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Winter Tournament Sportsmanship Awards Presented; All Recipients To Be Honored By MEEMIC Insurance Company

EAST LANSING, Mich. – April 24 – A total of 170 teams representing over 150 schools have been selected to be recognized for displaying outstanding sportsmanship during selected winter 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 winter, a total of 156 different schools were selected in tournaments conducted in girls and boys basketball, girls competitive cheer, ice hockey and team dual wrestling.

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.

Grosse Pointe North in girls basketball (Class A), Lawrence in boys basketball (Class D), Colon in girls competitive cheer (Division 4), Midland in ice hockey (Division 2), and Allendale in team dual wrestling (Division 3) 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.

Grosse Pointe North was the champion in the Class A girls basketball tournament; Lawrence was a semifinalist in boys basketball; Colon placed third in cheer; Midland was a finalist on the ice; and Allendale was a semifinalist on the mat. This is the second time Midland has been honored with the Finals award in ice hockey, the previous award coming in 1994. Allendale previously won a Finals award in boys basketball in 1991. North was also recognized in ice hockey at the Regional level.

Dearborn Edsel Ford was recognized in the winter at three tournaments, while 13 schools – Allen Park Cabrini, Detroit Pershing, East Lansing, Flint Powers Catholic, Freeland, Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills, Hazel Park, Jenison, Madison Heights Lamphere, Negaunee, Richland Gull Lake, Rockford, Traverse City Christian – received mention in twice. Boys basketball led the way with 75 teams honored, followed by 68 teams in girls basketball; 19 in ice hockey; 5 in team dual wrestling; and 3 in girls competitive cheer.

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

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2007-08 Winter Award Recipients

(Based on reports received at the MHSAA offices as of 4.21.08. NOTE: Not all site managers responded, and there can only be one winner at each site.)

Boys Basketball

Districts

Auburn Hills Avondale
Baldwin
Bark River-Harris
Benzie Central
Bloomington
Britton-Macon
Brown City
Byron
Caledonia
Carsonville-Port Sanilac
Constantine
Crystal Falls Forest Park
Detroit Cody
Detroit Loyola
Detroit Mumford
East Lansing
Engadine
Fife Lake Forest Area
Freeland
Genesee Christian
Grand Rapids Covenant Christian
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern
Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills
Grand Rapids West Catholic
Grass Lake
Greenville
Hemlock
Holt
Hopkins
Houghton
Iron Mountain
Kalamazoo Hackett
Kinde-North Huron
Lansing New Covenant Christian
Lapeer West
Mackinaw City
Madison Heights Lamphere
Maple City Glen Lake
Marshall
Mayville
Mt Clemens
Mt Pleasant
Negaunee
Niles
North Adams-Jerome

Ottawa Lake Whiteford
Petoskey
Pontiac Notre Dame Prep
Redford Thurston
Romeo
Romulus
Royal Oak
St Joseph
Tekonsha
Traverse City Christian
Ubly
Warren Fitzgerald
Watersmeet
Whitehall
Wolverine

Regionals

Adrian Lenawee Christian
Auburn Hills Oakland Christian
Bear Lake
Carson City-Crystal
Detroit Pershing
Flint Beecher
Flint Powers Catholic
Jenison
Napoleon
Negaunee
Orchard Lake St Mary's
Richland Gull Lake
Saline
Saugatuck

Girls Basketball

Districts

Allen Park Cabrini
Athens
Baraga
Battle Creek Pennfield
Burton Bendle
Camden-Frontier
Cass City
Central Lake
Chassell
Comstock Park
Cooks Big Bay de Noc
Coopersville
Dearborn Edsel Ford

Detroit Country Day
Detroit Pershing
East Lansing
Ewen-Trout Creek
Freeland
Fremont
Gaylord St Mary
Gladstone
Hancock
Hartland
Hazel Park
Hillman
Hillsdale Carleton Academy
Holland Christian
Kalamazoo Christian
Kimball New Life Christian
Kingsley
Lansing Everett
Ludington
Manistee Catholic Central
Midland Dow
Norway
Oxford
Paw Paw
Petersburg-Summerfield
Pewamo-Westphalia
Reese
Richland Gull Lake
Richmond
River Rouge
Rockford
Saline Washtenaw Christian
Shepherd Morey Public School
St Clair Shores South Lake
Tawas Area
Traverse City Christian
Troy
Utica Ford

Regionals

Allen Park Cabrini
Battle Creek St Philip
Bloomfield Hills Roeper
Corunna
Dansville
Dearborn Edsel Ford
Detroit Community
Eben Junction Superior Central

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(Girls Basketball Regionals – Continued)

Galesburg-Augusta

Ishpeming Westwood

Livonia Ladywood

Merrill

Muskegon Western Michigan Christian

Sandusky

Sault Ste Marie

Wyoming Rogers

Girls Competitive Cheer

Regionals

Marquette

Pinckney

Ice Hockey

Regionals

Brownstown Woodhaven

Calumet

Chelsea

Dearborn Edsel Ford

Flint Powers Catholic

Grand Blanc

Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills

Grosse Pointe North

Hudsonville

Jenison

Kingsford

Madison Heights Lamphere

Plymouth

Riverview

Rockford

Traverse City Central

Troy Athens

Walled Lake Western

Team Dual Wrestling

Districts

Algonac

Mancelona

Regionals

Coldwater

Hazel Park