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District Court Hearing On Sports Seasons Intervention Cancelled

EAST LANSING, Mich. – July 11 – A scheduled session of the United States Federal District Court for the Western District of Michigan in Kalamazoo on Thursday (July 12) to hear oral presentations on Motions to Intervene in the sports seasons litigation involving the Michigan High School Athletic Association and its member schools has been cancelled.

The session before Judge Richard Enslen, at which parties representing girls tennis and Upper Peninsula soccer interests were to appear, has not been rescheduled. A timetable for a decision regarding the Motions to Intervene is not known.

The motions sought to modify the District Court's previously-approved seasons placement switches, which will see tennis for girls and golf for boys in the Lower Peninsula moving to the spring; girls golf and boys tennis in the Lower Peninsula moving to the fall; girls volleyball moving to the fall; girls basketball moving to the winter; and the MHSAA offering Upper Peninsula soccer tournaments for girls in the fall and boys in the spring.

Fall practices begin on Aug. 9 for Lower Peninsula girls golf; and Aug. 13 for girls volleyball, Lower Peninsula boys tennis and Upper Peninsula soccer.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by over 1,600 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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