

Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc.
2009-10 BASKETBALL COMMITTEE MINUTES
December 3, 2009

Members Present:

Tony Burton, Brown City
Tim Conley, Saginaw
John Hall, Rochester
Dan Young, BCAM
Steve Harvey, Grand Rapids
Dorene Ingalls, St Ignace
Fred Jones, Battle Creek
Todd Kulawiak, Buckley

Rich Moffitt, Grayling
Nicholas Ramsey, Jackson
Mary Spade, Bangor
Marc Throop, Richland
Kevin Veale, Portland
Reuben Washington, Detroit
Scott Weis, Caledonia

Member Absent:

Lew Dawkins

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. After the welcome and introductions, the committee reviewed its responsibility and relationship to the Representative Council.

The committee reviewed the 2008-09 committee minutes with attention to one previously presented recommendation to the Representative Council that was adopted, Non-Traditional Draw Options for District competition.

Online Rules Meetings

The committee was reminded that all sport rules meeting schedules currently offer online opportunities for coaches and officials to fulfill rules meeting obligations as required by MHSAA Handbook Regulations.

It was reported that to date:

1261 Boys and Girls coaches have successfully completed the online rules meeting for basketball.

1916 Officials have successfully completed the basketball rules meeting online. Given these completions, approximately 190,667 miles driven were saved and approximately \$19,500 was saved in gasoline cost for attendees not having to travel to traditional meetings.

MHSAA/BCAM "Reaching Higher" Program

The committee reviewed the current status of the "Reaching Higher" Program on April 18, 2010 for Girls and July 31, 2010 for Boys. The MHSAA and BCAM will provide for the second year an opportunity for 100 high school girls and 100 high school boys to gather for a day under MHSAA and BCAM supervision to learn what it takes to become a college basketball player and succeed in college life.

In separate events for girls and boys at South Lyon High School, these students selected by BCAM Members, will have classroom sessions, engage in on court drills and testing and scrimmage opportunity. Classroom sessions will be conducted for parents as well.

College coaching staffs will be invited to observe. Information will be posted on both MHSAA.com and BCAM.org websites.

MHSAA "Hoop Fest"

MHSAA staff identified to the committee that the 2010 March Magic Hoop Fest will be operational for both boys and girls during the Basketball Finals at Michigan State University. The fan experience is a joint venture with the Lansing Visitors and Conventions Bureau that will be located in Jenison Field House.

While the 2009 Hoop Fest was the first event of its kind associated with the MHSAA Final Tournament it is hoped that efforts this year will grow for 2010 when both Boys and Girls Finals will be at the Breslin Center. Added to this year's event will be a Free Throw and Three Point Shooting Challenge in conjunction with BCAM, if approved by the Representative Council, during the finals for each event to culminate at the halftime of selected games at the Breslin Center.

Health Issues

The committee reviewed a document prepared by the MHSAA as protocol for regular season events and MHSAA Tournament, should there be an epidemic or other health emergencies.

The committee also discussed at length the emerging concerns with student athletes and concussions. Several committee members identified that in local schools athletes are given a base line exam that will assist medical professionals in determining the effect of concussion activity.

The committee determined that the topic of concussion is to be placed on the list of Points of Emphasis for Basketball.

Sport Calendar/Out of Season Concerns

Of major interest to MHSAA member schools and a topic for consideration with the MHSAA Representative Council, the sport season calendar and specifically if there should be a different "offset" of girls and boys basketball seasons.

Currently there is a one week off set. Girls practice begins one week earlier than boys and the MHSAA Girls Basketball Tournament starts and ends one week before the Boys Tournament starts and ends.

This fall in Athletic Director Workshops and in Statewide Update Meetings this was a major topic of discussion.

Through surveys at the Update Meetings it was determined that the majority of those persons polled preferred the current format of a one week offset rather than the options of a two, three, four or five week offset. There was greater support for the current schedule in large schools than in small schools which are more receptive to greater offset.

The committee also reviewed the Update Meeting Opinion Poll on Out of Season topics that included:

1. The calendar positioning for a preseason down time.
2. Should coaches be allowed to coordinate, organize or promote (but not actually coach) out-of-season activities during the school year.
3. Making the pre-season down time a zero-player rule (no sport specific activities, but weight training and conditioning allowed).

General Discussion

Basketball Tournament Site Committee – The committee did meet last May to assign sites and teams for both Basketball and Volleyball. This combined venture attempted to accommodate Athletic Directors request to identify sites and dates for tournaments so that school calendars can be made in advance of the new school year.

Site deviation/relocation for Regional's and Quarterfinals, at the discretion of MHSAA staff a site may change if:

1. A team will be playing on its own home floor at the Quarterfinal level.
2. Two teams slated to play each other have inordinate travel to a Regional or Quarterfinal site.

NOTE: If an appropriate alternate site is not found or is not available the original site will be used.

National Federation Basketball Committee

The MHSAA Basketball Committee was provided with several working documents used by the NFHS Basketball Committee that included: a questionnaire supplied to all High School Associations, and to a selected group of state association coaches and officials and any coach or official that belongs to either or both NFHS coaches and officials associations; a National survey that will collect data on state association tournament policies related to basketball; and state associations tournament game statistical data that will look at length of game, free throw attempts, three point shot attempts and other game situations.

Tournament Terms and Conditions

Items of Discussion:

- Opt-Out date
- New First Tournament Draw Date
- General admission house for Girls Semifinals and Finals
- Partial general admission balcony for Boys Semifinals and Finals
- 2009-10 & 2010-11MSU will host both Girls and Boys Tournaments

Tournament Ball

The MHSAA will require the use of the Rawlings Girls CompMich 285B and for Boys, the Rawlings CompMich at all levels of the MHSAA Tournament.

Tournament Concerns

With this being the third year of combined seasons, the committee discussed approaches to assign and replace officials, and the assignment of officials to Quarterfinals and beyond to gender specific tournaments.

Michigan Points of Emphasis

- Health and Safety
- Influenza/Concussion

December Representative Council Consideration

At its December meeting the Representative Council will consider two basketball related items for discussion in this year's tournament.

1. Video replay for Semifinal and Finals. By State Association adoption, the use of video to review if, at the end of contest, shots are timely and if so, for two or three points.
2. In 2010, the "March Magic Hoopfest" will occur at Jenison Field House on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of both the girls and boys tournaments. A new feature of the Hoopfest is BCAM – coordinated three-point and Free Throw Shooting contests, the finals of those events to be during the MHSAA tournaments at the Breslin Center.

Recommendation to MHSAA Staff

Develop a website posting for leagues and conferences to post basketball regular season format schemes so that interested parties could view the various models being used.

Recommendation to Representative Council

Establish a committee to study the possibilities for expanding the basketball tournament to more than four classes.

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