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Online Officials Registration Underway For 2006-07 School Year

EAST LANSING, Mich. – April 10 – Registrations for individuals interested in becoming a high school athletic game officials for the 2006-07 school year may now do so exclusively online through the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Web site – mhsaa.com.

From now until about June 1, the Association will conduct an exclusive online registration period for new registrants and renewals. After June 1, applications will also be accepted by mail, telephone and on a walk-up basis for the upcoming school year.

Registrations for Spring sports for the 2005-06 school year will be accepted in all manners through April 30.

Effective with the 2006-07 registration period online registrants will receive a \$5.00 discount off their processing fees, regardless of when they submit their application. MHSAA registration fees are among the lowest in the nation. A \$10 fee is charged for each sport an official wishes to work, and the online processing fee is \$20. Officials registering by mail and on a walk-up basis will incur a \$25 processing fee. Officials registered in 2005-06 will be assessed a late fee of \$20 for registration after July 1. The processing fee includes liability insurance coverage of up to \$1 million for officials while working contests involving MHSAA schools.

There is an officials' registration test, which is for first-time officials and officials not registered in the past year. The test consists of 75 questions derived from the MHSAA **Officials Guidebook**, which is available on the Officials page of the MHSAA Web site, and may be used during the open-book test.

Online registration can be accessed by clicking "Officials" on the Home Page of the MHSAA Web site. More information about officials registration may be obtained by contacting the MHSAA at 1661 Ramblewood Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823. Telephone: 517/332-5046. E-Mail: register@mhsaa.com.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by over 1,800 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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