

Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc.
2014-15 BASKETBALL COMMITTEE MINUTES
December 10, 2014

Members Present:

Terrance Butler, Detroit
Ken Dietz, Watervliet
Mike Evoy, Detroit
Leroy Hackley, Grant
Steve Harvey, Ada
Mike Mohn, Delton

Kevin Murphy, Livonia
John Thompson, Brighton
Dan Young, Westland

Guest:

Tom Hursey, Okemos

Member Absent:

Bob Wellman, Ypsilanti

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 2013-14 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. MHSAA Protocol for Managing Concussions
3. Health and Safety Training for Coaches
 - a. Required online learning for high school assistant and sub-varsity coaches.
 - b. CPR certification for all high school varsity head coaches in 2015-16.
 - c. CAP requirement for all high school varsity coaches in 2016-17.
4. Practice policies to improve acclimatization and reduce head trauma.

MHSAA/Greater Lansing Sport Authority Hoopfest

MHSAA staff shared with the committee the relationship between the GLSA and the MHSAA. The committee was pleased that Hoopfest will continue to have an active role at the Boys Finals.

The three day event will include junior high/elementary field trips with sessions on healthy lifestyles, BCAM Legions Clinic, your league games, fun time games and the MHSAA/BCAM 3-Point and Free Throw Challenges.

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. Also the committee expressed their appreciation to the many coaches that volunteered their time to make this event an educational success.

Both the Girls and Boys events are NCAA Certified and this year served over one hundred Boys and ninety Girls. MHSAA staff expressed gratitude for the work and assistance BCAM provides.

NFHS Statistics

Basketball is the most popular program nationally. Michigan is ranked 7th nationally in participation.

727 Schools in Michigan with 21,504 male participants
676 Schools in Michigan with 16,329 female participants

NFHS Basketball Survey

National Federation Basketball Survey: The committee had an extended review on the NFHS Survey section titled "Would You Favor" – The following considerations were discussed

1. Changing the number of time outs to 3-30's and 2-60's (No change requested)
2. Allowing the 3-Point line to be moved to the current college line (No change requested)
3. Adding a 3-foot restricted area to assist with calling block/charge on a secondary defender. Following a lengthy discussion the committee would consider using the arc if the rules reflected inside the box criteria and kept simple. A new floor mark would be required.
4. Allowing the use of a shot clock. (A majority of the committee would favor using a 35 second shot clock for both boys and girls but had concerns with the following: Equipment cost, middle school/sub-varsity use, training an operator, cost for operator and consistency with operators and officials).
5. Allowing the use of 18-minute halves as a state adoption. Following a lengthy discussion the committee was in favor to allow MHSAA Member Schools to experiment with 18-minute halves for varsity contest. The committee noting other states, Minnesota, New York and North Dakota experiencing quality competitions since changing from periods. Positives the committee sees with this change are that more students could participate in regulation contest. The games are not longer and the flow of the game is considered better.

General Discussion

1. Tournament terms and conditions
2. Tournament Balls – Rawlings CompMich
3. Girls and Boys Finals Site – MSU Breslin Center
4. All Star Event Participation
5. Post Season Scrimmage Policy
6. Middle School shot clock
7. Out of Season Coaching – Following a review of data form the Update Meeting Survey and AD In Service Meeting, the Basketball Committee could not reach a consensus for allowing more Out of Season contact with school coaches. (same reasons presented in AD In-Service)
8. Extending Team Travel Limits – The majority of the committee did not support extending travel limits. Consideration included: what is the educational value; a change would benefit only a few schools with the means to travel and not wanting to become national travelers.
9. All Star Contest – The committee was supportive of the recent change that allows for limited and restricted All Star Competition.
10. 6th Grader Participation with 7th and 8th graders – The committee could not reach a consensus.
11. Sport Calendar – The committee discussed the possibility of finding a break/separation between volleyball and the start of girls basketball. There was no consensus for how to achieve a longer or more distinct separation.
12. Seeding the Basketball Tournament at the District/Regional Level – The committee was enthusiastic about the possibility of seeding the basketball tournament. There was no consensus as to how to accomplish the seeding. Options discussed were to Seed the District or seed the Regional and work back to districts with predetermined host and place seeds in different districts. The committee suggested a planned continuation of this discussion.

BCAM Reclassification Proposal

Committee member Dan Young and BCAM Executive Director, Tom Hursey, presented a proposal to reclassify the Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament into 5 equal divisions based on enrollment.

The basic rationale the representatives gave for change is the belief that the increase in the number of charter schools on the lower end of the enrollment list drives a greater disparity in

enrollment ranges of the larger classes. The proposal suggests that there are 136 new schools opened over the past 12 years.

Following a lengthy discussion and MHSAA staff presenting data that suggests the enrollment ranges between the largest and smallest schools in a class is much smaller in 2014 than it was 25 years ago. The class A enrollment is 145 students more than four years ago and 832 students fewer than nine year ago.

Also, while there is growth in the smaller classes, we are losing large schools to closings. The MHSAA staff reminded the committee that there will always be a school that will be the largest and or smallest in a class or division.

Recommendations to the Representative Council

1. Seeding the Basketball Tournament. In pursuit of a seeding formula for basketball - establish a committee or task force to develop a basic plan. (9-0)
2. Allow Michigan schools to experiment with playing varsity contest in 18-minute halves. Allow additional time outs during these experimental games (3-60 second and 3-30 second). This would add one 30 second time out. A maximum of two 18-minute halve contest will be allowed per varsity team during the regular season with opponent agreement. (9-0)
3. Conduct the MHSAA Basketball Tournament in 5 equal divisions. (8-1)