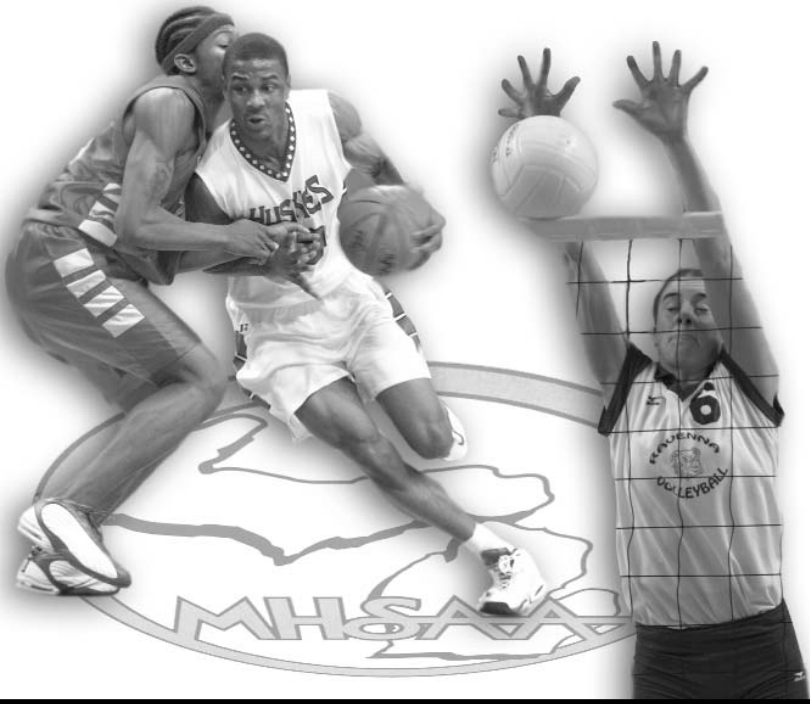




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ON THE COVER

March is one of the busiest months of the year for MHSAA Finals, as champions are crowned in eight sports in the Upper and Lower Peninsulas. The action concludes with the Girls Volleyball Finals on March 13-15 in Kalamazoo, and the Boys Basketball Finals on March 20-22 in East Lansing.

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Correction: In the *December 2002/January 2003 Bulletin*, Ivan Neubauer's name erroneously appeared in the 2002 Fall Sport Ejection Listing. Neubauer was in fact an official for a soccer game during which Madison Heights Lamphere coach Kevin Carmichael was ejected.

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Not all the facts presented to the Executive Committee and Representative Council as part of requests to waive eligibility regulations are included in the reports of those meetings, either because of the volume of material reviewed or the confidentiality requested by schools for their students, parents or faculty.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, February 19, 2003

Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan
Keith Eldred, Williamston
Tom Rashid, Detroit
Randy Salisbury, Britton
William Newkirk, Meridian

Staff Members Present:

Jack Roberts (Recorder)

Executive Committee Authority and Responsibility - The Executive Committee was reminded of its authority under Article VII of the MHSAA Constitution and specifically its responsibility to consider each application for waiver of an eligibility requirement on its individual merits, determining if the regulation serves the purpose for which it was intended in each case or if the regulation works an undue hardship on any student who is the subject of a request for waiver. (These underlying criteria may not be restated for every subject of these minutes.)

The Executive Committee was reminded that it was the responsibility of each member school involved to provide sufficient factual information about the specific request for the Executive Committee to reach a decision without further investigation. If information is incomplete, contradictory or otherwise unclear or has been received too late to be studied completely, the Executive Committee may deny the request for waiver or delay action. Such requests may be resubmitted to the Executive Committee with additional information at a subsequent meeting or appealed to the full Representative Council.

It is possible that some of the information presented as facts to the Executive Committee by school personnel and others may be inaccurate. However, to avoid constant repetition in these minutes of phrases such as "it was alleged" or "it was reported," no attempt is made in the introduction of each waiver request to distinguish between truth, allegation, hearsay, opinion, summary or conclusion.

A determination of undue hardship is a matter addressed to the discretion of the Executive Committee within the educational philosophy and secondary role of voluntary extracurricular competitive athletics in the academic environment. The Executive Committee was cautioned to avoid making exceptions that would create precedent that effectively changes a rule without Representative Council action or local board of education adoption, which would exceed Executive Committee authority.

Students for whom waiver of a particular regulation is granted must be eligible in all respects under all other sections and interpretations of the regulations prior to their participation. Adoption of these regulations is a choice schools make locally when they consider their option of MHSAA membership. Consistent with rulings of the Attorney General and Michigan Supreme Court, schools are not bound by the decisions of the Executive Committee, but the association may limit participation in the post-season tournaments it sponsors to those schools which choose to apply rules and penalties as promulgated by the MHSAA and adopted by each member school's board of education. The MHSAA exercises no independent authority over schools or students during regular season.

St. Clair Shores-Lakeview, Lake Shore & South Lake High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey for these three schools whose combined enrollment is 2,709 for MHSAA tournament

classification purposes (Division 1). Lakeview will be the primary school.

Morenci High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) - Request to waive the maximum semesters sections of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a student who has qualified for special education services throughout high school and during the second semester of the 2001-02 school year received no grades or credits because he did not complete that semester. The school is requesting eligibility in both semesters of the 2003-04 school year, his 8th and 9th or 9th and 10th semesters of enrollment, depending on his status during the second semester of 2001-02.

Appearing before the Executive Committee were the principal, athletic director, student services director and wrestling coach at Morenci High School.

It was discovered during the discussions that the student participated while ineligible under the previous semester record regulation during the first semester of the 2002-03 school year. Even if the second semester of 2001-02 is not considered, the student passed only two courses during the first semester of 2001-02.

The Executive Committee tabled the request for waiver until the following documentation is received:

1. A list of events during the first semester of 2002-03 when this student participated while ineligible. All those events must be forfeited in writing to the opponents.
2. The two most recent IEPs previous to the one dated 2/25/02.
3. The places and dates of enrollment and the record of daily attendance for the student during the 2001-02 school year and the first semester of 2002-03.

Quincy High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) - Request to waive the maximum semesters sections of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a student whose transcript shows that he was in 9th grade in 1998-99, 10th grade in 1999-00, 11th grade at Coldwater High School in both 2000-01 and 2001-02 and is in 12th grade at Quincy High School. He received grades for nine semesters.

The Executive Committee denied the

request for waiver.

Lansing-Eastern High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Sexton High School, where he did not participate in athletics, and enrolled at Eastern High School on Nov. 8, 2002.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2002-03 school year.

Lansing-Eastern High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - In January, the school requested assistance in determining eligibility for a 10th-grade student who had attended Sexton High school where he played basketball. The student enrolled at Eastern High School because of his parents' dissatisfaction for the special education services provided at Sexton. The school was informed by MHSAA staff that this student's situation, unlike that of another addressed in the same inquiry to the MHSAA, did not qualify for Executive Committee waiver for subvarsity level participation. Subsequently, the family requested that the school district apply exception No. 9 of the transfer regulation to permit immediate eligibility. The school district's director of student services reports that the transfer was not initiated by the school district but by the parents and, in fact, that the student was enrolled and attending Eastern before the school district had completed consideration of the parents' request for transfer. The allegation regarding the lack of services at Sexton High School was neither confirmed nor denied by the school district. Eastern High school then requested waiver of the transfer regulation.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Lapeer East High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Lapeer East High School until last November when he relocated to Tecumseh where his father had taken a job in September. The student reenrolled at Lapeer East on Feb. 3, hoping to play baseball. He played football at Lapeer East. He did not try out for, practice or participate in sports at Tecumseh.

The Executive Committee denied the

request for waiver.

Midland-H. H. Dow High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Midland-Calvary Baptist Academy in 2000-01 and 2001-02. She enrolled at Dow High School Aug. 20. On Oct. 18, she withdrew from Dow and enrolled at Midland Academy. She reenrolled at Dow on Oct. 28.

Noting the frequent change of high schools (3) and that one purpose of the transfer regulation is to discourage school hopping, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Muskegon-Western Michigan Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Muskegon Heights High School. The documentation suggests a conflict with the previous school over a grade and the actions of a coach, as well as a medical problem.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Newaygo High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Newaygo schools for 6th, 7th and 8th grades while living with his grandmother. The student moved to the residence of his father in Chicago for 9th grade where he participated in sports. Recently his father was put on house arrest and the student has returned to his grandmother's residence and Newaygo High School. Except for the past 18 months, the student has lived with his grandmother since birth.

Noting that the practical history of the situation is that the grandmother has replaced the birth mother as parent, the Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Richland-Gull Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who had been living with his father and attending Battle Creek-Harper Creek High School and has relocated to his grandparents in the Gull Lake School District. The student's mother has been in prison since he was in the 6th grade.

The Executive Committee noted the frequent change of high schools (3) and that one

purpose of the transfer regulation is to discourage school hopping. It noted also that the student may have created problems that have added to his own difficulties. The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver on the basis of the limited information available.

Rochester Hills-Stoney Creek High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility in ice hockey on behalf of a student who has attended Rochester-Adams High School, which has a cooperative program in ice hockey with Stoney Creek and Rochester High Schools.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for ice hockey only during the remainder of the 2002-03 school year.

Webberville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a student who arrived in the U.S. as a refugee. He was placed in a foster home in Webberville, but after a conflict there he attended Lansing-Waverly High School while he briefly was a resident of St. Vincent Home for Children. He returned to the Webberville foster home but the treatment team recommended the student attend Lansing-Eastern High School. His return to Webberville High School was deemed necessary because of a physical assault at Lansing-Eastern.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Escanaba-Holy Name School (Regulation III, Section 1) - Request was made to permit 6th-grade boys and girls to participate on 7th-grade teams during the remainder of the 2002-03 school year. Holy Name's 7th- and 8th-grade enrollment is 42 students.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Harbor Beach-Our Lady of Lake Huron School (Regulation III, Section 1) - Request was made to waive the enrollment regulation and particularly Interpretation No. 225 to permit 6th-grade students to participate in the junior high school program during the 2003-04 school year. The school has an enrollment of approximately 40 students in 7th and 8th grades and is in a cooperative program in boys and girls basketball with Harbor Beach-Zion Lutheran Junior High School, which projects approximately 19 students.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver, but asked staff to inquire into several violations that are apparent from the printed schedules for the boys and girls teams.

Southfield-Faith Christian Academy (Regulation III, Section 1) - Request was made to waive the enrollment regulation and specifically Interpretation No. 225 to permit 6th-grade girls and boys to participate on track & field and baseball teams of the middle school.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Grosse Ile High School (Regulation V, Section 3[D]) - On Jan. 14, 2003, a player on the Grosse Ile High School hockey team was ejected. The Officials Report was marked to indicate the ejection was for **intentionally and aggressively physically contacting an official**. The Report's narrative stated, "He intentionally and aggressively swung his stick in my direction with one hand and struck me on the upper part of my leg. The stick swing was intentional."

Grosse Ile High School confirmed that the act occurred and advised the MHSAA on Jan. 24 that the student was suspended for the remainder of the season. On Jan. 29, the student's mother was informed that the suspension was reduced to 9 contests, enabling him to return Feb. 18.

As a matter of course, on Feb. 11 the MHSAA reminded the school that the student would not be eligible for the MHSAA Ice Hockey Tournament, pursuant to part 6 of Regulation V, Section 3(D). The school appealed.

Citing items No. 1 and No. 2 of the Due Process Procedure of the *MHSAA Handbook* (p. 21) and Interpretation No. 246 (p. 78), the Executive Committee determined that it lacked jurisdiction to waive the penalty, which is intended by the Representative Council to be an automatic result of the decision of an official during a contest. Because

of the thousands of contests weekly in high school athletics, unlike professional sports, officials' decisions and resulting penalties cannot be reviewable. The disqualification from the 2003 MHSAA Ice Hockey Tournament stands.

National Federation - The Executive Committee continued its discussions regarding the decision-making and follow-up communications of the National Federation. The Executive Committee approved the text for a memo to presidents of local boards of education and superintendents, principals and athletic directors of member schools, as well as a letter from the MHSAA president to the National Federation executive director. The Executive Committee also directed that the MHSAA have an administrative staff member or designee attend as many meetings as possible of the National Federation Board of Directors and to attend any National Federation rules committee meetings for sports where there has been justifiable criticism by MHSAA member schools for recent rule changes or there are agenda items especially important to MHSAA member schools.

Sponsorship - An outline of a sponsorship proposal was provided as an example of the major proposals staff has presented before. Executive Committee members offered suggestions to staff and requested that any major sponsorship agreements be subject to Representative Council approval.

Representative Council - The Executive Committee reviewed a revised draft of the March 21, 2003 Representative Council Meeting schedule and agenda.

Next Meetings - The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Thursday, March 20, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing (Representative Council next day); Wednesday, April 16, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing (Finance Committee to follow); Saturday, May 3, at 6 p.m. in Gaylord (Representative Council Sunday-Tuesday); and Wednesday, June 18, at 1 p.m. in East

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2003-04 BUDGET

PREPARATION SCHEDULE:

February 19 - Finance Committee proposals (including personnel).

March 21 - Representative Council approval.

April 16 - Finance Committee proposals (remainder of budget).

May 6 - Representative Council approval.

2002-03 Year-To-Date Review - Basic operations through Jan. 31, 2003 were improved by \$422,216 compared to Jan. 31, 2002, suggesting that the financial improvement plan developed during 2001 and approved by the Representative Council in March 2002 was being effective. Revenue was improved nearly \$317,000 compared to 12 months earlier. Expenses were down \$105,000 overall. (Expenses for boys and girls fall tournaments were up \$95,246 primarily reflecting increased payments to hosts, but office administration expenses were decreased \$200,539.)

Future Considerations - By consensus or formal vote, the Finance Committee determined the following:

1. The Representative Council will be asked to consider a policy of not using indoor facilities for MHSAA Regional and Final Tennis Tournaments but, as in other sports, to reschedule competition if it is necessary to determine team and individual award winners.
2. To be consistent with other sports, the Finance Committee will recommend that the Representative Council reduce the minimum stipend to \$300 for hosts of MHSAA Tennis Tournaments.
3. The staff is requested to provide the Finance Committee with separate financial reports for the Individual and Team Wrestling Meets as well as a comparison of financial reports for the Individual Wrestling Tournaments in 2001 and 2002.

Personnel Considerations - The Finance Committee adopted proposals for the Representative Council's action in March relative to compensation for the executive director and the total of adjustments the executive director may award to other MHSAA staff for fiscal year 2003-04. The executive director was asked to research options for subsidizing post-retirement health insurance. ■



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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MORE THAN ICONS

Any little remaining doubt that high school athletics is among the most emotionally rewarding work in the world was erased on the last weekend of January 2003.

Any doubt that the soul of school sports is at the local level, residing in the inspiring hearts and energetic bodies of dedicated volunteers, coaches and administrators has vanished.

On Friday evening, Jan. 24, North Adams-Jerome High School dedicated its classic Americana gymnasium to **Al Williams**, who with his wife Shirley, taught in that school system over five decades, from 1957 through 1990.

Al Williams Gymnasium, "The House that Al Built," was a labor of love shared by alumni, faculty, administration and board of education. A ceremony between games that Friday night attracted more than 70 of Al's former players, including the varsity basketball coaches of visiting Pittsford and host North Adams-Jerome. Former Olympian Penny Neer and State Representative Bruce Caswell both had touching stories about their mentor, who greeted everyone with his customary humility.

Over his career, Al served as middle school principal, teacher, counselor, athletic director and football coach. His tenure as varsity basketball coach spanned 1957 through 1976 and 1980 through 1990 during which his teams won 408 games, including 52 consecutive victories in the early 1970s, and claimed 13 league titles, seven MHSAA District championships and two Regional championships.

Al is in the Halls of Fame of the Michigan High School Coaches Association and the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan. He served on the MHSAA Representative Council from 1971 to 1990 and received the MHSAA's highest award, the Charles E. Forsythe Award, in 1988.

But all of those wins and awards pale in comparison to a packed gymnasium ringed

by more than 70 former players and this year's teams at Pittsford and North Adams, along with their coaches, standing in sustained applause for Al Williams, who is more than an icon in this small community. His life is a part of the character of almost every citizen of the town.

The day after this tribute to a living legend, there was a funeral for another of the giants of high school athletics in Michigan. **Richard O. Maher** died Jan. 22, 2003.

Dick was the athletic director at Sturgis High School and, more than anyone else, he is responsible for the birth and early life of an organization now known as the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, one of the strongest such organizations in America and a vital force for educational athletics in Michigan.

About the time others his age were retiring, Dick was just getting started and again, more than anyone else, he was responsible for the birth and early life of the WBA Ruster Foundation. For years the Foundation helped schools help students resist alcohol and other drug use. The Foundation's assets now reside with the Michigan High School Athletic Association, which is striving to continue that work and help schools develop better leaders for, and through, interscholastic athletics.

Dick was honored with the highest awards for athletic directors by his state and national associations. He served on the MHSAA Representative Council from 1969 to 1974 and received the Forsythe Award in 1983.

In a eulogy Jan. 25, Mike Foster, Dick's friend and colleague, said, "All Dick ever wanted to do was make a difference." Dick did so, and it is a **lasting** difference.

As icons, Al Williams and Dick Maher represent leadership at its best for educational athletics. But more than that, they really **touched** lives, and in doing so, made those lives **better**. ■

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

THERE'S NO TURNING BACK WITH OR WITHOUT TITLE IX

The Commission on Opportunity in Athletics completed its work on the last days of January amidst much sound and fury.

As it does on each of its significant anniversaries, Title IX was afforded through the Commission's hearings and media coverage far more credit for the growth in girls athletics than the law deserves. The fact is that it was growth in girls' participation that caused the law to be applied to athletics; it was not the law that created growth in girls' participation. The growth was underway before the law was passed in 1972; it was exploding before the draft regulations for implementation included athletics in 1974; it was peaking before the regulations were passed in 1976 and effective in 1979. The growth has not been greater in real terms or percentages during any comparable period since.

Title IX **reflects** society's change a lot more than Title IX caused society to change. I said this in the 1970s and 80s and 90s; and I say it again.

And I also say this (and I said it in writing to the Commission) . . .

Even if Title IX and all of its regulations

and policy interpretations were abolished, it would not change what is happening in our schools. Our students and their parents expect programs that fully accommodate and fairly treat both male and female athletes. Our school boards hear their constituents and meet their needs in the most responsive forums of our democracy: local boards of education.

Our school boards and administrators couldn't shortchange female athletes even if they wanted to, whether Title IX remains, is revised or is abolished. The only thing our school boards and administrators would be less likely to do without Title IX as it is currently interpreted and enforced would be to deny or even cut opportunities for interested male athletes when a corresponding interest by female students is lacking.

A decade ago I wrote an item for this *Bulletin* entitled "Title IX Compliance Made Simple" which suggested that if we followed the "Golden Rule," we would do a better job of providing equity in athletics than by following the complicated and sometimes counterproductive federal regulations. I still think so. ■

CLARK HONORED WITH 2003 WISL AWARD



photo by John Johnson, Okemos

Nancy Clark, recognized for excellence as a pioneer, teacher, coach, game official, and athletic administrator in her educational career in the Flint community, is shown receiving the 2003 Women In Sports Leadership Award, presented by MHSAA Representative Council President Paul Ellinger.

Clark is retired after spending 25 years at Flint Carman-Ainsworth HS. She coached girls basketball and softball for eight seasons, and her last 16 years at were spent in administrative work as the school's athletic director. She was one of the first females statewide to serve in such a role.

And We Quote . . .

"I would have liked to have seen a Bush administration advisory commission say yesterday that (Title IX) was no longer necessary and should be abolished. This is not offered as a Neanderthal opinion, but an evolutionary one: I'm convinced that the train is out of the station as far as women's athletics goes, that parents, coaches and administrators have seen the value and viability of participation by girls and young women. But judging from the sound and fury coming out of the Washington hearings and beyond over the past two days, others think not. Even to amend the concept of Title IX's proportionality – a requirement that the ratio of male and female athletes at colleges and universities be roughly the same as the overall student body – we are told, will send us back to the Stone Age of my sister, as women's sports are slashed.

"I don't buy it. There remains a substantial gap between the percentage of female college students (56) and the percentage of female college athletes (42), but it is the men's college sports that have become casualties.

"Since Title IX's passage 30 years ago, more than 170 wrestling programs, 80 men's tennis teams, 70 men's gymnastics teams and 45 men's track teams have been eliminated, according to the General Accounting Office. In the last three years, on the other hand, 23 women's bowling teams and 40 women's equestrian teams have been created as athletic administrators play shell games with the numbers.

"Believe me, I prefer bowling, a sport I took to fill a physical education requirement in college, over wrestling, an activity that made me miserable in high school.

"Still, the wrestling team at Marquette University was eliminated in 2001, despite being supported entirely by a booster group outside the university budget. The wrestling boosters offered to raise more money to keep the program, but Marquette declined to reinstate it. That isn't fair or right . . .

"So it's time to bid what was once a very good law adieu. It's not working anymore. I'd rather take my chances with the parents who fill the fields and gyms year-round teaching their children sportsmanship, competition and fair play.

"They will hold college administrators accountable and ensure that Kacey, Katie, Annie, Emily, Sally and Taylor have an opportunity to participate in college athletics if they have the talent and desire. And if Charlie, Luke and Andrew - my nephews - want to wrestle, swim or golf at the collegiate level, they'll find a way to make that happen, too.

"You can't legislate common sense."

— Joe Drape, *New York Times*
January 31, 2003

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Are Those Received In Writing***

2002-03 SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD RECIPIENTS HONORED

The 2002-03 recipients of the MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award will be honored in ceremonies during the Boys Basketball Finals at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing on March 22.

The program drew 2,583 applications from 444 schools for the 24 \$1,000 college scholarships to be presented by Farm Bureau Insurance.

"These young people are those who excel in academics, athletics, and in other school and community programs. They are the leaders of tomorrow," said John E. "Jack" Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA. "All of the applicants are reaping the benefits of a well-rounded education by sampling as many things as she or he can while in school. That is what makes the Scholar-Athlete Award truly impressive. We're proud of what all the applicants have achieved, and extend our congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients."

Winners of the Scholar-Athlete Award for the fall sports of 2002 are: **Candace Knight**, Otsego, girls basketball; **Jason Trzcinski**, Midland, boys cross country; **Lauren Nicole Laethem**, Caro, girls cross country; **David. J. Loney**, Garden City, football; **Kirk Ryan Pentecost**, East Lansing, boys golf; **Benjamin James Anderson**, Waterford Kettering, boys soccer; **Erin Jolie Thompson**, Trenton, girls swimming & diving; **Emily Everingham**, Grosse Ile, girls tennis.

The winter 2003 winners are: **Brian Joseph Burton**, Garden City, boys basketball; **Kristen Dazy**, Trenton, girls competitive cheer; **Amy Schmidt**, Grand Ledge, girls gymnastics; **Andrew Francis Eggert**, Detroit Catholic Central, ice hockey; **Chad Michael Wozniak**, Okemos, boys skiing; **Andrea Boes**, Okemos, girls skiing; **Matthew K. Storey**, Okemos, boys swimming & diving; **Allison Elizabeth Rogers**, Mason, girls volleyball; **Jonathan Michael Lindsey**, Bronson, wrestling.

The 2003 spring sports recipients are: **Michael Joseph Morosi**, Essexville-Garber, baseball; **Holly Sneller**, Hamilton, girls golf; **Elise Jury**, Houghton Lake, girls soccer; **Lucy Frye**, Midland Dow, softball; **Sean Jesse**, Buchanan, boys tennis; **Kyle Walsh**, Ubly, boys track & field; **Julie Elizabeth Brusie**, North Branch, girls track & field.

Applicants for the Scholar-Athlete Award must carry a 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) grade-point average, and have previously won a letter in a varsity sport in which the MHSAA sponsors postseason competition. Applicants are also required to show involvement in additional school or community activities and submit an essay on the importance of sportsmanship in educational athletics.

"The students applying for this award did an outstanding job with their treatment of the essay topic," Roberts said. "There's a lot the leaders of our collegiate and professional athletic communities could learn about sportsmanship from these young people."

Additional information about the Scholar-Athlete Award may be obtained by contacting the athletic director of an MHSAA member high school, or the MHSAA office at 1661 Ramblewood Drive, East Lansing, 48823, telephone: 517/332-5046. A complete list of applicants may be obtained through the MHSAA Web site at mhsaa.com, under the Services department. ■



NOTIFY THE MHSAA IF YOUR SCHOOL IS SPONSORING A NEW SPORT OR DROPPING A SPORT

If your high school is sponsoring a varsity sport for the first time this spring or dropping a sport from their interscholastic program, notify the MHSAA immediately.

Do not miss out on a tournament assignment, rules meeting or rules books.

Use this form to notify the MHSAA staff of the varsity sport(s) you are sponsoring for the first time in the spring of 2003. Please check the sport(s) and fill in the coach's name(s).

<u>(X) if adding</u>	<u>Name(s)</u>	<u>(X) if dropping</u>
_____ Baseball—Head Coach	_____	_____
_____ LP Girls Golf—Head Coach	_____	_____
_____ UP Boys Golf—Head Coach	_____	_____
_____ Up Girls Golf—Head Coach	_____	_____
_____ Softball—Head Coach	_____	_____
_____ Girls Soccer—Head Coach	_____	_____
_____ LP Boys Tennis—Head Coach	_____	_____
_____ UP Boys Tennis—Head Coach	_____	_____
_____ Track & Field—Head Coach	_____	_____

(School)

(City)

(Athletic Director)

Return the completed form to:

*MHSAA
1661 Ramblewood Drive
East Lansing, MI 48823*

DON'T MISS THE 24th ANNUAL OFFICIALS AWARDS & ALUMNI BANQUET

May 10, 2003

The Michigan High School Athletic Association is proud to announce the 24th Annual Officials' Awards and Alumni Banquet to be held on Saturday, May 10, 2003. The Banquet will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, corner of I-496 and Creyts Road, Lansing, beginning at 7 p.m.



As part of the banquet program, individualized awards will be awarded to those officials with 20, 30 and 40-plus years of service with the MHSAA. The "Vern Norris" award will be presented to one official in recognition of contributions made to officiating. The Banquet will give those officials who were awarded plaques previously, a chance to renew acquaintances as "alumni."

Those who plan to attend should complete the form below and return it with a check or money order in the amount of \$15 per ticket to the MHSAA no later than April 25, 2003. Ticket orders will be filled on a first-come basis, however, priority will be given to those officials receiving awards. Officials, friends and relatives are also encouraged to attend. Tables of **10** are available for groups at \$150.

Tickets will not be sold at the door. ■

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OFFICIALS' AWARDS AND ALUMNI BANQUET

Saturday, May 10, 2003

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Number of tables ordered _____ @\$15 — Total: \$ _____

Please return before April 25, 2003, and make check payable to the Michigan High School Athletic Association, 1661 Ramblewood, East Lansing, Michigan 48823.

TICKET MONEY CANNOT BE REFUNDED

SEMELSBERGER TO RECEIVE FORSYTHE AWARD

Ken Semelsberger of Port Huron, whose name has been synonymous with educational athletics in that community and throughout Michigan for the past 25 years, has been selected to receive the 2003 Charles E. Forsythe Award by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

This annual award is in its 26th year of existence and is named after former MHSAA Executive Director Charles E. Forsythe, the Association's first full time and longest-serving chief executive. One or two recipients are selected each year by the MHSAA Representative Council, based on an individual's outstanding contribution to the interscholastic athletics community. Semelsberger will be presented the award on March 22 at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing at halftime of the Boys Basketball Class A Final.



Semelsberger

Semelsberger serves Port Huron High School as its athletic director and assistant principal, a dual role he has enjoyed for the last 16 years. He has been the school's A.D. for 20 years, and was a teacher and coach at the school for five years before that.

He arrived at Port Huron in the fall on 1978 as a teacher, head football coach and junior varsity basketball coach, duties he held until becoming athletic director, with the exception of the 1980-81 school year. Port Huron did not have athletics during that year, but Semelsberger still found work on the gridiron as an assistant coach at St. Clair High School.

A Detroit native and 1965 graduate of Servite High School, where he was a three-sport letterman in football, basketball and track, Semelsberger returned to his alma mater in the fall of 1969 after graduating from Wayne State University. At Servite, he earned Detroit Catholic League and Detroit News Metro Coach of the Year honors in 1972, and was named Who's Who in America High School Football Coach of the Year in 1973. His tenure at Servite ran from 1969-78, and he was inducted into the Detroit Catholic League Coaches Hall of Fame in 1981 for his efforts there.

Since then, he has become a household name not only in Port Huron, but throughout the state in various capacities as an administrator and a volunteer. When he stepped away from the sidelines in 1982 to become athletic director, he put his leadership skills to use in other arenas.

Semelsberger is a member of the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA) and National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA), and the National Federation of Interscholastic Coaches Association. His duties as assistant principal also opened avenues for him nationally and statewide, as a member of the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP) and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

Port Huron has hosted countless MHSAA District, Regional, Quarterfinal and Semifinal tournament events under his guidance, and he personally has served the MHSAA on several committees, including site selection and officials selection committees. Within the school, Semelsberger has been a class moderator and a chaperone for senior trips and foreign travel. He serves as a clinic speaker at MIAAA workshops, and has been a clinic speaker at Wayne State, where he won awards as an outstanding linesman during his collegiate football career.

A past president of the MIAAA, he has held officer's positions with each of the following associations throughout his illustrious career: Detroit Catholic League Coaches Association; Michigan Football Coaches Association; Port Huron Building Administrators Association, and the Macomb Area Conference.

Semelsberger became an NIAAA Certified Master Athletic Administrator in 2000, and currently serves as a member of the NIAAA's Certification Committee.

Away from the educational forum, Semelsberger continues to find time for civic involvement, as a member of the Port Huron Elks, the Knights of Columbus and St. Stephens Catholic

Church, and as a volunteer for the March of Dimes.

"When you think of the word 'Involvement,' you think of someone like Ken Semelsberger," said MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts. "Ken is equally well known in Port Huron and throughout Michigan as a top-level administrator in athletics and education. His involvement stems from a genuine desire to help our students realize their potential through the rich experiences afforded them during their high school years." ■

Past recipients of the Charles E. Forsythe Award

1978 - Brick Fowler, Port Huron; Paul Smarks, Warren
1979 - Earl Messner, Reed City; Howard Beatty, Saginaw
1980 - Max Carey, Freesoil
1981 - Steven Sluka, Grand Haven; Samuel Madden, Detroit
1982 - Ernest Buckholz, Mt. Clemens; T. Arthur Treloar, Petoskey
1983 - Leroy Dues, Detroit; Richard Maher, Sturgis
1984 - William Hart, Marquette; Donald Stamats, Caro
1985 - John Cotton, Farmington; Robert James, Warren
1986 - William Robinson, Detroit; Irving Soderland, Norway
1987 - Jack Streidl, Plainwell; Wayne Hellenga, Decatur
1988 - Jack Johnson, Dearborn; Alan Williams, North Adams
1989 - Walter Bazylewicz, Berkley; Dennis Kiley, Jackson
1990 - Webster Morrison, Pickford; Herbert Quade, Benton Harbor
1991 - Clifford Buckmaster, Petoskey; Donald Domke, Northville
1992 - William Maskill, Kalamazoo; Thomas G. McShannock, Muskegon
1993 - Roy A. Allen Jr., Detroit; John Duncan, Cedarville
1994 - Kermit Ambrose, Royal Oak
1995 - Bob Perry, Lowell
1996 - Charles H. Jones, Royal Oak
1997 - Michael A. Foster, Richland; Robert G. Grimes, Battle Creek
1998 - Lofton C. Greene, River Rouge; Joseph J. Todey, Essexville
1999 - Bernie Larson, Battle Creek
2000 - Blake Hagman, Kalamazoo; Jerry Cvengros, Escanaba
2001 - Norm Johnson, Bangor; George Lovich, Canton
2002 - John Fundukian, Novi

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March 14-18, 2003

Grand Traverse Resort

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Expanded Audio/Video Coverage for Girls Volleyball, Boys Basketball Finals

The finals of Michigan High School Athletic Association tournaments in girls volleyball and boys basketball will be broadcast to statewide audiences this year in an expanded coverage package.

Television coverage of the events will be provided exclusively on Fox Sports Net Detroit. The MHSAA will produce full match coverage the Girls Volleyball Finals for tape-delayed airing on Fox Sports Net on March 29 and 30. Fox Sports Net Detroit will produce and air the final games of the Boys Basketball Tournament live on March 22 for the sixth straight year as part of its contract with the MHSAA. In addition, Fox Sports Net Detroit will be running MARCH MAGIC commercials throughout the month of March, promoting all MHSAA championships.

Here is the telecast schedule: Girls Volleyball - Class D, March 29, Noon; Class C, March 29, 1:30 p.m.; Class A, March 30, Noon; and Class B, March 30, 1:30 p.m. Boys Basketball - Class D, March 22, 10 a.m.; Class C, March 22, 12:30 p.m. (time approximate after Class D game); Class A, March 22, 4 p.m.; and Class B, March 22, 8 p.m.

The Michigan Talk Radio Network of Charlevoix, will produce audio broadcasts of the Girls Volleyball Finals and the Boys Basketball Semifinals and Finals. This is the first year of audio coverage for the Girls Volleyball Finals, with the broadcast available to stations wishing to pick up the feed, and to the public via the Internet through the MHSAA Web Site.

Stations on the Boys Basketball Finals network are: WABJ-AM - Adrian; WQBX-FM - Alma; WATT-AM - Cadillac; WKYO-AM - Caro; WMKT-AM - Charlevoix; WCBY-AM - Cheboygan; WIDG-AM - Cheboygan/St. Ignace; WTVB-AM - Coldwater; WCHT-AM - Escanaba; WDBC-AM - Escanaba; WBBL-AM - Grand Rapids; WWJQ-AM - Grand Rapids; WSCG-AM - Greenville; WMPL-AM - Hancock; WHKB-FM - Houghton; WMIQ-AM - Iron Mountain; WIKB-AM - Iron River; WIKB-FM - Iron River; WKLZ-AM - Kalamazoo; WKLA-AM - Ludington; WMTE-AM - Manistee; WTIQ-AM - Manistique; WDMJ-AM - Marquette; WIAN-AM - Marquette; WMPX-AM - Midland; WCZY-FM - Mt. Pleasant; WMMI-AM - Mt. Pleasant; WMHG-AM - Muskegon; WMUS-AM - Muskegon; WMUS-FM - Muskegon; WSHZ-FM - Muskegon; WNBY-AM - Newberry; WNBY-FM - Newberry; WOAS-FM - Ontonagon; WMBN-AM - Petoskey; WMSH-AM - Sturgis; WMSH-FM - Sturgis; and WKJC-FM - Tawas City; Semifinal and Final games will be broadcast locally on WQTX-FM in Lansing.

In addition, audio of the Semifinal and Final games of the Boys Basketball Tournament can be accessed live through the home page of the MHSAA Web site.

The MHSAA Web site (mhsaa.com) will also be updated periodically during Final events with scores and additional information. Those events are: Team Dual Wrestling - Updates every 60 to 90 minutes, with full results posted at the completion of each match; Lower Peninsula Individual Wrestling - Updates every 60 to 90 minutes, and printable brackets will be posted at the completion of each day; Girls Volleyball - Updates at completion of each game in a match, with box scores posted at the completion of each match; all other sports will have summaries posted at the end of each game or day of competition. Last March, over 9,500 daily visits were made to the MHSAA Web site. ■

TRACK & FIELD/CROSS COUNTRY REGULATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, January 16, 2003

Members Present:

Phillip Bedford, Midland
Kevin Behmer, Ann Arbor
David Blossom, Springport
Lewis Clingman, Grand Rapids
Mac Domke, Marysville
Lafayette Evans, Detroit
Bill Fries, Portage
Tom Gass, President, MITCA
Sharon Gianacakos, Greenville
Mark Holdren, Portland
Kathleen Hutfilz, St. Louis
Rob Johnson, Clare
Don Justice, Harper Woods
Dale Kutchey, Clarkston (Official)
John Lober, Traverse City

Brian Macomber, Rockford (Official)
Tony Magni, Redford
Bob Masters, Temperance
Wayne McDonald, Parma
John Nash, Muskegon
Ray Nothrop, Marcellus
Matt Peterson, East Jordan
Chad Plaxton, Cadillac
Robert Ribby, Eaton Rapids
Pat Richardson, Grass Lake
Dan Sanborn, Burton
Fred Smith, Kalamazoo

Staff Member Present:

Nate Hampton (Recorder)

The committee met for the purpose of reviewing specific National Federation sport rules and MHSAA tournament policies, adoptions, regulations and interpretations that are applicable to track and field and cross country during the regular season and MHSAA tournaments. The following is a review of items discussed by the committee as well as recommendations to staff for inclusion in tournament information and recommendations that will advance for Representative Council consideration.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

During the welcome and introductions the committee made special note of the attendance of Phil Bedford of Midland and Rudy Godfroidt of Hemlock, both serving the MHSAA as Rules Meeting Interpreters and Rules Meeting Presenters, and of Kathy Hutfilz of St. Louis, serving as current member of the National Federation Track and Field Rules Committee representing the NFHSCA.

2003 TRACK & FIELD REGIONAL AND FINAL SITES

The committee reviewed the Regional recommendations for sites and school assignments made by the Selection Committee on Jan. 11, 2003. The Final sites were determined to be as follows:

Division 1 - Houseman Field, Grand Rapids
Division 2 - Caledonia High School
Division 3 - Comstock Park High School
Division 4 - G.R. Forest Hills Northern HS

2003 NATIONAL FEDERATION RULES AND EDITORIAL CHANGES

Following careful review of 2003 National Federation Track & Field/Cross Country Rules and Editorial Changes, the committee made note of several changes.

1-1-2; 9-4-1; 2-1-4

A track and cross country team consists of coaches, contestants, managers, trainers and other associated school personnel. Event points will be awarded to the opposing team(s) upon the determination by the referee that the event is unsafe for competition. Points will be totaled and divided equally between visiting teams. The host team will receive no points.

3-4-8

Prior to the meet, the referee shall meet with the head coach(es) and captain(s) to explain that everyone is expected to exhibit good sportsmanship throughout the meet.

3-6-4

Prior to the start of the meet, the head coach shall be responsible for verifying to the referee/starter that all his/her competitors are properly equipped (uniform, equipment and no jewelry) in compliance with these rules. Any questions regarding legality shall be resolved prior to the start of the meet.

4-3-7; 9-5-6

Contestants shall not wear jewelry with the exception of religious or medical medals. If such medals are worn, they shall be taped to the body.

4-6-1

A running event or heat begins when the contestants report to the starting line and is considered to be official and concluded when places have been determined and the results have been recorded at the finish line.

4-6-2

A field event is considered official and concluded when the places have been determined and the results have been recorded by the field event judge.

7-2-5

A competitor shall initiate a trial that is carried to completion in the high jump and pole vault events within:

- a. One and one-half minutes after the bar and standards have been set in the pole vault.
- b. One minute in all other jumping events, after being called for a trial, unless excused by the event judge to participate in some other event.

7-3-17d(1)

When breaking a tie for first place in the high jump, the competitors tying shall make one more attempt for the height at which they failed. If no decision is reached, the bar shall be lowered by 1 inch.

7-4-29d(1)

When breaking a tie for first place in the pole vault, the competitors tying shall make one more attempt for the height at which they failed. If no decision is reached, the bar shall be lowered by 3 inches.

9-3-3

Once cross country teams have been called to the starting line by the starter for Final instructions, no further run-outs shall be permitted.

NOTE: A major focus of these rules discussions were the new dimensions established for the pole vault and situations when the host school does not have an appropriate landing pad or deficient padding surrounding the landing surface, etc.

The committee suggested that the 2003 Rules Meetings concentrate on these situations that might assist schools and leagues and conferences to employ correct applications for the pole vault event.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The committee discussed the following subjects:

1. 2002 Representative Council actions relat-

ing to previous recommendations including MITCA proposal for development of a Team Championship.

2. Track and field additional qualifying standards for Regional and Final competition.
3. Develop Web-based competitor/school entry opportunities for track and field and cross country.
4. The MHSAA Points of Emphasis for 2003 will include: Cell phone courtesy; procedure for use of medical inhalers during competition; reminder that bikes, moped, scooters, rollerblades and other devices used for individual transport are not allowed at Regional or Final sites.
5. Terms and conditions for Regional and Final competitors. No changes were recommended.
6. The committee discussed costs for current hostings of Regional and Final cross country and track and field competitions. The committee noted that many cross country Regionals do not charge admission, but had inflated requests for reimbursements associated with tournament operations. Suggestions included: Web-based entry systems to reduce and/or eliminate mailing cost and paper cost. Also, to assign multiple Regionals to a single site and have fewer sites with one Regional; attempt to establish more host sites that may charge admissions.

Regarding Cross Country Finals: The committee noted a reasonable decrease in operational costs at the Finals with cuts in several areas including packet pick-up, fewer officials, and elimination of worker/official shirts and hats.

With these reductions noted, the committee understood the need to reduce costs further. MHSAA staff will approach the organizing committee for its help and suggestions.

Regarding Track and Field: While the committee understands the MHSAA's position to reduce all tournament costs, the committee encourages staff to not cut the current Regional or Final listed fee structure, but rather look at Web-based entries for cost reduction.

7. Helmets in the Pole Vault. The committee suggested the MHSAA maintain the current stance on helmet use unless more and better research is conducted. Suggested rules application/interpretation: Helmets, if worn, may only be altered with school

logos, helmets may be of more than one color and may also carry a manufacturer's logo without size limitation.

8. Officials Pal: The committee suggested several clerical changes that will align both junior high and high school forms.
9. Starting command for races run in lanes when all contestants or some contestants use or do not use starting blocks (No change recommended).
10. Health and safety issues. Track surfaces where the inside lanes have a curb or drainage system be coned, flagged or otherwise marked to identify potential risk.
11. ATOM Recommendations:
 - a. Suggest that at least two officials are hired for regular-season dual or triangular meets.
 - b. Continue to emphasize that all referees and starters used in regular-season competition must be registered with the MHSAA and wear the required uniforms.
 - c. Not allow personal transportation devices at cross country competition.

MITCA RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Clarification for fourth-place finishing teams advancing to the Finals competition in cross country.
2. Seventh and eighth-grade students competing in high school competition. While MITCA understands the current MHSAA member school Regulation that will allow high schools with student populations of less than 100/50 students to use eighth and seventh grade students, respectfully, MITCA has concerns when high schools have not traditionally sponsored a team, but will then sponsor a team comprised completely or almost completely of eighth and seventh-graders that represent high schools at MHSAA competitions.

MITCA PROPOSAL TO ADDRESS NO-SHOW TEAMS AT THE MHSAA REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY MEETS

MITCA is concerned with the problem of competition inequities created by schools being assigned to a MHSAA Regional Cross Country Meet and then not showing up for the meet. MITCA proposes the following:

1. When the MHSAA makes the list of schools sponsoring cross country, schools indicating sponsorship of the sport, but which have not shown up for the MHSAA Regional Meet for the last three years, are

not counted and they are placed on a separate list. Schools that have added the sport within the last two years will be counted on the sponsoring list.

2. The Division assignments are made from this revised list.
3. Tentative Regional assignments are made for each Division.
4. Schools that have been Regional no-shows for the last three years (those placed in the separate list in step No. 1) are now distributed to their logical geographic Region. These schools now have a place to go if they do have runners to enter at the Regional competition. Thus, every school that has indicated that they are sponsoring cross country has now been assigned to a Region.
5. For every five of these schools added to a Regional, that Regional will have one team previously assigned moved to a neighboring Regional. The team moved would be the most logical geographically.

For example: Region 1 has 16 assigned teams. Five schools from the "no-show" list are added to this Regional. There are now 21 schools assigned. But one previously assigned school will be subtracted and moved to a neighboring Regional. Leaving the Regional with 20 assigned schools.

NOTE: Regional assignment lists have now been made based on schools that have actually participated in recent Regional competition. The number of schools showing up at each Regional would now be much closer to equal numbers. Since an unequal number of schools would be assigned under this proposal, a brief explanation would be included to explain the differing number of schools that have been assigned.

In 2002, only two Regionals (both in D-4) would have had to move a team to accommodate the added teams from the no-show list.

Response: The committee strongly suggested that MITCA provide more data before greater consideration is given.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

The committee voted to reaffirm its last year's recommendation to support a team championship for track and field (19-8 in favor).■

2003 REGIONAL AND FINAL TRACK AND FIELD MEETS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

— *(NOTE: PLEASE PHOTOCOPY AND DISTRIBUTE TO COACHES)* —

TRACK AND FIELD RULES — The track and field rules as they appear in the 2003 *National Federation Edition of the Track and Field Rule Book* will be in effect for Regional and Final Meets, except as indicated in this *Bulletin*.

STARTING TIME REGIONAL MEETS — Field event preliminaries may start one (1) hour before the first track event preliminaries. WHEN POSSIBLE, MANAGERS CONDUCTING REGIONAL MEETS ON FRIDAY ARE TO SCHEDULE STARTING TIMES TO MINIMIZE LOSS OF SCHOOL TIME.

Field Event Preliminaries are to start no earlier than 9 a.m. on Saturday. Regional Managers will notify competing schools of exact starting times. At Regional and Final Track Meets, the afternoon schedule shall begin one hour after the last semifinal event concludes, but no earlier than noon.

STARTING TIME — UPPER PENINSULA FINAL MEET — Preliminaries — 10 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time).

STARTING TIME — LOWER PENINSULA FINAL MEET — Session I — 10 a.m.: Session II shall begin one hour after the last semifinal event concludes, but no earlier than 12 noon. NOTE: Pole Vault in all classes may begin at 9 a.m. A minimum of one-half hour must be observed between the last throw of the shot (or discus) and the first throw of the discus (or shot). In addition there must be a minimum of one hour between the boys and girls competition in the following events: discus, high jump, long jump, shot put and pole vault.

ENTRIES — REGIONAL MEETS — Each school may enter a boys' team and a girls' team in the Regional Meet only if they have bona fide teams (See Regulation II, Section 1(B)). A maximum of THREE INDIVIDUALS may be listed by a school for each bona fide team in EACH INDIVIDUAL EVENT at Lower Peninsula Regional Meets. However, only two may compete unless **all three** have met the additional qualifier standard. FOUR INDIVIDUALS may be entered

and compete in EACH INDIVIDUAL EVENT at Upper Peninsula Regionals. **Established entry procedures are to be in the hands of the Regional Managers NOT LATER THAN MONDAY, MAY 12, 2003, 4 p.m. There are to be no changes on the Master Eligibility List after this date.** Coaches are urged NOT TO ENTER individuals in events IN WHICH THEY DO NOT HAVE COMPETITIVE PERFORMANCES.

LATE ENTRIES, accompanied by the \$50 FEE WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL 4 P.M. TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2003. The late fee may not be used to change an entry time, height or distance. The only changes which are permitted after 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, 2003, will be scratches.

All efforts submitted to the Regional Meet Manager shall have been earned prior to the entry due date and time. Late entries may not include efforts which occur after May 13, 2002, at 4 p.m.

[NOTE: Late entries will not be accepted after Tuesday, May 13, 2003-4 p.m.]

SCRATCH — Each regional manager will accept scratches before each session is scheduled to begin. Scratches made during these periods will not count in the individuals participation limitations. However, if the competitor is not scratched during these scheduled periods and does not show to the clerking area before that runner's position is set, the competitor will be disqualified from that event and that event will count toward the competitor's personal limit. The Clerk of Course shall form heats following the last call for that event.

Only two of the three contestants listed in the school's official entry (with current season OUTDOOR times, heights and distances) will be allowed to compete in that individual event. (Refer to the following paragraph for additional entries.) Should one of the three entries not be scratched during or before the scratch period, the Clerks of Course will have the authority to scratch the last listed individual for that school.

Only metric times may be submitted to Regional Manager. A \$50 LATE FEE IS REQUIRED WHEN CHANGES IN A TEAM'S ENTRIES ARE MADE AFTER THE ENTRY DUE DATE AND PRIOR TO 4 PM TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2003. (Entry times, heights or distances may not be changed with a late entry fee after or before the Tuesday, May 13, 2003 deadline.)

ADDITIONAL ENTRIES — REGIONAL MEETS — If three (3) or more entries by a school team in an event have equalled or bettered the published additional qualifier standard, compiled from the results of the most recent outdoor seasons, all of these entries may enter and compete in the Regional Meet in that event. The time or distance must have been established in actual meet competition **prior to submitting Entry Information, and must be verified.**

FINAL MEET ENTRIES — Only qualifiers from Regional Meets may compete in the Final Meets.

REGIONAL MEET ENTRY BLANKS — Schools which notified the MHSAA office of their sponsorship of a bona fide track and field team(s) will be sent a Regional Meet Entry Information or entry materials to be completed for each team (boys and girls) and forwarded **directly** to the manager of the Regional Meet to which the school is assigned. Follow instructions closely. Regional Meet Managers will be advised of the schools assigned to respective Regionals and no others are to be allowed to compete at the meet.

FINAL MEET ENTRY BLANKS — Each Regional Manager will report the qualifiers to the Final Meet Manager as directed by the adopted procedure. Only those reported Regional qualifiers will be allowed to compete in Final Meets. The Regional Entry Information will be in effect for the duration of the time members of that team are qualified to compete in Regional or Final competition. Coaches are not to send entries to the Final Manager.

TROPHIES AND MEDALS AT REGIONAL AND FINAL MEETS — Schools finishing in first place at each Regional will receive a trophy. Individual medals will be awarded to contestants finish-

ing in the first six places in each event in Lower Peninsula Regionals. No formal awards ceremony will be conducted. Each manager is to place the school's medals in envelopes which the coach will pick up at the end of the meet. Extra medals will be provided for tied positions at Regional Meets.

Trophies will be provided for schools which finish in the first two positions at all Final Meets. Individual medals will be awarded to contestants finishing in the first eight places in each event in Lower Peninsula Final Meets. Requests for duplicate medals or trophies are the responsibility of the Regional or Final Manager.

FINAL MEET EXPENSES — The cost of conducting Final Meets will be met by MHSAA, Inc. Any gate receipts realized will be used by MHSAA, Inc., to aid in meeting administrative costs of the meets. **LODGING WILL NOT BE PROVIDED BY HOST INSTITUTIONS.** The cost of lodging, transportation, and meals will be met by competing schools.

QUALIFICATION FROM UPPER PENINSULA REGIONAL MEETS TO THE UPPER PENINSULA FINAL MEETS — In Division 1, 2 and 3 Regional Meets, there are to be four qualifiers from ALL individual track and field events.

The first and second-place relay team at each Regional Meet will qualify to the Upper Peninsula Final Meet. In addition, in Divisions 1 and 2, the best third and fourth-place times from all Regional sites in those Divisions will also qualify.

QUALIFICATION FROM LOWER PENINSULA REGIONAL MEETS TO LOWER PENINSULA FINAL MEET —

The first two places in each event at each Regional Meet qualify to enter the Lower Peninsula Final Meet in that event. In addition, during the finals of a Regional running event, any contestant who equals or betters the published additional qualifier standard shall qualify to the 2003 Lower Peninsula Final Meet in that event in that division. Efforts in the preliminary trials of the long jump, shot put, pole vault and discus may qualify a contestant to the appropriate Final Meet.

A chart of times, distances and heights for additional qualifications from Regional to

Final Meets may be found in this *Bulletin*.

300-METER HURDLES, 400-METER DASH, 400-METER RELAY, 800-METER RELAY AND 1600-METER RELAY AT LOWER PENINSULA REGIONALS; AND QUALIFICATION TO THE LOWER PENINSULA FINALS

— The number of sections at Regionals in each event is to be determined by the Meet Managers, depending upon the number of entries in each event. One relay team or individual per lane constitutes a full section. In the event there is one individual or relay team only for the first section, the team with the slowest time from the second section will run in the first section. The second section will then have one empty lane. All teams are to be timed in each section and the two fastest times and additional qualifiers will qualify from each Lower Peninsula Regional to the Lower Peninsula Final Meets.

800-METER RUN — There will be a maximum of two sections of the 800-Meter Run in each class. The second section is to be scheduled only when the number of entries exceed 20. If two sections are needed, the last section will have 16 participants.

1600-METER RUN, 3200-METER RELAY AND 3200-METER RUN AT ALL LOWER PENINSULA REGIONAL AND FINAL MEETS — There shall be two sections of the 1600-Meter Run only when the number of entries in this event exceeds 24. If two sections are needed, the last section (or fast section) will have 16 participants including ties.

There shall be one section of the 3200-Meter Relay at all Regionals. Two sections of the 3200-Meter Relay shall be conducted at the Final Meet for Divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4. If there are more than 24 entries, the 16 fastest times will be placed in the second section. If there are 24 or fewer entries, the second section will consist of the 12 fastest times plus all ties.

There is to be only one section at each Regional and Final Meet for the 3200-Meter Run.

All contestants entered in a race or section are to be timed and the six fastest times (eight fastest times for Finals) of the race or of all the sections of each event will be recognized by points and medals.

Qualifiers from Regionals with the fastest times in each event will be placed in the last section at the Final Meet working back to the entries with the slowest qualifying times in the first section. All sections shall be full with the possible exception of the first sections.

FIELD EVENTS — REGIONALS AND FINAL MEETS — In Regionals and the Upper and Lower Peninsula Final Meets, the following regulations are in effect for conducting the field events:

1. **HIGH JUMP** — The starting height at Lower Peninsula Regionals is to be based on a height **three** inches less than the additional qualifying standard for Regional and Final Meets. (Rounded to the nearest lesser inch). This height has been adjusted to allow one of the raises to fall on the additional qualifying standard to the final meet.

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER LOWER PENINSULA MANAGERS SHALL BEGIN THE HIGH JUMP THREE INCHES BELOW THE PUBLISHED STARTING HEIGHT. The bar then is to be raised three inches the first time and two inches each time thereafter until there is the number of contestants left equal to or less than the number of places to be awarded. When this number is reached, the bar is to be raised one inch only for each successive jump.

The starting height at Upper Peninsula Regionals, and the Final Meet, is to be determined by the Meet Manager without reference to Lower Peninsula standards.

2. **POLE VAULT** — The starting height at Lower Peninsula Regionals is to be based on a height 12 inches less than the additional qualifying standards for Regional and Final Meets. (rounded to the nearest lesser inch). The starting height shall be increased as indicated on the Standard Raises chart prior to this section until seven competitors remain. Thereafter the bar shall be raised three inches.

At Upper Peninsula Regionals and the Final Meet, the starting heights of the bar is to be determined by the Meet Manager without reference to Lower Peninsula standards.

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, LOWER PENINSULA MANAGERS SHALL BEGIN THE POLE

VAULT 12 INCHES BELOW THE PUBLISHED STARTING HEIGHT. The Games Committee will determine the raises which will include a height raise that will fall on the qualifying height.

The standard raises are included in a chart on the following pages in this *Bulletin*.

NOTE: Seven competitors will advance from preliminary to final competition at the Regional level, and nine competitors will advance from preliminary to final competition at the MHSAA Finals.

RELAY ENTRIES — Any student on the Eligibility List may represent his or her school on a relay team in Regional competition, if they are eligible according to meet regulations. Schools qualifying relay teams for the Final Meet may use any eligible contestant in the Final Meet Relay. Final Meet Relay contestants are not limited to the four individuals who qualified in a Regional Relay.

200-METER DASH IS TO BE RUN ON THE CURVE — The 200-Meter Dash is to be started with staggered starts on the straightaway and be run through one full curve at all Regionals and at the Final Meet, where possible.

SEMIFINAL RACES — The Lower Peninsula Final must conduct semifinals in the following events when there are more than 16 entries (18 for a nine lane track) remaining after the scratch sheets are submitted: 100-Meter Dash, 200-Meter Dash, 100-Meter 33" Hurdles and 110-Meter High Hurdles.

300-METER LOW HURDLES — The 300-Meter Low Hurdles at all Regionals and Final Meet (where possible) are to be run so that the curve is in the middle of the race.

ALLEY STARTS AND ALLEY PLACING OF REGIONAL QUALIFIERS IN THE 800-METER RUN, 1600 METER RUN, 3200-METER RUN and 3200-METER RELAYS AT ALL FINAL MEETS — The staggered alley starting procedure is to be used at the 2003 Final Meets, and at Lower Peninsula Regionals. Managers are requested to place markers on the track at cut-in spots for races run in alleys.

Section assignments are to be made based on Regional qualifying times:

Reg. Qual. Time	Pos.	Alley
1st	pole	1
2nd	pole	2
3rd	pole	3
4th	pole	4
5th	position	1
6th	position	2
7th	position	3
8th	position	4
9th	2nd	1
10th-16th	in sequence	
17th	3rd	1
18th-27th	in sequence	

If a second row of contestants is necessary, this same procedure is to be followed for them. NOTE: If narrow tracks at some Regionals necessitate two rather than three lane alleys, the above procedure will be modified accordingly.

The 1600-Meter Run, 3200-Meter Relay and the 3200-Meter Run will use alley starts and a two turn stagger at all Regional and Final Meets. The cut-in will be at the start of the second straightaway.

The 1600-Meter and 3200-Meter Runs may use the waterfall start at all regular-season meets if there is a desire to do so. Tracks where the waterfall start line is on the curve, athletes will be seeded for their placement from the middle lanes out. The two fastest times in lane 4: the next two fastest times in lane 5, the next two in lane 3, and so on until all lanes are filled. (There should be NO MORE than two athletes per lane, sixteen total placed on the front line).

In the 2003 Regional and Final Track Meets, boys and girls events will alternate order. Girls events will be run first in odd years and boys events will be run first in even years. In 2003 the girls events will be run first.

The 3200-Meter Relay shall be the first final event run prior to the Semifinal heats of the sprint and hurdle events in the Regional and Final meet morning session. The 3200-meter relay shall not be run prior to 10:30 a.m.

STARTING BLOCKS — If Regional or Final Managers provide starting blocks for

contestants, these starting blocks must be used. Schools may furnish their own starting blocks for Regional and Final competition only if managers do not include non-traditional standing start blocks. Starting blocks provided by schools must be approved by the

Regional and/or Final management.

INQUIRIES — Questions not covered by the above information should be addressed to Regional Managers, Final Managers or to the MHSAA office. ■

UNIFORMS: Over the past several years, the issue of uniforms have been questioned and debated by all involved with Track and Field.

SITUATION: A1 who is heavy set is competing in the Shot Put and is also entered in the 100 Meter Dash. A1 is wearing a school issued uniform not of the same style as other team members, but is of the basic colors as other team member uniforms. **RULING:** A1 is considered to be in a legal uniform.

NOTE: Rule 4-3-1, States...Each competitor's uniform consists of; (A) Shoes, (B) Full Length Jersey (Singlet) and Shorts issued by the school.

1. Shorts may vary in length and style but must be the same color for all team members.
2. The Jersey and Shorts may have the schools identification and the Jersey may have competitors name.

JEWELRY: Except for traditional wedding bands and Medical Alert necklaces or bracelets, jewelry is prohibited in all competition. This will include, but is not limited to, pierced earrings, barrettes made of hard plastic, leather, cloth and plastic bracelets. Elasticized ponytail holders having metal parts are legal. Multiple ponytail holders do not have to be the same color. Watches may not be worn during any competition. Breathe-Right strips are permitted. Sunglasses may be worn in competitions only if they are prescription glasses or regular shaded glasses prescribed by a physician. Competitors may not wear temporary body adornment (painted or fastened) during competition.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFYING STANDARDS

2003 LP BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD REGIONAL TRACK MEET

	Division 1		Division 2		Division 3		Division 4	
	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G
Pole Vault	11'9"	8'0"	11'6"	7'9"	11'0"	7'9"	9'9"	7'0"
Shot Put	45'9"	32'7"	44'0"	31'4"	43'10"	31'1"	41'4"	29'7"
High Jump	5'11"	4'9"	5'10"	4'9"	5'9"	4'8"	5'7"	4'7"
Long Jump	19'6"	15'2"	19'0"	14"10"	18'10"	14'7"	18'5"	14'2"
Discus	132'7"	98'3"	127.7"	94'6"	127'1"	95'2"	117'1"	87'1"
3200 M Relay	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
110 M 39' HH	:15.7	---	:16.2	---	:16.3	---	:17.4	---
100 M 33' H	---	:17.0	---	:17.3	---	:17.5	---	:18.5
100 M Dash	:11.4	:13.2	:11.6	:13.5	:11.7	:13.5	:11.9	:13.8
800 M Relay	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1600 M Run	4:38.0	5:38.0	4:43.3	5:45.0	4:46.3	5:52.0	4:57.3	6:04.4
400 M Relay	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
400 M Dash	:52.6	1:03.0	:53.2	1:04.0	:53.5	1:04.8	:55.4	1:07.2
300 M I.H.	:42.1	---	:42.8	---	:43.2	---	:45.2	---
300 M L.H.	---	:50.4	---	:51.6	---	:52.1	---	:54.2
800 M Run	2:03.3	2:30.5	2:05.6	2:33.0	2:06.7	2:35.3	2:11.5	2:41.2
200 M Dash	:23.4	:27.8	:23.8	:28.2	:24.1	:28.5	:24.7	:29.2
3200 M Run	10:08.2	12:16.1	10:19.6	12:44.3	10:30.9	12:58.1	11:00.0	13:15.0
1600 M Relay	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

ADDITIONAL QUALIFYING STANDARDS

2003 LP BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD FINAL TRACK MEET

	Division 1		Division 2		Division 3		Division 4	
	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G
Pole Vault	12'6"	9'3"	12'9"	9'0"	12'3"	8'9"	11'6"	7'9"
Shot Put	50'6"	35'10"	48'8"	34'7"	48'1"	34'8"	45'6"	33'3"
High Jump	6'2"	5'1"	6'2"	5'1"	6'2"	5'1"	6'0"	5'0"
Long Jump	21'2"	16'3"	20'2"	16'0"	20'3"	15'7"	19'7"	15'3"
Discus	146'0"	111'3"	142'5"	108'7"	140'4"	107'2"	132'2"	100.10
3200 M Relay	8:10.5	9:55.7	8:19.4	10:08.5	8:26.4	10:19.0	8:40.3	10:32.9
110 M 33' HH	:15.0	---	:15.4	---	:15'4"	---	:16.0	---
100 M 39' H	---	:15.7	---	:16.2	---	:16.4	---	:17.2
100 M Dash	:11.0	:12.6	:11.3	:12.9	:11.3	:12.9	:11.4	:13.2
800 M Relay	1:31.4	1:48.0	1:32.8	1:50.1	1:34.1	1:51.6	1:36.0	1:54.0
1600 M Run	4:28.7	5:21.5	4:31.6	5:30.0	4:33.6	5:32.6	4:40.5	5:39.6
400 M Relay	:44.2	:51.4	:44.9	:52.5	:45.6	:53.3	:46.3	:54.3
400 M Dash	:50.8	1:00.0	:51.4	1:01.6	:51.7	1:02.2	:52.8	1:03.3
300 M I.H.	:40.4	---	:40.9	---	:41.3	---	:42.5	---
300 M L.H.	---	:48.0	---	:48.6	---	:49.0	---	:50.7
800 M Run	1:59.3	2:23.3	2:01.2	2:26.0	2:01.8	2:27.7	2:04.9	2:31.6
200 M Dash	:22.5	:26.4	:23.1	:26.9	:23.1	:27.2	:23.5	:27.8
3200 M Run	9:48.2	11:43.8	9:57.1	12:03.8	10:07.7	12:19.5	10:26.7	12:37.9
1600 M Relay	3:28.6	4:11.7	3:31.5	4:16.3	3:33.1	4:18.6	3:37.9	4:26.5

2003 STANDARD RAISES FOR HJ AND PV

Lower Peninsula

	REGIONAL QUALIFIER	REGIONAL START	1ST RAISE	2ND RAISE	3RD RAISE	FINAL QUALIFIER	FINAL START
Div. 1 HJ-B	5'11"	5'8"	5'10"	6'0"	6'2"	6'2"	5'11"
Div. 2 HJ-B	5'10"	5'7"	5'10"	6'0"	6'2"	6'2"	5'11"
Div. 3 HJ-B	5'9"	5'6"	5'9"	6'0"	6'2"	6'2"	5'11"
Div. 4 HJ-B	5'7"	5'4"	5'7"	5'10"	6'0"	6'0"	5'9"
Div. 1 HJ-G	4'9"	4'6"	4'9"	4'11"	5'1"	5'1"	4'10"
Div. 2 HJ-G	4'9"	4'6"	4'9"	4'11"	5'1"	5'1"	4'10"
Div. 3 HJ-G	4'8"	4'5"	4'8"	4'11"	5'1"	5'1"	4'10"
Div. 4 HJ-G	4'7"	4'4"	4'7"	4'10"	5'0"	5'0"	4'9"

	REGIONAL QUALIFIER	REG'L START	1st RAISE	2nd RAISE	3rd RAISE	4th RAISE	FINAL QUALIFIER	FINAL START
DIV. 1-PVB	11'9"	10'9"	11'3"	11'9"	12'3"	12'6"	12'6"	11'6"
DIV. 2-PVB	11'6"	10'6"	11'3"	11'9"	12'3"	12'9"	12'9"	11'9"
DIV. 3-PVB	11'0"	10'0"	10'9"	11'3"	11'9"	12'3"	12'3"	11'3"
DIV. 4-PVB	9'9"	8'9"	9'9"	10'6"	11'0"	11'6"	11'6"	10'6"
DIV. 1-PVG	8'0"	7'6"	8'6"	9'0"	9'3"		9'3"	8'9"
DIV. 2-PVG	7'9"	7'3"	7'9"	8'3"	8'9"	9'0"	9'0"	8'6"
DIV. 3-PVG	7'9"	7'3"	7'9"	8'3"	8'9"		8'9"	8'3"
DIV. 4-PVG	7'0"	6'6"	7'0"	7'6"	7'9"		7'9"	7'3"

HIGH SCHOOL — BOYS & GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD ORDER OF EVENTS

TRACK EVENTS

The 2003 MHSAA Track and Field Committee established that the order of events to be run at *all* Regional and Final Meets shall be that prescribed in the 2003 *National Federation Track and Field and Cross Country Rules Book*. The 2003 order of events listed below. In 2003, girls events shall be run first.

3200 M Relay (4 x 800)
Boys 100 MHH/Girls 100 MH
100 M Dash
800 M Relay (4 x 200)
1600 M Run
400 M Relay (4 x 100)
400 M Dash
Boys 300 M 36" IH/Girls 300 M 30" LH
800 M Run
200 M Dash
3200 M Run
1600 M Relay (4 x 400)

Preliminaries will be run in the following order: Combined boy-girl meets — 100-Meter Dash, 110-Meter High Hurdles, 100-Meter 33" Hurdles, and 200-Meter Dash. Semifinals, when necessary, will follow the same order as preliminaries. There will be no preliminaries at the Upper Peninsula Final Meet.

Additional qualifying standards met in running event Preliminaries or Semifinals will not qualify for entry to the Final Meet.

Running of Relays at Dual, Regional, and Final Meets — In 2003, the 800-Meter Relay shall be run in lanes entirely at each Regional and Final Meet.

The 1600-Meter Relay is to be run in lanes from a three-turn staggered start. The first exchange is to be made in the same lane in which each team started. The cut-in point for the second runner will be established at the start of the back straightaway.

The 400-Meter Relay is to be run from a two turn staggered start and in lanes throughout the entire event.

A two-turn stagger is to be used for the first leg of the 3200-Meter Relay. The cut will occur at the start of the second straightaway.

FIELD EVENTS

Discus
Pole Vault
Girls Shot Put — 4 kg. (8 lbs. 13 oz.)
Boys Shot Put — 5.443 kg. (12 lbs.)
High Jump
Long Jump — (NOTE: The takeoff boards used at Regional and Final Meets must be at least 18 inches, up to a maximum of 24 inches.)

ORDER OF FIELD EVENTS

The field events schedule at MHSAA Regional and Final Meets will alternate the order of competition for boys and girls each year:

Even Years: Girls high jump, girls pole vault, and shot put first. (Followed by boys high jump, shot put and pole vault)

Boys discus and long jump first. (Followed by girls discus and long jump)

Odd Years: Boys high jump, boys vault, and shot put first. (Followed by girls high jump, shot put, and pole vault)

Girls discus and long jump first. (Followed by boys discus and long jump)

L.P. Regional Scoring: (10-8-6-4-2-1)

L.P. Final Scoring: (10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1)

U.P. Regional Scoring: (5-3-2-1)

U.P. Final Scoring: (10-8-6-4-2-1) ■

2003 MHSAA TRACK AND FIELD FINALS SITES

LOWER PENINSULA — MAY 31

Division 1 — Houseman Field, Grand Rapids; Division 2 — Caledonia

Division 3 — Comstock Park HS; Division 4 — Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern HS

UPPER PENINSULA — MAY 31

All Divisions — Kingsford HS

JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOLS — TRACK AND FIELD ORDER OF EVENTS

NOTE 1: When boys and girls meets are conducted simultaneously, the events listed below are to be used. If meets are not run simultaneously, the events listed for those not participating are to be eliminated. Schools must mutually agree to run the order of events in yards or meters prior to the meets. If schools cannot mutually agree, the host school will decide. Distances may be shortened or events may be eliminated by mutual consent of competing schools before the meet begins.

Boys and girls events will alternate order. Girls events will run first in odd years and boys events will run first in even years. In 2003, girls events shall be run first.

ORDER OF EVENTS

3200 M Run (Two Mile)
55 M 33" Hurdles for Boys (5 hurdles)
55 M 30" Hurdles for Girls (5 hurdles)
800 M Relay (880 Yards) Relay
800 M Run (880 Yards) Run
1600 M Run (Mile)
100 M Dash (100 Yards) Dash
400 M Dash (440 Yards) Dash
3200 M Relay
70 M Dash (75 Yards)
200 M 30" Hurdles (5 hurdles)
200 M Dash (220 Yards)
1600 M Relay (Mile)
400 M Relay (440 Yards)

FIELD EVENTS

1. Pole Vault
2. Shot Put 4 Kg (8 lb. 13 oz.) for boys;
2.744 Kg (6 lbs.) for girls
3. Running High Jump
4. Running Long Jump

A contestant may compete in any three track and/or field events from the approved list of junior high/middle school order of events.

NOTE 2: The 3200-Meter must be conducted during the field events.

NOTE 3: Both the Boys and Girls 55-Meter hurdles will be over five hurdles spaced as follows: 13 meters to the first hurdle 8.5 meters between the hurdles and 8.0 meters from the last hurdle to the finish.

NOTE 4: One false start shall be permitted in Junior High/Middle School competition (when the above order of events are used).

NOTE 5: Refer to Regulation IV, Section 8 for limitation of competition.

TRACK—SCORING

Dual Meets

Individual events are to be scored 5-3-1.

Relays are to be scored 5-0.

SCORING NOTE: By prior mutual agreement of competing schools or by league or conference adoption, teams may score four places in dual meets and five places in triangular meets.

Other Than Dual Meets

Scoring is to be in accordance with the National Federation Edition of the Track and Field Rules Book for the current year.

CROSS COUNTRY

Rules for junior/high middle school cross country are those printed in the National Federation Track and Field Rule Book with MHSAA modifications included in Regulation IV, Section 8 of the *MHSAA Handbook*.

The standard distance for a junior high/middle school cross country run is 3,200 meters.

Cross Country distances may be shortened by mutual consent of the competing schools prior to the date of the meet. ■

JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, January 14, 2003

Members Present:

Bill Chilman, Sanford
Terri Clock, Muskegon
Keith Eldred, Williamston
Robert Glenn, Detroit
Melody Hasselback, Bath (MASSP)
Kay Johnson, Morenci
Jim Lilley, Pontiac
Wayne Marshall, Gladstone

Thomas Mecsey, Bloomfield Hills (MIAAA)
Dave Yarbrough, Walled Lake

Members Absent:

Dennis Peacock, Newberry
Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan

Staff Member Present:

Randy Allen (Recorder)

The MHSAA Junior High/Middle Schools Committee met in the MHSAA Office Building to review topics suggested for discussion by the MHSAA Staff and review regulations and possible changes brought to the attention of the committee by the membership.

Prior to discussion of specific topics, committee members were made aware of the purpose of committee meetings and reviewed the discussions that took place in 2002.

LIMITS OF COMPETITION

The committee discussed adding team and individual participation limits to the *MHSAA Handbook* in sports which are under MHSAA regulations, but do not currently have such limits (hockey, bowling, gymnastics and golf). It was recommended that the membership be surveyed to determine if such limits are necessary, which sports should have limits and what the limits should be.

Length of seasons was discussed, and the concerns that have been expressed about some schools setting basketball seasons that encompass an entire school year. A motion was made and passed unanimously to set the length of the junior high/middle school basketball season at 13 consecutive weeks with leagues, conferences and local schools determining the starting date for the season (10-0 in favor).

The current weekly limit of two basketball games per week was discussed. When weather or related problems occur forcing cancellations, rescheduling becomes a problem with the two-games-per-week limitation.

A motion was made and passed unanimously to allow three games per week in boys and girls basketball, but only two games may occur on a night before a school day, and teams and individuals shall be limited to five games in any 14-day period Monday through Sunday (10-0 in favor).

SEASON MAXIMUMS

Current season maximums were discussed. Results from the 2002 Update Meeting Survey were shared with the committee showing little support for increasing season maximums. Using a percentage of the high school maximums to set middle school limits was discussed. No action was taken regarding current limits.

MIAAA REPORT

Tom Mecsey reported on the MIAAA Middle Level committee initiatives for 2003-04. Possible new projects include developing a manual, leadership training and certification process for junior high/middle school athletic directors. It was also suggested that the MHSAA develop a specific junior high/middle school component of the athletic director in-service program.

GENERAL TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

Other topics of discussion included a review of the three player rule as it relates to junior high/middle level athletes and coaches, and the interpretation of academic requirements for eligibility of home school students taking classes at an MHSAA member. These and other topics will be part of junior

high/middle school presentations at the 2003 MIAAA Mid-Winter Conference in Traverse City

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Allow three games per week in boys and girls basketball, but only two games may occur on a night before a school

day, and teams and individuals shall be limited to five games in any 14-day period Monday through Sunday (10-0 in favor).

2. Set the length of the junior high/middle school basketball season at 13 consecutive weeks with leagues, conferences and local schools determining the starting date for the season (10-0 in favor).■

FOOTBALL COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, January 21, 2003

Members Present:

- Todd Baker, Leroy
- Rod Bragg, Gaylord
- Noel Dean, Lowell
- Jim Feldkamp, Troy (MIAAA)
- Keith Froelich, Okemos
- Don Glessing, Hemlock
- Eric Hyde, North Branch
- Charles Karpinski, Lansing
- Robert Kubriak, Kalamazoo
- Rich Machesky, Utica (MASSP)
- Jim Marana, Ishpeming
- Vic Michaels, Detroit
- Thomas Passinault, Grand Rapids
- Gregory Putra, Jackson
- David Reese, Southfield

- Jeff Smith, East Lansing
- Marty Spencer, St. Ignace
- Jim Venia, Marysville (MIAAA)
- Brian Zdanowski, Greenville
- Jeff Zonyk, Three Rivers

Members Absent:

- Lafayette Evans, Detroit
- Hugh Jewell, Highland Park
- Ed Kindle, Port Huron
- Thomas Wenzel, Mendon

Staff Member Present:

- Nate Hampton (Recorder)
- Tom Minter

The committee met for the purpose of reviewing playing rules, regulations and policies concerning high school football and MHSAA Football Playoff procedures. Following is a review of items discussed by the committee as well as recommendations for Representative Council action.

FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

The committee reviewed the 2002 Football Playoffs and compared data to the 2001 statistics. The committee noted that results of the four-year expanded format were very close when comparing schools classifications, enrollment breaks and numbers of automatic qualifying schools. In 2000 and 2001, 238 and 242 schools, respectively, qualified automatically based on their regular-season records. In 2002, 240 schools did the same. In 2000 and 2001, 39 and 33 games, respectively, were subjected to the

Playoff point differential rule, while 31 games were shortened in 2001.

In Final games at the Silverdome, six finalists were No. 1 seeds at the Pre-District level, two were No. 2 seeds and three schools advanced from the No. 3 position. Four schools were Class A schools, five were Class B, four were Class C and three were Class D schools. This was very close to the finalist classifications for 2000 and 2001.

The committee acknowledged that the comparisons were reasonably consistent and expressed satisfaction in the expanded format.

DISCUSSIONS

After a review of football starting dates, duration of season and other related statistics important to the Football Playoffs, the discussions continued and included the following topics:

- Coach/player maximums and sideline personnel; videotape scouting and game video exchange; Friday night football/NCAA; MHSAA Finals venue; end zone videotaping during the tournament; geographical pairings and more liberal policies; tunnels at all levels of playoffs (fans, bands, cheerleaders, spectators); player position on on-side kicks; the currently used rules meeting brochure; officials ejection procedures; games scheduled after the October cutoff date; eight-person football and preseason scrimmages.

The Football Coaches Association's report identified several topics its membership is discussing including:

- National all-star contests
- Delaying the start of the season by one week
- Separate tournaments for public and non-public schools

FOOTBALL RULES & PROCEDURES

The committee was informed of National Federation football rule changes for the 2003 season. A major change will be post-scrimmage kick penalty enforcement.

The committee members made several suggestions to include in next fall's football rules meetings as points of emphasis. They will include:

- Weather related issues – thunder/lightning
- Heat issues
- Blocking below the waist
- Formations legal/not legal; on the line/off the line
- Officials dismissing players from competition without ejections
- Field markings

COMMITTEE ACTION NOT ADVANCING TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

- Following discussion on all-star contest participation a recommendation was made to allow all-star contest participation without loss of eligibility. No action was taken.
- Number of coaches permitted on the sideline during tournament competition. A recommendation was made to have no limits for coaches with sideline passes (11-7 opposed).

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Remove player limits for the Football Tournament (19-1 in favor).
2. Establish that the film exchange must occur by Monday at 9 a.m. (rather than the current 9 p.m.) and in the school office unless other arrangements are mutually agreed upon; previously no alternative site was listed as an option (18-1 in favor).
3. Prohibit tunnels for players by spectators, bands, cheerleaders or others at any level of tournament play (16-2 in favor).
4. Add a fourth paid position to the chain crew during the Football Tournament to manage the placement of clip(s) for on-field measurements (18-1 in favor).
5. Allow host management to approve end zone filming by competing schools if it does not require the use of non-permanent structures such as hoist, bucket trucks, scaffolding, or other machines or devices that will create additional risks (19-0 in favor). ■

BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT LP OFFICIALS SELECTION MEETING

East Lansing, January 22, 2003

Members Present:

Tim Aldrich, Petersburg
Mel Atkins, Grand Rapids
Brian Banda, Grayling
Steve Bennink, Coopersville
John Blankenship, Frankenmuth
Susan Calvo, Flint
Richard Catt, Ludington
Chris Clark, Grosse Pointe
Paul Clark, Cheboygan
Stuart Clark, Vanderbilt
Lafayette Evans, Detroit
Keith Froelich, Okemos
Jamie Gent, Haslett
Kevin Herendeen, Grass Lake
Kristen Isom, Adrian
Larry Janes, South Lyon
Dewayne Jones, West Bloomfield
Ken Kott, Manistee
Glenn Metcalf, Muskegon Heights
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Richard Niesen, Kalamazoo
Teri Reyburn, DeWitt
Sean Richmond, Flint

Dan Rypma, Cedar Springs
Andy Saetre, Watervliet
Jim Schaffer, Kent City
Marshall Thomas, Saginaw
Brian Thompson, Stockbridge
Ken Vallieu, Camden
David Young, Davison
Mike Young, Buchanan
Jeff Zonyk, Three Rivers

Members Absent:

Kirk Glassel, Parma
Paula Waterhouse, Highland Park

Staff Members Present:

Bill Bupp
Angie Butterwick
Nate Hampton
Rob Kaminski
Camala Kinder
Tom Minter
Leanne Moore
Faye Verellen
Debbie Waddell

The Committee was presented with the entire list of approved officials in Boys Basketball who had completed availability forms at the MHSAA rules meetings in the fall. Assignments were made for the tournament on the basis of recommendations and availability of the officials.

RATINGS

Minimal ratings required included 2.1 for Final officials; 2.5 for Semifinal and Quarterfinal officials; 2.7 for Regional and District officials. Officials recommended by two or more leagues/conferences and/or officials associations were qualified to the next rating level.

TOURNAMENT INVITATIONS

All officials selected at each tournament level were sent "Assignment Response" forms from the MHSAA. Officials were assigned to work only one game per day in any tournament competition. At Regional Tournaments, officials work one date/game of the tournament.

OFFICIALS AVAILABILITY

Seven hundred eighty two (782) officials indicated their availability for Lower Peninsula Tournament assignments. Of this number, 559 were assigned to the 2002-2003 Districts. Regional assignments for officials totaled 177. Forty-eight (48) officials were selected to work the First-Round games (Quarterfinals); twenty-four (24) officials were selected to work the Semifinal contests and 12 in the Final Games. ■

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, January 23, 2003

Members Present:

Sue Barthold, Kentwood (MHSSBCA)
Mike Cadarette, Alpena (MHSBBCA)
Mark Chapman, Madison Heights
Dave Checkley, Clinton Township
Gerald Dodd, Dearborn (MASSP)
Robert Downing, Mackinaw City
Tim Hall, Sault Ste. Marie
Kay Johnson, Morenci
Tom Kaeschele, Caledonia
Tom McKenzie, Webberville
Nancy Milanowski, Farmington Hills
James Modert, Bronson
Bruce Oosterhouse, Grand Rapids

Dail Prucka, Monroe (MIAAA)
Archy Robinson, Saginaw
Shawn Ruppert, Leroy-Pine River
Audra VanBrandt, Temperance Bedford
Wilma Wilson, South Haven

Members Absent:

Charles LeClear, Bridgeport
Mark Uyl, Middleville

Staff Member Present:

Randy Allen (Recorder)
Tom Minter

The MHSAA Baseball/Softball Committee met to review issues brought to its attention through the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association, Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association, member schools and MHSAA staff.

Prior to discussion of specific topics, committee members were made aware of the purpose of sport committee meetings and reviewed minutes of the 2002 meeting and recommendations made to the Representative Council.

SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE

The December meeting of the baseball/softball site selection committee was reviewed. It was reported that the committee operated more efficiently in its second year, more history of hosting was available, and minor changes in the District assignments were made.

HOSTING FACILITY CRITERIA

The committee discussed the establishment of more defined facility criteria for hosting, e.g., grass infields at baseball fields, outfield fences at softball fields and other similar issues. MHSAA staff was asked to develop a list of facility criteria that will guide the Site Selection Committee and be made available to the membership. It was recommended that equitable rotation be a factor in site determination at the District

level, but at the Regional and Quarterfinal level the best facilities available are to take precedence.

DOUBLE FIRST BASE

The double first base regulations that were put in place for 2002 were reviewed. No difficulties or problems were reported to the MHSAA and there was no committee interest in changing the double first base regulations used by the MHSAA.

NATIONAL FEDERATIONS RULES CHANGES

Rules changes for 2003 in baseball and softball were shared with the committee. Changes are minimal for both baseball and softball and focus primarily on equipment issues. The committee was informed of playing rules and MHSAA regulations that will be emphasized at the 2003 rules meetings. The committee was also informed of new softball compression limits that will be in effect in 2004.

DP EXPERIMENT

A report on the proposed "Designated Player" rule was shared with the committee. It is anticipated the DP rule will replace the current DH rule in 2004 and that several states are experimenting with the rule in 2003. A motion was made and unanimously approved to allow a limited number of selected schools to experiment with the DP rule in

specified games this season with prior approval from the MHSAA office.

BAT STANDARDS

Bat standards for baseball and softball were discussed. The situation with several models of bats being banned by the ASA after random testing and the subsequent recertification process was reviewed. In baseball, the BESR standard is in effect for 2003 with all bats requiring a certification mark or permanent sticker.

UMPIRE UNIFORMS

The committee was informed of Representative Council action in March that approved powder blue as an optional shirt color for baseball and softball umpires. The change was made due to the National Federation deletion of state association options for softball umpire uniform colors. It will be considered an administrative deviation by the National Federation and not eliminate MHSAA membership on the national rules committee.

DISTRICT UMPIRE ASSIGNMENTS

A discussion took place regarding the assigning of umpires by the MHSAA Officials Selection Committee. Although there are some benefits to having District Managers hire umpires, the committee did not recommend any changes in current procedures.

FINALS DIAMOND ROTATION

The current rotation of diamonds at the MHSAA Baseball Finals and Semifinals was discussed. Currently, a rotation is used that has all teams that win at least one game play at least one of their two games at C.O. Brown Stadium, but not all Final games are at C.O. Brown. A motion was made and approved to pursue a plan for the 2004 season to adjust the Final schedule to have all four Championship baseball games played at C.O. Brown Stadium.

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

The dates, sequence, draw and time schedule for the District, Regional and Quarterfinal Tournament games were discussed. Current procedures call for the home

designation to be connected to a bracket position and "fixed" throughout all levels of the tournament. A motion was made and approved to have a pregame coin flip determine the home team for each tournament game.

ALL-STAR REGULATIONS

The increasing number of all-star competitions and other similar preseason and post-season events was shared with the committee. It was reported that an MHSAA ad-hoc committee studied current regulations and recommended that there was no support to make any changes. The topic will be a point of emphasis at the 2003 Baseball/Softball Rules Meetings.

TOURNAMENT MANAGER MEETINGS

The MHSAA will conduct a meeting for tournament managers at the MIAAA Mid-Winter Conference in Traverse City. A reduced number of regional meetings will be held in April at three locations.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Allow a limited number of select schools to experiment with the DP rule in select regular-season games. Prior approval of the MHSAA office will be required with officials notified in advance and both schools approving. The purpose will be to provide the National Federation with feedback as the rule is considered for national adoption in 2004 (17-0 in favor).
2. Play all Championship games in the 2004 Baseball Finals at C.O. Brown Stadium. Develop a rotation plan for the four divisions, a time schedule to begin games earlier, and procedures for using alternate diamonds in the case of weather problems. The change would be contingent on approval from local tournament management and the field maintenance personnel at C.O. Brown Stadium (17-0 in favor).
3. Home team designation for all baseball/softball tournament games will be determined by an on-site pregame coin flip administered by game officials and/or tournament manager (15-2 in favor). ■

WINTER RATING FORMS

Due March 21, 2003

Officials rating forms for varsity or sub-varsity ice hockey, volleyball, wrestling and boys basketball were sent to all MHSAA member schools sponsoring those sports. The forms are designed to be “read” by a mark sensor scanning device. The ice hockey, wrestling, boys basketball and volleyball ratings forms were mailed late February. Many of the blanks already have been completed and returned. This notice is included in the Bulletin to remind schools to forward them if they have not already done so. The deadline for receiving forms in this office will be March 21, 2003. Rating blanks received after this date will not be processed.

Athletic directors are reminded that only one rating may be submitted for each official regardless of the number of times the official works contests for one school. Each official may receive a varsity and a sub-varsity rating from one school for working more than one level of competition.

The mark sensor forms do require attention and adherence to specific preparation rules.

1. Use only a No. 2 pencil — NO INK.
2. Fully mark each space selected.
3. Print the officials ID number and name in the space provided and fully darken the appropriate spaces under the entry. Officials ID numbers are found in the Officials Directory.
4. Indicate “Varsity” or “Sub-varsity” rating.
5. Print the school ID number in the space provided and fully darken in the appropriate spaces under the entry. School ID numbers are in the School Directory in parentheses following the school name.

6. Use only the original forms sent to your school. Copies of the form cannot be read by our equipment because the carbon properties in the copy machine ink violate the system.
7. Keep forms as neat and free of wrinkles, folds and holes as possible.
8. Athletic directors are asked to review the ratings and make copies of the ratings sent for their files in case problems develop. File copies help solve problems.

It is important that rating forms be reviewed by athletic directors before mailing to insure that they are completely and properly filled out. This procedure allows the athletic director to make file copies and to see that the forms are submitted to the MHSAA on time.

All schools should be positive that EITHER the superintendent OR the principal AND the athletic director OR the coach sign and review the ratings forms and that they be returned to the MHSAA office at the earliest opportunity.

NOTE: When an official receives a rating value of 5, the school must submit an Unsatisfactory Rating Explanation form to the official and to the MHSAA with the Rating Form. WITHOUT THE DOCUMENT the “5” rating will be expunged from the officials rating record. Forms are available on the web only at www.mhsaa.com, or on the MHSAA CD-ROM sent to each school in the fall.

An official may be rated as varsity and/or sub-varsity only once per sport, per school, per year. ■

COACHES ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS MEETING

East Lansing, January 27, 2003

Members Present:

Rich Tompkins (High School Coaches Assn.)
John Shay (Tennis)
Clark Goodell (Soccer)
Mac Domke (Track & Field/Cross Country)
Keith Froelich (Football)
Mike Caderate (Baseball)
Andy Weidenback (Ice Hockey)
John Cummings (Gymnastics)
Sue Barthold (Softball)
Bob Crosby (Swimming & Diving)
Von Washington (Basketball)

Staff Members Present:

Randy Allen
Bill Bupp (Recorder)
Nate Hampton
John Johnson
Gina Mazzolini
Tom Minter
Jack Roberts

Presidents of Michigan's high school coaches associations and members of the MHSAA executive staff met for the 16th annual dinner meeting in East Lansing, on January 27, 2003.

AGENDA ITEMS

MHSAA Executive Director Jack Roberts reviewed activities and projects of the association over the past year. He emphasized the effort of the MHSAA to "listen" to the membership through surveys that have been conducted on several topics. Discussions in process include competition equal divisions versus traditional classes; Sunday MHSAA tournament play; team track final; tournament seeding and the large co-op program resolution. Studies to review emerging sports, review of the transfer regulation and consideration of the scope of alternative education are each topics under review and investigation in preparation for discussion by the Representative Council.

Institutional Control is a joint study involving the MIAAA, MASSP, MASA and MASB in concert with the MHSAA. Roberts emphasized the four elements of institutional control: developing policies; knowing the rules and ensuring that constituents are aware of them; ensuring that rules are applied and enforced, and reporting violations when discovered.

A major threat to institutional control is the current effort of the National Federation to promote national championships and the interest that would follow to develop national

eligibility and participation rules. Opposing this effort are the MIAAA, MASSP, and MASB, in an effort to stall advancement of the concept and bring the program to the attention of educational groups throughout the nation.

A summary of the seasons lawsuit revealed that the Federal District Court has modified its stand on the Final Injunctive Order issued on Nov. 8, 2002, and ordered more input regarding the billing issue that is under consideration. Nothing has been heard from the court since it announced it would receive additional information from the plaintiffs on Nov. 12.

MHSCA REPORT

Following dinner Rich Tompkins presented several topics important to the Michigan High School Coaches Association's relationship with each sport coaches association.

ASSOCIATION RECOGNITION

MHSAA Communications Director John Johnson reviewed the opportunity extended to each coaches association to have recognition boards displayed in the hallways outside meeting rooms at the MHSAA office building.

PACE INVITATION

Coaches associations were invited to offer PACE I and PACE II at their annual conferences and provide feedback to the MHSAA regarding content suggestions, loca-

tion and dates to offer the New Coaches Orientation program.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Each association representative reviewed the activity of their group and the advancements and accolades attributed to each. **BCAM** stressed its work to improve relationships between officials and coaches; the annual clinic; a shared hospitality room with officials at the MHSAA Final Basketball tournament and the scholarship program for children of members.

The **Baseball** Coaches Association emphasized the relationship they have developed with MHSAA staff, the need to move the annual conference to a larger facility, the all-star game at Comerica Park and the web page developed to promote association activities.

The **Track and Cross Country** Coaches Association reported that the members are growing increasingly satisfied with the MIS cross country final site. There continues to be interest to include Upper Peninsula schools in the MHSAA track tournament series. The focus of the 2003 fall conference of the Cross Country unit of MITCA emphasized healthy athletes as the theme for the fall clinic. Presenters were primarily health educators and medically based professionals who stressed the importance of the good health and the "positive effect on performing athletes. Finally, MITCA is revising its by-laws and job descriptions for the executive board.

The **Tennis** Coaches Association inducted three new members into their Hall of Fame. They have proposed three items to be forwarded to the Representative Council for consideration. A Web site has been introduced for members offering a "Games Needed" and "Coaching Positions Available" element.

The 2,400 member **Football** Coaches Association announced that they may have found a home for their Hall of Fame. The Ford family has endorsed the concept leading to the possibility the High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame will be hosted at Ford Field. There is discussion among the coaches

to shorten the football season by adopting an eight game regular season schedule and eight person football is receiving a favorable review.

The **Soccer** Coaches Association announced that two of the 20 Women's national team members are Michigan athletes. An official's apparel sponsor has been endorsed and the new Web site records 400-500 "hits" each day. A fund raising development for the association includes the utilization of the association web site to display photos and stats of soccer athletes. There is a \$100 posting charge for those wishing to participate. Finally, the association has put forth a proposal that all final soccer contests be played on artificial turf at one site.

The **Gymnastics** Coaches Association has grown to a new high in membership which exceeds 100. This impressive membership mark is significant because gymnastics teams number less than 80. There is concern about the large school co-op programs and the equity issues that apply to gymnastics competition.

The **Softball** Coaches Association recently completed its most successful clinic in history. There is a need for a new site for the summer all-star game because the previous site is being renovated and is currently under construction.

The **Swimming & Diving** Coaches Association presented an interest in dividing further to form three divisions however the group is sensitive to the site problems that exist within the stat for large events. The annual conference continues to feature well know swimming and diving figures.

The **Ice Hockey** Coaches Association announced the Michigan High School Hockey Excellence Program will be held in Chelsea during July. The coaches clinic and golf outing is scheduled for July 11-12, 2003 in Chelsea. A sponsor has been secured to support a banquet to honor all state teams where Mr. Hockey and the Dream Team will be announced. Membership exceeds 250 coaches.

Adjournment was at 9:20 p.m. ■

WRESTLING COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, January 29, 2003

Members Present:

Dennis Brighton, Temperance
Bruce Burwitz, Fenton
Ken Day, Imlay City
Joe DeGain, Flint
Mike Garvey, Delton (MIAAA)
Ron Helmboldt, Sparta
Stephen Hendershott, Ortonville
Mark Holdren, Olivet (MWA)
Linda Hutchinson, Tecumseh
Paul Johnson, Greenville
Al Kastl, Clinton Township
Chad Kik, Kent City
Pat Lamb, Rogers City
Lynwood Leightner, Cheboygan
Mike Popson, Bloomfield Hills
Dave Reno, Port Huron
James Richardson, Grand Haven
Robert Rood, Marine City (MASSP)
Bill Simpson, Charlotte
Marc Sonnefeld, Warren

Thomas Stern, Midland
Dan Tuck, Cadillac
Jim Wade, Climax

Members Absent:

Ron Beegle, Charlotte
Shawn Flock, Newaygo
Gordon Fooks, Harper Woods
Glenn Sartorelli, Menominee
Dale Wentela, Constantine
Tom Williams, Dundee

Guests:

Jim Scott, Allendale
Larry Wegener, Battle Creek
Ron Nagy, Hazel Park

Staff Members Present:

Randy Allen
Bill Bupp (Recorder)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The assistant director called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Attendance and mileage forms were completed and the committee charge was explained.

The committee reviewed the 2002 Wrestling Committee Meeting minutes and the 2002 Representative Council action which addressed wrestling. Several pieces of correspondence were reviewed and discussed.

WEIGHT MONITORING PROGRAM

The recommended clerical modifications of the Weight Monitoring Program were reviewed and approved for presentation to the Representative Council for adoption.

It was recommended that language from the Alpha Master form become a part of the Weight Monitoring Program brochure. The recommended language follows:

"Wrestling coaches must have the Alpha Master available before each contest. Coaches are to provide a copy of the most current Alpha Master, for their team, to each opponent coach or the tournament manager when more than four teams are involved on a date of competi-

tion. The original Alpha Master is to be retained in the school files with copies to be sent with the Individual and Team Entry Blanks to the tournament host. Failure to provide the Alpha Master can be considered a violation of MHSAA Regulation V, Section 4."

It was recommended that the weight loss process be modified to promote continual weight loss from the Alpha Date forward into the season. It was recommended that the 1.5% weight loss per week be calculated daily, that the date on which assessment can begin be advanced to the third Monday prior to the first practice date and that the weight loss for all assessments be computed from the original Alpha Date.

It was requested that the MHSAA conduct Nutrition Education In-Service programs throughout the state for coaches recognizing that such in-service activities have been dormant. The committee suggested that specific weight loss problems be a part of the program offered to coaches.

WEIGH-IN RULES

Considerable discussion addressed the recommendation of the 2001 Wrestling

Committee to control wrestlers bouncing from weight to weight by imposing a two weight class limit. This adoption severely impacted several teams resulting in unintended forfeitures for wrestling out of a weight class.

It was proposed that "when a wrestler weighs-in at his/her Lowest Minimum Weight (LMW) or season's lowest actual weight class, that wrestler may weigh in at that weight and the weight immediately above. National Federation Rule 4-4-2 will apply throughout competition. In the event the individual wrestler competes two weight classes above his/her LMW or actual weight, the wrestler's weight classes are adjusted to the most recent weigh-in weight class and the one below. Whenever a wrestler ascends more than one weight class, that wrestler will no longer be eligible at the weight class two positions below the most recent weight class. During the MHSAA Individual and Team Tournament competition, the wrestler's weight class eligibility will be restricted to that observed during his/her last regular season competition."

A motion was put forth but defeated to eliminate the Home Weigh-In option. A second motion was made and passed to require shoulder-to-shoulder weigh-ins for competition held on school days, Monday through Thursday during the season.

The committee requested the assistant director submit to the National Federation two rule change proposals and a request for one interpretation. The committee considered a modification of the 45 minute rest period protocol to avoid delaying wrestling yet observing the rest period. The second recommendation is to use unsportsmanlike penalties before "first points scored" to determine overtime choice.

Further, it was recommended that in Dual Meet Tournament competition successive rounds of tournament action begin two weight classes beyond the weight drawn to start the tournament. The purpose is to permit successive rounds of wrestling to begin immediately after an earlier dual yet observe the full rest period required by rule 1-2-3. The committee requested the MHSAA notify Team District and Regional Managers that this protocol be effective for the 2003 Team Tournament.

Because more teams are wrestling and officials are in short supply, it was proposed

and adopted that the wrestling start date be extended one day to allow teams to compete twice during the opening week of the season.

It was proposed and adopted that coaches be restricted to weighing in and presenting only individuals who are eligible to participate in competition. Weighing in an ineligible wrestler would subject the coach to the penalties prescribed by National Federation Wrestling Rule 7-5-3.

JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING

It was proposed and adopted that the Representative Council be requested to add the following language to *MHSAA Handbook Regulation IV, Section 11* to become Item 4 (e):

"Because MHSAA Junior High Schools and Middle Schools are not required to observe a standard calendar, there shall be no growth allowance for Junior High/Middle School wrestlers."

GENERAL INFORMATION BULLETIN

It was proposed and adopted to change the Individual Tournament District Seeding Criteria and the content of the Wrestling GIB No. 9. The proposed copy will read:

"These criteria shall be applied in the order listed.

- A. Head-to-head; if tied, the most recent winner prevails.
- B. A wrestler with exceptional record vs. acknowledged strong opposition.
NOTE: Consider undefeated wrestler, common opponents and MHSAA placement.
- C. Majority decision of the Seeding Subcommittee for the weight.
- D. If agreement for seeding in each weight class cannot be reached in 20 minutes, the contestants not yet agreed upon shall be drawn in by the Seeding Subcommittee.
- E. The No. 1 and 2 seeds shall receive a bye if there are 14 or 15 entrants, respectively."

This language is to be included in the 2003-04 General Information Bulletin.

A motion was adopted to modify the seventh level of the "MHSAA Tiebreaker" by adding defining language. "The team which

has accumulated the greater number of near-fall points" only in matches that do not end in a fall. This modification is sought to not disadvantage teams that do not score near-falls points on their way to fast falls.

FINAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

A memo sent to the administration of The Palace of Auburn Hills outlining concerns about the procedures and practices during the Individual Final Wrestling Tournament was reviewed. The committee agreed that major concerns shared with the tournament management were addressed in the memo to The Palace administration as desired improvements.

The committee reviewed correspondence that suggested seating for Divisions 3 and 4 at the Individual Final Tournament be reversed to improve the sight lines of spectators. The writer supplied photos and drawings to demonstrate his point of view. The committee concurred with the writer and agreed that the seating modification should be implemented at the 2003 Final Tournament.

Review of the available methods of determining body composition included discussion of the Tanita Body Fat Analyzer Scales. It was suggested that the MHSAA attempt to secure representatives of the company to provide body composition evaluations at the Individual Final Tournament. The assistant director will pursue this suggestion.

TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL SELECTION

Tournament official selection was reviewed. There is interest in managing the return of officials to the Final Tournament less frequently than is the current practice. The committee recommended officials be eligible two years before being required to sit out one.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Coaches of smaller schools expressed an interest in a fifth division of competition. Because the turnover in wrestling coaches is unprecedented, the committee encourages the MHSAA to offer a New Coaches Orientation program exclusively for wrestling coaches. There is some interest in further discussion of seeding at least the lowest level wrestling team tournament.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Adopt the proposed changes to the MHSAA Weight Monitoring Program (23-0 in favor).
2. Modify the weight loss process as follows:
 - a. Eliminate the restriction on weight loss during the first week and calculate daily the 1.5% weight loss per week (1/7 of the weight loss may occur each day)
 - b. Advance the date on which assessment can begin to the third Monday prior to the first practice date
 - c. Compute the weight loss for all assessments from the original Alpha Date (23-0 in favor).
3. Because such in-service activities have been dormant, conduct Nutrition Education In-Service Programs for coaches throughout the state (23-0 in favor).
4. Stipulate that wrestlers may weigh-in at two weights, utilize National Federation Rule 4-4-2 and permit qualification to a higher weight to account for growth during the season (23-0 in favor).
5. Require shoulder-to-shoulder weigh-ins during the season for competition held on school days Monday through Thursday (12-11 in favor).
6. Extend the wrestling season by adding one day to the beginning of the season (23-0 in favor).
7. Stipulate that weighing in an ineligible wrestler would subject the coach to the unsportsmanlike conduct penalties prescribed in National Federation Rule 7-5-3 – one team point deduction and first warning (23-0 in favor).
8. Provide language in the *MHSAA Handbook* indicating that Growth Allowance does not exist for Junior High/Middle School wrestlers (23-0 in favor).
9. Change item seven of the MHSAA Tiebreaker to read: "The team that has accumulated the greater number of near-fall points" *earned in matches which did not end with a fall* (23-0 in favor).■

SOCCKER COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, February 12, 2003

Members Present:

Mark Chapman, Madison Heights
Todd Derby, Haslett
Robert Dowd, Troy
Stephen Harsh, Okemos
Randy Heethuis, Hudsonville
John Hill, Richland
Terry Howdyshell, Jackson
March Krugielki, North Branch
Larry Lamphere, Ortonville
Al Martus, Goodrich
Adam Prince, Muskegon
Dail Prucka, Monroe (MIAAA)
Nathan Sharpe, Hudsonville

Clark Udell, Grand Rapids (MSCA)
Steve Vercammen, Roseville
Michelle Vollmar, Gibraltar
Wayne Wright, Montrose

Members Absent:

Randy Bingham, Harbor Springs
Kirt Brown, Parchment
Joe Guyski, Durand
Brian O'Leary, Novi

Staff Members Present:

Gina Mazzolini
Tom Minter (Recorder)

The committee members introduced themselves and were reminded of the functions of the various MHSAA committees and of their relationship to the MHSAA. A quick review of the MHSAA Sport Committee Guide was done.

SPORTS SEASONS LITIGATION UPDATE

Executive Director Jack Roberts provided the committee with a brief update on the sports season litigation and the decision of the court last November that has now been suspended pending a "final" determination by the judge. A time frame for implementation of any adverse decision was explained to the committee.

2002 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Representative Council's decisions on the 2002 committee recommendations were reviewed.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR BEAVER ISLAND SCHOOL

Allowing any special compensation, beyond that already provided for all tournament teams, for Beaver Island Boys Soccer Teams to travel to tournaments was determined not to be equitable for other schools in other sports that face similar distance or circumstance requirements.

The current policy of allowing Beaver Island School to host the District tournament once every four years with the MHSAA reimbursing a visiting school one-third of its expense to travel to the island when seasonal ferry service was not available was determined to be equitable and not needing change.

SUBSTITUTIONS DURING THROW-INS

The committee discussed but made no recommendation on an officials associations' proposal to change the current rules effecting substitutions during throw-ins. The committee noted that recent rules changes during throw-ins have provided improvements in the substitution process.

SUBSTITUTIONS DURING GOAL KICKS AND CORNER KICKS

The committee discussed but made no recommendation on a staff proposal to change the current rules effecting substitutions during a goal kick or corner kick. The previous statement about recent substitution rules changes apply equally to this proposal.

PLAYING RULES

The committee discussed but made no recommendation to change the current playing rules governing high school soccer from those of a National Federation of State High School Associations to those of an amateur soccer body.

FINALS SITE DISCUSSION

The committee urges the Representative Council and staff to continue their efforts to find a single site capable of hosting all four MHSAA Finals in both boys and girls soccer. During the same school year, the Finals in boys soccer and in girls soccer should be held in different areas of the state.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Concerns of different officials' associations regarding colors of referee uniforms have been addressed by the Officials Review Committee, which has made a recommendation to the Representative Council for action.

A previous request for the Soccer Committee and the Representative Council to expand the jurisdiction of the officials at a contest had already been considered by the National Federation Soccer Rules Committee and had received no approval this year.

National Federation e-mails about the wearing of headgear by field players were provided to the committee. Staff commented that the National Federation Sports Medicine committee was aware of this equipment and the issue of player safety but had no evidence of concern on which to proceed further.

Staff had apprised the committee in its

informational mailing of an announcement from an amateur soccer group that its tournaments would be moving to a time period that could conflict with the MHSAA Boys Soccer Tournament in late fall. The committee was then advised by one of its members that this amateur group has since moved its tournament to summer.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Allow the three-whistle system used in some leagues and conferences to be used at the District level of MHSAA tournaments if, at the draw for the teams, competing teams agree to use the system, and if the officials subsequently assigned to the game of the agreeing competing teams also agree to use the three-whistle system. If any one of the three parties does not consent, then the three-whistle system cannot be used (12-1 in favor).
2. With the approval of MHSAA staff, allow schools with artificial turf fields to host any level of tournament games. The current policy allows for only District level games to be played on artificial turf fields (17-0 in favor). ■

And We Quote . . .

“The dinner guests were sitting around the table discussing life. One man, a CEO, decided to explain the problem with education. He argued, ‘Those who can, do. Those who can’t, teach.’ To corroborate, he turned to another guest, saying, ‘You’re a teacher. Be honest. What do you make?’

“The teacher, who had a reputation of honesty and frankness, replied: ‘You want to know what I make? I make kids work harder than they ever thought they could. I can make a C+ feel like a Congressional Medal of Honor and an A- feel like a slap in the face if the student did not do his or her very best. I can make kids sit through 40 minutes of study hall in absolute silence. You want to know what I make? I make kids wonder. I make kids question. I make them criticize. I make them apologize and mean it. I make them write. I make them read, read, read. I make them spell ‘definitely and beautiful’ over and over again, until they never misspell either one of those words again. I make them show all their work in math and hide it all on their final drafts in English. I elevate them to experience music and art and the joy in performance, so their lives are rich, full of kindness and culture, and they take pride in themselves and their accomplishments. I make them understand that if you have the brains, follow your heart...and if someone ever tries to judge you by what you make, you pay them no attention. You want to know what I make? I make a difference.’”

— *from the Minnesota High School League Bulletin, Winter 2003*

Tornado Policy for Michigan High School Athletic Association Events

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- I. IF THERE IS A WATCH OR WARNING AT A TOURNAMENT SITE —
- A. Watch or warning issued **at least three hours** prior to the event:
 - 1. If the local district policy closes the tournament facility, all participating teams must be called and informed of postponement with information pertaining to next playing date and time included in the call.
 - 2. If the host district policy **does not** close the facility, all participating schools who have not called the host must be called to be sure all who are scheduled to play will be present. (The participating school local policy must prevail).
 - a. If one team of a dual type competition (i.e. Baseball Tournament) cannot be present by their policy, no contest will be held. The competition for that day/night must be rescheduled on the next possible day, not including Sunday.
 - b. If the competition is multiple team type (i.e. Track, Tennis), the meet will be conducted as long as a reasonable number of teams (60%) can be present.
 - B. Watch or warning **less than three hours** before event:
 - 1. If the competing teams are enroute, no decision can be made and until both teams in a bracket have arrived or contact has been made, unless local policy forbids use of facility once the watch or warning has been issued.
 - 2. If competing teams arrive, are on the premises, and local policy permits, play the contest when and if time permits.
 - 3. If it is not possible that date, reschedule for next playable date, not including Sunday.
 - 4. Local policy will always prevail.
 - C. Watch or warning during contest:
 - 1. Suspend play.
 - 2. Take necessary steps and precautions as directed by local policy.
 - 3. Resume play at the point of suspension as soon as permitted. If not that day/night, then reschedule for the next possible date, not including Sunday.
- II. IF THE WATCH OR WARNING IS IN AN AREA OF ONE OR MORE COMPETING SCHOOLS AND NOT AT A TOURNAMENT SITE:
- A. It shall be the responsibility of the competing school to inform the manager of the tournament immediately.
 - B. The decision as to play or not to play will be made by the Tournament Manager, based on the information presented and the type of sport event involved.
 - 1. If one or more local policies do not permit travel or competition, the game, games, or tournament will be postponed.
 - 2. If the scheduled competition is of a multiple team nature (i.e. Track and Field), the competition may take place even though all teams are not able to be present. (60% is suggested guideline).
 - 3. The rationale for No. 1 and No. 2 hinges on the fact that in No. 1, both teams of a dual type competition must be present if a contest is to take place. No. 2 permits competition, even though all teams cannot be present.
 - C. If one or more schools are on the road to the tournament site at the time of watch or warning, no decision shall be and until contact has been made with all concerned. (An authorized person from the assigned schools).
 - D. If one school arrives on site and the opponent cannot travel due to local policy, the game shall be postponed and rescheduled on the next possible date, not including Sunday.

GENERAL GUIDELINE: The local Tournament Manager has full jurisdiction over the policies of the tournament site. If the above guidelines do not cover a certain situation, the decision on the matter shall be that of the Tournament Manager. ■

MHSAA Game Suspension Guidelines

- I. On threatening days, game management should consult with contest officials about steps to be followed if conditions worsen.
- II. When suspending an outdoor contest, officials and game management shall follow these guidelines.
 - A. Lightning necessitates that contest be suspended. The occurrence of lightning is not subject to interpretation or discussion — *lightning is lightning*.
 - B. Severe weather in the form of rain or snow may make the field unplayable.
- III. When a contest is suspended, the home school administration shall attempt to arrange for the security of all participants.
 - A. Contestants and support personnel shall be moved to appropriate indoor facilities.
 - B. When lightning is observed or thunder is heard and the contest is suspended, contestants shall not return to the playing field until lightning has been absent from the local sky and thunder has not been heard for 30 minutes.
 - C. Spectators shall be advised of the action being taken to seek shelter. (Some hosts may be able to offer shelter to spectators but are not required to do so.)
- IV. In considering resumption of competition, the following steps should be followed.
 - A. Suspension for contests scheduled for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. should not exceed three hours. Delays for contests scheduled for 3:01 p.m. to 6:59 p.m. should not exceed one and one half hour. Delays for contests scheduled for 7 p.m. or later should not exceed one hour. A postponed contest should be rescheduled on a date/time mutually agreed to by the schools involved.
 - B. A decision to resume the contest within the time frame must be made by the officials who will consult the home team administration and visiting school administration present at the contest.
 - C. The home school is responsible for facilities and will be given priority consideration in the final decision if there is not consensus among the three parties.
 - D. The final decision shall consider liability and conditions of facilities as well as future schedules, need to play the contest and finally the quality of all other options.

NOTE: More restrictive local policies and MHSAA tournament policies would supersede these guidelines and should be shared with the opponents and officials prior to the contest, preferably in writing.

Otherwise, and to the extent allowed by the playing rules code, the official(s) will make the final decision regarding game suspension once the game begins. ■

FOREIGN EXCHANGE NEWS

- Michigan ranked third in the nation in the number of long-term foreign exchange students in 2002-03. The Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) reports there were 1,549 year-long inbound students to Michigan high schools through CSIET-listed exchange programs.

California ranked first with 2,939 students; Texas was second with 1,919. The nationwide total was 26,526.

- While there are only eight, there are more high schools from Michigan than from any other state among 90 in the nation that hold membership in CSIET. The MHSAA is one of 37 educational organizations in the nation that are full members of CSIET.
- **Gina Mazzolini**, Assistant Director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, was recently appointed to the CSIET Board of Directors after seven years on the Evaluation Committee and one year on the Accreditation Committee. Other Michigan personnel serving CSIET are:

Ed Tersteeg, Director of Curriculum at Battle Creek-Pennfield High School, on the 2002-03 Evaluation Committee;

Claudia Werner, Principal at Alpena High School, on the 2002-03 Accreditation Committee; and

Mazi Cunha, Executive Director of Foreign Links Around the Globe (FLAG), on the CSIET Board of Directors.

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TWO-DAE Clinic Attracts Female Officials

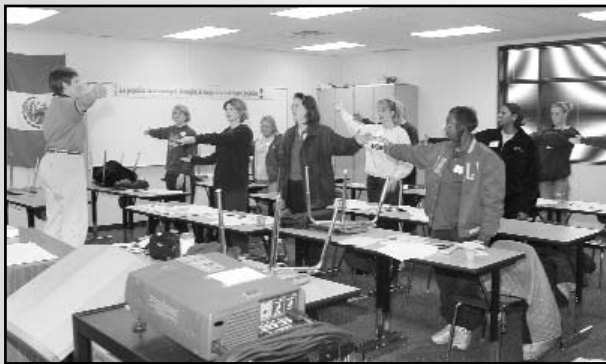


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Linda Hoover of Marshall demonstrates volleyball mechanics to aspiring officials at the MHSAA TWO-DAE Clinic for women officials, held in conjunction with the WISL Conference in February. In its third year, TWO-DAE (Trained Women Officials - Dedicated, Accomplished, Educated) is aimed at the recruitment and training of entry-level female officials.

STATUS OF CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

City/School	Sport(s)	From Class:	To Class:	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Birmingham-Seaholm	BBB, BSK, GSK	B	A	Winter 2000-01	8/15/03
Bloomfield Hills-Andover	BBB	B	A	Winter 2002-03	8/15/04
Detroit-Benedictine	BBB, GBB	D	C	Fall/Winter 2002-03	4/15/04
Gaylord	BSK, GSK	B	A	Winter 2001-02	8/15/03
Inkster	FB	C	B	Fall 1996	4/15/03
North Branch	VB	B	A	Winter 2001-02	8/15/03
Orchard Lake-St. Mary Preparatory	BSK	B	A	Winter 1996-97	8/15/03

IN WRESTLING (Winter)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Algonac	3	2	Winter 99-00	8/15/03
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	2	1	Winter 02-03	8/15/04
Charlotte	2	1	Winter 97-98	8/15/03
East Lansing	2	1	Winter 98-99	8/15/03
Grand Rapids-Northview	2	1	Winter 01-02	8/15/03
Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Winter 99-00	8/15/03
Lansing-Waverly	2	1	Winter 00-01	8/15/03
Mt. Clemens	3	2	Winter 98-99	8/15/03
Romulus	2	1	Winter 97-98	8/15/03
Saginaw	2	1	Winter 97-98	8/15/03
St. Johns	2	1	Winter 98-99	8/15/03

IN GIRLS TENNIS (Fall)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Birmingham-Seaholm	3	2	Fall 2001	4/15/03
Grosse Ile	4	3	Fall 2002	4/15/04
Lansing-Sexton	2	1	Fall 1997	4/15/03
Midland-H. H. Dow	2	1	Fall 1999	4/15/03
New Boston-Huron	4	3	Fall 1997	4/15/03
Richmond	4	3	Fall 2001	4/15/03
St. Johns	2	1	Fall 1999	4/15/03
Taylor-Kennedy	2	1	Fall 1999	4/15/03

IN BOYS TENNIS (Spring)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Beverly Hls.-Det. Country Day	4	3	Spring 1999	10/15/03
Birmingham-Seaholm	3	2	Spring 2001	10/15/03
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	2	1	Spring 2000	10/15/03
Brownstown-Woodhaven	2	1	Spring 1999	10/15/03
Holland	2	1	Spring 2002	10/15/03
Lansing-Catholic Central	4	3	Spring 2000	10/15/03
Taylor-Kennedy	2	1	Spring 2000	10/15/03

IN ICE HOCKEY (Winter)

City/School	From Division	To Division	First Season	Deadline for Cancellation
Kingsford (Coop. Program)	2	1	Winter 01-02	8/15/03
Marquette	2	1	Winter 00-01	8/15/03
Negaunee	2	1	Winter 02-03	8/15/04
Port Huron Northern	2	1	Winter 02-03	8/15/04
Sault Ste. Marie-Sault Area	3	2	Winter 99-00	8/15/03
Trenton	3	2	Winter 02-03	8/15/04

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REGISTER ALL NONFACULTY COACHES BEFORE THEY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITIES

The *MHSAA Handbook* requires that any coach who is not an administrator or a member of the regular teaching staff of the school district must be registered by the school with the MHSAA. The requirement pertains to all nonfaculty coaches, full-time or part-time, paid or volunteer.

The regulation states, "The person responsible for the immediate training or coaching of a secondary athletic team SHOULD be a member of the regular teaching staff of the school. If a nonfaculty member is used, that person must be registered by the school with the MHSAA on a form provided for that purpose BEFORE assuming any coaching duties. A nonfaculty member coach must be at least eighteen (18) years of age and not a current high school student.

"Note: The Representative Council urges that all schools strive for the standard that only qualified faculty members are used as head coaches of interscholastic athletic teams, and all nonfaculty coaches complete the MHSAA's Program for Athletic Coaches' Education (PACE) or equivalent program."

There are two ways to fulfill the registration requirement:

1. The easiest way to register nonfaculty varsity head coaches is online at the MHSAA's administrative Web site, mhsaa.net, as you provide *School Directory* information.
2. Forms for registering other nonfaculty coaches may be requested from the MHSAA or may be found on pages 103-104 of the *MHSAA Handbook* for 2002-03. You may copy and enlarge as necessary. The forms – one for high school, the other for the junior high/middle school level – may also be downloaded from the MHSAA Web site at mhsaa.com and are available on the CD-ROM sent to schools in August. Forms may be submitted throughout the school year as nonfaculty coaches are assigned. Many schools submit forms just prior to each season: fall, winter and spring. ■

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