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Sportsmanship Awards Presented For Spring Tournaments; MEEMIC Insurance Company To Honor All Recipients

EAST LANSING, Mich. – August 6 – Over 200 teams representing over 170 schools have been selected to be recognized for displaying outstanding sportsmanship during selected spring 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 spring, a total of 211 teams at 171 different schools were selected in tournaments conducted in baseball, boys and girls lacrosse, girls soccer, and softball.

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 Website.

During 2007-08, 571 teams were 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.

Dearborn Divine Child in baseball (Division 2), Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central in boys lacrosse (Division 2), South Lyon in girls lacrosse (Division 1), Ann Arbor Huron in girls soccer (Division 1), and Bay City All Saints in softball (Division 4) 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.

Dearborn Divine Child was the champion in the Division 2 baseball tournament; Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central was a Division 2 finalist in boys lacrosse; South Lyon was a finalist in Division 1 girls lacrosse; Ann Arbor Huron was the Division 1 girls soccer champion; and Bay City All Saints took the title in the Division 4 softball playoffs. Forest Hills Central previously won a Finals award in girls soccer in 2003, while the other four schools are first time Finals honorees. Forest Hills Central was also recognized in baseball at the District level; and All Saints did the same at the Regional level in baseball and softball.

Blissfield and Flushing were recognized in the spring at three tournaments, while 38 schools – Allen Park Cabrini, Battle Creek Pennfield, Bay City All Saints, Capac, Cassopolis, Clare, Clinton, Clinton Township Chippewa Valley, Dansville, Dearborn, Detroit Southeastern, Dexter, Eben Junction Superior Central, Escanaba, Flint Northwestern, Frankenmuth, Freeland, Goodrich, Grand Rapids Central, Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills, Haslett, Hemlock, Kinde-North Huron, Madison Heights Madison, Martin, Mason County Eastern, Montague, New Buffalo, Ottawa Lake-Whiteford, Pinconning, Posen, Roscommon, Sterling Heights Stevenson, Stockbridge, Ubyly, Warren Fitzgerald, Warren Mott, and Wyoming Rogers – received mention in twice. Baseball led the way with 108 teams honored, followed by 98 teams in softball; 5 in girls soccer; and 2 each in boys and girls lacrosse.

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2-2-2 – Spring Good Sports Are Winners! Recipients

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.

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

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GOOD SPORTS ARE WINNERS!

2008 Spring Award Recipients

(Based on reports received at the MHSAA offices as of 7-25-08. NOTE: Not all site managers responded.)

Baseball

Districts

Adrian Lenawee Christian
Allen Park
Allen Park Cabrini
Allendale
Almont
Alpena
Armada
Bangor
Bangor John Glenn
Battle Creek Pennfield
Blissfield
Bloomfield Hills Lahser
Canton Agape Christian
Capac
Clare
Clinton Township Chippewa Valley
Coleman
Colon
Comstock Park
Dansville
Dearborn
Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy
Detroit Southeastern
Dexter
Dowagiac
East Jackson
Eben Junction Superior Central
Ellsworth
Ewart
Ferndale
Flint Northwestern
Flushing
Frankenmuth
Freeland
Galesburg-Augusta
Gibraltar Carlson
Goodrich
Grand Rapids Central
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central
Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills
Grandville Calvin Christian
Grass Lake

Grayling
Harbor Springs Harbor Light
Christian
Hartland
Hemlock
Hopkins
Hudsonville Unity Christian
Jackson
Kalamazoo Hackett
Kinde-North Huron
Livonia Stevenson
Lowell
Ludington
Mackinaw City
Madison Heights Madison
Martin
Mason
Mason County Eastern
Mattawan
Middleville Thornapple Kellogg
Montague
Mt. Clemens
New Buffalo
Newport Lutheran South
Northville
Ovid-Elsie
Petoskey
Pinconning
Pontiac Northern
Posen
Reading
Remus Chippewa Hills
Richland Gull Lake
Roscommon
Saginaw Heritage
Saline
Shelby
Stockbridge
Ubyly
Union City
Unionville-Sebewaing
Warren Fitzgerald
Warren Mott
Wolverine

Regionals

Ann Arbor Pioneer
Bay City All Saints
Beaverton
Canton
Detroit Southeastern
East Jordan
Escanaba
Flushing
Goodrich
Grand Rapids Christian
Haslett
Jackson Lumen Christi
Livonia Franklin
Madison Heights Madison
Marine City
Niles Brandywine
North Muskegon
Ottawa Lake Whiteford
Perry
Rudyard
Sterling Heights Stevenson
Tecumseh

Boys Lacrosse

Regionals

Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse

Girls Lacrosse

Regionals

Grosse Pointe Woods Univ.
Liggett

Girls Soccer

Districts

Hamtramck
Monroe St Mary Catholic Central

Regionals

Farmington
Pontiac Notre Dame Prep

Softball

Districts

Allen Park Cabrini
Allendale
Almont
Alpena
Ann Arbor Greenhills
Armada
Bangor
Bath
Battle Creek Pennfield
Big Rapids
Blissfield
Bloomfield Hills Andover
Boyne City
Boyne Falls
Cadillac
Camden-Frontier
Capac
Caro
Cass City
Cassopolis
Clare
Clinton
Clinton Township Chippewa Valley
Coloma
Dansville
Dearborn
Dearborn Heights Annapolis
Detroit Cass Tech
Dexter
Eben Junction Superior Central
Edwardsburg

Escanaba
Farmington Hills Mercy
Flint Northwestern
Flushing
Frankenmuth
Gaylord St Mary
Gobles
Grand Rapids Central
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Eastern
Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills
Haslett
Hazel Park
Hemlock
Howell
Kinde-North Huron
Lapeer West
Madison Heights Bishop Foley
Manistee
Maple City Glen Lake
Martin
Mason County Eastern
Michigan Center
Midland Dow
Monroe
Montague
New Buffalo
Newberry
Ogemaw Heights
Ortonville-Brandon
Ottawa Lake Whiteford
Pellston
Pinconning
Posen
Quincy
Rockford

Roscommon
Saginaw Valley Lutheran
Salem
Schoolcraft
St. Clair Shores South Lake
Stockbridge
Taylor Baptist Park
Trenton
Ubly
Warren Fitzgerald
Warren Mott
Waterford Mott
Wayland Union
Wyoming Lee
Wyoming Rogers

Regionals

Alma
Alpena
Bay City All Saints
Berkley
Blissfield
Cassopolis
Clinton
Freeland
Garden City
Homer
Kalkaska
Marysville
Onaway
St. Clair Shores Lakeview
Sterling Heights Stevenson
White Lake Lakeland
Wyoming Rogers