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Circuit Court Rules In Favor Of MHSAA Membership Resolution

EAST LANSING, Mich. – August 6 – Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Kathleen MacDonald on Tuesday (Aug. 5) dismissed as “frivolous” a suit brought against the Michigan High School Athletic Association which sought to declare null and void the 2008-09 Membership Resolutions already submitted by its member schools and ordered the party bringing the suit to pay the MHSAA’s attorney fees.

The MHSAA Membership Resolution was developed in the late 1970s. It is voluntarily approved and submitted to the MHSAA by the school boards of member senior high and junior high/middle schools during the summer on an annual basis. The resolution commits each school to adopt and enforce the rules and regulations in the *MHSAA Handbook* as their own on a year-round basis as a condition of eligibility for MHSAA postseason tournaments. The resolution does not prohibit schools from joining other associations for athletic purposes.

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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