

Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc.
2012-13 BASKETBALL COMMITTEE MINUTES
December 5, 2012

Members Present:

Tim Conley, Saginaw
Steve Grimes, Battle Creek
John Hartley, St Clair Shores
Cortney Hawkins, Flint
Dorene Ingalls, St Ignace
John Malatinski, Holt
Penny McDonald, Cadillac

Kevin Murphy, Livonia
Cameron Nichols, Detroit
Nate Oats, Romulus
Kevin O'Rourke, Rockford
Mary Spade, Bangor
Samaha Waleed, Ann Arbor
Dan Young, Westland

Members Absent:

Mike Evoy, Detroit
Cindy Short, Lansing

Recorder:

Nate Hampton, MHSAA

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. After the welcome and introductions, the committee reviewed its responsibility and relationship to the Representative Council.

The committee reviewed the 2011-12 committee minutes with attention to Representative Council considerations and staff recommendations.

Boys Finals Tournament Format Change

MHSAA staff identified to the committee a Finals format change for the Boys Final Saturday. The change will move from the traditional three sessions (Classes D/C-A-B) to two sessions (Classes D/A and C/B) Finals ticket prices for both boys and girls Finals will go from \$8 to \$10 per session.

MHSAA/Greater Lansing Sport Authority Hoopfest

MHSAA staff reviewed the relationship with the Lansing Sport Authority and our previous Hoopfest Presentations which by all accounts were well received.

The committee was informed that due to the fact that Jenison Field House will not be available because MSU Athletics will host the Big 10 Gymnastics Championships, Hoopfest will take a sabbatical for this 2013 tournament and will return with the 2014 tournament.

The Lansing Sport Authority will assist in this year's tournament with fan activities during period breaks at both the girls and boys Finals.

Reaching Higher

Mr. Tim Conley, the girl's program director, reviewed with the committee the planning, organization and status of this past year NCAA Certified Girls and Boys events. Mr. Conley indicated that over one hundred girls and ninety boys participated in the events held in July 2012.

Anticipating a change in NCAA Division 1 Basketball coach opportunities to visit such programs, a decision on next year's dates will be made by mid-January. Both the girls and boys events will be held at South Lyon High School. The committee in total shared appreciation for Mr. Rich Moffitt, Grayling-Boys Director and Mr. Tim Conley, Saginaw-Girls Director for their efforts and dedication to this unique event.

Health and Safety Concern

The committee was reminded of the efforts of the MHSAA in communicating the many concerns associated with concussion recognition, treatment, prevention and protocols for returning to play. The committee reviewed the protocols in place and the recommended educational services the MHSAA has linked on its website.

The committee was also informed that starting this spring and summer new directives will be introduced to member schools relating to the recognition, prevention and education for coaches and students in Hydration and Acclimatization in hot and humid environments. There is also in development protocols for best practices in pre-season and in-season work outs and competition.

General Discussion

1. Tournament terms and conditions
2. National Federation Rules and the rules writing process
3. New Facility Damage Policy
4. Tournament Balls – Rawlings CompMich
5. Post Season Practice/Competition Policy
6. Opt Out Due Date
7. Tournament Draw Date

MHSAA points of Emphasis

1. Traveling/Ball Handling -Euro Step in particular

Recommendations to MHSAA Staff

1. Utilize more video in rules presentation – Example; use video in rules presentation on traveling and the Euro Step.

BCAM Report

Mr. Samaha Waleed, Ann Arbor and Mr. Dan Young, Westland reported to the committee of BCAM's growing interest and concerns with top players transferring from one school to another that may have been influenced by non-school coaches.

Mr. Waleed and Mr. Young met with MHSAA Staff prior to the committee meeting and shared these concerns. MHSAA Staff identified BCAM concerns as being mutual concerns and that discussions are ongoing with objectives to better educate coaches, parents and students with the pitfalls of changing school because of the actions of coaches or others for strictly athletic purpose.

MHSAA Staff shared with the committee the positive relationship with BCAM and our ongoing collaborations in events such as "Reaching Higher", Top Shooters, The Legends Coach Clinic and BOCCC (Basketball Officials and Coaches Communication Committee).

Recommendation to the Representative Council

Allow schools to compete in up to two additional varsity contests per season. 14-0
Rationale: The committee in lengthy and passionate conversation considered the current limits low in comparison to other states and even other sports, ie. Hockey with 25 contests.

Discussion included:

1. Length of season – where depends on league commitments there may be opportunity for 2 or fewer non-league contest (10 team league).
2. Periods where there is only 1 contest in a seven day period.
3. The extension would allow for more competitions during the Holiday period – when there is no school
4. School Administrators and coaches may choose to use the additional contest – dependent upon their particular circumstances.