	Battle Creek	Unresolved Business
Patti Jones	Portage	Unresolved Business
Erik Joslyn	Muskegon	Unresolved Business
Ronald Kamm	Midland	Unresolved Business
Jason Keefer	Gwinn	Unresolved Business
Dennis Keith	Lincoln Park	Unresolved Business
Robert Kelley II	West Bloomfield	Unresolved Business
Roger Kellum	Flint	Unresolved Business
Matthew Ketchum	Flint	Unresolved Business
Randall Kiessel	Traverse City	Unresolved Business
Erich Klatt	Ypsilanti	Unresolved Business
Samuel Klein	Fraser	Unresolved Business
Theresa Kniffen	Ypsilanti	Unresolved Business
Gary Koch	Newport	Unresolved Business
Drew Kochany	Essexville	Unresolved Business
Wayne Koenig	Munising	Unresolved Business
Jann Kohlhepp	Marinette	Unresolved Business
Tom Koon	Onkama	Unresolved Business
Steve Kreuger	Grand Rapids	Unresolved Business
Steven Kruihoff	Grand Haven	Unresolved Business

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Steve Kryska	Flint	Unresolved Business
Jerry Ku	Troy	Unresolved Business
Uno Kull	Fraser	Unresolved Business
Michael Kuszczyk	Royal Oak	Unresolved Business
Kenneth Kwarciyan	Bark River	Unresolved Business
Craig La Court	Kalamazoo	Unresolved Business
Dave La Rock	Marenisco	Unresolved Business
Trisha Ladwig	Jackson	Unresolved Business
Leandro Lambaria	Roscommon	Unresolved Business
Suzanne Langeveld	Mt Clemens	Unresolved Business
Anjanette Lankford	Garden City	Unresolved Business
Jeremey Lara	East Lansing	Unresolved Business
David Lawrence	Germfask	Unresolved Business
Richard Lee	Flint	Unresolved Business
Russell Lee	Holland	Unresolved Business
Richard Legreair	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Kevin Lekity	Wyandotte	Unresolved Business
Neal Lenarcic	Rochester Hills	Unresolved Business
Steven Lenderman	Berkley	Unresolved Business
Corey Leonard	Ann Arbor	Unresolved Business
David Lewis	Lexington	Unresolved Business
Robert Lewis	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Craig Ley	Petersburg	Unresolved Business
Larry Lloyd	Saline	Unresolved Business
Anthony Lockard	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Raul Lopez	Lansing	Unresolved Business
Daniel Loughheed	Burton	Unresolved Business
Anthony Love	Ypsilanti	Unresolved Business
Jestin Lovegrove	Rudyard	Unresolved Business
Jeffrey Lowe	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Jeffrey Lowe	Midland	Unresolved Business
Cynthia Lozen	Algonac	Unresolved Business
Joseph Ludwik	Sterling Heights	Unresolved Business
Bion Lynch	Jonesville	Unresolved Business
Mike Madden	Dearborn	Unresolved Business
Thomas Madden	Westland	Unresolved Business
Isaac Major	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Adam Malaczynski	Bloomfield Hills	Unresolved Business
Edward Malinowski	Allen Park	Unresolved Business
Joseph Manderachia	Detroit	Unresolved Business
George Manson	Lansing	Unresolved Business
Steve Martens	Essexville	Unresolved Business
Steven Martin	Rapid River	Unresolved Business
Ronald Marvin	Gobles	Unresolved Business
Michael Mason	Kentwood	Unresolved Business
Fernando Massey	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Ronald Matthews	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Alphonso Mayberry	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Ezekiel Mayes Jr	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Brett Mc Court	Edwardsburg	Unresolved Business
Melvin Mc Coy	Big Rapids	Unresolved Business
Michael Mc Cusker	Westland	Unresolved Business
Michael Mc Donald	Harbor Springs	Unresolved Business
Richard Mc Gee	Kalamazoo	Unresolved Business
Timothy Mc Ginnis	Bay City	Unresolved Business

NAME	CITY	REASON
David McBride	Alto	Unresolved Business
Christopher McCrimmon	Traverse City	Unresolved Business
Starlene McGraw	Niles	Unresolved Business
Henderson McKenzie	Muskegon	Unresolved Business
Fred Meadows	Dayton	Unresolved Business
Ward Menza	Iron Mountain	Unresolved Business
Samy Meshraky	Burton	Unresolved Business
Jason Messenger	Three Rivers	Unresolved Business
Craig Metzner	Grandville	Unresolved Business
Michael Mieras	Kentwood	Unresolved Business
Mike Miller Jr	Newport	Unresolved Business
Paul Miller	Escanaba	Unresolved Business
Richard Miller	Hancock	Unresolved Business
Tom Miller	Bear Lake	Unresolved Business
Wayne Miller	Allen Park	Unresolved Business
Raphael Misiak	Haslett	Unresolved Business
Jerry Monroe	Flushing	Unresolved Business
Michael Moore	Battle Creek	Unresolved Business
Jason Moose	Muskegon	Unresolved Business
Michael Morgan	Inkster	Unresolved Business
Robert Moser	Reed City	Unresolved Business
Craig Muilenburg	Jenison	Unresolved Business
Kristine Mullen	Holland	Unresolved Business
John Murphy	Shelby Township	Unresolved Business
Kathleen Murphy	Sandusky	Unresolved Business
Linda Neat	Wyoming	Unresolved Business
Tim Nelson	Ishpeming	Unresolved Business
Todd Nelson	Appleton	Unresolved Business
Bryan Newby	Ray	Unresolved Business
Marcus Nichols	Portland	Unresolved Business
Eric Nickel	Rockford	Unresolved Business
Jim Nigro	Midland	Unresolved Business
Sharon Noffsinger	Rose City	Unresolved Business
Amy Northcott	Tullahoma	Unresolved Business
Thomas Nowaczok	Warren	Unresolved Business
Larry Ollie	Farmington Hills	Unresolved Business
William Olmedo	Grosse Ile	Unresolved Business
Ronald Olson	Plainwell	Unresolved Business
Tom Olson Jr	Bay City	Unresolved Business
David Ondra	Rochester	Unresolved Business
Russell Oosse	Grand Rapids	Unresolved Business
William Owens	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Brady Palmer	Ithaca	Unresolved Business
Edison Palmer	Burtchville	Unresolved Business
Frederick Pankey	Waterford	Unresolved Business
Maritza Paredes	Saginaw	Unresolved Business
Frederick Parker	Waterford	Unresolved Business
Robert Parker Jr	Temperance	Unresolved Business
Jeffery Pendergraff	Grayling	Unresolved Business
Scott Perez	Saint Clair Shores	Unresolved Business
Jason Perrin	Durand	Unresolved Business
Brenda Peters	South Lyon	Unresolved Business
Ron Peterson	Watersmeet	Unresolved Business
David Piet	Royal Oak	Unresolved Business
John Pietila	Hancock	Unresolved Business

NAME	CITY	REASON
Duane Pinkett	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Richard Piper	Leslie	Unresolved Business
Bobbie Pittman	Kalamazoo	Unresolved Business
Kalvin Polzin	Saginaw	Unresolved Business
David Popa	Novi	Unresolved Business
Kammy Powell	Clarkston	Unresolved Business
James Preston	Lansing	Unresolved Business
Kenneth Preston	Grand Rapids	Unresolved Business
Patrick Price	Flint	Unresolved Business
David Prins	Dorr	Unresolved Business
David Pusz	South Lyon	Unresolved Business
Alfred Quesnell	Rochester	Unresolved Business
Melvin Quist	McBain	Unresolved Business
Steve Ragni	Warren	Unresolved Business
Kenneth Rahn	Beverly Hills	Unresolved Business
Brian Ramon II	Mt Pleasant	Unresolved Business
John Rayner	Marshall	Unresolved Business
Steven Rechsteiner	Lambertville	Unresolved Business
Raymond Reed	Canton	Unresolved Business
Norm Reese	Clarkston	Unresolved Business
Robert Regan	Haslett	Unresolved Business
Robert Regan	Royal Oak	Unresolved Business
Brian Regnier	Petersburg	Unresolved Business
Jeff Reinelt	Gaylord	Unresolved Business
Chris Reinke	Midland	Unresolved Business
Darren Reynolds	Mt Morris	Unresolved Business
Charles Ridenour	Grand Rapids	Unresolved Business
Michael Riley	Rochester	Unresolved Business
Brandi Rinehart	Rockford	Unresolved Business
Greg Rinehart	Charlotte	Unresolved Business
Aleta Ritchey	Grand Blanc	Unresolved Business
Scott Roane	Keego Harbor	Unresolved Business
Christopher Robertson	Royal Oak	Unresolved Business
Stacy Robinson	Addison	Unresolved Business
Christopher Rodgers	Detroit	Unresolved Business
James Roehl	Tempe	Unresolved Business
William Roehrs	Beaverton	Unresolved Business
Karen Rohrer	Grand Rapids	Unresolved Business
David Romenesko	Midland	Unresolved Business
Douglas Roseman	Jenison	Unresolved Business
Tim Rosser	Toledo	Unresolved Business
Louis Roth	Linwood	Unresolved Business
Dale Ruska	Chatham	Unresolved Business
Scott Russel	Port Huron	Unresolved Business
Robert Russo	Roseville	Unresolved Business
Craig Rutcoskey	Wyoming	Unresolved Business
John Sabbadin	Mason	Unresolved Business
Omar Salaam	Flint	Unresolved Business
Charles Salgot Jr	Columbus	Unresolved Business
Glenn Sartorelli	Menominee	Unresolved Business
Bohdan Sawka	Sterling Heights	Unresolved Business
Joseph Scarpelli	Drayton Plains	Unresolved Business
Brenda Schmiege	Grand Rapids	Unresolved Business
Michelle Schmuhl	Kalamazoo	Unresolved Business

NAME	CITY	REASON
Jeff Schnaubelt	Ypsilanti	Unresolved Business
Timothy Schram	Canton	Unresolved Business
Herb Schroeder	Dearborn Heights	Unresolved Business
Ross Schueller	Jenison	Unresolved Business
Todd Schultz	Farmington Hills	Unresolved Business
John Schutz	Grand Rapids	Unresolved Business
Jack Scott Sr	Rochester	Unresolved Business
Timothy Scott	Taylor	Unresolved Business
Chad Shadle	Grand Rapids	Unresolved Business
Dawn Shaw	Algonac	Unresolved Business
Richard Shedd Jr	Flint	Unresolved Business
Heather Sheets	Olivet	Unresolved Business
Courtney Sheldon	Canton	Unresolved Business
Jack Shepard	Battle Creek	Unresolved Business
Scott Sherman	Fremont	Unresolved Business
Robert Shier	Milan	Unresolved Business
Paul Shirilla	Petoskey	Unresolved Business
Elmer Sholes	Farwell	Unresolved Business
Clark Shutt	Maple City	Unresolved Business
Ronald Simon	Remus	Unresolved Business
Brian Skelcy	Royal Oak	Unresolved Business
William Skradski	Escanaba	Unresolved Business
Derrick Smith	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Jeffrey Smith	Muskegon	Unresolved Business
Marvin Smith	Flushing	Unresolved Business
David Snead	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Gary Snellenberger	Lansing	Unresolved Business
Sarah Snyder	Portage	Unresolved Business
Duane Sobeck	Rogers City	Unresolved Business
Raymond Sochacki	Essexville	Unresolved Business
Terry Souva	Port Austin	Unresolved Business
Douglas Sprague	Spring Arbor	Unresolved Business
Daniel St Arnauld	Niagara	Unresolved Business
Phillip Stavropoulos	Ypsilanti	Unresolved Business
Jeffrey Stevens	Eben Junction	Unresolved Business
Edwin Stiller	Kalamazoo	Unresolved Business
Blair Stock	St Joseph	Unresolved Business
Linden Stricker	Belton	Unresolved Business
Gary Sullivan	Blissfield	Unresolved Business
Michael Sullivan	Mattawan	Unresolved Business
Stephen Swentik	Marquette	Unresolved Business
Eric Swihart	Horton	Unresolved Business
Michael Szczechowski	Woodhaven	Unresolved Business
Henry Szymanski	Winchester	Unresolved Business
Ronald Tallman	Flat Rock	Unresolved Business
Dean Taylor	Sarnia Ontario	Unresolved Business
Peter Teifer	Trenton	Unresolved Business
Gerald Terpstra	Byron Center	Unresolved Business
Kevin Terpstra	Grandville	Unresolved Business
Carl Territo Jr	Sterling Heights	Unresolved Business
Jason Terwillinger	Farwell	Unresolved Business
Gary Thomas	Livonia	Unresolved Business
James Thomas III	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Ruben Thomas	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Jennifer Thompson	Roseville	Unresolved Business

NAME	CITY	REASON
Tracy Thompson	Big Rapids	Unresolved Business
Scott Tocco	Belleville	Unresolved Business
Rob Train	Belding	Unresolved Business
Charles Traver	Davison	Unresolved Business
Russell Trunk	Pontiac	Unresolved Business
Kenneth Tucker	Flint	Unresolved Business
Steven Tucker	Jackson	Unresolved Business
Cecil Turner	Flint	Unresolved Business
Richard Turner	Smiths Creek	Unresolved Business
Julie Tyburski	Warren	Unresolved Business
Michael Uetz	Dearborn	Unresolved Business
Steve Unruh	Ithaca	Unresolved Business
Kathleen Valenta	Sterling Heights	Unresolved Business
Joe Valente	Royal Oak	Unresolved Business
Joseph Valentine	Milford	Unresolved Business
David Van Port Fleet	Kentwood	Unresolved Business
Albert Van Steenkiste	Addison	Unresolved Business
John Todd Vander Meulen	Howard City	Unresolved Business
Robert Vary	Wyandotte	Unresolved Business
Samuel Villa	Belleville	Unresolved Business
Daniel Vogt	Battle Creek	Unresolved Business
Larry Volz	Fenton	Unresolved Business
Edward Von Der Hoff	Hastings	Unresolved Business
Joseph Walkonis	Garden City	Unresolved Business
Charles Wallin	Okemos	Unresolved Business
Michael Walters	Waterford	Unresolved Business
Don Wandzel	St Clair Shores	Unresolved Business
Joseph Warren	Muskegon	Unresolved Business
Leonard Warzynski	Sterling Heights	Unresolved Business
Cody Wass J	Haslett	Unresolved Business
Edgar Watkins	Ecorse	Unresolved Business
Richard Watkins	Lansing	Unresolved Business
Gregory Watts	Augusta	Unresolved Business
Andrew Webster	Waterford	Unresolved Business
Christopher Weinzapfel	Kewadin	Unresolved Business
Steven Weiss	Saginaw	Unresolved Business
Bob Welton	Adrian	Unresolved Business
Roger Whalen	West Olive	Unresolved Business
Mari-Jo Wickens	Farmington Hills	Unresolved Business
Scott Wiemer	Westland	Unresolved Business
Jean Wilcox	Almont	Unresolved Business
John Wilcox	Owosso	Unresolved Business
John Wilder	Alto	Unresolved Business
Stanley Wilkerson	Oak Park	Unresolved Business
John Wilks	Hudsonville	Unresolved Business
Carl Williams	Memphis	Unresolved Business
Danial Williams Jr	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Donell Williams	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Kevin Williams	Westland	Unresolved Business
Marcus Williams	Port Huron	Unresolved Business
Samual Williams	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Daniel Wilson	Wyoming	Unresolved Business
Michael Wilson	Lennon	Unresolved Business
Wheeler Winslow	Oak Park	Unresolved Business
Timothy Woelkers	Sandusky	Unresolved Business
Michael Wojcik	Marine City	Unresolved Business

NAME	CITY	REASON
James Wood	North Street	Unresolved Business
Thomas Wood	Lansing	Unresolved Business
Harry Woods	Grand Rapids	Unresolved Business
Matthew Yancy Jr	Detroit	Unresolved Business
Anthony Yarger	Saginaw	Unresolved Business
Michael Yassine	Dearborn	Unresolved Business
Charles Young	Kalamazoo	Unresolved Business
Kathy Zade	Clinton Township	Unresolved Business
Steven Zink	Grand Blanc	Unresolved Business

Following is a list of officials who have been suspended by the MHSAA. Those listed will not be permitted to register in any sport through at least June of 2004.

NAME	CITY	
David Bussell	Monroe	Suspended
Keith Cieslinski	Bay City	Suspended
Joe Cowdrey	Alma	Suspended
Aaron Doroff	Benton Harbor	Suspended
Everett Goodson	Mt Pleasant	Suspended
Thomas Harris	Walker	Suspended
Mike Hubert	Alpena	Suspended
Charles Jones	St Clair Shores	Suspended
Arron Kropaczewski	Pullman	Suspended
Roger Lehrbass	Custer	Suspended
Raymond Moreno	Saginaw	Suspended
Kirk Peters	Kalamazoo	Suspended
Kenneth Sims	Ionia	Suspended
Michael Spann	Elkhart	Suspended
Michael Turner	Petoskey	Suspended

OFFICIALS REPORTS SUMMARY

FOR 2002-03 SCHOOL YEAR

CODE: P = Player C = Coach O = Other

Sport	Concern	Praise	P-Eject	C-Eject	O-Eject	Taunting
Baseball	81	2	59	24	2	0
Boys Basketball	78	17	52	20	3	0
Boys Golf	3	0	3	0	0	0
Boys Soccer	197	15	170	20	4	4
Boys Swimming	1	0	0	0	0	0
Boys Track	1	1	1	0	0	0
Football	131	24	107	22	1	1
Girls Basketball	44	11	19	16	1	0
Girls Soccer	37	3	22	5	1	0
Girls Swimming	1	0	0	1	0	0
Ice Hockey	104	2	121	6	0	0
Softball	21	10	5	9	0	0
Volleyball	4	9	1	2	1	0
Wrestling	91	4	46	13	20	0

Distribution of Reports

Rpts./Concern	# of Schools	Rpts./Praise	# of Schools
1	388	1	87
2	127	2	4
3	37	3	1
4	6		
5	2		
7	1		

54 LEGACY OFFICIALS IN 2002-03

During the 2002-03 school year, 54 high school juniors - 42 boys and 12 girls - participated as MHSAA Legacy officials.

This year's class brings the total to 343 students who have become registered and active officials during their junior year of high school through the Legacy program.

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

Basic to the program is the belief that properly and adequately coached from the outset, young people with an interest in officiating can develop as capable officials so that in the future they will be prepared to follow in the footsteps of their adult guide. It is a goal of the program that student officials will learn the correct way to perform as officials. Designed training, we believe, will prepare more able officials than any program previously attempted.

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

The guide will be a leader. The leader will chart the course, help arrange contests and introduce the student to the practices and procedures of officiating. The guide will also be a teacher, providing learning opportunities for the student official. Assistance with tests and clinic experiences will be a part of this responsibility. The teaching guide will accompany the student official to MHSAA rules meetings.

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

Teamwork is a part of officiating just as it was a part of competition. Becoming a member of the officiating "team" will bring an immediate benefit - that of remaining connected to the sport which was enjoyed so much as a player.

Officiating is a chance to give back to the sport. It is an opportunity to maintain involvement. Exchanging the player's uniform for an official's uniform is a great way to perpetuate an important part of life by actively getting involved. ■

25th ANNUAL MHSAA OFFICIALS BANQUET RESCHEDULED

The 25th Annual MHSAA Officials Banquet has been rescheduled from May 8 to **April 24, 2004**, at the Sheraton Hotel, Lansing.

The change allows access to all six sections of the Sheraton's Ballroom to accommodate the anticipated record crowd for this special evening.

Make plans now to attend the event, and look for registration information in future *Bulletins* and on the Web at mhsaa.com

2003 CROSS COUNTRY RUNS FOR BOYS & GIRLS

GENERAL INFORMATION BULLETIN

NOTE: With prior approval of competing schools, a modified scoring system may be used during the regular season *ONLY*

1. **L.P. ENTRY BLANK** — The official entry for CROSS COUNTRY REGIONALS WILL INCLUDE THE ENTRY BLANK and MASTER ELIGIBILITY LIST which must be in the hands of the L.P. Regional Manager **NOT LATER THAN 4 P.M., WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15, 2003. LATE ENTRIES REQUIRE A \$50 LATE FEE.**
U.P. ENTRY BLANK — Due date 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10, 2003.
2. **TEAM ROSTER** — List individuals on the Entry Blank in order of best performance.
3. **Individuals or teams shall be accompanied to the event by the coach, administrator or appointee of the school in order to participate in an MHSAA event. NOTE: If your school is not planning to enter the Regional Run, please notify the Manager of the Run as soon as possible.**
4. **NUMBER OF COMPETITORS FROM EACH SCHOOL** — A school may compete with a maximum of seven entries and a minimum of one entry. At least five individuals must finish in order to be considered a complete team. Only complete teams will be scored. Individuals on the Eligibility List may be used as substitutes for TEAM entries. There are no substitutes for those entered in the individual run in the Finals.
5. **NOTE:** The Final Meet Manager of each class shall establish and distribute the protocol and schedule for previewing the Final Meet course if it is to be allowed by the meet management.
6. **UNIFORMS FOR CROSS COUNTRY** — Each team member shall wear the same color and design school uniform (jersey and trunks). When other apparel is worn under the jersey or the trunks, by more than one team member, that apparel must be the same solid color. Although members of teams must comply with this rule, boys teams and girls teams, from the same school, are not required to be attired alike. This rule applies equally to team and individual runs. All team members need not wear undergarments if one team member elects to do so. A company logo may be no larger than 2 1/4" x 2 1/4" in any direction. The only head attire that may be worn during competition will be knit stocking caps (watch caps), a sweat band not more than two inches wide, or a ski band, all must be unadorned, single-colored cloth. If more than one team member wears either a ski band or knit stocking cap or sweat band they do not have to be the same solid color.
7. **JEWELRY** — Except for traditional wedding bands, Medical Alert necklaces or bracelets and religious medals (not visible), jewelry is prohibited in all competition. This will include, but is not limited to pierced earrings, barrettes made of hard plastic, leather, cloth and plastic bracelets. Elasticized ponytail holders having metal parts are legal. Multiple ponytail holders do not have to be the same color. **Watches may not be worn during any competition.** Breathe-Right strips are permitted. Sunglasses may be worn in competitions only if they are prescription glasses. Competitors may not wear temporary body adornment (painted or fastened) during competition.
8. **STARTING TIME AND ORDER OF COMPETITION FOR REGIONAL AND FINAL CROSS COUNTRY RUNS:**
 - A. **In 2003 Boys Run First.** Boys Regional and Final Cross Country Runs are to be conducted first during **odd** numbered years. Girls Regional and Final Cross Country Runs are to be conducted first during **even** numbered years.
 - B. At L.P. Regional and U.P. Final Runs, the first run will start at 11 a.m. Where there are two Divisions, the smallest Division will compete first and will be followed by the same sex of the larger Division. Example: (Boys Division 3 Run, Boys Division 2 Run; Girls Division 3 Run, Girls Division 2 Run)
 - C. In the L.P. Finals, the team and individual runs will be combined (Boys Division 3 Team Run combined with Boys Division 3 Individual Run; Girls Division 3 Team Run combined with Girls Division 3 Individual Run.
 - D. Proposed Schedule — Included with regional entry materials.

9. **COMPETITOR NUMBERS** — Each competitor shall be provided a number by the Meet Manager. The Cross Country Committee requires that the number be worn. Placement of the number on the back or front of the contestant's jersey will be at the discretion of the meet manager.
10. **SCORING AND TIES AT REGIONALS AND FINALS** — See governing scoring in the 2003 National Federation Track and Field Rule Book **Reminder:** All contestants are expected to run through the final line and maintain their position in the chute until released. **Failure to do so may result in disqualification.**
NOTE: Ties will be scored according to the National Federation **Track and Field Rules Book.**
11. **LENGTH OF COURSE** — The length of the course at Regional and Final Runs will be 5000 Meters.
12. **EXPENSES OF COMPETING TEAMS** — Schools will defray their own expenses both at Regional and Final Runs.
13. **SUPERVISION OF TEAMS** — Coaches and/or other school officials are responsible for the supervision of team members at the Cross Country Runs. Help retain the good will of the persons managing the runs, as well as schools, park departments and golf courses or country clubs. Use proper receptacles for used tape, bandages and other debris.
14. **COACHES RESPONSIBILITIES**—
 - A. Check-in at the Final Run — The coach from each competing school (teams or individuals) will check in with the Final Manager immediately upon arrival at the Final Run site.
 - B. Coaches are to inform their contestants that radios, tape players, stereo boxes, or similar appliances will not be allowed at MHSAA Cross Country Meet sites.
15. **ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS TO REGIONALS (L.P.)** — Teams have been assigned to Regional sites using the following criteria:
 - A. Approximately the same number of schools at each Regional site.
 - B. Each site will require reasonable travel. Efforts were made so schools would not cross paths in traveling to the Regional site.
 - C. When two or more Regionals of the same Division are held at the same site with a difference of five or more teams, a drawing shall be conducted on the first school day after the entry due date to determine which teams will compete in each Regional.
16. **ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS (U.P.)** — A Final Run will be conducted for both boys and girls: boys in Divisions 1, 2 and 3 and girls in Divisions 1, 2 and 3. An entry blank is being sent to all Upper Peninsula schools which indicated sponsorship of Cross Country on their Division information forms.
17. **TEAM QUALIFICATION FROM REGIONAL RUNS TO THE FINAL RUN (L.P.)** –
 - A. Coaches of qualifiers will obtain information packets regarding Final Runs from Regional Managers or from the Finals Manager by mail.
 - B. **Five runners must finish a Regional Run for a school if that school is to qualify a team to the Final Run.**
 - C. Three teams will automatically qualify from the Regional to the Final Run. **THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF TEAMS QUALIFYING FROM A REGIONAL CANNOT EXCEED FOUR.** (See 17E.)
 - D. The maximum number of runners to represent a qualifying team at the Final Meet is seven.
 - E. If a school finishes fourth in the Regional Meet and has **four or more runners** in the top 20 places, the team will qualify for the Final Meet. That team must be listed as the fourth school qualifying a full team.
18. **INDIVIDUAL QUALIFICATIONS FROM REGIONAL RUNS TO THE FINAL RUN (L.P.):**
 - A. **All medalist finishers who are not members of a qualifying team will qualify to the Final Run as individuals, regardless if there are three or four qualifying teams.**
19. **ADMISSIONS** — There will be a \$4 admission at each Regional. Admission is \$5 for the All-Division Finals at the Michigan International Speedway, which includes parking.
 - A. Each team entered at the Regional or qualified for the Final Meet shall be allowed admission for 12 team members in uniform.

B. Schools qualifying individuals to the Final Meet will be provided admissions for those qualifiers only.

C. Each team or individual qualifier represented at the Final Meet will be provided admissions for three other persons including the coach, a manager or other support personnel.

NOTE: Animals (dogs, cats, etc.) on leashes or not, will NOT be permitted at MHSAA Regional or Final sites.

20. **REPORTS OF QUALIFIERS** — The Regional Meet Manager will forward the **names of qualifying teams and individuals and their Eligibility Lists** to the Final Meet Manager. Changes on the list of contestants for the Finals must be submitted to the Regional Manager immediately after the Regional Run. If changes are not made by the coach, the names on the Regional Entry Blank will be submitted to the Final Manager.

21. **AWARDS (L.P.)** — The awards are to be presented following the conclusion of the fourth or last race and in the same order the races were run.

Regionals —	1 trophy	First Place Team
	7 team medals	First Place Team
	15 medals	First fifteen (15) individuals in each Division
Finals —	1 trophy	First Place Team
	1 trophy	Runner-Up Team
	7 medals	First-Place Team
	7 medals	Runner-Up Team
	30 medals	Top 30 Finishers in each Division

22. **AWARDS (U.P.)** — Winner and runner-up schools in each Division at the Final Run will receive trophies provided three or more schools compete in a division. Medals will be awarded to the first 15 individuals in each Division at the Final Run. There also will be seven medals awarded to members of the winner and runner-up schools in each Division. **BY REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL ACTION, ONLY MHSAA APPROVED AWARDS MAY BE PRESENTED.**

23. **GAMES COMMITTEE** — A Games Committee of four is to serve at all Regional and Final Meets and is to be comprised of the Meet Manager and one official (other than the referee), and three coaches. This committee shall serve as final authority.

All Regional and Final Cross Country Run Managers are to invite three area coaches to review the course layout prior to printing the map of the course and prior to competition. These three coaches are to meet, if possible, and review the course as a group. The names of these individuals are to be listed in the Regional information which is distributed to competing schools.

24. **IT IS THE OPINION OF THE CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE THAT THE CROSS COUNTRY “GENERAL INFORMATION BULLETIN” SHOULD BE USED TO SET UP DUAL AND INVITATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY RUNS EACH REGULAR SEASON.**

25. **MINIMUM CROSS COUNTRY MEET STANDARDS** — IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL CROSS COUNTRY RUNS OBSERVE THESE STANDARDS.

A. Review pages 67-72 of the 2003 National Federation Track and Field Rule Book. **NOTE: The chute is to be at least 150 feet long.**

B. The awards ceremony should be staged in an elevated area so that it may be witnessed by spectators.

C. Team scores should be posted in large figures and elevated so they are easily visible.

D. A map of the **5000-meter course** shall be distributed to all competing schools on or before the day of competition.

E. A visible curved starting line will be used where advisable. Space should be sufficient so that five runners from each team may be on the front line. Recommend each box be eight feet wide. A 10-yard spectator restraining line should be in place.

F. An equal number of teams are to be assigned, by draw, to positions on either side of the center of the course at the starting line.

G. Rope off the area around the chute to prevent spectators from interfering with chute personnel and contestants.

- H. When possible, all runs shall go around natural or man-made barriers on level ground. Course markers, such as flag poles, should extend approximately six feet above ground level and be constructed of a rigid and non-flexible material.
 - I. There shall be no sharp turns.
 - J. There shall be no turns within 400 meters of the finish line.
 - K. There must be an above ground finish line to mark the termination of the race.
 - L. Markers shall be used to designate the 1,600-meter and 3,200-meter points on the course.
 - M. Instructions for all runs are to be given 10 minutes before the start of each run. Use of a bull horn or P.A. system is advisable. Runners are to remain in sweatsuits for these instructions. Immediately following the conclusion of the instructions, each runner will remove sweatsuits and report to assigned position on the starting line.
 - N. Courses need to be marked extensively and clearly with signs and flags, supplemented with a painted or chalked line. Where possible, the course is to be double marked by lines and flags. Flag designations: a red flag indicates a turn to the left, a yellow flag indicates a turn to the right and a blue flag indicates a course straight ahead. Flags marking the course are required.
 - O. Competing schools are encouraged to notify the MHSAA, in writing, of all improperly marked courses.
26. **TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT EXPENSES** — The MHSAA will reimburse host schools for the cost of administering the run. Parking fees are permitted only when attendants are necessary to control parking. The fee charged should be for the purpose of covering costs of the parking attendants. Cost for parking shall not exceed \$2 per vehicle. (Reimbursement for parking attendants is not allowed)
27. **PRESS** — Adequate arrangements should be made to take care of working or other press representatives at the Meets.
28. **PUBLICITY** — It is suggested that Tournament Managers inform local media about teams competing in their tournament for purposes of publicity and interest. Local and nearby media may be interested in carrying information supplied by the Tournament Manager. **EACH COACH IS ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE HIS LOCAL MEDIA WITH REGIONAL RUN RESULTS.**
29. **TOURNAMENT WITHDRAWAL POLICY** — Tournament management is to contact the MHSAA office if a school withdraws or fails to show for scheduled competition after the draw is completed for team sports or the pairings, heat assignments or flights are determined for individual sports of the first level of the MHSAA tournament in that sport. The MHSAA staff person responsible for the sport will request from the school principal written explanation for the no-show/withdrawal. If the reason is determined to be unacceptable by the MHSAA staff, the MHSAA executive director will place the school on probation for the next two school years. A second offense within the two-year probationary period will cause the school to be prohibited from tournament play in that sport for the two years following the second offense.
30. **SOUVENIR PROGRAMS** — The MHSAA will provide souvenir programs for sale at the L.P. Final Tournament site. You will receive information about souvenir programs from Communications Director John Johnson in a separate mailing. Please direct any questions about programs to his attention.
31. **INCLEMENT WEATHER** — When teams are delayed in arriving at tournament sites because of inclement weather:
- 1. Management is encouraged to consider delaying competition for a few hours and/or playing games/matches in brackets of teams/individuals who are present and prepared to participate.
 - 2. If, after a reasonable delay, fewer than 60 percent of the scheduled teams/individuals have not arrived, the tournament must be rescheduled.
 - 3. If 60 percent or more of the scheduled teams/individuals are present, the tournament is to be conducted on the day scheduled.

32. SUSPENSIONS/DISQUALIFICATION PROCEDURES AT MHSAA TOURNAMENTS

1. COACH

- A. **General** — Unless a school applies additional conditions, suspension from coaching requires at least that the coach not be at or near the team bench before, during or after the contest, not be in or near the locker room before, during or after the contest, and not give instructions directly or indirectly to coaches or players from any position in or near the gymnasium or field of play.

If a school fails to enforce a suspension which is required by the MHSAA, tournament management shall require the coach to comply with the terms of suspension and shall report the school to the MHSAA for further action.

If the coach fails to comply with the terms of suspension, tournament management shall report the school and coach to the MHSAA, which shall prohibit the school from the remainder of the current tournament and impose additional penalties as circumstances warrant.

Note: Suspensions are required for violations of Regulation I, Section 9(C) and Regulation II, Section 13(A), and may be imposed under Regulation V in all other circumstances.

- B. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct in Previous Contest** — A coach who is ejected during a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be prohibited by his/her school from coaching at or attending at least the next contest/day of competition for that team. This is true even if the coach is a parent of a player.

If a school fails to enforce the subsequent disqualification with respect to its coach or the coach fails to comply, the tournament manager or any registered official or representative of a member school who becomes aware of the violation shall report it to the MHSAA, which shall prohibit the school from the remainder of the current tournament.

Note: Reference Regulation V, Section 3(D).

2. PLAYER

- A. **General** — Unless a school applies additional conditions, a suspended player is treated as an ineligible player, which means that student shall not participate. It is permissible, but is not recommended, that the player may sit with the team, even in uniform. The minimum requirement is that the suspended student shall not enter the contest as a participant.

If a school fails to enforce a suspension with respect to one of its students, which is required under MHSAA regulations, tournament management or any representative of a member school who becomes aware of the violation shall report it to the MHSAA for further action, which shall include (but not be limited to) forfeiture of the contest and thus elimination from the remainder of the tournament.

Note: Suspensions are required for violations under Regulation I, Sections 10, 11 and 12, and may be imposed under Regulation V in all other circumstances.

- B. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct in Previous Contest** — A player who is ejected during a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be withheld by his/her school for at least the next contest/day of competition for that team.

If a school fails to enforce the subsequent disqualification with respect to one of its students, the tournament managers or any registered official or representative or a member school who becomes aware of the violation shall report it to the MHSAA, which shall prohibit the school from the remainder of the current tournament.

Note: Reference Regulation V, Section 3(D).

- C. **MHSAA Tournament** — Any coach who is disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct two or more times during a season and any player who is disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct three or more times during a season is not eligible to participate in the MHSAA tournament for that sport that season. If the tournament disqualifying ejection for that individual occurs during the MHSAA tournament, that player or coach is ineligible for the remainder of that tournament. ■

2003 REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY TOURNAMENTS

Saturday, October 25, 2003

No.	Div.	School	City	Manager
1	1	Lowell HS	Lowell	Barry Hobrla
2	1	Portage Northern HS	Portage	Carl Latora
3	1	Bay City Western HS	Auburn	Jim Eurick
4	1	Salem HS	Canton	Tom Willette
5	1	Huron HS	Ann Arbor	Kevin Behmer
6	1	Kimball HS	Royal Oak	Eric Sturm
7	1	Clarkston HS	Clarkston	Dan Fife
8	1	Romeo HS	Romeo	Greg Brynaert
9	1	Grosse Pointe South HS	Grosse Pointe	Steve Zaranek
10	2	Dowagiac Union HS	Dowagiac	Robert Follett
11	2	Haslett HS	Haslett	Jamie Gent
12	2	Grosse Ile HS	Grosse Ile	James Okler
13	2	Sparta HS	Sparta	Joseph Droski
14	2	Marysville HS	Marysville	Mac Domke
15	2	Chippewa Hills HS	Remus	John Thompson
16	2	Grosse Pointe South HS	Grosse Pointe	Steve Zaranek
17	2	Thornapple Kellogg HS	Middleville	Mark Uyl
18	2	Kimball HS	Royal Oak	Eric Sturm
19	3	Benzie Central HS	Benzonia	Karen Leinaar
20	3	Bangor HS	Bangor	Bob Ballantine
21	3	Carson City-Crystal HS	Carson City	Chris Ervin
22	3	Salem HS	Canton	Tom Willette
23	3	Kelloggsville HS	Wyoming	Bruce Foster
24	3	Stockbridge HS	Stockbridge	Brian Thompson
25	3	Grosse Ile HS	Grosse Ile	James Okler
26	3	Bad Axe HS	Bad Axe	Paul Gaudard
27	3	Gladwin HS	Gladwin	Dave Beyer
28	4	East Jordan HS	East Jordan	Steve Hines
29	4	Mason County Eastern HS	Custer	Edward Miller
30	4	Carson City-Crystal HS	Carson City	Chris Ervin
31	4	Bellevue HS	Bellevue	Shelley Spangler
32	4	Harbor Beach Community HS	Harbor Beach	Steve Budzynski
33	4	Centreville HS	Centreville	Craig Brueck
34	4	Pittsford HS	Pittsford	Will Cramer
35	4	Gabriel Richard HS	Ann Arbor	Ed Maloney
36	4	Clarkston HS	Clarkston	Dan Fife

2003 L.P. FINAL CROSS COUNTRY MEET HOST

Saturday, Nov. 1, 2003

At Michigan International Speedway, Brooklyn

Divisions	Host School	City	Manager
All	Jackson Northwest	Jackson	Rich Kimball

2003 U.P. FINAL CROSS COUNTRY MEET HOST

Saturday, Oct. 18, 2003

Dale Fountain Memorial Cross Country Course, Banat, MI

Divisions	Host School	City	Manager
All	Stephenson	Stephenson	Scott Koski

2003 GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING

1. Entry materials will be mailed to all schools which have indicated they sponsor swimming and diving. Materials will be sent in mid-October. The entry deadline is 3 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 18.
2. The entry material must be electronically sent to the designated administrator.
3. Starting time for both Swimming Preliminaries and Finals is 12 noon.
4. Overnight accommodations are the responsibility of the participating individuals/schools.
5. Regional diving is Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2003. Final Meets are Friday and Saturday, Nov. 21-22, 2003.

2003-04 BOYS & GIRLS QUALIFYING TIMES

EVENT	GIRLS D1	GIRLS D2	BOYS D1	BOYS D2
200 MEDLEY RELAY	1:57.79	2:03.19	1:44.39	1:48.19
200 FREESTYLE	2:02.19	2:06.99 9	1:50.39	1:53.99
200 IND. MEDLEY	2:18.69	2:23.19	2:04.99	2:10.59
50 FREESTYLE	:25.69	:26.29	:22.99	:23.39
100 BUTTERFLY	1:02.69	1:04.99	:55.99	:58.59
100 FREESTYLE	:56.19	:57.99	:49.99	:51.59
500 FREESTYLE	5:27.89	5:38.99	5:00.99	5:12.99
200 FREE RELAY	1:44.99	1:47.99	1:32.99	1:35.79
100 BACKSTROKE	1:03.39	1:05.59	:57.19	:59.99
100 BREASTSTROKE	1:11.79	1:13.99	1:03.79	1:05.99
400 FREE RELAY	3:51.59	3:59.99	3:25.39	3:30.99

2003 GIRLS DIVING QUALIFICATION SITES (Tuesday, November 18, 2003)

Region	Division	Host School	City	Manager
1	1	Pioneer	Ann Arbor	Dennis Hill
2	1	Lake Orion	Lake Orion	Bill Reiss
3	1	TBA	Grand Rapids	Eric Gale
4	2	Andover	Bloomfield Hills	Marty Simmonds
5	2	Dewitt	Dewitt	Damon Robertson
6	2	East Grand Rapids	East Grand Rapids	Butch Briggs

LOWER PENINSULA GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING FINAL SITES (Friday-Saturday, November 21-22, 2003)

Class	Site	City	Manager
1	Eastern Michigan University	Ypsilanti	Peter Linn
2	Oakland University	Rochester	John Teal

DIVING QUALIFICATION

Regional Diving

To qualify for entry in the diving qualification meet, a diver must have 1) placed ahead of all divers from opposing schools in actual dual varsity meet competition during the season in at least five (5) meets; or 2) in a league or conference meet or in a season-ending varsity invitational (if a school doesn't belong to a league), as many people may qualify to the qualification meet as there are schools **entered in the diving event**. (In other words, an eight team league which has six schools entered in the diving event of the league meet, may qualify six (6) to the MHSAA Qualification Meet. If only four (4) schools are entered, then only

four may qualify.)

The divers who qualify to the qualification meet must be included on the entry form e-mailed to the final meet manager (Nov. 18, 2003). In addition, **the coach must fax to the Regional Diving manager by noon Monday, a list of divers whom have qualified** and a complete diving sheet for each qualified diver.

Warm-ups at any qualification meet will not be permitted before 3 p.m. on the Tuesday of the meet. If weather conditions are questionable, call the host site to see if the competition will go on as scheduled.

GUIDELINES FOR A UNIFORM FORWARD START

To perform the Step-Up Start, the following procedure will take place.

In all swimming races (exception: Backstroke and Medley Relay races), the referee will give a preliminary signal by whistle to notify the swimmers to line up behind or beside their respective starting platforms. The referee may give brief instructions deemed necessary. The referee then shall turn control of the competitors over to the starter. The starter shall verbally direct the swimmers to "step up" at which time each swimmer shall step onto his or her starting platform and shall stand in any position on the platform, without excessive noise or movement.

The starter may give brief instructions deemed necessary.

Upon the starter's verbal command, "Take Your Mark", each swimmer, with no unnecessary noise or movement, shall immediately assume a motionless position with at least one foot on the front edge of the starting platform. When the starter sees that the swimmers are motionless, the starter shall start the race.

In swimming meets where only one official is on deck, that person shall assume the role of both referee and starter when beginning any swimming race. ■

SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD APPLICATION AVAILABLE ONLINE & ON CD-ROM

Application and promotional materials for the MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance, are available via the MHSAA Web site at mhsaa.com and the MHSAA CD-ROM sent to schools in August.

Athletic directors, building principals and/or guidance counselors should download files pertinent to information and application from the MHSAA Web site or access the forms from the CD-ROM.

Individual applications must be turned in to high school principals by Nov. 24 to be processed and forwarded to the MHSAA for judging. A school must submit all of its applications in one packet with its School Applicant list so that they are received in the MHSAA office by 4 p.m. (EST) on Dec. 5, 2003. Each school is responsible for utilizing a delivery method which ensures that its applications arrive on time. The MHSAA is not responsible for delays caused by a school's choice of delivery service. No applications will be considered which arrive at the MHSAA office after the Dec. 5 deadline of 4 p.m.

2003 GIRLS TENNIS TOURNAMENTS

Regional and Final Sites

Entry materials for U.P. Tennis Schools will be sent the first week of September and the L.P. Tennis materials will be sent the second week of September. Entry deadlines are Sept. 26 for U.P. and Oct. 3 for L.P. Tournaments.

The regional manager will contact schools assigned to their region and advise them of the date and location of the seeding meeting. Coaches should make every attempt to attend and participate at the seeding meeting. The entry materials that are required by said deadline include the eligibility list, team line-up and player information sheets. The player information sheets must be complete, accurate and legible. Note: Once an entry is received by the manager, the lineup is set. Changes cannot be made but substitutions are allowed within the body of rules. For additional information on tennis refer to the Tennis Coaches Manual and the Tennis General Information Bulletin.

LOCATIONS OF 2003 LOWER PENINSULA GIRLS REGIONAL TENNIS TOURNAMENTS (October 9 or 10, 2003)

No.	Div.	School	City	Manager
1	1	Holland Area	Holland	Tiger Teusink
2	1	Holt HS	Holt	Rick Schmidt
3	1	Pioneer HS	Ann Arbor	Tom Pullen
4	1	Adlai E Stevenson HS	Livonia	Lori Hyman
5	1	Grosse Pointe South HS	Grosse Pointe	Mark Sobieralski
6	1	Port Huron HS	Port Huron	Bob Haas
7	1	West Bloomfield HS	West Bloomfield	Dewayne Jones
8	1	Heritage HS	Saginaw	Peter Ryan
9	2	Portage Central HS	Portage	Pete Militzer
10	2	Allen Park HS	Allen Park	Michael Dawson
11	2	TBA		
12	2	TBA		
13	2	Farmington HS	Farmington	Carl Badynee
14	2	Genesee Valley Tennis Center	Flint	Jim Fowler
15	2	TBA		
16	2	Forest Hills Central HS	Grand Rapids	
17	3	Lakeshore HS	Stevensville	Jim Sanford
18	3	Three Rivers HS	Three Rivers	Hal Stofer
19	3	Riverview Community HS	Riverview	Lisa Zoltowski
20	3	TBA		
21	3	Mt Clemens HS	Mt Clemens	Don Wiswell
22	3	Haslett HS	Haslett	Jamie Gent
23	3	East Grand Rapids HS	Grand Rapids	Jerry Fouch
24	3	Ferris State University	Big Rapids	Dave Ramos
25	4	Buchanan HS	Buchanan	Steve Bender
26	4	To Be Determined	Battle Creek	Jim Cummins
27	4	Detroit Country Day HS	Beverly Hills	Kurt Keener
28	4	Corunna HS	Corunna	Chris Curtiss
29	4	Almont HS	Almont	Dean Sousanis
30	4	Garber HS	Essexville	Nancy Brissette
31	4	Spring Lake HS	Spring Lake	Charlie Bassett
32	4	North Muskegon HS	North Muskegon	Joe Gentle

2003 Lower Peninsula Girls Tennis Finals – Oct. 17-18

Div.	School	City	Manager
1	Midland Community Tennis Center	Midland	Wendy Franz
2	Michigan State University	East Lansing	Gordon Boettcher
3	Kalamazoo College	Kalamazoo	Jim VanZandt
4	Holland Area	Holland	Tiger Teusink

Upper Peninsula Girls Tennis Final – Oct. 3

Div.	School	City	Manager
1	Marquette	Marquette	Mark Mattson
2	Ishpeming	Ishpeming	John Croze

TENNIS CONCERNS

- UNIFORM.** Shirt and shorts/skirts or a tennis dress are required. The minimum requirement for a team shirt is an unaltered shirt with sleeves, preferably in school colors or with school identification. Each individual must wear such shirts throughout the match. If a player changes shirts, he/she must have another tennis team shirt to wear. (Females may wear a sleeveless top if it is tailored by the manufacturer to be sleeveless. Tank tops or tops/dresses which are “cut in” similar to a tank top (racer back) are permitted with school approval.) Players shall not wear undergarments or tights, which extend below the skirt/short. (Exception: Compression shorts which are unadorned and of a single color) *Team shorts/skirts are required. The team short/skirt must be the same color for all individuals and an appropriate style for tennis.*
Penalty: If a student-athlete does not have the school team uniform on, the USTA point penalty system for lateness will be used. (After 15 minutes, the player will be defaulted.)
 - FORMAT.** All participating schools were placed in four nearly-equal divisions (Division I is made up of schools with the largest enrollment through Division IV which has the smallest enrollment). Each division will have eight regionals and two teams will qualify from each regional with the additional qualifier option still intact.
 - PLACEMENT OF PLAYERS.** The best player on the team *must* play number one singles. The remaining players whom are designated as singles players must be in ranked order, i.e. No. 2 better than No. 3, No. 3 better than No. 4. The doubles team must be ranked according to the ability of the two players as a team, not as individuals. The best doubles team must play No. 1 doubles, the next best must play No. 2, etc.
- All Divisions will play a fourth doubles at the Regional and Final level. A team may advance as an additional qualifier if 18 points are earned.
- THE TENNIS COACHES MANUAL** as well as the USTA Rules of Tennis are the rules publications to be used at all high school matches.■

2003 BOYS L.P. REGIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENTS

October 9, 10, or 11, 2003

No.	Division	School	City	Manager
1	1	Grandville HS	Grandville	Brian Parsons
2	1	Kalamazoo Central HS	Kalamazoo	Vic Callahan
3	1	Bedford HS	Temperance	Bill Regnier
4	1	Brighton HS	Brighton	Bruce Zylstra
5	1	West Bloomfield HS	West Bloomfield	Art Link
6	1	Utica Ford II HS	Sterling Heights	Chet Boss
7	1	Romeo HS	Romeo	Greg Brynaert
8	1	HH Dow HS	Midland	Dan Mc Shannock

9	2	Coldwater HS	Coldwater	Dave Hammer
10	2	Tecumseh HS	Tecumseh	Pat Pomy
11	2	Seaholm HS	Birmingham	Aaron Frank
12	2	St Clair HS	St Clair	Wendy Millett
13	2	Lapeer West HS	Lapeer	Mike Smith
14	2	Harper Creek HS	Battle Creek	Ed Greenman
15	2	Catholic Central HS	Grand Rapids	Michael Neuman
16	2	Mt Pleasant HS	Mt Pleasant	James Conway

17	3	Edwardsburg HS	Edwardsburg	Don Bourdon
18	3	Lumen Christi HS	Jackson	Jerry Sykes
19	3	Grosse Ile HS	Grosse Ile	James Bennett
20	3	Capac HS	Capac	Maureen Klocke
21	3	Frankenmuth HS	Frankenmuth	John Blankenship
22	3	West Catholic HS	Grand Rapids	Robert Phillips
23	3	Morley Stanwood HS	Morley	Ken Main
24	3	Grayling HS	Grayling	Brian Banda

25	4	Schoolcraft HS	Schoolcraft	Al Johansen
26	4	Concord HS	Concord	Douglas Gardiner
27	4	Plymouth Christian HS	Canton	Doug Taylor
28	4	Harbor Beach Community HS	Harbor Beach	Steve Budzynski
29	4	Valley Lutheran HS	Saginaw	Kurt Hofmeister
30	4	Saugatuck HS	Saugatuck	Dan Wilson
31	4	St Francis HS	Traverse City	Tom Hardy
32	4	Harbor Springs HS	Harbor Springs	Randy Bingham

2003 BOYS L.P. FINAL GOLF TOURNAMENTS

October 17-18, 2003

Division	Course	Course City	Manager
Division 1	The Meadows	Grand Valley State U.	
Division 2	Eagle Crest	Eastern Michigan U.	
Division 3	Forest Akers East	Michigan State U.	
Division 4	Forest Akers West	Michigan State U.	

2003 BOYS REGIONAL SOCCER TOURNAMENTS

Oct. 28-Nov. 1, 2003

No.	Div.	School	City	Manager
1	1	Holt HS	Holt	Rick Schmidt
2	1	Southgate Anderson HS	Southgate	Dave Pinkowski
3	1	De La Salle Collegiate HS	Warren	Mike Jolly
4	1	Heritage HS	Saginaw	Pete Ryan
5	2	Northwest HS	Jackson	Rich Kimball
6	2	Crestwood HS	Dearborn Heights	Sean Maloney
7	2	Fenton HS	Fenton	Scott Thurlow
8	2	Greenville HS	Greenville	Brian Zdanowski
9	3	Saranac HS	Saranac	Jason Smith
10	3	Detroit Country Day HS	Beverly Hills	Dan Mac Lean
11	3	Frankenmuth HS	Frankenmuth	John Blankenship
12	3	Suttons Bay HS	Suttons Bay	Cody Inglis
13	4	Jackson Christian School	Jackson	Bob Stanton
14	4	Bethesda Christian HS	Sterling Heights	Alvin Lawrence
15	4	Freedom Baptist HS	Hudsonville	Scott Huckaby
16	4	TBA		

2003 BOYS SOCCER SEMIFINAL TOURNAMENTS

November 5, 2003

No.	Div.	School	City	Manager
1	1	Jackson HS	Jackson	Russell Davis
2	1	Grand Blanc HS	Grand Blanc	Andy Piazza
3	2	Seaholm HS	Birmingham	Aaron Frank
4	2	East Grand Rapids HS	Grand Rapids	Jerry Fouch
5	3	Pontiac Notre Dame Prep	Pontiac	Joe Spada
6	3	Shelby HS	Shelby	Steve Guy
7	4	Valley Lutheran HS	Saginaw	Kurt Hofmeister
8	4	Jackson Christian School	Jackson	Bob Stanton

2003 BOYS SOCCER FINAL TOURNAMENT

November 8, 2003

Div.	School	City	Manager
1 & 4	Athens	Troy	Bob Dowd
2 & 3	Forest Hills Central	Grand Rapids	Laurie Ryan

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2003 BOYS SOCCER TOURNAMENTS

DIVISION 1

PRE-REGIONALS

Oct. 28-30

REGIONALS

Oct. 31 or Nov. 1

SEMIFINALS

Nov. 5

FINALS

Nov. 8

Winners From:

Portage Northern Dist 3

Brighton Dist 4

GR Forest Hills Central Dist 2

Holland District 1

Dearborn District 7

Novi District 8

South Lyon District 6

Temperance Bedford Dist 5

Berkley District 11

Macomb Dakota District 12

Grosse Pointe North Dist 10

Detroit U-D Jesuit District 9

Grand Blanc District 15

Midland Dow District 16

White Lake Lakeland Dist 14

Chippewa Valley District 13

Region 1 at
Holt

Semifinal
at
Jackson

Region 2 at
Southgate Anderson

Final at
Troy Athens
1:30 pm

Region 3 at
Warren DeLaSalle

Semifinal
at
Grand Blanc

Region 4 at
Saginaw Heritage

2003 BOYS SOCCER TOURNAMENTS

DIVISION 2

PRE-REGIONALS

Oct. 28-30

REGIONALS

Oct. 31 or Nov. 1

SEMIFINALS

Nov. 5

FINALS

Nov. 8

Winners From:

Fenton District 26

Flint-Kearsley District 31

St Clair District 25

Birmingham Seaholm Dist 24

Dearborn Hts Crestwood 22

SCS Lake Shore District 23

Monroe Jefferson District 21

Chelsea District 20

Eaton Rapids District 19

Haslett District 27

Vicksburg District 18

St Joseph District 17

Sparta District 30

Petoskey District 32

Holland Christian District 29

Thornapple Kellogg Dist 28

Region 7 at
Fenton

Semifinal
at
Birmingham Seaholm

Region 6 at
Dearborn Heights Crestwood

Final at
**Grand Rapids
Forest Hills Central
1:30 pm**

Region 5 at
Jackson Northwest

Semifinal
at
East Grand Rapids

Region 8 at
Greenville

2003 BOYS SOCCER TOURNAMENTS

DIVISION 3

PRE-REGIONALS
Oct. 28-30

REGIONALS
Oct. 31 or Nov. 1

SEMIFINALS
Nov. 5

FINALS
Nov. 8

Winners from:

Saginaw Valley Luth Dist 43

Bad Axe District 44

Goodrich District 39

TBA District No. 38

Macomb Lutheran N Dist 37

Williamston District 40

Grosse Ile District 36

Onsted District No. 35

Grayling District 47

Harbor Springs District 48

Hart District 46

Standish Sterling District 45

Grand Rapids W Cath Dist 41

Spring Lake District 42

Delton Kellogg District 34

Dowagiac Union District 33

Region 11 at
Frankenmuth

Region 10 at
Detroit Country Day

Region 12 at
Suttons Bay

Region 9 at
Saranac

Semifinal
at
Pontiac Notre Dame Prep

Final at
**Grand Rapids
Forest Hills Central
11 am**

Semifinal
at
Shelby

2003 BOYS SOCCER TOURNAMENTS

DIVISION 4

PRE-REGIONALS

Oct. 28-30

REGIONALS

Oct. 31 or Nov. 1

SEMIFINALS

Nov. 5

FINALS

Nov. 8

Winners from:

Harbor Beach District 59

Muskegon WMC District 60

H'ville Freedom Baptist Dist 57

Lansing New Covenant Dist 55

District No. 63

Big Bay de Noc District 64

Leland District 62

McBain NMC District 61

SH Bethesda Christian Dist 54

AH Oakland Christian Dist 58

SH Bethesda Christian Dist 53

AP Inter-City Baptist Dist 52

Jackson Christian District 51

TBA District 56

Cassopolis District 50

St. Joseph Mich Luth Dist 49

Region 15 at
Hudsonville Freedom Baptist

Semifinal
at
Saginaw Valley Lutheran

Region 16 at
TBA

Final at
Troy Athens
11 am

Region 14 at
Sterling Hts. Bethesda Christian

Semifinal
at
Jackson Christian

Region 13 at
Jackson Christian

FUTURE MHSAA FINAL SITES

underscored sites are confirmed; blanks are TBD

Sport		2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
BASEBALL:	1	<u>Battle Creek</u>	<u>Battle Creek</u>	<u>Battle Creek</u>
	2	<u>Battle Creek</u>	<u>Battle Creek</u>	<u>Battle Creek</u>
	3	<u>Battle Creek</u>	<u>Battle Creek</u>	<u>Battle Creek</u>
	4	<u>Battle Creek</u>	<u>Battle Creek</u>	<u>Battle Creek</u>
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BASKETBALL: (Boys)	A	<u>East Lansing</u>	<u>East Lansing</u>	<u>East Lansing</u>
	B	<u>East Lansing</u>	<u>East Lansing</u>	<u>East Lansing</u>
	C	<u>East Lansing</u>	<u>East Lansing</u>	<u>East Lansing</u>
	D	<u>East Lansing</u>	<u>East Lansing</u>	<u>East Lansing</u>
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BASKETBALL: (Girls)	A	<u>Mt. Pleasant</u>	<u>East Lansing</u>	<u>East Lansing</u>
	B	<u>Mt. Pleasant</u>	<u>East Lansing</u>	<u>East Lansing</u>
	C	<u>Mt. Pleasant</u>	<u>East Lansing</u>	<u>East Lansing</u>
	D	<u>Mt. Pleasant</u>	<u>East Lansing</u>	<u>East Lansing</u>
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BOWLING	A			
	B			
	C/D			
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COMPETITIVE CHEER:	A	<u>Grand Rapids</u>	Grand Rapids	
	B	<u>Grand Rapids</u>	Grand Rapids	
	C/D	<u>Grand Rapids</u>	Grand Rapids	
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CROSS COUNTRY: (Boys & Girls)	1	<u>Brooklyn</u>	<u>Brooklyn</u>	<u>Brooklyn</u>
	2	<u>Brooklyn</u>	<u>Brooklyn</u>	<u>Brooklyn</u>
	3	<u>Brooklyn</u>	<u>Brooklyn</u>	<u>Brooklyn</u>
	4	<u>Brooklyn</u>	<u>Brooklyn</u>	<u>Brooklyn</u>
	UP - 1	<u>Stephenson</u>		
	UP - 2	<u>Stephenson</u>		
	UP - 3	<u>Stephenson</u>		
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FOOTBALL:	1 & 5	<u>Pontiac</u>	<u>Pontiac</u>	
	2 & 6	<u>Pontiac</u>	<u>Pontiac</u>	
	3 & 7	<u>Pontiac</u>	<u>Pontiac</u>	
	4 & 8	<u>Pontiac</u>	<u>Pontiac</u>	
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GOLF: (Boys)	1	<u>GVSU</u>		
	2	<u>EMU</u>		
	3	<u>MSU</u>		
	4	<u>MSU</u>		
	UP - 1			
	UP - 2			
	UP - 3			

Sport		2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
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GOLF:	1	\		
(Girls)	2	<u>GVSU or EMU, & MSU</u>		
	3	/		
	UP - 1			
	UP - 2			
	UP 3			

GYMNASTICS:		<u>Plymouth</u>	West Side	
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ICE HOCKEY:	1	<u>Plymouth</u>	<u>Plymouth</u>	
	2	<u>Plymouth</u>	<u>Plymouth</u>	
	3	<u>Plymouth</u>	<u>Plymouth</u>	

SKIING:	A	<u>Nub's Nob</u>	<u>Boyne Mountain</u>	
(Boys & Girls) B/C/D		<u>Boyne Mountain</u>	<u>Marquette</u>	

SOCCER:	1	<u>Troy Athens</u>	Troy Athens	
(Boys)	2	<u>GR Forest Hills C</u>	GR Forest Hills C	
	3	<u>GR Forest Hills C</u>	GR Forest Hills C	
	4	<u>Troy Athens</u>	Troy Athens	

SOCCER:	1			
(Girls)	2			
	3			
	4			

SOFTBALL:	1	<u>Battle Creek</u>	<u>Battle Creek</u>	<u>Battle Creek</u>
	2	<u>Battle Creek</u>	<u>Battle Creek</u>	<u>Battle Creek</u>
	3	<u>Battle Creek</u>	<u>Battle Creek</u>	<u>Battle Creek</u>
	4	<u>Battle Creek</u>	<u>Battle Creek</u>	<u>Battle Creek</u>

SWIMMING:	1	<u>U of M</u>		
(Boys)	2	<u>EMU</u>		
	UP	Marquette HS		

SWIMMING:	1	<u>EMU</u>		
(Girls)	2	<u>Oakland U</u>		
	UP	Marquette HS		

Sport		2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
TENNIS: (Boys)	1	<u>Midland</u>	Midland	
	2	<u>East Lansing</u>	Kalamazoo	
	3	<u>Kalamazoo</u>	Holland	
	4	<u>Holland</u>	East Lansing	
	UP - 1			
	UP - 2			
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TENNIS: (Girls)	1	<u>Midland</u>	Midland	
	2	<u>East Lansing</u>	Kalamazoo	
	3	<u>Kalamazoo</u>	Holland	
	4	<u>Holland</u>	East Lansing	
	UP - 1	<u>Marquette</u>		
	UP - 2	<u>Iron Mountain</u>		
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TRACK: (Boys & Girls)	1	Grand Rapids Area	Grand Rapids Area	Grand Rapids Area
	2	Grand Rapids Area	Grand Rapids Area	Grand Rapids Area
	3	Grand Rapids Area	Grand Rapids Area	Grand Rapids Area
	4	Grand Rapids Area	Grand Rapids Area	Grand Rapids Area
	UP - 1	<u>Kingsford</u>	<u>Kingsford</u>	<u>Kingsford</u>
	UP - 2	<u>Kingsford</u>	<u>Kingsford</u>	<u>Kingsford</u>
	UP - 3	<u>Kingsford</u>	<u>Kingsford</u>	<u>Kingsford</u>
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VOLLEYBALL:	A	<u>Kalamazoo</u>	<u>Kalamazoo</u>	Kalamazoo
	B	<u>Kalamazoo</u>	<u>Kalamazoo</u>	Kalamazoo
	C	<u>Kalamazoo</u>	<u>Kalamazoo</u>	Kalamazoo
	D	<u>Kalamazoo</u>	<u>Kalamazoo</u>	Kalamazoo
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WRESTLING: (Individual)	1	<u>Auburn Hills</u>	Auburn Hills	Auburn Hills
	2	<u>Auburn Hills</u>	Auburn Hills	Auburn Hills
	3	<u>Auburn Hills</u>	Auburn Hills	Auburn Hills
	4	<u>Auburn Hills</u>	Auburn Hills	Auburn Hills
	UP			
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WRESTLING: (Team)	1	<u>Battle Creek</u>	<u>Battle Creek</u>	<u>Battle Creek</u>
	2	<u>Battle Creek</u>	<u>Battle Creek</u>	<u>Battle Creek</u>
	3	<u>Battle Creek</u>	<u>Battle Creek</u>	<u>Battle Creek</u>
	4	<u>Battle Creek</u>	<u>Battle Creek</u>	<u>Battle Creek</u>

STATUS OF CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

*Schools which have exercised the option to play in a higher class for 2003-04
Traditionally Classified Sports*

City/School	Sport(s)	From Class:	To Class:	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Birmingham-Seaholm	BBB, BSK, GSK	B	A	Winter 2000-01	8/15/04
Bloomfield Hills-Andover	BBB	B	A	Winter 2002-03	8/15/04
Detroit-Benedictine	BBB, GBB	D	C	Fall/Win. 2002-03	4/15/04
Inkster	FB	C	B	Fall 1996	4/15/04
Livonia Ladywood	GCC	B	A	Winter 2003-04	8/15/05
North Branch	VB	B	A	Winter 2001-02	8/15/04
Orchard Lake-St. Mary Preparatory	BSK, BBB, FB	B	A	Winter 1996-97	8/15/04

IN WRESTLING (Winter)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Algonac	3	2	Winter 99-00	8/15/04
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	2	1	Winter 02-03	8/15/04
Charlotte	2	1	Winter 97-98	8/15/04
East Lansing	2	1	Winter 98-99	8/15/04
Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Winter 99-00	8/15/04
Mt. Clemens	3	2	Winter 98-99	8/15/04
Romulus	2	1	Winter 97-98	8/15/04
Saginaw	2	1	Winter 97-98	8/15/04

IN GIRLS TENNIS (Fall)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Birmingham-Seaholm	3	2	Fall 2001	4/15/04
Grosse Ile	4	3	Fall 2002	4/15/04
Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Fall 1997	4/15/04
Midland-H. H. Dow	2	1	Fall 1999	4/15/04
New Boston-Huron	4	3	Fall 1997	4/15/04
Richmond	4	3	Fall 2001	4/15/04
St. Johns	2	1	Fall 1999	4/15/04
Taylor-Kennedy	2	1	Fall 1999	4/15/04

IN BOYS TENNIS (Spring)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Detroit Country Day	4	3	Spring 1999	10/15/04
Birmingham-Seaholm	3	2	Spring 2001	10/15/04
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	2	1	Spring 2000	10/15/04
Holland	2	1	Spring 2002	10/15/04
Taylor-Kennedy	2	1	Spring 2000	10/15/04

IN ICE HOCKEY (Winter)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Kingsford*	2	1	Winter 01-02	8/15/04
Marquette	2	1	Winter 00-01	8/15/04
Negaunee	2	1	Winter 02-03	8/15/04
Port Huron Northern	2	1	Winter 02-03	8/15/04
Sault Ste. Marie-Sault Area	3	2	Winter 99-00	8/15/04
Traverse City St. Francis*	2	1	Winter 03-04	8/15/05
Trenton	3	2	Winter 02-03	8/15/04

*Co-op Program

IN BOYS GOLF (Fall)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Suttons Bay	4	3	Fall 2002	4/15/04

IN GIRLS GOLF (Spring)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Grosse Ile	3	1	Spring 2003	10/15/04
Midland-H. H. Dow	2	1	Spring 2003	10/15/04

IN BOYS SWIMMING (Winter)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	2	1	Winter 02-03	8/15/04

IN BOYS SOCCER (Fall)

From City/School	To Division	Division	Deadline for First Season Cancellation
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	2	1	Fall 03-04 4/15/05

IN GIRLS SOCCER (Spring)

From City/School	To Division	Division	Deadline for First Season Cancellation
Madison Heights Bishop Foley	4	3	Spring 2003 10/15/04

Updated 8/15/03



John Johnson, Okemos

WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE—A group of veteran athletic directors convened at the MHSAA Office in August to volunteer as mentors for first-year athletic directors during the 2003-04 school year. First Row (left to right): Steve Marsh, Glenn Schultz, Larry Kelley, Jerry Cvengros, Bernie Larson, Bob Rowbotham, Norm Quinn, Charlie Russian, Kent Howenstine. Second Row: Nancy Clark, Blake Hagman, Chuck Nurek, Bill Mick, Gary Oyster, Tom Hickman, Phil Marazita, Hugh Matson, Joe Today.

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Physical Examination Cards (Form A) (100 per package) _____

Ship To: School _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Attention: _____

(Name)

(Title)

A LIFE THAT MATTERED

(Editor's Note: This is a portion of a eulogy delivered by MHSAA Executive Director John E. (Jack) Roberts at the memorial service for Michigan high school coaching great Lofton Greene, who died July 15, 2003.)

When I attend a memorial service, I find myself with some grief, and sympathy for those who will feel the loss most personally and deeply, but also with some guilt for the self-absorbed thoughts that I will have throughout a service such as this.

For when I attend memorial services, I find myself measuring my life against the person being remembered. I find myself wondering if my life matters, and if so, to

whom it might matter. I find myself wondering if my life will be remembered, and if so, why.

So it is my purpose in these next few minutes first and foremost to honor the life and memory of Lofton Greene from a statewide perspective; but also to

allow and even encourage these kinds of personal questions in each one of us: Does my life matter, and to whom? Will my life be remembered, and why?

Lofton Greene was born in 1919 and was raised on a Kentucky farm. Just like many of the youngsters he would later coach at River Rouge over five decades, Lofton moved with his mother and brothers from a farm in the south to factory jobs in the north.

Lofton graduated from Jackson High School in 1936; and of course, he played basketball there for the Vikings. Lofton graduated from Western Kentucky in 1940, and of course he played basketball there as well.

And then it began. Except for military service in 1944-45, Lofton Greene coached high school basketball every year for 44 years, beginning in Kentucky in 1940-41 when FDR was president, and concluding at

River Rouge High School in 1983-84 when Ronald Reagan was president.

During his 43-year varsity high school coaching career, there were more U.S. presidents (nine) than there were losing seasons for Lofton Greene's teams (seven).

His 42-year varsity high school boys basketball coaching career in Michigan is unmatched: 728 wins, almost 100 more wins than No. 2 on the list.

His 41-year coaching career at one high school is incredible, almost unfathomable to today's coaches.

Lofton Greene coached high school basketball during World War II. He coached high school basketball during the Korean conflict. During the nostalgic 50s when we spoke of a cold war. During the tumultuous 1960s when cities burned during hot summers. During the Vietnam war and the counterculture of the 1970s. Kennedy's assassination. Nixon's resignation.

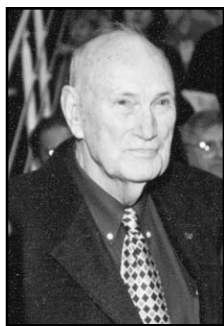
Lofton Greene coached through it all; and his teams won through it all. Class B runners-up in 1949, 51, 58, 66 and 76. MHSAA champions in 1954 and 55, 1959, five consecutive years from 1961 to 65, and four consecutive years from 1969 through 72.

There *is* something special about a coach who can win. There is something *extra* special about a coach who can win state titles during three different decades.

He must have looked past social status and skin color. He must have looked past long hair and sideburns. He must have seen deep inside the individual players for their potential, for their special role, for the contribution they could make to the team's success.

All the really great coaches will tell you that victories are great, but successful coaching has even greater rewards: the love and respect of legions of players, young athletes who return some years later as young men and say, "Thanks, coach, you made a difference." We have been reading such sentiments in our newspapers since Wednesday. We have been hearing such sentiments on television, on radio and in tributes today.

One of the great basketball coaches of all time, Dean Smith, put it this way in the introduction to his book, *A Coach's Life*: "It's not just the great ones I remember. I remember



Greene in 1999

each of them, and not just as ball players. I remember the easy laughers and the ones who were most serious. I remember those players who became doctors and lawyers and ministers, the corporate soldiers and the non-conformists who did me the favor of conforming for the good of the team. I remember those who wanted to coach and those who wanted no part of it.

"I remember the ones who didn't play much but nevertheless helped our teams in countless ways, as well as those who went on to win individual honors. I remember each of these. You see, this was about championships, and we were lucky enough to win our share. But what I enjoyed most was the pursuit of the championships and the journeys each team traveled together - coaches and players - in quest of the dream. It was about the thousands of small, unselfish acts, the sacrifices on the part of the players that result in team-building. When it comes together, it is beautiful to see."

I think that is what Lofton Greene would say to us today.

Sometimes we get lucky and do things before it is too late. Such was the case in March of 2002 when the MHSAA honored the 12 MHSAA championship teams of River Rouge in our Legends of the Games celebration. We witnessed an unprecedented outpouring by many men for their former coach.

We found it striking that his former players and students from all over the country made it a priority to come to the Legends ceremony to honor their coach and be with their former teammates. Some players came from as far back as the 1940s. Some players came from as far away as North Carolina, New York, California, Oregon and Florida. All were drawn to the event to pay tribute to a man who clearly had a great impact on their lives. They spoke of the discipline and teamwork he instilled, and the equal opportunity

he gave to everyone. Several talked about kids of all backgrounds coming together . . . black and white, poor and middle class, with equal chance and treatment. "Through his programs," said one, "we learned to learn." That is not just a coach, but a *teacher* coach.

Life is a gift. Life is a gift that needs to be used. My personal faith in God and my professional faith in school sports convince me that life goes on for Lofton Greene, and his life goes on here on earth through those among us for whom Lofton Greene was a powerful positive influence.

Did his life matter? Yes, and not merely for the titles, for trophies fade. Are lives changed because of his life? Yes. Many of his players and their families bear witness to that fact. Will his life be remembered? Yes. Any why? Most of all because of the lives he influenced positively while he was with us physically.

Lofton Greene was a very fortunate man, for he loved what he did - high school coaching; he loved some people, and he was loved by some people.

I will see Lofton Greene's picture every day for the rest of my career at the MHSAA, for as one of four Michigan residents in the National High School Hall of Fame, his picture hangs in the MHSAA office in East Lansing.

I will be reminded every day of this man and what he meant to many of you, what he meant to River Rouge High School, what he meant to his community, what he meant as model and mentor for coaches in this state, and what he has meant to high school athletics in Michigan.

To his family, closest friends and former players, you have my sincere condolences. But more than that, you have my envy for being his family, friends and former players. You too have been fortunate. ■

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