

Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc.
2013-14 BASKETBALL COMMITTEE MINUTES
December 5, 2013

Members Present:

Dave Derorcher, Reese
Mike Evoy, Detroit
Mike Fusco, Macomb
Steve Grimes, Battle Creek
Leroy Hackley, Grant
John Hartley, St Clair Shores
Steve Harvey, Ada
John Malatinsky, Holt

Cathy North, Linden
Kevin O'Rourke, Rockford
Mary Spade, Bangor
Dan Young, Westland

Guest:

Sean Schroeder, Stevensville

Members Absent:

Dorene Ingalls, St Ignace
Penny McDonald, Cadillac
Cameron Nichols, Detroit
Samaha Waleed, Ann Arbor

Recorder:

Nate Hampton, MHSAA

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

The committee reviewed the 2012-13 committee minutes with attention to Representative Council considerations and staff recommendations.

Health and Safety Concern

The committee reviewed issues relating to the planned and emerging "Best Practices" for promoting the Health and Safety of Student Athletes.

1. The adopted Model Policy for Managing Heat and Humidity
2. Health and Safety Training for Coaches
 - a) Required online learning for high school assistant and sub-varsity coaches 2014-15.
 - b) Proposed CPR certification requirement for all high school varsity head coaches 2015-16.
 - c) Proposed CAP requirement for all high school varsity head coaches 2016-17.
3. Practice policies to improve acclimation and reduce head trauma.
4. The committee was asked what game rules might be changed that would reduce head trauma and the frequency of the most dangerous play situations in basketball.

The committee review was positive and had no recommendations for change to current or proposed policy or game rules.

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 pleased to learn that Hoopfest will return for the Boys Finals after a year's absence due to building scheduling conflict last year.

The Lansing Sport Authority will again assist with this year's three day event that will include junior high/elementary field trip sessions with healthy lifestyle presentation, Legions Clinic, youth team games, fun time games and the introduction of the Hoopfest Mascot "Hoopty".

Reaching Higher

The committee members shared great appreciation to event directors Tim Conley, girls and Rich Moffitt boys for their work and dedication to the event.

The events are NCAA certified and serving over one hundred boys and ninety girls that participated. Anticipating a change in NCAA Division 1 Basketball Coach opportunities to visit showcase programs, a decision on next year's dates will be made by mid-January.

General Discussion

1. Tournament terms and conditions
2. National Federation Basketball Survey and Tournament data
3. Tournament Balls – Rawlings CompMich
4. Post Season Scrimmage/Practice Policy
5. Girls and Boys Finals Site – MSU Breslin Center
6. Tournament Officials Assignments
7. Middle School Basketball

Middle School Basketball

The committee reviewed several items relating to Middle School Basketball.

1. Should 6th graders be included beyond what is currently allowed under Int. 262. Executive Committee authority to approve 6th grade student participation under specific conditions.

The committee had the overall consensus that the MHSAA should allow 6th grade participation with 7th and 8th graders.

2. Increasing the number of contest allowed in a season.

The committee did not demonstrate any interest in increasing the number of contest allowed in a season.

Scrimmages

The committee discussed current regulation allowances for scrimmages. The committee by unanimous vote, 12-0 to allow school teams to scrimmage at any point during the season regardless of whether a contest has been played.

All Star Events

It is the committees consensus that student athletes should be allowed to participate in one All Star event per year.

MHSAA Points of Emphasis

1. Impeding the ball handler
2. Hand checking
3. Cutting the defender

BCAM Reclassification Proposal

Mr. Sean Schroeder, Stevensville Lakeshore coach presented a proposal to reclassify the enrollment ranges for the basketball tournament into 5 equal classes. The proposal is intended to narrow the enrollment range between the largest school and smallest school in each class.

Current Enrollment Ranges:

Class A	893-2781
Class B	429-892
Class C	207-428
Class D	17-206

Proposed Enrollment Ranges:

Class A	1113-2781
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Class B 572-1110
Class C 333-568
Class D 166-332
Class E 17-163

The proposal will suggest that there will be approximately 151 schools per class while currently there are:

Girls – Class A 187, Class B 186, Class C 183, Class D 172

Boys – Class A 188, Class B 187, Class C 184, Class D 178

The basic rationale for change is that the increase in the number of charter schools on the lower end of the enrollment list drives a greater disparity in the enrollment ranges of the larger classes. The proposal suggests that there were 136 new schools opened over the past 12 years. The proposal is advanced based on BCAM survey responses (715) 87% in favor out of an overall membership of 4700.

Recommendations to Representative Council

1. Allow middle school basketball contests to increase to 8 minute quarters. (9-2-1)
2. Conduct for MHSAA Basketball Tournament in 5 equal divisions. (8-1-3)