

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.  
VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
East Lansing, December 8, 2015

Members Present:

Lynette Angood, Portage  
Jim Conway, Mt Pleasant  
Angie Del Morone, Linden  
Maureen Klocke, Yale  
Jean LaClair, Bronson  
Rick Noorman, Grand Rapids  
Joe Shaw, Ashley  
Betty Wroubel, Pontiac

Members Not Present:

Emily Blackburn, Clare  
Dana Gray, West Bloomfield  
Heather Magelssen, Kentwood  
Heather Simpson, Traverse City  
Tiffany Willard, Ann Arbor

Staff Member Present: Gina Mazzolini

The MHSAA Volleyball Committee met on Dec. 8, 2015 at the MHSAA office in East Lansing. The committee was reminded of its responsibility and of the process for rule changes. The following action was taken.

Jill Leavitt from Sparrow Hospital presented to the committee. She addressed the relationship between the MHSAA and Sparrow Hospital as well as the sports clinics and the online 'Ask the Expert'. Ms. Leavitt encouraged all in attendance to submit questions and the Sparrow Staff would respond and possibly provide names of medical professionals in their area of the state.

**MIVCA RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Modify the schedule at the MHSAA Final of what teams play and when they play – rotate all 4 classes through the time slots, not just flipping days of competition but early and late time slots. (8-0)
2. Modify the current policy for a Quarterfinal site change. Instead of changing a site for inordinate travel;
  - In even years, a UP Class C team will play the Quarterfinal below the bridge. In odd years, the match will be played in the UP.
  - In odd years, a UP Class D team will play the Quarterfinal match in the LP. In even years, the match will be played in the UP.This is only the case if the Quarterfinal match involves a UP and an LP team. Rationale for change is that in even years, the Class C semis are played on Thursday afternoon (odd years, the Class D semis are Thursday afternoon) so the UP teams continue traveling to the Final site. (8-0)
3. Allow an intermission between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> set for a promotional or special recognition event for a maximum of 5 minutes (3 minutes between all sets plus 2 additional minutes). (8-0)

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MHSAA STAFF**

1. Develop a one page FAQ on Out-of-Season Coaching for club coaches.
2. Develop a check list to assist host schools when organizing District, Regional or Quarterfinals.
3. Recommend to member schools to have two officials for sub-varsity competition.
4. Remind officials to look "official". Possibly eliminate the option to wear shorts because of the abuse (lack of uniform).

**DISCUSSION ITEMS - NO ACTION**

1. Do not play on back to back nights of the District tournament.
2. Lack of training for Line Judges
3. Seeding at the District level (and beyond).
4. Remain on the same team bench throughout the match.
5. Incidental Net Rule used at the NCAA competition.
6. Modify the centerline rule.

7. Reduce the number of sets allowed per day or limit the number of teams at an invitational tournament.
8. For Quarterfinals – look at pairings and do what makes sense. Look for a neutral, midpoint site when possible.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

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This is only the case if the Quarterfinal match involves a UP and an LP team. (If both Quarterfinalists are from the same peninsula, that's where the game is played.) Rationale for change is that in even years, the Class C semis are played on Thursday afternoon (odd years, the Class D semis are Thursday afternoon) so the UP teams continue traveling to the Final site. (8-0)

NOTE: If #1 is adopted, #2 is not applicable.

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