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

EAST LANSING, Mich. – May 14 – The recipients of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Good Sports Are Winners! Awards for the winter sports season have been selected, a group of 261 teams representing over 200 schools which are being honored for displaying outstanding sportsmanship during selected postseason tournament competitions to receive awards ranging from framed certificates to commemorative banners and crystal trophies from the MEEMIC Insurance Company, 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 216 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. 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 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.

Benton Harbor in girls basketball (Class A), McBain in boys basketball (Class C), East Kentwood in girls competitive cheer (Division 1), Big Rapids in ice hockey (Division 3), and Goodrich 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.

Benton Harbor was the champion in the Class A girls basketball tournament; McBain was a semifinalist in boys basketball; East Kentwood placed third in cheer; Big Rapids was a finalist on the ice; and Goodrich was a title winner on the mat. This is the third time East Kentwood has been honored with the Finals award - previously being recognized in 1990 and 2007 in ice hockey. Big Rapids previously won a Finals award in ice hockey in 1993. In addition to the Finals award, East Kentwood was recognized in boys and girls basketball.

Flint Powers Catholic and Rockford were recognized in the winter at four tournaments, and South Lyon in three. Thirty-three other schools -- Byron Center, Cass City, Durand, Genesee Christian, Grand Haven, Greenville, Hartland, Haslett, Hudson, Jackson Lumen Christi, Jonesville, Lansing Waverly, Livonia Franklin, Ludington, Marysville, Mendon, Mt. Pleasant, Negaunee, Ortonville-Brandon, Pewamo-Westphalia, Plymouth Christian, Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, Romeo, Roseville, Saginaw Heritage, Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Shelby, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, St. Johns, Temperance Bedford, Vassar, Warren DeLaSalle and Warren Fitzgerald – received mention twice. Boys basketball led the way with 99 schools honored; followed by 64 teams in girls basketball; 51 in team dual wrestling; 26 in ice hockey; and 14 in girls competitive cheer.

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2-2-2 – Winter 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 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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2008-09 Winter Award Recipients

(Based on reports received at the MHSAA offices as of 5.12.09. NOTE: Not all site managers responded, and there can only be one winner at each site.)

Boys Basketball

Districts

Alanson Littlefield
Ann Arbor Greenhills
Auburn Hills Christian
Baraga
Bark River-Harris
Battle Creek Lakeview
Beal City
Belleville
Bloomfield Hills Andover
Brethren
Britton-Macon
Buchanan
Byron Center
Cadillac Heritage Christian
Cass City
Coldwater
Coldwater Pansophia
Coleman
Detroit Country Day
Detroit Loyola
Detroit Southwestern
East Kentwood
Ellsworth
Erie-Mason
Flat Rock
Flint Michigan School For The Deaf
Freeland
Fruitport
Gaylord
Genesee Christian
Gladwin
Grand Marais Burt Township
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern
Grandville Calvin Christian
Greenville
Haslett
Holton
Hudson
Jonesville
Kent City Algoma Christian
Lansing Waverly
Lawton
Leland
Livonia Franklin
Ludington

Madison Heights Bishop Foley
Mancelona
Manistique
Maple City Glen Lake
Marcellus
Marine City Cardinal Mooney
Marysville
Muskegon
New Buffalo
New Haven
Niles
North Adams-Jerome
Ortonville-Brandon
Pewamo-Westphalia
Plainwell
Port Hope
Port Huron
Romeo
Roscommon
Roseville
Saginaw Arthur Hill
Shelby
Shepherd
South Lyon
South Lyon East
Springport
St Clair Shores Lakeview
Taylor Trillium
Temperance Bedford
Vassar
Vestaburg
Wakefield-Marenisco
Waterford Kettering
Wolverine

Regionals

Carson City-Crystal
Clarkston
Detroit Consortium
Ellsworth
Flint Powers Catholic
Genesee Christian
Grand Haven
Hartland
Haslett
Kalamazoo Central
Lansing Christian
Marion

McBain
Mt Pleasant
Negaunee
Plymouth Christian
Quincy
Warren DeLaSalle
Wyoming Park
Wyoming Tri-unity Christian
Ypsilanti Lincoln
Zeeland East

Girls Basketball

Districts

Algonac
Armada
Athens
Battle Creek Calhoun Christian
Bay City All Saints
Benton Harbor
Blanchard Montabella
Burton Valley Christian
Cadillac
Dearborn Riverside Academy West
Detroit University Prep
East Grand Rapids
East Jackson
East Kentwood
Flint Powers Catholic
Fremont Providence Christian
Garden City
Grand Haven
Grand Rapids Northview
Grand Rapids West Catholic
Grand Traverse Academy
Harbor Springs
Harbor Springs Harbor Light Christian
Harper Woods
Hartford
Hillsdale
Iron River West Iron County
Johannesburg-Lewiston
Kalamazoo Christian
Kingston
Lake Orion
Lansing Waverly
Mason County Eastern
Mendon

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(Girls Basketball Districts – Continued)

Milford
Novi Franklin Road Christian
Petersburg-Summerfield
Pinconning
Rapid River
Riverview Gabriel Richard
Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest
Romeo
Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary
South Lyon
Spring Lake
St Charles
St Clair Shores Lakeview
Ubly
Utica Ford
Vanderbilt
Vassar
Warren Macomb Christian
Watervliet
Wyoming Lee

Regionals

Addison
Auburn Hills Oakland Christian
Eben Junction Superior Central
Flint Powers Catholic
Grand Rapids Catholic Central
Kingsley
Olivet
Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest
Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary
Sandusky
Temperance Bedford
Traverse City West
Warren Fitzgerald

Girls Competitive Cheer

Districts

Adrian Madison
Allendale
Bellaire
Hartland
Livonia Franklin
Ovid-Elsie
Plymouth Christian
Rockford
Warren Cousino

Regionals

Kingsford
Midland Bullock Creek
Mt Pleasant
Pewamo-Westphalia
Rochester

Ice Hockey

Regionals

Berkley
Detroit Catholic Central
Durand
Escanaba
Flint Powers Catholic
Grand Rapids South Christian
Hancock
Hudsonville
Jackson Lumen Christi
Livonia Churchill
Midland
Monroe
Monroe St Mary Catholic Central
Muskegon Mona Shores
Ortonville-Brandon
Portage Central
Rochester Adams
Rochester Hills Stoney Creek
Rockford
Saginaw Heritage
South Lyon
Sterling Heights Stevenson
Traverse City St Francis
Warren DeLaSalle
West Bloomfield
White Lake Lakeland

Team Dual Wrestling

Districts

Berrien Springs
Canton
Cass City
Clinton Township Chippewa Valley
Comstock Park
Davison
Durand
Fennville
Fenton
Gaylord

Grand Rapids Forest Hills Eastern
Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills
Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills
Grand Rapids Union
Grosse Pointe South
Hart
Ida
Ithaca
Jackson Lumen Christi
Jonesville
Ludington
Manton
Marysville
Memphis
Negaunee
Northville
Ogemaw Heights
Onsted
Riverview
Rockford
Roseville
Saginaw Heritage
South Haven
St Johns
Utica
Warren Fitzgerald
Warren Mott
Wayland Union
Wayne Memorial

Regionals

Allegan
Byron Center
DeWitt
Greenville
Hamilton
Hudson
Mendon
Richmond
Rockford
Saginaw Swan Valley
Shelby
Springport
St Johns
Warren Woods-Tower