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## **Annual UPDATE Meeting Series Schedule Announced; AD In-Service Program Includes At Most Sites**

**EAST LANSING, Mich. – Oct. 4 –** The Michigan High School Athletic Association’s annual series of Update Meetings in October is one of its most popular services offered, and this year’s schedule will again offer in-service programming for athletic directors at five of the seven locations.

The Update series is attended annually by over 1,100 school administrators; and last year’s attendance of 1,268 was an all-time record. During the meetings, information about current MHSAA activities is disseminated, issues affecting interscholastic athletics are discussed and attendees are surveyed on various topics.

Six luncheon meetings are scheduled in the Lower Peninsula and a morning meeting is scheduled for Marquette in the Upper Peninsula. MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts will address high school superintendents, principals, athletic directors and school board members on a variety of topics at these meetings.

“Issues discussed at the Update series are timely, and the information we gather through the surveys we conduct at these meetings is valuable to the Representative Council as it approaches topics the membership has placed before it for the coming year,” says Roberts. “These meetings are not only an excellent opportunity for the MHSAA staff to meet and discuss the issues with school administrators, but for those in attendance to meet with administrators from neighboring school districts with whom they normally are not able to have day-to-day contact.

“The addition of the Athletic Director In-Service Workshops to the Update series has made it a very valuable teaching and listening tool for the Association.”

One of the major topics to be discussed at this year’s Update series will be the Association’s Coaches Advancement Program, and an Executive Summary on Schools Sports in Michigan will be presented.

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Roberts adds that the Update Meetings also provide school administrators an opportunity to ask questions and discuss any recent changes in the Association's rules and regulations. A survey is also taken on a variety of topics. This year's survey includes questions about single-sport curriculum courses, open gyms, seeding and scheduling of post-season tournaments, and requirements of coaches.

This will be the third year for Athletic Director In-Service programs to take place in a morning-long session prior to most of the Update Meetings. These workshops are designed to help prepare those administrators for the rigors of their jobs, and placing them into the Update meeting schedule resulted in more than doubling the attendance over previous years.

Parties interested in attending the Update Meetings and Athletic Director In-Service Meetings may obtain more information by contacting the MHSAA office at 517.332.5046.

Here is a schedule of the 2005 Update Meetings:

- **Oct. 5** – Pine West, Kalamazoo (Noon – Preceded by AD In-Service at 8:30 a.m.)
- **Oct. 10** – English Hills County Club, Comstock Park (Noon – Preceded by AD In-Service at 8:30 a.m.)
- **Oct. 12** – Zehnder's Restaurant, Frankenmuth (Noon – Preceded by AD In-Service at 8:30 a.m.)
- **Oct. 17** – Hidden Valley Otsego Club, Gaylord (Noon – Preceded by AD In-Service at 8:30 a.m.)
- **Oct. 19** – Holiday Inn West, Lansing (Noon – Preceded by AD In-Service at 8:30 a.m.)
- **Oct. 26** – De Carlos Center, Warren (Noon)
- **Oct. 28** – Northern Michigan University, Marquette (10 a.m.)

Lunch will be served at all sites except Marquette.

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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