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## **Sportsmanship Awards Announced For Fall Tournaments; MEEMIC Insurance To Honor All Recipients**

**EAST LANSING, Mich. – Jan. 25 --** Nearly 200 teams representing over 150 schools have been selected to be recognized for displaying outstanding sportsmanship during selected Fall Michigan High School Athletic Association postseason tournament competitions through the Good Sports Are Winners! Program, and all will receive awards ranging from framed certificates to commemorative banners and crystal trophies from MEEMIC Insurance, the Association's corporate partner in sportsmanship efforts.

The program is conducted in team sports, with schools being evaluated by tournament management at District, Regional and Final Round sites. This fall, a total of 190 teams were selected from 164 schools in tournaments conducted in football, boys soccer and girls volleyball.

The program recognizes one school at each MHSAA tournament center at all levels of play for having met the highest sportsmanlike standards. Those schools will be presented framed certificates from MEEMIC Insurance. 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.

During the course of the school year, over 500 teams will be recognized in 13 activities for their sportsmanship efforts during MHSAA tournaments. At the Finals in those tournaments, the school judged to have met those standards is presented a crystal trophy and commemorative banner.

Blissfield in football (Division 6), Grand Rapids South Christian (Division 3) boys soccer, and Uby (Class C) in girls volleyball were selected by the tournament management at their respective Finals for displaying the exemplary sportsmanship by their coaches, student-athletes and spectators. Presentation dates at each winning school will be announced at a future date. All three schools were finalists in their respective sports, and it is the first time each school has been named a recipient of a Finals sportsmanship award. Blissfield was also recognized in football at the District level of play, and in girls volleyball at the Regionals. South Christian was named for sportsmanship honors in Regional soccer and District and Regional girls volleyball. Uby received an additional award at the Quarterfinal level in girls volleyball.

South Christian and East Kentwood were recognized in the fall at three tournaments, while 24 schools received mention in twice. Girls volleyball led the way with 99 teams feted, followed by 39 teams in football and 52 in boys soccer.

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

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The following page lists **Good Sports Are Winners!** Award recipients as submitted by tournament managers for the Fall sports season (**SPORTS DIRECTORS/ EDITORS** -- Please scan this list for recipients from your coverage area):

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# GOOD SPORTS ARE WINNERS! 2007 Fall Award Recipients

(Based on reports received at the MHSAA offices as of 1-15-08. NOTE: Not all site managers responded.)

## Football

### **Districts**

Albion  
Belding  
Blissfield  
Buchanan  
Calumet  
Central Lake  
Comstock  
Crystal Falls Forest Park  
Dearborn Edsel Ford  
Detroit Denby  
DeWitt  
Elk Rapids  
Flint Powers Catholic  
Grass Lake  
Harper Woods  
Kalamazoo Christian  
Kingsford  
Laingsburg  
Mendon  
Milan  
Muskegon  
Muskegon Catholic Central  
Remus Chippewa Hills  
Rockford  
Romulus Summit Academy  
Sault Ste Marie  
St Charles  
St Joseph  
Suttons Bay  
Vestaburg

### **Regionals**

Central Lake  
Coopersville  
Frankfort  
Holt  
Livonia Franklin  
Macomb Dakota  
Mendon  
Montague  
Sand Creek

## Boys Soccer

### **Districts**

Armada  
Auburn Hills Avondale  
Benzie Central  
Cheboygan  
Crosswell-Lexington  
East Detroit  
Edwardsburg  
Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker  
Fremont  
Grand Ledge  
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Eastern  
Grosse Ile  
Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett  
Hazel Park  
Holland West Ottawa  
Holton  
Jackson Lumen Christi  
Jenison  
Kalamazoo Heritage Christian  
Kimball New Life Christian  
Laingsburg  
Lakeview  
Lawton

Lincoln Alcona  
Livonia Franklin  
Macomb L'Anse Creuse North  
Maple City Glen Lake  
Mason  
Mt Pleasant  
Northville  
Owosso  
Rochester Adams  
Saginaw Heritage  
Saginaw Valley Lutheran  
Traverse City West  
Utica Ford  
Vicksburg  
Warren Woods Tower  
Whitehall  
Ypsilanti Lincoln

### **Regionals**

Allen Park Inter-City Baptist  
Auburn Hills Avondale  
Big Rapids  
Clarkston  
East Kentwood  
Fruitport  
Grand Rapids South Christian  
Hudsonville Unity Christian  
Lincoln Alcona  
Marcellus Howardsville Christian  
Richmond  
Unionville-Sebewaing

## Girls Volleyball

### **Districts**

Akron-Fairgrove  
Alba  
Allendale  
Ashley  
Auburn Hills Oakland Christian  
Bad Axe  
Battle Creek Calhoun Christian  
Berkley  
Bessemer  
Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood  
Britton-Macon  
Bronson  
Burton Bentley  
Canton  
Caro  
Cedar Springs  
Center Line  
Charlevoix  
Cheboygan  
Coldwater  
Comstock  
Constantine  
Dansville  
Detroit Central  
Detroit Denby  
DeWitt  
Dowagiac  
East Kentwood  
East Lansing  
Eau Claire  
Eben Junction Superior Central  
Flint Kearsley  
Frankenmuth  
Fremont Providence Christian  
Garden City

Goodrich  
Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills  
Grand Rapids South Christian  
Grandville Calvin Christian  
Grosse Pointe South  
Harbor Springs  
Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse  
Holland Calvary  
Holland Christian  
Iron River West Iron County  
Ishpeming Westwood  
Jenison  
Livonia Ladywood  
Macomb L'Anse Creuse North  
Marysville  
McBain  
McBain Northern Michigan Christian  
Memphis  
Midland Dow  
Monroe St Mary Catholic Central  
Morrice  
North Farmington  
Owosso  
Perry  
Pewamo-Westphalia  
Plainwell  
Portage Northern  
Redford Union  
Reed City  
Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary  
Saginaw Swan Valley  
Saginaw Valley Lutheran  
Sault Ste Marie  
Southfield Christian  
Spring Lake  
St Louis  
Temperance Bedford  
Traverse City Christian  
Traverse City West  
Trenton  
Vanderbilt  
Waldron  
West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy  
Westland Huron Valley Lutheran  
White Cloud  
Whitmore Lake  
Wyandotte Mt Carmel

### **Regionals**

Akron-Fairgrove  
Battle Creek Lakeview  
Berkley  
Blissfield  
Caro  
East Kentwood  
Flushing  
Flushing  
Grand Rapids South Christian  
Gwinn  
Kalamazoo Christian  
Kingsford  
Mason County Eastern  
White Cloud

### **Quarterfinals**

Alma  
Hillsdale Academy  
Uby