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Selection Sunday Announcement Schedule Includes TV, Radio & Internet

EAST LANSING, Mich. – Oct. 9 – The announcement of the 256 schools qualifying for the Michigan High School Athletic Association Football Playoffs and the first-round pairings will be unveiled beginning at 5:30 p.m. (EST) on October 27, through television, radio and Internet venues.

Leading off at 5:30 is the Selection Sunday Show on FOX Sports Net, a 30-minute program which will carry the first announcement of the qualifiers and pairings. The MHSAA will produce the program, hosted again by John Keating and Matt Shepard of FOX Sports Net.

For the first time in 2002, there will be statewide radio coverage of the announcement of the playoff field, originating live from the MHSAA Office in East Lansing on affiliate stations of the Michigan Talk Radio Network. Michigan Sports Weekend begins its broadcast at 4 p.m., with the announcement of qualifiers and pairings beginning at 5:45, and in-depth coverage running until 7 p.m.

At 6 p.m., all qualifiers and pairings will be posted to the MHSAA Web Site – **www.mhsaa.com**.

Host schools will provide game dates and times to the MHSAA for posting on its web site on October 28. Update times are approximately Noon and 4:30 p.m.

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.

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