



# 2011 SOCCER COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, January 31, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Stacey Bollan, Warren  
Kathy Bondesteel, Jonesville  
Doug Guenther, Saginaw  
John Conlon, Kentwood(MHSCA)  
Chris Corteg, Shelby Township  
Jim Emery, Bellaire  
Jim Flore, Williamston  
Jason Petrella, Marine City  
Roger Rush, Leroy

Brian Samuel, Stevensville  
Abu Towghi, East Lansing  
Mark Warners, Grand Rapids (MIAAA)

Members Absent:

Jen Brown, Monroe  
Vic Michaels, Detroit

Staff Members Present:

Tom Minter (Recorder)

The committee members introduced themselves and were reminded of the functions of the various MHSAA committees and of their relationship to the MHSAA. The committee expense form that requires agreement of the committee member on committee work product issues and on disclosure of individual committee member conflict of interest from committee work was explained.

## **2010 COMMITTEE MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

Last year's committee's minutes and recommendations approved by Council were reviewed.

## **TIME REQUIRED FOR MHSAA TOURNAMENT GAMES TO BE CONSIDERED OFFICIAL**

The committee agreed with the staff proposal of requiring 64 of the regulation 80 minutes of game time to be played before the score at the time of suspension would be the official result of the game if the game could not be continued. The current NF playing rule of 40 minutes would NOT be used for MHSAA tournament games but would be kept for regular season games.

## **REQUIRE SAME OVERTIME FOR REGULAR SEASON GAMES AS FOR MHSAA TOURNAMENT**

Correspondence was received from several soccer officials association requesting that it be required that if a league wished to use overtime procedures to break ties at the end of regulation, then the mandatory procedures used in the MHSAA tournaments would be followed. Because the committee wished to preserve for leagues and conferences options to better fit their particular situations, the committee took no action.

## **CONSEQUENCES FOR A TEAM NOT COMPLYING WITH JERSEY COLOR REQUIREMENTS**

It was proposed that the team not complying with the playing rules for colors of jerseys would be the one responsible for wearing whatever options are used to obtain different jersey colors. The home team would not necessarily have to change to fix the problem. The coach of the team violating the rule would receive a yellow card.

## **MOVE BOYS SOCCER FINALS BACK ONE WEEK TO SECOND SATURDAY OF NOVEMBER**

To provide more time to play games in the regular season, it was proposed to move the finals back to the second Saturday of November. Citing concerns over schedules already established, the need to have a more uniform season with that of the girls soccer season and the uncertainty of weather in November, the committee took no action.

## **REGIONAL FINALS ONLY ON FRIDAY OR SATURDAY. THURSDAY ONLY WITH MHSAA APPROVAL**

After discussion, the current policy stated above was not recommended for change. MHSAA staff to ensure that extenuating circumstances exist before allowing Thursdays as days for regional finals.

## **ALLOW A TEAM IN THE FINALS TO PLAY ON THEIR FIELD IF THEY ARE HOSTING THE FINALS**

The above proposal is recommended to the Council for their approval.

## **REQUIRE MANDATORY GOAL DIFFERENTIAL RULE FOR SUB-VARSITY GAMES**

Currently only required at varsity level, optional for conferences to use at sub-varsity. Not recommended as local leagues and conferences need to have flexibility to handle their particular needs and circumstances.

## **BAN VUVUZELAS HORNS AT MHSAA SOCCER TOURNAMENTS**

Staff discussed this issue prior to the start of the fall boys soccer season. It was decided to allow them and evaluate their effect on game play. The committee recommends accepting the staff evaluation to ban them because of overall distraction; but particularly for interference with officials whistles, substitution horns and game clock horns.

## **KEEP FULL SET OF SIGNALS FOR SOCCER OFFICIALS**

The committee concurs in staff's desire to keep the currently approved full set of soccer officials' signals to be used. They most effectively communicate the calls of the officiating crew to players, coaches and fans. Both full or reduced signal sets have been approved several times in past years by the NF soccer committee who now allow a reduced set of signals, but the MHSAA has consistently kept the full set.

## **ESTABLISH A QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE MHSAA SOCCER TOURNAMENTS**

The committee opposes a qualification system not only because none have been presented to date but also because of the philosophical belief that an "all comers" tournament provides the best approach for high school athletes for this sport.

## **CONTINUE TO ALLOW SCRIMMAGES AFTER A TEAM'S DEFEAT IN THE MHSAA TOURNAMENT**

While currently permitted under current regulations, the committee recommends removing the permission for any unused scrimmages available after a sport season's competition starts to be used after a team has been defeated in the MHSAA tournament. Concern was expressed that while practice and even limited competition under particular circumstances is an acceptable level of post tournament play, the scheduling of scrimmages with other schools invites a race to compete not contemplated under the current regulation.

## **REVISED MHSAA MEDICAL HISTORY/PHYSICAL EXAM CARDS**

The committee reviewed the proposed larger revised form to be provided to member schools and had no comments or objections.

## **SOCCER DISTRICT FINAL HOSTS ALSO MUST HOST THE DISTRICT SEMIFINALS**

To better prepare potential district championship finalists to play on the district final field, the committee unanimously recommends that the district final host play the semifinals on the field where the finals will be held unless excepted with MHSAA staff approval.

## **RETURN TO EQUAL DIVISIONS FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY**

The committee re-affirms their recommendation from last year and concurs in the recommendation of the Classification Committee to return MHSAA soccer tournament play to 4 equal divisions.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

- a.) Maintain and utilize the current MHSAA approved full set of soccer officials' signals to be used. (12-0)
- b.) Stipulate that the team not complying with the playing rules for colors of jerseys would be the one responsible for wearing whatever options are used to obtain different jersey colors. The coach of the team violating the rule would receive a yellow card. (12-0)
- c.) Remove the permission for any unused scrimmages available after a sport season's competition starts to be used after a team has been defeated in the MHSAA tournament . (12-0)
- d.) Require the district final host to play the semifinals on the field where the finals will be held unless an exception is made by MHSAA staff. (12-0)
- e.) Allow a team in the finals to play on their home field if they are hosting the finals (10-2)
- f.) Change the minimum requirement for an official game from 40 minutes (one half) to 64 minutes (80 percent) (TO BE ADDED: **FOR MHSAA TOURNAMENTS ONLY**). (12-0)
- g.) Ban Vuvuzela horns at MHSAA soccer tournament matches. (12-0)
- h.) Return MHSAA soccer tournaments to 4 equal divisions. (12-0)