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Ticket Information Announced For Basketball Finals

EAST LANSING, Mich. – Feb. 22 – Tickets for the 2008 Michigan High School Athletic Association Girls and Boys Basketball Semifinals and Finals will be sold to the public through the ticket office at each venue.

The Convocation Center on the campus of Eastern Michigan University will play host to the Girls Basketball Semifinals and Finals on March 6, 7 and 8; and the Breslin Student Events Center on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing will be the site of the Boys Basketball Semifinals and Finals, March 13, 14 and 15. Tickets are already on sale at the Convocation Center, and ticket sales begin at the Breslin Center on Monday (Feb. 25)

The Semifinals in each tournament will begin with a Class C doubleheader with games at 1 and 2:50 p.m. on the first day of play; followed by an evening session in Class D with games at 6 and 7:50 p.m. The second day of Semifinals at each site will feature the Class A teams in the afternoon doubleheader of games at 1 and 2:50 p.m.; the evening seeing Class B action, with contests at 6 and 7:50 p.m.

The Girls Basketball Finals on March 8 will be played in two doubleheader sessions. The first session will have the Class D championship at 10 a.m., followed by the Class A game at Noon. The second session begins with the Class C finale at 4 p.m.; and concludes with the Class B contest at 6 p.m.

For the Boys Basketball Finals on March 15, a twin bill begins the day with the Class D title tilt at 10 a.m., followed by the Class C game at Noon. The Class A championship session is at 4 p.m.; and a separate session for top Class B honors is at 8 p.m.

Tickets for all sessions at the Convocation Center are priced at \$8.00 each, and include all ticket system charges and parking. All seating at the Girls Basketball Semifinals and Finals is general admission, and there will be designated seating areas for participating schools. Internet and phone orders may incur additional handling charges. For more information, contact the EMU Ticket Office at 734-487-2282. To purchase tickets online, visit **www.emich.edu/convocation**

For games played at the Breslin Center, Semifinal tickets are \$7.00 per session. Tickets for Final games on March 15 are sold in an all-day package, priced at \$24.00.

Single session tickets for the Finals will be sold during the Semifinals, subject to availability. Single session final tickets are \$8.00 each.

There will be a Breslin Center ticket system charge of \$1.00 for each ticket purchased added to the base price.

For more information, contact the Breslin Student Events Center Box Office at 517.432.5000 or 1.800.968.BRES (2737). Tickets may be obtained by mail at the following address: Breslin Student Events Center Box Office, One Birch Road, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824. Make checks payable to Michigan State University. There is a Breslin Center processing fee of \$3.00 added to all orders placed by telephone and mail. Tickets may also be ordered through the Breslin Center Web site – www.breslincenter.com A service charge will also be applied for Internet orders.

Spectators attending the event are also advised that Michigan State University will charge \$7.00 per vehicle for parking. Fans are advised to arrive early for the Finals on March 15 because of the annual MSU Pow-Wow taking place at Jenison Field House; and for the evening sessions on March 14 and March 15 because of a potential CCHA hockey playoff game at Munn Arena those days.

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.