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Winter Tournament Good Sports Are Winners! Recipients Announced; MEEMIC Insurance Presents Awards To Honored Schools At All Levels

EAST LANSING, Mich. – April 27 -- The recipients of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's **Good Sports Are Winners!** Awards for the recently-completed 2004 Winter sports season have been named, with each school to receive recognition from MEEMIC Insurance, the Association's corporate partner in sportsmanship efforts.

New Lothrop in team dual wrestling, Ovid-Elsie in girls competitive cheer, Marquette in ice hockey, Kingsley in girls volleyball, and Charlevoix and Wyoming Tri-unity Christian in boys basketball, were selected by the tournament management at their respective finals for displaying the most exemplary sportsmanship by their coaches, student-athletes and spectators. Each school receiving a Finals award will be presented a commemorative banner and crystal trophy at a venue of the school's choosing at a future date.

New Lothrop was the Division 3 champion in team dual wrestling, Ovid-Elsie was the Class B titlist in girls competitive cheer, Marquette was the Division 1 champion in ice hockey, Kingsley was the Class C runner-up in girls volleyball, and Charlevoix and Wyoming Tri-unity Christian were finalists in Classes C and D, respectively, in boys basketball.

In addition to receiving the finals award, Kingsley also won a Regional award in girls volleyball and a District honor in team dual wrestling; Charlevoix won Regional recognition in girls volleyball; and New Lothrop was chosen for a Quarterfinal certificate in girls volleyball.

For New Lothrop and Wyoming Tri-unity Christian, this is the second time each school has received the Good Sports Are Winners! Award at the Finals level of MHSAA tournament play in their respective sports. New Lothrop won the 1994 award at team dual wrestling; and Tri-unity Christian was the recipient of the boys basketball award in 1996.

At the District, Regional and Quarterfinal levels of MHSAA tournaments, all schools which meet a set of sportsmanlike standards will be recognized. Those schools will be presented framed certificates from MEEMIC Insurance.

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In all, 218 teams in team dual wrestling, girls competitive cheer, ice hockey, girls volleyball and boys basketball are being recognized for their outstanding sportsmanship at Winter tournaments. Those teams will also be recognized through the publication of their names in the MHSAA Bulletin, the MHSAA Finals program series, and on the MHSAA Web site. A total of 37 schools won multiple awards during the Winter sports season, with Goodrich being honored four times to lead that group. During the course of the school year, over 500 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 1,200 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, the "MEEMIC Club."

The following is a list of **Good Sports Are Winners!** Award recipients as submitted by tournament managers through April 22 for the recently-completed Winter sports season (**SPORTS DIRECTORS/EDITORS** -- Please scan this list for recipients from your coverage area):

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2004 Winter Award Recipients

(Based on reports received at the MHSAA offices as of 4/22/04. NOTE: There can be more than one winner at each site, and not all site managers responded.)

Boys Basketball

District Awards

Class A

Battle Creek Central
Battle Creek Lakeview
Clio
Davison
Dearborn
Dearborn Edsel Ford
Dearborn Heights Crestwood
Detroit Finney
Flint Carman-Ainsworth
Flint Central
Flint Kearsley
Flint Northern
Flushing
Fraser
Lansing Everett
Lansing Sexton
Lapeer West
White Lake Lakeland

Class B

Big Rapids
Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood
Flint Southwestern Academy
Frankenmuth
Millington
North Branch
Tawas Area

Class C

Albion
Athens
Bad Axe
Blanchard Montabella
Burton Bentley
Clare
Ewart
Flint Hamady
Freeland
Hale
Hesperia
Homer
Indian River Inland Lakes
Laingsburg
Lake Fenton
Maple City Glen Lake
Merrill
Mio
Montague
Muskegon Western Michigan Christian

North Muskegon
Onaway
Quincy
Reading
Shelby
Suttons Bay
Ubly

Class D

AuGres-Sims
Beal City
Big Rapids - Crossroads Charter Academy
Burt Lake Northern Michigan Christian
Academy
Fairview Area
Fowler
Fulton Middleton
Harbor Springs Harbor Light Christian
Mason County Eastern
McBain Northern Michigan Christian
Portland St. Patrick
Saginaw Grace Baptist Christian
Twining-Arenac Eastern
Vestaburg

Regional Awards

Class A

Detroit Martin Luther King
Detroit Pershing
Detroit Redford
Detroit U of D Jesuit
Grosse Pointe North
Utica Eisenhower

Class B

Capac
Croswell-Lexington
Flint Powers Catholic
Grayling
Tawas Area
Williamston

Class C

Albion
Kent City

Class D

Burton Genesee Christian
Carsonville-Port Sanilac
Caseville
Fowler
McBain Northern Michigan Christian

Quarterfinal Awards

Class A

No Manager's Reports Received

Class B

DeWitt
Flint Powers Catholic

Class C

Detroit Benedictine
Saginaw Buena Vista

Class D

Crystal Falls Forest Park
Harbor Springs Harbor Light Christian

Girls Competitive Cheer

Regional Awards

Class A

Allen Park
Berkley
Brighton
East Kentwood
Grand Rapids Christian
Grandville
Hartland
Mason
Mt. Pleasant
Novi
Rochester
Rochester Hills Stoney Creek
Southgate Anderson
Temperance Bedford
Troy Athens

Class B

Allegan
Carlton Airport
Coloma
Holland West Ottawa
Ida
Jenison
Lakewood Lake Odessa
Onsted
Otsego
Tecumseh
Wyoming Park

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Class C-D

Albion
Hanover-Horton
Hudson
Michigan Center
Morenci
Pewamo-Westphalia

Ice Hockey

Regional Awards

Division 1

No Manager's Reports Received

Division 2

Berkley
Flushing
Macomb L'Anse Creuse North
Saginaw Heritage

Division 3

Flint Kearsley
Goodrich
Marysville

Quarterfinal Awards

No Manager's Reports Received

Girls Volleyball

District Awards

Class A

Anchor Bay
Detroit Denby
Detroit Finney
East Detroit
Fraser
Harper Woods Regina
Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse
Macomb Dakota
Macomb L'Anse Creuse North
Port Huron
Port Huron Northern

Class B

Battle Creek Harper Creek
Battle Creek Pennfield
Birmingham Seaholm
Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood
Comstock
DeWitt
Flint Powers Catholic
Flint Southwestern Academy
Goodrich
Hamtrack
Madison Heights Lamphere
Mt. Morris
Parchment

Richland Gull Lake
Royal Oak Dondero
Warren Lincoln
Warren Woods Tower
Williamston

Class C

Breckenridge
Ithaca
Merrill
St. Charles
St. Louis

Class D

Big Rapids - Crossroads Charter Academy
Freesoil

Regional Awards

Class A

Clio
Dearborn
Detroit Cass Tech
Saginaw Heritage
Southgate Anderson
St. Johns
Temperance Bedford
Traverse City West

Class B

Riverview
Royal Oak Dondero

Class C

Charlevoix
Hartford
Kalamazoo Christian
Kingsley
Marion
Pellston

Class D

Cedarville
Ellsworth

Quarterfinal Awards

Class A

No Manager's Reports Received

Class B

No Manager's Reports Received

Class C

New Lothrop
St. Louis

Class D

No Manager's Reports Received

Team Dual Wrestling

District Awards

Division 1

Anchor Bay
Flushing
Midland Dow
Port Huron
Port Huron Northern
Romeo
Saginaw Arthur Hill
Saginaw Heritage

Division 2

Middleville Thornapple Kellogg

Division 3

Burton Bentley
Flint Beecher
Goodrich

Division 4

Bronson
Jonesville
Kingsley
Mancelona
Quincy
Reading

Regional Awards

Division 1

No Manager's Reports Received

Division 2

No Manager's Reports Received

Division 3

Birch Run
Caro
Goodrich
Yale

Division 4

Addison
Athens
Bronson
Homer