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## **Fall Tournament Good Sports Are Winners! Recipients Announced; MEEMIC Insurance To Present Awards To Finals Award Winners;**

**EAST LANSING, Mich. – Jan. 15 --** The recipients of the top Michigan High School Athletic Association's **Good Sports Are Winners!** Awards for the recently-completed 2002 fall sports season have been named, with each school to receive commemorative banners and crystal trophies from MEEMIC Insurance, the Association's corporate partner in sportsmanship efforts.

Hudsonville Freedom Baptist and South Haven in boys soccer, Hopkins in football, and Byron Center in girls basketball, were selected by the tournament management at their respective finals for displaying the most exemplary sportsmanship by their coaches, student-athletes and spectators. Presentation dates at all four schools will be announced at a future date.

Hudsonville Freedom Baptist was the champion in the Division 4 boys soccer tournament, and South Haven was the runner-up in Division 3; Hopkins was the runner-up in the Division 6 football playoffs; and Byron Center was a semifinalist in the Class B girls basketball tournament.

In addition to receiving the finals award, South Haven was honored at the Regional level; and Hudsonville Freedom Baptist was honored at the Semifinal level. This is the first Finals level award for all of the schools involved in any sport.

The Good Sports Are Winners! Award is making its return in 2002-03 with the corporate underwriting of MEEMIC Insurance. The program had previously been offered from 1989 to 1996, and again during 2000-01.

At the District and Regional level of MHSAA tournaments, all schools which meet a set of sportsmanlike standards will be recognized. There will continue to be standards in the program which would automatically disqualify a school from consideration from the award. Any team which is disqualified for the Good Sports Are Winners! Award at the District or Regional level of a tournament becomes ineligible for the award at higher levels of that same tournament.

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## 2-2-2 – Fall Good Sports Are Winners! Recipients

In all, 219 teams in girls basketball, football and boys soccer are being recognized for their outstanding sportsmanship at Fall tournaments. Those teams will be recognized through the publication of their names in the MHSAA Bulletin, the MHSAA Finals program series, and on the MHSAA Web site. During the course of the school year, over 1,000 teams will be recognized in 11 activities for their sportsmanship efforts during MHSAA tournaments.

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.

MEEMIC Insurance Company, with headquarters in Auburn Hills, writes full coverage private passenger automobile protection and homeowners insurance for educational employees and their immediate families in the state of Michigan. MEEMIC was founded by teachers for teachers in 1950. Most representatives of the company are or were teachers themselves. MEEMIC's history of competitive pricing and a commitment to superior service has cultivated a tradition of teachers serving teachers and their families, our "MEEMIC Club."

The following is a list of **Good Sports Are Winners!** Award recipients as submitted by tournament managers through January 13 for the recently-completed Fall sports season (**SPORTS DIRECTORS/EDITORS** -- Please scan this list for recipients from your coverage area):

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# GOOD SPORTS ARE WINNERS!

## 2002 Fall Award Recipients

(Based on reports received at the MHSAA offices as of 1/13/03. NOTE: There can be more than one winner at each site, and not all site managers responded.)

### Boys Soccer

#### *District Awards*

##### **Division 1**

Brownstown Woodhaven  
Clinton Township Chippewa Valley  
East Kentwood  
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central  
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern  
Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills  
Grand Rapids Union  
Grandville  
Jenison  
Livonia Stevenson  
Macomb L'Anse Creuse North  
Monroe  
Port Huron  
Port Huron Northern  
Rockford  
Sterling Heights  
Taylor Truman  
Temperance Bedford  
Utica  
Utica Eisenhower

##### **Division 2**

Adrian  
Chelsea  
Clio  
Farmington Harrison  
Fowlerville  
Haslett  
Mason  
Saginaw  
St. Joseph  
Stevensville Lakeshore  
Sturgis  
Tecumseh  
Ypsilanti

##### **Division 3**

Buchanan  
Milan  
North Branch  
Oscoda  
Tawas Area

##### **Division 4**

Adrian Lenawee Christian  
Allen Park Cabrini  
Allen Park Inter-City Baptist  
Beaver Island  
Grand Marais-Burt Township  
Hillsdale  
Holland Black River  
Holland Calvary Baptist

Jackson Christian  
Leland  
Mackinac Island  
Maple City-Glen Lake  
Muskegon Western Michigan Christian  
North Muskegon  
Suttons Bay  
Traverse City Christian  
Westland-Lutheran Westland

#### *Regional Awards*

##### **Division 1**

No Managers Reports Received

##### **Division 2**

Chelsea  
Fenton  
Flint Powers Catholic  
Oxford  
Petoskey

##### **Division 3**

Cheboygan  
Grand Rapids South Christian  
Shelby  
South Haven  
Spring Lake

##### **Division 4**

Allen Park Inter-City Baptist  
Jackson Christian  
Lansing Christian

#### *Semifinal Awards*

##### **Division 1**

No Managers Reports Received

##### **Division 2**

No Managers Reports Received

##### **Division 3**

No Managers Reports Received

##### **Division 4**

Harbor Springs  
Hudsonville Freedom Baptist

### Football

#### *Pre-District Awards*

##### **Division 1**

Ann Arbor Pioneer  
East Kentwood  
Grandville

##### **Division 2**

East Lansing  
Lowell

##### **Division 3**

No Managers Reports Received

##### **Division 4**

No Managers Reports Received

##### **Division 5**

No Managers Reports Received

##### **Division 6**

Indian River-Inland Lakes  
Suttons Bay

##### **Division 7**

Merrill  
Muskegon Catholic Central

##### **Division 8**

Manistee Catholic Central  
Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart

#### *District Awards*

##### **Division 1**

East Kentwood  
Holland West Ottawa

##### **Division 2**

No Managers Reports Received

##### **Division 3**

Charlotte  
Mason  
Wayland Union

##### **Division 4**

No Managers Reports Received

##### **Division 5**

Benzie Central  
Calumet

##### **Division 6**

Suttons Bay

##### **Division 7**

Muskegon Catholic Central

##### **Division 8**

No Managers Reports Received

#### *Regional Awards*

##### **Division 1**

No Managers Reports Received

##### **Division 2**

No Managers Reports Received

##### **Division 3**

No Managers Reports Received

##### **Division 4**

No Managers Reports Received

##### **Division 5**

No Managers Reports Received

## 2-2-2 – Fall Good Sports Are Winners! Awards

### Division 6

Iron Mountain

### Division 7

Norway

Muskegon Catholic Central

Traverse City St. Francis

### Division 8

Iron Mountain North Dickinson

### *Semifinal Awards*

#### Division 1

Lowell

#### Division 2

No Managers Reports Received

#### Division 3

No Managers Reports Received

#### Division 4

No Managers Reports Received

#### Division 5

No Managers Reports Received

#### Division 6

No Managers Reports Received

#### Division 7

No Managers Reports Received

#### Division 8

No Managers Reports Received

## Girls Basketball

### *District Awards*

#### Class A

Davison

Escanaba

Flint Carman-Ainsworth

Flint Kearsley

Flint Northern

Gaylord

Macomb Dakota

Macomb L'Anse Creuse North

Port Huron

Port Huron Northern

Portage Central

Roseville

Warren Cousino

Warren Mott

#### Class B

Battle Creek Pennfield

Bay City John Glenn

Belaire

Caledonia

Caro

Cedar Springs

Clinton Township Clintondale

Comstock

Delton Kellogg

Detroit Crockett

Dowagiac

Edwardsburg

Essexville Garber

Frankenmuth

Hastings

Howard City Tri-County

Hudsonville Unity Christian

Lake Odessa Lakewood

Macomb Lutheran

Middleville Thornapple Kellogg

Midland Bullock Creek

Ovid- Elsie

Pinconning

Portland

Saginaw Nouvel

St. Clair

Stanton Central Montcalm

Sturgis

Vassar

Vicksburg

Warren Woods-Tower

Wyoming Godwin Heights

Wyoming Kelloggsville

#### Class C

Bellevue

Blanchard Montabella

Blissfield

Breckenridge

Brethren

Brown City

Burton Atherton

Burton Bendle

Carrollton

Carson City -Crystal

Carsonville-Port Sanilac

Dansville

Deckerville

Flint Beecher

Flint Northwestern

Hart

Hesperia

Ithaca

Leslie

Madison

Marlette

Mayville

Morenci

Morley-Stanwood

Muskegon Catholic Central

Muskegon West Michigan Christian

Olivet

Ottawa Lake Whiteford

Pittsford

Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest

Sandusky

Schoolcraft

Shelby

Springport

Vermontville Maple Valley

#### Class D

Adrian Lenawee Christian

Alanson

Alba

Ann Arbor Rudolph Steiner

Baldwin

Big Rapids Crossroads Academy

Britton-Macon

Custer Mason County Eastern

Deerfield

Dollar Bay

Engadine

Fairview

Freesoil

Hale

Harbor Light

Iron Mountain North Dickinson

Lake Linden-Hubbell

Mackinaw City

McBain Northern Michigan Christian

Painsdale-Jeffers

Powers North Central

Rapid River

Rock Mid Peninsula

Twining Arenac Eastern

Wyandotte Mt. Carmel

Wyoming Tri-unity Christian

### *Regional Awards*

#### Class A

Canton

#### Class B

Saginaw Swan Valley

DeWitt

Menominee

Tawas Area

#### Class C

Burton Bentley

Colon

New Lothrop

Pewamo- Westphalia

Vermontville Maple Valley

#### Class D

No Managers Reports Received

### *Quarterfinal Awards*

#### Class A

Fraser

West Bloomfield

#### Class B

Detroit Country Day

Detroit Renaissance

East Grand Rapids

#### Class C

No Managers Reports Received

#### Class D

Carney-Nadeau

Rapid River