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Lutheran Westland, Petoskey, Ubyly Take Top Sportsmanship Awards For Fall Tournaments; MEEMIC Insurance To Honor All Recipients

EAST LANSING, Mich. – Jan. 16 -- 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 179 teams were selected from 161 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.

Ubyly in football (Division 7), Petoskey (Division 2) boys soccer, and Lutheran Westland (Class D) 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. Petoskey will receive its award on Jan. 23 at halftime of a boys basketball game at the school that evening against Gaylord. Presentation dates at the other winning schools will be announced at a future date. Petoskey was the MHSAA champion in its tournament, while Ubyly and Lutheran Westland were finalists in their respective sports. It is the first time that Petoskey and Lutheran Westland each school have been named a recipient of a Finals sportsmanship award; and the second straight Fall season, that Ubyly is receiving a top honor – having been selected for kudos at the 2007 Girls Volleyball Finals. Petoskey was also recognized in volleyball at the District level of play; and Lutheran Westland was also honored in girls volleyball at the Regionals.

Boyne City was recognized in the fall at three tournaments, while 17 schools received mention in twice. Girls volleyball led the way with 103 teams feted, followed by 45 teams in boys soccer and 30 in football. A complete list of fall award recipients can be found on the Good Sports Are Winners Award page of the MHSAA Web site.

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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2008 Fall Award Recipients

(Based on reports received at the MHSAA offices as of 1.15.09. NOTE: Not all site managers responded.)

Football

Districts

Bay City Western
Blanchard Montabella
Boyne City
Dearborn Edsel Ford
Deckerville
Elk Rapids
Essexville Garber
Lapeer West
Muskegon Orchard View
Saline
St Joseph

Regionals

Almont
Crowell-Lexington
Crystal Falls Forest Park
Detroit Southeastern
East Lansing
Frankfort
Grand Rapids Catholic Central
Hopkins
Iron River West Iron County
Kingsford
Lake Orion
Leslie
Monroe St Mary Catholic Central
Ovid-Elsie
Ravenna
Reading
Rockford
Saginaw Nouvel
Warren Fitzgerald

Boys Soccer

Districts

Adrian Lenawee Christian
Algonac
Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard
Big Rapids Crossroads Academy
Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood
Bloomfield Hills Roeper
Brown City
Davison
Dearborn Edsel Ford

Detroit Country Day
DeWitt
Fruitport
Grand Rapids Catholic Central
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Eastern
Hartford
Holland Calvary
Kalkaska
Laingsburg
Lakeview
Lansing Christian
Lapeer East
Maple City Glen Lake
Mason County Central
Memphis
Muskegon Western Michigan Christian
Onsted
Ortonville-Brandon
Otsego
Plainwell
Pontiac Northern
Port Huron
St Joseph Michigan Lutheran
Sterling Heights
Temperance Bedford
Traverse City West
Warren Mott
Waterford Our Lady

Regionals

Bloomfield Hills Roeper
Dexter
Fruitport
Grand Rapids South Christian
Harbor Beach
Mason
Portage Central

Girls Volleyball

Districts

Adrian
Adrian Madison
Alma
Auburn Hills Oakland Christian
Bangor
Bangor John Glenn
Battle Creek Lakeview
Bay City All Saints

Berrien Springs
Birmingham Groves
Birmingham Marian
Boyne City
Bronson
Burton Faith
Carrollton
Cass City
Chelsea
Coldwater
Concord
Coopersville
Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy
Detroit Renaissance
DeWitt
East Kentwood
Eben Junction Superior Central
Frankenmuth
Gladwin
Grand Marais Burt Township
Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett
Harper Woods
Holly
Hopkins
Johannesburg-Lewiston
Kalamazoo Hackett
Kinde-North Huron
Kingston
Lake City
Lapeer West
Litchfield
Livonia Ladywood
Macomb Lutheran North
Madison Heights Lamphere
Marcellus
Marion
Memphis
Midland
Mio
Morley-Stanwood
Morrice
Mt Pleasant Sacred Heart
Muskegon Orchard View
Negaunee
Paradise Whitefish Township
Paw Paw
Petoskey
Portage Northern
Potterville

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Reed City
Richmond
Shelby
Southfield Christian
St Clair Shores South Lake
St Johns
St Louis
Sterling Heights
Traverse City Central
Traverse City Christian
Troy Athens
Wakefield-Marenisco
Walled Lake Northern
Warren Cousino
Warren Michigan Collegiate
Watervliet
Watervliet Grace Christian
Wyoming Godwin Heights

Regionals

Adrian Lenawee Christian
Allen Park Cabrini
Beal City
Boyer City
Carleton Airport
Crystal Falls Forest Park
Dearborn Divine Child
Fremont
Genesee Christian
Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse
Holland Christian
Iron Mountain
Jenison
Livonia Churchill
Lutheran Westland
Mattawan
McBain Northern Michigan Christian
Midland
Mt Morris
Pewamo-Westphalia
Pontiac Notre Dame Prep
Saugatuck
Sault Ste Marie
Troy
Unionville-Sebewaing
Watervliet
Watervliet Grace Christian