

Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc.  
2010-11 BASKETBALL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
December 2, 2010

Members Present:

Marc Comstock, Adrian  
Lew Dawkins, Saginaw  
John Hall, Rochester  
Steve Harvey, Grand Rapids  
Dorene Ingalls, St Ignace  
Ann Lowney, Clarkston  
Rich Moffitt, Grayling

Nicholas Ramsey, Jackson  
Jeremy Palmitier, Martin  
Justin Terry, Lansing  
Patti Tibaldi, Traverse City  
Kevin Veale, Portland  
Dan Young, BCAM  
John Young, Ann Arbor

Members Absent:

Tim Conley  
Kevin O'Rourke  
Lori Young  
Mike Evoy

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. After the welcome and introductions, the committee reviewed its responsibility and relationship to the Representative Council.

The committee reviewed the 2009-10 committee minutes with attention to December 2009 Representative Council considerations and staff recommendations.

#### **Online Rules Meetings**

The committee was reminded that all sport rules meeting schedules currently offer online opportunities for coaches and officials to fulfill rules meeting obligations as required by MHSAA Handbook Regulations.

It was reported that to date:

1220 Boys and Girls coaches have successfully completed the online rules meeting for basketball.

1519 Officials have successfully completed the basketball rules meeting online.

#### **MHSAA/BCAM "Reaching Higher" Program**

The committee reviewed the planning, organization and status for this coming year's program. The dates for the 2011 programs are: Girls, July 23, 2011 and Boys, July 31, 2011. Both will be held at South Lyon High School. The committee in total shared appreciation for Rich Moffitt, Grayling and Tim Conley, Saginaw for their great effort and organization.

#### **MHSAA/Greater Lansing Sport Authority Hoopfest**

MHSAA staff identified to the committee that the 2011 March Magic Hoopfest will again be operational for both Boys and Girls Basketball Finals at Michigan State University. The girls venue will be at the Breslin Center, while the boys venue will continue at Jenison Fieldhouse. The committee supports the continuation of the events and appreciated the added elements of the Top Shooters Challenges.

#### **General Discussion**

1. Health Issues: The committee reviewed the current MHSAA protocols for managing concussions.
2. Tournament terms and conditions
  - Opt Out Due Dates:
    - o Girls – Feb. 2, 2011
    - o Boys – Feb. 9, 2011
  - Tournament Draw Dates:
    - o Girls – Nov. 8, 2010 – Jan. 3, 2011

- Boys – Nov. 15, 2010 – Jan. 3, 2011
- 3. Finals Host Site: Michigan State University
- 4. Tournament Ball: All levels – Rawlings Comp Mich
- 5. Selection process for all levels of tournament officials
- 6. Online officials sportsmanship feedback
- 7. Admission policies
  - Boys and Girls Finals:
    - Girls – Full lower bowl, general admission with signage for competing team fans
    - Boys – Some balcony seats, general admission
- 8. Tournament Site Selection process
- 9. Regional Final and Quarter Final alternate site - should teams playing have moderate travel to the selected site
- 10. National Federation Reports
  - Survey
  - Statistics Data
- 11. Traditional Draw Format and the potential for allowing district tournament host to have an opportunity to draw a bye – Discussion focused on the positives and negatives of this opportunity
- 12. Prospective of schools dissolving sub varsity teams – the committee was asked if there is evidence that schools are dissolving sub varsity girls team in response to declining funding, but not boys sub varsity teams.

The general opinion of the committee is that there is no evidence that would support a direct disadvantage to girl's teams. The committee suggests that there is evidence that both gender sub varsity teams are experiencing cut backs. The reasons suggested for cut backs include decreased funding of schools; pay to participate fees and declining student interest in sport participation.

Also suggested by the committee was the affect of community youth groups where the most talented are grouped on teams at an early age, continue on those same teams thru elementary and junior high/middle school grades. Once in high school students who were not on the elite teams feel that there is no possibility to make the school teams.

### **BCAM Presentation**

Mr. Sean Schroeder, varsity coach at Stevensville Lake Shore High School presented to the committee a BCAM supported proposal to add two to three games for the varsity regular season.

#### **Proposal:**

Boy's and Girl's Varsity Basketball Teams should have the option of scheduling a holiday tournament which would increase the maximum number of contests to 22 or 23 games depending on the size of the tournament. If a team plays in a four-team tournament the maximum number of games would increase to 22. If a team plays in an eight-team tournament the maximum number of games would increase to 23. These additional games would only count for high school varsity teams. Junior varsity and freshman teams would not be eligible for additional games. The MHSAA would determine the two-week holiday window in which these tournaments could take place.

#### **Rationale:**

This proposal would give a shot in the arm to high school basketball in the state of Michigan and increase attendance and awareness of the sport over the holiday season. Tournaments should be money-makers for host schools and become part of the tradition of high school basketball in the state. These tournaments will provide athletes with the opportunity to be seen by more collegiate coaches during the recruiting process. College coaches usually have more time to see high school games over the holidays. Holiday tournaments can provide an ideal setting for our athletes to be seen in the high school environment. Holiday tournaments will provide teams and coaches a tournament atmosphere early in the season and can be used as

a warm-up for the district tournament in March. The long period of time between games can also be eliminated by these tournaments. Currently, high school teams will have at least one long period of time without a game during the season. Coaches know the difficulty of keeping teams sharp during these points in the season and holiday tournaments will help eliminate the dead spots in the schedule.

#### **BCAM Discussion**

1. Relationship with BCAM, MHSAA and the National Guard to provide banners to selected schools for demonstrating good sporting conduct
2. Development and organization of a National Basketball Coaches Association

#### **Recommendations to the Representative Council**

1. Allow basketball district host teams to have the opportunity to draw for bye(s) in the formulated tournament bracket (15-0).
2. Maintain the current gender format for the boys and girls basketball tournament, girls first, boys second (15-0).
3. The committee support the BCAM proposal for additional games during the Christmas Holiday period for tournament formatted competition (9-3).