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

EAST LANSING, Mich. – **May 2 --** The recipients of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's **Good Sports Are Winners!** Awards for the recently-completed 2006 Winter sports season have been named, with each school to receive recognition from MEEMIC Insurance, the Association's corporate partner in sportsmanship efforts.

Hesperia in team dual wrestling, Richland Gull Lake in girls competitive cheer, Saline in ice hockey, Union City in girls volleyball, and Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart 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.

Hesperia was a Division 4 finalist in team dual wrestling, Gull Lake was a Class B finalist in girls competitive cheer, Saline was a Division 2 finalist in ice hockey, Union City was a Class c finalist in girls volleyball, and Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart was a finalists in Class D in boys basketball.

In addition to receiving the finals award, Union City also won an award in girls volleyball at the Regional level.

For Gull Lake and Saline, this is the second time each school has received the Good Sports Are Winners! Award at the Finals level of MHSAA tournament play. Gull Lake won the 1994 award at the Girls Soccer Finals; and Saline won the 2003 honor at the Boys Soccer Finals.

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.

In all, 297 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

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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 1,800 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.

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 28 for the recently-completed Winter sports season (**SPORTS DIRECTORS**/ **EDITORS** -- Please scan this list for recipients from your coverage area):

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GOOD SPORTS ARE WINNERS!

2006 Winter Award Recipients

(Based on reports received at the MHSAA offices as of 4/28/06. NOTE: There can be more than one winner at each site, and not all site managers responded.)

Boys Basketball Detroit Winans Academy Maple City Glen Lake

Alanson Dexter Marcellus

Alba East Grand Rapids Marcellus Howardsville Christian

Algonac Eben Junction Superior Central Marlette
Allen Park Edwardsburg Marlette
Allen Park Cabrini Ellsworth Martin

Allen Park Inter-City Baptist Engadine Mason County Eastern

Almont Evart Mayville
Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard Fairview McBain

Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner Fife Lake Forest Area McBain Christian

Arenac Eastern Flint Northern Mesick

Armada Fowler Middleville Thornapple-Kellogg
Atherton Frankfort Midland

AuGres-Sims Fraser Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central

Battle Creek Calhoun Christian

Battle Creek St. Philip

Bear Lake

Galesburg-Augusta

Gaylord St Mary

Genesee

Mt. Morris

Mt. Morris

Mt. Pleasant

Bear Lake
Beaver Island
Bellevue
Genesee
Genesee
Gladwin
Gladwin
Muskegon Heights
Muskegon Reeths-Puffer

Bellevue Gobles Muskegon Reeths-Pu Berkley Grand Haven Napoleon

Birmingham Seaholm

Grand Rapids Catholic Central

Negaunee

Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills

Newport Lutheran South

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood
Boyne City

Royne Falls

Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills

Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian

Grand Rapids Northview

North Farmington

North Muskegon

Boyne Falls Grand Rapids Northview North Muskegon
Brethren Grandville Calvin Christian Novi Franklin Road Christian

Bronson Grosse Pointe North Ogemaw Heights

Brown City Gwinn Onekama
Buckley Hamilton Ortonville Brandon

Burton Genesee Christian

Burton Genesee Christian

Harbor Beach
Harbor Springs Harbor Light Christian

Painesdale-Jeffers
Parma Western

Byron Harbor Springs Harbor Light Christian Parma Western
Cadillac Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse Pellston
Hastings Port Hope

Canton Hillsdale Portage Central Capac Holt Richmond

Carleton Airport Homer Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest

Carson City-Crystal Hopkins Rockford
Caseville Houghton Lake Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary

Caseville Houghton Lake Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Imlay City Saginaw Nouvel

Cass City
Charlotte Ithaca Saginaw Valley Lutheran

Chelsea Jackson Christian Sand Creek
Clinton Kingston Sandusky
Caldwater Lake Leelanau St. Mary Southfield Christian

ColdwaterLake Leelanau St. MarySouthfield ChristianCoopersvilleLansing WaverlySpring LakeCrystal Falls Forest ParkLeroy Pine RiverSpringport

Dansville Livonia Clarenceville St. Clair Shores South Lake

Lutheran Westland St. Joseph

Dearborn Divine Child

Lutheran Westland

Mackinaw City

St. Joseph

St. Joseph Michigan Lutheran

Dearborn Heights Crestwood Mackinaw City St. Joseph Michigan Lutheran North St. Louis

Detroit Country Bay

Detroit Renaissance

Detroit Southwestern

Madison Heights Bishop Foley

Manistee Catholic

Manistique

Standish-Sterling

Stephenson

Sterling Heights

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Stevensville Lakeshore

Suttons Bay **Taylor Baptist Park**

Taylor Light & Life Christian Traverse City Christian Traverse City St. Francis

Utica Ford

Vermontville Maple Valley Walled Lake Central Warren Cousino Watersmeet

Watervliet Grace Christian Wyandotte Mt. Carmel Wyoming Kelloggsville Wyoming Lee

Girls Competitive Cheer

Breckenridge Merrill Munising

Pewamo-Westphalia

Ice Hockey

Alpena Flushing Goodrich

Grand Rapids Christian

Lapeer East Lapeer West Otisville-Lakeville Saginaw Arthur Hill Saginaw Heritage

Girls Volleyball

Addison Alanson Alma Bath

Bay City Central Bay City Western

Beal City Beaver Island Berkley

Bloomfield Hills Andover

Boyne City **Burton Atherton Burton Bendle Burton Bentley**

Byron

Byron Center Zion Christian

Calumet Concord Crystal Falls Forest Park

Dearborn Ellsworth

Fife Lake Forest Area

Flint Beecher

Flint Powers Catholic Flint Southwestern

Fowler Fremont Goodrich **Grand Haven** Grandville Hanover-Horton

Harbor Springs Harbor Light Christian

Harrison Hartland Hesperia Holland

Holland Black River Holland Calvary Holland West Ottawa **Hudsonville Freedom Baptist**

Indian River Inland Lakes

Jonesville

Kalamazoo Central Kalamazoo Loy Norrix

Kingsley Lake City Lake Fenton Lakeview Lansing Christian

Leland Linden Mackinaw City

Madison Heights Bishop Foley

Maple City Glen Lake

Marlette Martin

Mason County Central

Mattawan Mendon Mesick

Michigan Center

Midland Midland Dow Milford Montrose

Morley-Stanwood

Mt. Morris Muskegon

Muskegon Mona Shores Muskegon Reeths-Puffer

Napoleon

North Adams-Jerome

Pellston

Pontiac Notre Dame Prep

Portage Northern

Reading

Remus Chippewa Hills

Rogers City Saginaw

Saginaw Arthur Hill Saginaw Heritage Sanford Meridian Shepherd Southfield

Southfield Christian

Sparta St. Louis

Stanton Central Montcalm

Suttons Bay Ubly **Union City** Vanderbilt

Walled Lake Central

White Cloud

Wyoming Tri-unity Christian

Wyoming-The Potters House Christian

Team Dual Wrestling

Allendale Beldina

Comstock Park Freeland

Grand Rapids Forest Hills Eastern **Grand Rapids West Catholic**

Houghton Lake

Howard City Tri-County

Lakeview

Muskegon Orchard View

Newaygo Roscommon Saginaw

Saginaw Arthur Hill Saginaw Heritage

Stanton Central Montcalm Wyoming Kelloggsville