

**MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
SWIMMING & DIVING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

East Lansing, February 4, 2021

Members Present:

Steve Baker, Grand Ledge
Mike Bakker, Fenton (MIAAA)
Corrin Buck, Battle Creek
Ben Farkas, Holland
Brian Foust, Plymouth
Brad Jones, Fenton (MISCA)
Paul Mahar, Kalamazoo
Mark McGreevy, Clarkston
Steve Newkirk, Clare
Jacquelyn Rank, Oxford
Tim Ritsema, Jenison
Andrea Stanczyk, Ann Arbor
Alex Tiseo, Marquette
Michael Venos, Bloomfield Hills
Michael Wagner, Okemos

Members Absent:

Jeff Dassance, Eaton Rapids

MHSAA Staff:

Andi Osters (Recorder)

The 2020-21 MHSAA Swimming & Diving Committee met virtually on Feb. 4, 2021 (via Zoom) to review topics involving swimming and diving and MHSAA Championships. The meeting began with a review of the MHSAA decision making process and charge of the Swimming & Diving Committee. Agenda items were compiled from correspondence, staff, committee members and the coaches association. The committee was reminded that the scope of their work was to focus on growing the sport of swimming and diving, protecting the health & safety of participants and maintaining the proper philosophy of educational, school-based athletics.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS & MULTI-TEAM MEETS

The committee spent a great deal of time and effort on (a) reflection on the recently concluded girls season and (b) how to ensure a safe and complete boys season. Several leagues and conferences submitted end-of-season meet proposals to the MHSAA in the fall to ensure that COVID-19 health and safety precautions were being taken for meets involving more than four schools. MHSAA staff reported that approximately 12 proposals were approved using this process. The allowance will continue for leagues and conferences wishing to hold larger boys meets in March of 2021.

DIVING QUALIFICATION

In a normal year, this committee would have two MHSAA Final meets to review – but this year, the only MHSAA Championship held was the Girls Final Meet in mid-January. As such, the ability to assess the efficacy of last years' approved diving qualification proposal is limited. Citing a lack of historical data, the committee agreed that the new process should continue to be applied during the 2021-22 school year for both boys and girls diving qualifiers.

DISCUSSION ITEMS – NO ACTION

1. Paralympic Exhibition Heats at MHSAA Final Meets
2. 4-Player Rule vs Limited Contact Days
3. MHSAA Final Meet venues
4. MDHHS Guidelines for Indoor Pools

RECOMMENDATIONS TO MHSAA STAFF

1. Require host schools to hire two (2) swim officials if diving competition is to be held concurrently with swim events, rather than before or after. Place recommendation in annual Rule Interpretations document on MHSAA.com.

NO RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL