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Expanded Audio/Video Coverage For Girls Volleyball, Boys Basketball Finals

EAST LANSING, Mich. – **March 5** – The finals of Michigan High School Athletic Association tournaments in girls volleyball and boys basketball will be broadcast to statewide audiences this year in an expanded coverage package.

Television coverage of the events will be provided exclusively on Fox Sports Net Detroit. The MHSAA will produce full match coverage the Girls Volleyball Finals for tape-delayed airing on Fox Sports Net on March 30. Fox Sports Net Detroit will produce and air the final games of the Boys Basketball Tournament live on March 22 for the sixth straight year as part of its contract with the MHSAA. In addition, Fox Sports Net Detroit will be running MARCH MAGIC commercials throughout the month of March, promoting all MHSAA championships.

Here is the telecast schedule: Girls Volleyball – Class D, March 30, Noon; Class C, March 30, 1:30 p.m.; Class A, March 30, 3 p.m.; and Class B, March 30, 4:30 p.m. Boys Basketball – Class D, March 22, 10 a.m.; Class C, March 22, 12:30 p.m. (time approximate after Class D game); Class A, March 22, 4 p.m.; and Class B, March 22, 8 p.m.

In addition, each telecast will reair according to the following schedule: Girls Volleyball -- April 5 – Class D – 6 p.m.; April 12 – Class C – 4:30 p.m., and Class A – 6 p.m.; April 18 – Class D – Noon, and Class C – 1:30 p.m.; April 24 – Class A – 1:30 p.m.; April 25 – Class B – Noon; and April 27 – Class B – 1 p.m. Boys Basketball – April 26 – Class D – 5 p.m., and Class C – 7 p.m.; May 4 – Class A – Noon, and Class B – 2 p.m. Additional replays are pending.

The Michigan Talk Radio Network of Charlevoix, will produce audio broadcasts of the Girls Volleyball Finals and the Boys Basketball Semifinals and Finals. This is the first year of audio coverage for the Girls Volleyball Finals, with the broadcast available to stations wishing to pick up the feed, and to the public via the Internet through the MHSAA Web Site.

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Stations on the Boys Basketball Finals network are: WABJ-AM - Adrian; WQBX-FM - Alma; WATT-AM - Cadillac; WKYO-AM - Caro; WMKT-AM - Charlevoix; WCBY-AM - Cheboygan; WIDG-AM - Cheboygan/St. Ignace; WTVB-AM - Coldwater; WVFN-AM - East Lansing; WCHT-AM - Escanaba; WDBC-AM - Escanaba; WBBL-AM - Grand Rapids; WWJQ-AM - Grand Rapids; WSCG-AM - Greenville; WMPL-AM - Hancock; WHKB-FM - Houghton; WMIQ-AM - Iron Mountain; WIKB-AM - Iron River; WIKB-FM - Iron River; WIBM - Jackson, WKLZ-AM - Kalamazoo; WKLA-AM - Ludington; WMTE-AM - Manistee; WTIQ-AM - Manistique; WDMJ-AM - Marquette; WIAN-AM - Marquette; WMPX-AM - Midland; WCZY-FM - Mt. Pleasant; WMMI-AM - Mt. Pleasant; WMHG-AM - Muskegon; WMUS-AM - Muskegon; WMUS-FM - Muskegon; WSHZ-FM - Muskegon; WNBY-AM - Newberry; WOAS-FM - Ontonagon; WMBN-AM - Petoskey; WMSH-AM - Sturgis; WMSH-FM - Sturgis; and WKJC-FM - Tawas City;

In addition, six of the eight Semifinal games will be broadcast locally on WVFN in East Lansing. The 2:50 p.m. Semifinal games in Classes D and A will not be broadcast locally

In addition, audio of the Semifinal and Final games of the Boys Basketball Tournament can be accessed live through the home page of the MHSAA Web Site.

The MHSAA Web Site (www.mhsaa.com) will also be updated periodically during Final events with scores and additional information. Those events are: Lower Peninsula Individual Wrestling – Updates every 60 to 90 minutes, and printable brackets will be posted at the completion of each day; Girls Volleyball – Updates at completion of each game in a match, with box scores posted at the completion of each match; All other sports will have summaries posted at the end of each game or day of competition. Last March, over 9,500 daily visits were made to the MHSAA Web Site.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by over 1,300 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition. No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools. Member schools which enforce these rules are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments, which attract approximately 1.6 million spectators each year.