

**MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.  
VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

East Lansing, December 8, 2016, 9:30 a.m.

**Members Present:**

Jim Conway, Mt Pleasant  
Dave Feldman, Bloomfield Hills  
Jean LaClair, Bronson (MIAAA)  
Jodi Manore, Bedford (MIVCA)  
Amanda Marriott, Eaton Rapids  
Tom Montpas, Lansing  
Rick Noorman, Grand Rapids  
Ellen Perry, Rudyard  
Zach VanDuijn, Lansing  
Betty Wroubel, Pontiac

**Members Absent:**

Jordan Ackerman, New Baltimore  
Nicole Bayle, Fruitport  
Brenda Henry, Detroit

**MHSAA Staff:**

Andi Osters (recorder)

The 2016-17 MHSAA Volleyball Committee met on Dec. 8, 2016 at the MHSAA office in East Lansing. The meeting began with a review of the MHSAA decision making process and charge of the Volleyball Committee. Agenda items were compiled from correspondence, staff, committee members and the coaches' association.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**TRAVEL POLICY**

For the second consecutive year, the Volleyball Committee discussed travel during the MHSAA tournament series, specific to the District, Regional and Quarterfinal rounds. Quarterfinal travel was improved this year due to Representative Council action for U.P. vs. L.P. schools. Regional travel continues to be a concern in geographic Regions 8 and 16. The committee recommended that the Basketball-Volleyball Site Selection Committee identify two Regional Final host sites in those two areas, contingent upon which teams advance. Both sites will be informed and asked to reserve facilities for the Regional Final date.

**SCHOOL UNIFORMS DURING ALL-STAR GAME**

The committee discussed a proposal from MIVCA which requests that graduating 12<sup>th</sup> graders be permitted to wear their school uniform during one all-star game hosted and conducted by MIVCA. Committee was in favor, and agreed that the request is similar in nature to that of the Baseball and Softball Coaches Associations.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

The committee discussed a second proposal from MIVCA which requests that the individual named "Miss Volleyball" be recognized and honored at the MHSAA Finals.

**SEMIFINAL GAME SCHEDULE**

Citing the extreme disparity between posted start times for semifinal matches and actual start times, averaging 45 minutes behind schedule, the committee recommended a change that will allow for a longer break between the first two and the last two matches of each day.

**CLASSES VS. DIVISIONS**

MHSAA staff shared the Basketball Committee proposal to bring both Basketball and Volleyball in line with other MHSAA sports to be classified in four equal divisions, rather than classes. Committee members were generally in favor of this move, but agreed that the Classification Committee was the proper place for any action to be taken. If warranted, the committee suggested that this topic be included on the 2017 Update Meeting Survey.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS - NO ACTION**

1. Addition of a fifth division.
2. Separation of Basketball and Volleyball Site Selection Committees.
3. Seeding at the District level (and beyond).
4. Pre-match protocol for R1 and R2.
5. NFHS Rule Proposals: centerline violations and ceiling-suspended net systems.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS TO MHSAA STAFF**

1. Monitor progress of Basketball Committee with respect to seeding plan.
2. Designate a time during the MHSAA Finals to present the MIVCA "Miss Volleyball" award.
3. Officials Rules Meeting – include Point of Emphasis on hand signal mechanics.

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

1. Edit *MHSAA Handbook*, Regulation II, Section 13, Interp. 248 to include volleyball:

Permit graduating 12<sup>th</sup>-graders with no remaining interscholastic eligibility in any sport to wear school uniforms in one all-star game sponsored and conducted in the summer by the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association. (10-0)

2. Modify the game schedule for the semifinal round of the MHSAA Volleyball Tournament as follows (10-0):

Both Thursday and Friday:

Semifinal 1: 12:00 PM

Semifinal 2: 2:00 PM

Semifinal 3: 4:30 PM

Semifinal 4: 6:30 PM