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Among the winter MHSAA Finals are the Girls Competitive Cheer Finals, Swimming and Diving Finals, and the Bowling Finals. The Upper Peninsula Swimming and Diving Finals for boys and girls take place on Feb. 17 at Marquette High School, while the Lower Peninsula boys teams hit the pool on March 9-10 in Ypsilanti and Rochester. The Cheer Finals are slated for the DeltaPlex in Grand Rapids on March 9-10, while the Boys and Girls Bowling Finals are March 2-3 in Sterling Heights, Battle Creek and Jackson.

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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, January 17, 2007

Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan
Keith Eldred, Williamston
Dan Flynn, Escanaba
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Linda Myers, Morley

Staff Member Present:

Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

Executive Committee Authority and Responsibility - The Executive Committee reviewed 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 this report 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. If any information provided to the Executive Committee is inaccurate, any decision of the Executive Committee to grant waiver of a regulation shall be null and void.

The Executive Committee is not authorized to grant waiver based on alleged or actual differences between schools based on "environment," demographics, curriculum or extracurricular offerings. 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 will 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. The contract the MHSAA has with member schools obligates the MHSAA to not change rules during the school year.

Students for whom waiver of a particular regulation is granted must be eligible in all other respects under all sections and interpretations of the regulations prior to their participation.

Adoption of these regulations, as well as policies, procedures and schedules of MHSAA tournaments, 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 postseason 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.

Flint Community Schools (Regulation I, Sections 1 & 8) - A request was made to waive the enrollment regulation for the 2007-08 school year and beyond to permit students of two newly created Flint public high schools to participate in athletics and be counted among the students at the closest existing Flint public high school with an athletic program. Flint-Holmes Gender Based Academies are within walking distance of Flint-Northwestern Prep Academy, and Flint-Whittier Classical Academy is next door to Flint-Central High School. This being the first year of operation, only 9th graders are involved in athletics and participate at their school of residence as permitted in Interpretation 4(d); 7th and 8th graders participate in separate middle school programs. The schools plan to add a grade each year and place the athletic program and eligibility checks under the administration of Flint Northwestern Prep or Flint-Central High School. All institutions are member schools for the 2006-07 school year. Current options within the regulations would not permit eligibility: combined enrollment would be over Class B, negating cooperative agreement possibilities in most sports, and non-traditional (alternative) school status would establish eligibility at the base/original school, which is the school of residency, not the closest geographically.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver, noting that granting the request would in essence be to change the rule for a group of schools and students in this district, which would exceed the committee's authority. The Executive Committee requested staff to arrange for dialogues regarding athletic eligibility of students of non-traditional schools in both single and multi high school districts and in consortiums for the purpose of discussing different options for determining the school of athletic eligibility and to attempt to bring a preliminary report to the Representative Council's May 2007 meeting.

Flint-Northwestern Prep Academy (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) - A late request to waive the maximum semesters portions of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who enrolled at Flint-Northern High School to begin the 9th grade in the 2002-03 school year and continued attending the Flint Schools until he left

school altogether due to a family emergency in October 2004 and lived in Georgia. In January 2005, the student reenrolled in the Flint Schools of Choice. The school submitted a transcript with grades and credits posted for three first semesters and four second semesters prior to this current school year. The school indicated that the student was enrolled in classes until October 2004.

The Executive Committee determined that even if the first semester of the 2004-05 school year was not counted, the second semester of the 2006-07 school year would be the student's fifth second semester and ninth semester overall. The Executive Committee did not find a compelling reason to provide opportunities to this student that would exceed those permitted for all other students.

Grand Rapids-Central High School (Regulation I, Section 8) - A late request to waive the enrollment and current semester record regulations and specifically Interpretation 47 was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who lives in the Grand Rapids-Creston attendance area and attends an alternative school, KEC Beltline, which incorrectly informed the student that Grand Rapids-Central was the student's base school. The student participated in nine JV football games, which the school has forfeited, and has not played in any basketball games. The request is that Central be considered the base school and the student be permitted to be eligible at Grand Rapids-Central High School.

The Executive Committee noted that because the student does not attend Central High School or reside in its attendance area, he cannot be eligible by waiver at Central High School. The Executive Committee would permit eligibility at the school specified by rule - Creston High School - at any time that school would allow. The student may also be eligible at Central High School after one full semester of enrollment there.

Allegan High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously lived with her mother and attended Traverse City West High School before moving to live with her father in the Allegan School District, enrolling to begin the 2006-07 school year. The student's parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating

both parents.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Bay City-All Saints High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the first semester of the 2006-07 school year. The student attended Essexville-Garber High School for the 9th grade before enrolling to begin the 2006-07 school year at All Saints High School. The student has not participated in athletics at either school.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are actually conducted in the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at All Saints High School.

Bay City-John Glenn High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who practiced football and played in two games last August with John Glenn High School before completing an Educational Transfer Form, moving to the residence of his father and enrolling on Sept. 6, 2006 at Bay City-Central High School. Due to family issues, the student is now back living with his mother in the John Glenn School District and he reenrolled at John Glenn High School on Nov. 27, 2006. The school requested subvarsity eligibility until the 91st school day of attendance at John Glenn High School.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Blanchard-Montabella High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year. The student previously attended Ludington High School while residing with his mother. On Dec. 11, 2006, the student relocated to the home of his grandparents and enrolled at Montabella High School. The student has not participated in athletics at either school.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year at Montabella High School.

Bloomington High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Gobles High School and participated in cross country and track before enrolling at Bloomington on Jan. 8, 2007. In August 2006, the student's father was diagnosed with an illness which caused the student to not participate in the fall of 2006 and the family to change schools because of transportation problems and the demands of the father's medical treatment. The family resides in the Bloomington School District, which is closer to the family's home than is Gobles High School.

The Executive Committee tabled the request until further documentation is provided.

Canton-Plymouth 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 Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High School before enrolling at Plymouth High School in November 2006 due in part to financial issues that occurred because of the illnesses of the student's siblings.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Colon High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the first semester of the 2006-07 school year. The student previously attended Union City High School before enrolling at Colon High School on Sept. 27, 2006. The student did not participate in athletics at either school.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the first day that classes are actually conducted in the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Colon High School.

Farmington High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Orchard Lake-St. Mary's High School before enrolling at Farmington High School on Oct. 2, 2006.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver effective with the student's

91st school day of enrollment at Farmington High School.

Fenton 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 Commerce-Walled Lake Northern High School and moved over the summer of 2006 with his separated mother to the Linden School District. The student enrolled at Fenton High School to begin the 2006-07 school year. The parents' divorce was finalized on Nov. 21, 2006. An Educational Transfer Form has been submitted but the student is not attending the school of his residence. Throughout the summer and leading up to the start of the school year, the mother attempted to purchase two different homes in the Fenton district but could not agree on price.

The Executive Committee noted that the student would have had eligibility at Linden, determined that enrollment at Fenton was not a matter of compelling circumstances, and denied the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically interpretation 63 (moving with minor siblings) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who began the 9th grade in the 2004-05 school year at Central High School. For the 10th grade (2005-06), the student moved with his mother to the Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Eastern attendance area and attended Forest Hills Northern High School. The mother rented a home in the Forest Hills Eastern attendance area in March 2006. Because of racial tensions reported by the mother, the family moved to the grandparents' home a few doors from the previous residence in Forest Hills. After living there for six months, the mother and student were incompatible with the grandmother and relocated to an apartment in the Grand Rapids-Central High School attendance area and the student reenrolled there on Dec. 1, 2006. Two minor siblings continue to reside with the grandmother and remain in the Forest Hills school where they have received all of their schooling.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver if it is confirmed that the student and his mother were the family unit in Grand Rapids prior to their move to Forest

Hills, and it is also confirmed that the student's two sisters had established residence with their grandmother in Forest Hills prior to the student and his mother residing with them.

Grosse Pointe South High School (Regulation I, Section 9[E]) - A request was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student regarding an athletic-motivated transfer. The student previously attended Warren-De La Salle Collegiate High School, was cut from the boys lacrosse team in March 2006, and enrolled at Grosse Pointe South High School on March 28, 2006. The initial De La Salle allegation went unchallenged by Grosse Pointe South High School and the student's family, who were unaware of the proceedings until the decision was revealed. A subsequent review was granted and the decision was unchanged that this was an athletic-motivated transfer. The school appealed.

The Executive Committee noted that De La Salle High School administration was not unjustified in its actions and affirmed the determination of the executive director that the student's transfer was primarily motivated by athletic experiences and opportunities. However, the Executive Committee determined that the result of the penalty prescribed by the rule did not serve the purpose for which it was intended in this case because it resulted in the student being unable to participate in the sport at both schools and for two consecutive seasons, and the cause was not academic or discipline matters at either school. Therefore, the Executive Committee determined that, insofar as the MHSAA is concerned, the student is eligible for interscholastic competition effective with the first day of classes of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Grosse Pointe South High School.

Holt-Central Lutheran High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended Lansing-Sexton High School and intends to enroll at Central Lutheran on Jan. 22, 2007, where the student's sister enrolled in February 2006. There are only 18 students in the high school and six boys basketball players on the varsity-only team. The school has eight games remaining; many opponents are not MHSAA member schools. The school will not be entering the MHSAA tournament and requested eligibility to permit

more competitive games and to help ensure a minimum of five players on the court.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Kingsley High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Kingsley High School for the 9th and 10th grades and enrolled at Indian River-Inland Lakes High School for three weeks to begin the 2006-07 year before reenrolling at Kingsley on Oct. 2, 2006.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Kingsley High School.

Kingsley High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Carson City-Crystal High School while residing with his mother. Due to substance abuse on the part of the mother and other problems in the home in Carson City, the student moved in with an older brother in Kingsley and enrolled at Kingsley High School on Dec. 5, 2006.

Noting a lack of documentation, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Marquette High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose parents are divorced and who previously attended Battle Creek-Central High School while living with his mother who was deployed to Iraq in July. It was determined by the family and the court that the student should reside with grandparents in Marquette. The court has placed the student in the custody of his grandparents in the Marquette School District. The father also resides in Marquette.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Monroe High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year. The student previously attended Monroe-St. Mary Catholic Central High School before enrolling at Monroe High

School on Dec. 5, 2006. The student did not participate previously in athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year at Monroe High School.

Morley-Stanwood High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Howard City-Tri County High School while residing with his mother. On Jan. 3, 2007, the student enrolled at Morley-Stanwood, changing residence to that of his father. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form has been submitted with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Saginaw-Heritage High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously lived with her mother and attended Mt. Pleasant High School before moving to live with her father in the Heritage School District, enrolling on Nov. 6, 2006. The student's parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with an Order of Filiation from the Saginaw County Circuit Court naming the father and student.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Troy-Athens High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Review the policy of the Troy Community Schools that only Athens High School will be accepting foreign exchange students even if the host family resides in the Troy High School attendance area due to the smaller enrollment at Athens High School. The policy has been in place for several years and students have been allowed previously to participate under this placement policy.

The Executive Committee approved these policies and procedures for this school district.

Warren-Immaculate Conception High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended Roseville High School before enrolling at Immaculate Conception High School on Dec. 5, 2006. The student did not

participate in sports at Roseville High School. The school requested eligibility at the varsity level because it does not sponsor a junior varsity team. The school's current enrollment is 82 students with small participation.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Alpena High School (Regulation II, Section 11) - Pursuant to Interpretation 217, a request was made to waive the three-player rule on behalf of the boys and girls bowling coach who is also the owner and operator of the only bowling center in the school district. The nearest other bowling center is 31 miles from this facility which is open to the general public and includes students from one neighboring school district and four nonpublic schools. As owner and operator, the coach would have incidental, non-instructional, supervisory contact with numerous students in the Alpena Public Schools in grades 7-12. The Executive Committee granted the same request from Alpena High School on Nov. 9, 2005.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for the 2006-07 school year.

Alpena High School (Regulation II, Section 11) - Pursuant to Interpretation 217, a request was made to waive the three-player rule on behalf of the boys and girls swimming & diving coach who is also employed as the Plaza Pool Director for the only swimming pool in the school district. The nearest other swimming pool is in Oscoda, 50 miles from this facility. The Alpena County facility is open to the general public and includes students from one neighboring school district and four nonpublic elementary schools. Except when serving as a substitute lifeguard, the coach would have non-instructional or supervisory contact with numerous students in the Alpena Public Schools in grades 7-12.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for the 2006-07 school year.

Battle Creek-Lakeview High School (Regulation II, Section 11) - Pursuant to Interpretation 217, a request was made to waive the three-player rule on behalf of the varsity boys and girls tennis coach who has recently been hired by the Minges Racquet

Club in Battle Creek as a part-time teaching instructor to help out with large groups of students or adults. The facility did not have sufficient time to hire a replacement when a former instructor gave notice.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Grand Ledge High School (Regulation II, Section 11) - Pursuant to Interpretation 217, a request was made to waive the three-player rule on behalf of the junior varsity boys and girls tennis coach who has recently been hired by the Court One tennis facility as a tennis instructor. Court One is neither affiliated with nor promoted at the school and is open to the general public.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Grosse Pointe South High School (Regulation II, Section 11) - Pursuant to Interpretation 217, a request was made to waive the three-player rule on behalf of the girls swimming & diving coach who works part time outside of sports and now is also a full-time coach with the Grosse Pointe Gators Swim Club. The program is not affiliated with the Grosse Pointe Schools and involves 206 students age 6-18, 34 of whom are from five nonpublic middle schools and three high schools. Twenty male and female swimmers involved with the Gators Swim Club attend Grosse Pointe South High School.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for the 2006-07 school year.

Northville High School (Regulation II, Section 11) - Pursuant to Interpretation 217, a request was made to waive the three-player rule on behalf of the girls swimming & diving coach who is also employed full time with the Bulldog Aquatic Club which operates from Livonia-Schoolcraft College. The program is not affiliated with the Northville Schools and involves participants age 5-18 from 11 different schools. A current list of 45 participants from eight area school districts includes 19 students age 12-16 from Northville.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for the 2006-07 school year.

Troy High School (Regulation II, Section 11) - Pursuant to Interpretation 217, a request was made to waive the three-player

rule on behalf of the boys and girls tennis coach whose main source of income for the coming year is coaching at the Troy Racquet Club where he will be teaching tennis to ages 4-18. In January 2007 he will be the junior tennis coordinator at the Troy Racquet Club. The coach is a certified USA team tennis coach through the Troy Bubble and in the summer works at Beachwood Recreation. Students from all over the area participate in these programs.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Regulation III, Section 1(C) - Pursuant to Interpretation 242, the following junior high/middle schools were granted waiver of the enrollment regulation to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th and 8th-graders for the sports listed in the 2006-07 school year only:

Atlanta - 7th-grade boys basketball
Dollar Bay - 7th-grade boys basketball
Southfield-Faith Christian - Volleyball

Britton-Macon and Deerfield Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1(D)) - The Executive Committee approved the addition of boys and girls track & field to a cooperative agreement in football which was established previously on April 25, 2006. Britton-Macon will be the primary school. A cooperative agreement exists in eight different sports at the high school level between these two school districts.

Warren-Conner Creek Academy (Regulation V, Section 3) - On Oct. 20, 2006, the varsity football coaches removed the team in protest with 3:36 remaining in the fourth quarter of a game at Tekonsha High School. The school's response was submitted which included accounts of meetings held with students, parents and staff involved as well as expressions of disappointment and apology from the school athletic director to the officials, Tekonsha High School and the MHSAA. The school has indicated it will be changing football coaches.

The Executive Committee accepted the school's action and waived the requirement for the coach and administrator to meet with the committee.

Alpine Skiing Schedule Completion Concerns - In light of warmer-than-usual weather and a lack of snow, The Executive Committee reviewed existing regulations and considered possible actions to ease the

requirements that both school teams and individuals must have competed in four meets prior to entering the MHSAA tournament.

The Executive Committee reaffirmed the following policies and procedures that result from previous action: Schools and individuals may fulfill the four-meet requirement after the opt-out due date up until the day prior to the Regional meet. This shall be approved on a case-by-case basis with permission granted by MHSAA staff. It continues to be a requirement that schools submit eligibility lists and rosters to tournament managers by the opt-out due date.

In addition, the Executive Committee approved the following procedures as an emergency for the 2007 tournament and will request that the Representative Council take action at its May 2007 meeting to make these policies and procedures permanent:

1. Add to the waiver procedure for individuals approved by the Representative Council in May 2006: "cancellation of meets due to weather conditions." The full policy shall read:

"If a student has been a member of the high school ski team since the earliest practice within the MHSAA season – including dry land training, classroom preparation and on-hill practice – but has not skied in four high school meets due to cancellation of meets due to weather conditions, injury, illness or family tragedy (not ineligibility under MHSAA rules or school action for academic or discipline reasons), an administrator of that school may make a written request to the MHSAA for that student to participate in the MHSAA tournament. The request must describe the student's involvement with the team and the reason he/she does not have four starts. The student's name must have been included previously on the Master Eligibility List. If the MHSAA administrator in charge of alpine skiing and the executive director or his/her designate concur that this is a reasonable request, the school may allow this student to participate in the MHSAA tournament. The request must be received by Noon of the last business day prior to the MHSAA meet."

2. Establish a waiver procedure for teams as follows:

"A school administrator may make a written request to the MHSAA staff if weather conditions caused the cancellation of one or more ski meets and the school team has not competed in the required minimum four meets. The request . . .

- a. must include the season's pre-arranged schedule;
- b. must include an explanation of conditions which led to the cancellation of meets;
- c. must demonstrate that good faith efforts were made to reschedule;
- d. must be received by Noon of the last business day prior to the Regional meet;
- e. must include that all other entry requirements (eligibility list, rosters)

have been met.

"If the MHSAA administrator in charge of alpine skiing and the executive director or his/her designate concur that this is a reasonable request, the school may be allowed to participate in the MHSAA Alpine Skiing Tournament."

Future Meetings - The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. (Finance Committee Meeting follows); Thursday, March 22, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. (Representative Council meets Friday, March 23); Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. (Finance Committee Meeting follows); Saturday, May 5, 2007, at 5 p.m. (Representative Council Sunday, May 6); and Wednesday, June 13, 2007, at 9 a.m. ■

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL & UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE NOMINATION PROCEDURES FOR 2007-08

The Representative Council has established procedures for indicating the intention to run for elected positions on the MHSAA Representative Council.

1. Any individual who is a representative of a member school (administrator, faculty member or board of education member) may submit his or her name to the MHSAA office by **March 15**.
 - A. Candidates must have superintendent or principal approval in writing.
 - B. It is essential that candidates be qualified for the position they seek.
 - 1) If the position is for a representative of a certain area of the state, they must represent a school of the appropriate class (A and B or C and D) in that geographic area.
 - 2) If they seek the position of a statewide at large representative, they must be a faculty or board of education member of an MHSAA member school. This includes administrators but not non-faculty coaches.
 - 3) If they seek the position of statewide representative of junior high/middle schools or

private and parochial high schools, they must be faculty (teacher or administrator) or board members for such schools.

2. Names submitted will be published in the May *Bulletin* and typed on the ballot mailed to member schools in September.

Elections will be held in the fall for the following positions:

Class C and D Schools—2 openings
Southwestern Section
Southeastern Section

Class A and B Schools—1 opening
Upper Peninsula

Statewide At-Large—1 opening

Jr. High/Middle Schools—1 opening

City of Detroit—1 opening

The procedures established for indicating the intention to run for elected positions are the same for the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee as those stated above for the Representative Council.

Elections will be held in the fall for the following:

Class D U.P. School—1 opening

Class C U.P. School—1 opening

Class A-B U.P. School—1 opening ■

UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Escanaba, January 11, 2007

Members Present:

James Derocher, Negaunee
Dan Flynn, Escanaba
Don Gustafson, St. Ignace
Paul Polfus, Carney
Joe Reddinger, Felch
Catherine Shamion, Ewen
Tom Smith, Escanaba

Staff Member Present:

Nate Hampton

INTRODUCTIONS

Representative Council member James Derocher of Negaunee chaired the meeting. Following the welcome and congratulations to re-elected members, the following business was conducted.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. MHSAA Tournament contingencies for school year 2007-08, if necessary, were discussed.
2. The Member School Survey concerning fall practices and schools starting after Labor Day continued to be discussed.
3. The New Athletic Director Orientation requirement for the second year, 2007-08, and Athletic Director In-service opportunities for UP Athletic Directors were reviewed.

The UP Athletic Committee strongly supports and encourages both the New Athletic Director Orientation Program and the Athletic Director In-service Program. Noting that there is concern for individual athletic director and staff travel, the committee and MHSAA staff will continue to convey the importance of these meetings to Upper Peninsula schools at every opportunity. The committee also suggested that staff investigate opportunities to use interactive video conferencing that may assist with these administrative educational sessions.

4. Recent Representative Council actions and the December 2006 Council minutes were discussed.

5. A letter from Big Bay De Noc requesting a variance for out-of-season soccer practice was discussed. The Committee indicated that it did not have the authority nor was it their purpose to review a variance to a long standing member school rule that would allow for school-sponsored out-of-season practice and competition.

BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS SELECTION

The Committee selected officials who are to receive invitations for District and Regional sites involving Upper Peninsula and Lower Peninsula schools for the 2007 MHSAA Boys Postseason Basketball Tournament. Mr. Gary O'Brian of Champion was selected to receive an invitation for the Finals; Jerry Reddinger of Iron Mountain was selected to officiate a Semifinal game; Joel Peffers was selected to officiate a Quarterfinal; and Steve Ayotte of Negaunee was selected to be the Quarterfinal alternate.

UP BOYS BASKETBALL REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Class C - Escanaba High School, trophy to be presented by Tom Smith and Dan Flynn.

Class D - Michigan Technological University, trophy to be presented by Cathy Shamion. The host managers will determine the dates and time for Regional competition based on availability of facilities and travel by participating schools. The Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee and host managers will assist the MHSAA staff with replacement officials should any of the initial invitations be declined.

TRACK AND FIELD

The Regional school assignments and selected hosts are as follows. All meets are to be held May 16-19, 2007.

Division 1 - Escanaba and Iron Mountain

Division 2 - Ishpeming-Westwood and St. Ignace

Division 3 - Pickford, Rapid River, Wakefield-Marenisco, North Dickinson

Kingsford High School will host the Upper Peninsula Finals.

Chosen to serve as referees for Finals were Keith Alto of Newberry and John Gravier of Ontonagon. Chosen to serve as starters were Wayne Mulzer of Stephenson and Richard Olds of Iron Mountain. Gregory Ledy of Pickford is the alternate.

ICE HOCKEY

Division 3 Regional will be hosted by Hancock High School at Michigan Tech. University.

Division 1 Pre-Regional will be hosted by Marquette High School; Division 3 Regional winner will advance to the Quarterfinal on March 7, 2007, at Gaylord.

Division 1 Regional Finals will be played at Sault Ste. Marie on March 31, 2007.

Finals will be played at the Compuware Arena in Canton on March 8-10, 2007. Bruce Horsch will coordinate UP officials where necessary.

VOLLEYBALL

Regional sites: Class C at Ishpeming-Westwood; Class D at Rapid River.

The following officials were selected: No. 24 Class C at Ishpeming-Westwood- Michael Lyons, Daggett; Edward O'Connell, Quinnesec; Christine Carlson, Ironwood; No. 32 Class D at Rapid River-Charlie Morrison, Marquette; Vincent Gross, Sault Ste. Marie; Stacy McNamara, St. Ignace.

Quarterfinal No. 12 at Kalkaska - Vincent Gross, Sault Ste. Marie; No. 16 at Engadine - Michael Lyons, Daggett.

Finals Official - Edward O'Connell, Quinnesec

WRESTLING

Officials selected to work both days of the UP Individual Wrestling Finals: Michael Caster, Marquette; Scott Fure, Marquette; David Gagnon, Gladstone; Mitchell Perry, Moran; George Pond, Iron Mountain; Hans Wienke, Iron Mountain.

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

Girls Tennis - selected in April 2007

Cross Country - Oct. 20, 2007, location to be announced

Wrestling - Discussion to continue

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held April 26, 2007 in Escanaba with the UP Athletic Director's meeting following on April 27, 2007. ■



TEAMS PRACTICING OUT-OF-STATE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FORM

The tradition of taking a team on a "spring trip" for practice only is a separate issue from sanctioning a competition. Any school which conducts practice sessions out of state at a site more than 600 miles round-trip must submit to the MHSAA office a Travel Form for Out-of-State Practice at least 30 days in advance of departure. This does not allow schools to compete in a scrimmage, practice or competition with a team from another school.

The following interpretation was adopted at the May 2004 Representative Council meeting:

"When a school-sponsored team, or group of students which resembles the school team, intends to conduct practice sessions out of state at a site more than 600 highway miles round-trip from that

school, the Travel Form for Out-of-State Practice is required. For the purpose of this Section, it shall be considered a practice for a school team if a school coach in that sport is present with any number of players from that school's team, other than his/her family members."

MHSAA catastrophic insurance does not cover such events.

The form can be found on page 119 of the *Handbook* or on the MHSAA Web site. Pursuant to action of the Representative Council in May 2003, all schools which complete this form will be listed in the *MHSAA Bulletin*.

A list of schools which completed the form appears below (The list is current through Jan. 10, 2007).

Schools Submitting Out-of-State Travel Forms for 2006-07

FALL	SPRING	Softball:
No forms submitted	Baseball:	Alma
	Benzie Central	Brighton
	Coldwater	Coldwater
WINTER	Essexville Garber	Flint Kearsley
Alpine Ski:	Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills	Grosse Pte. Woods U. Liggett
B.H. Cranbrook Kingswood	Mason	Holt
Clarkston	Shepherd	Portland
Detroit Country Day	Southfield Christian	Wyoming Rogers
Lake Orion	Whitehall	
Manistee	Wyoming Park	Tennis:
Pontiac Notre Dame Prep	Zeeland East	G.R. NorthPointe Christian
		Track and Field:
		Coldwater

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2007-08 MHSAA COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS

A procedure has been adopted and recently refined by the Representative Council to select MHSAA committee members. In the early spring of 2007, all superintendents, principals, athletic directors, coaches and board of education members who desire to serve on MHSAA committees may submit their names for nomination. This is a summary of the make-up and responsibilities of MHSAA standing committees:

DESCRIPTION OF MHSAA COMMITTEES

SPORT COMMITTEES

Baseball/Softball, Basketball, Bowling, Competitive Cheer, Cross Country/Track & Field, Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Ice Hockey, Boys Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse, Skiing, Soccer, Swimming & Diving, Tennis, Volleyball, Wrestling

1. Consist of a balance of administrators and varsity coaches in the particular sport, plus the president of the coaches association for that sport.
2. Responsible for:
 - (a) recommending to the Representative Council changes regarding MHSAA regulations relative to the sport.
 - (b) recommending to the staff procedures, sites, and assignments for the MHSAA tournament in that sport.

Note: Some sport committees serve multiple functions including officials selection, tournament sites, and seeding.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEES

Girls & Boys Basketball (meets twice), Cross Country/Track & Field Site Selection, Track & Field Standards, Volleyball

1. Consist of administrators.
2. Responsible for selecting sites and assigning teams for all levels of MHSAA tournaments in the particular sport.

SEEDING COMMITTEES

Girls Tennis Area Seeding Directors, Boys Tennis Area Seeding Directors

1. Consists of tournament managers and varsity coaches.
2. Responsible for determining seeded players and their positions in each flight and for assisting tournament managers in conducting the tournament draw.

OFFICIAL SELECTION COMMITTEES

Baseball, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Competitive Cheer, Football, Gymnastics, Ice Hockey, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Softball, Volleyball, and Wrestling

1. Consist of tournament managers, athletic directors and coaches.
2. Responsible for selecting officials for most levels of tournaments in most sports.

OTHER STANDING COMMITTEES (Established and appointed by the Representative Council for specific purposes)

1. **Athletic Equity Committee** - Committee is to meet once a year to recommend to the Representative Council annual objectives designed to encourage participation by more women and minorities in interscholastic coaching, officiating and administrative positions.

2. **Awards Committee** - This committee meets once as a group and corresponds throughout the year to establish policies and procedures and to nominate and screen candidates for four MHSAA awards: Forsythe, Bush, Norris, and Women in Sports Leadership.
3. **Classification Committee** - The committee meets annually to study and make recommendations to staff and Council regarding policies and procedures of classifying schools for tournaments and elections. It consists of two representatives each from MASB, MASA, MASSP, and MIAAA, plus other appointees to assume adequate representation of all sizes and types of schools.
4. **Board of Canvassers** - Comprised of a superintendent, two high school principals, one junior high/middle school principal, and one athletic director. Members are responsible for counting the ballots for the election of Representative Council members and members of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee. Generally, the committee meets only once, but in the event of ties or runoffs, the entire committee or a portion of the committee returns for the purpose of counting runoff ballots.
5. **Junior High/Middle School Committee** - This committee is comprised of junior high/middle school principals and athletic directors to review rules and regulations as they pertain to junior high/middle schools.
6. **Officials Review Committee** - This committee meets for the purpose of reviewing issues and concerns related to all officials in order to put forth recommendations to the MHSAA Representative Council which may guide the evolution and development of officials services and programs.
7. **Scholar-Athlete Committee** - Established to administer the MHSAA Scholar-Athlete program, this committee consists of approximately 80 people to review award applications.
8. **Trophy & Medal Committee** - This committee of two superintendents, two principals and one coach meets to recommend to the Council trophies and medals to be distributed at MHSAA postseason tournaments. ■

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION AND SELECTION OF MHSAA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There are several criteria to consider before completing the Nomination Form:

1. Coaches must be employed by the school and be able to obtain release time from school.
2. The nominee should have at least two years of experience in the position currently holding.
3. Most committees require only a one meeting date commitment at the MHSAA building in East Lansing. Committee meetings are held during the work week.

Appointments to committees are based on the following criteria:

1. Committees should have male, female, and minority membership which reflects the total pool of available personnel.
2. Committees should maintain geographic and class size representation.
3. Some administrators will be appointed to sport committees.
4. The coaches association president/secretary of each sport is appointed to that sport committee, if the person is a school employee. If the President/Secretary is not a school employee, the Association must send a designee who is an administrator, faculty member or board of education member of an MHSAA member school.

Names of nominees will be submitted to the Representative Council for selection.

Over 750 people will be selected from the list of nominees submitted to serve on 44 MHSAA committees.

— USE THE FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE —

MHSAA COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION FORM

Member school superintendents, principals, athletic directors and coaches are eligible to be a member of any one of the following MHSAA committees for the 2007-08 school year. If you desire to place yourself as a nominee complete this form and mail it to the MHSAA office by March 15, 2007. **THE PRINCIPAL MUST sign this form for it to be considered a valid nomination for athletic directors and coaches.**

Schools may choose to use this form for more than one nomination. The following form lists the committee and the month in which the meeting will be held. Please print the nominee's name and title (**specify boys or girls if a coach**) on the appropriate line.

Committee	Meeting Month	Nominee's Name & Title
Girls/Boys Basketball Tourn.	Sept. & May	Ms/Mr
Volleyball Site Selection	September	Ms/Mr
Board of Canvassers	September	Ms/Mr
Gymnastics	October	Ms/Mr
Girls Tennis Seeding	October	Ms/Mr
Athletic Equity	October	Ms/Mr
Awards	October	Ms/Mr
Ski	November	Ms/Mr
Volleyball Rules	November	Ms/Mr
Baseball/Softball Site Selection	November	Ms/Mr
Golf	November	Ms/Mr
Track & Field Standards	December	Ms/Mr
Basketball Rules	December	Ms/Mr
Tennis	January	Ms/Mr
Baseball/Softball Rules	January	Ms/Mr
Classification	January	Ms/Mr
Cross Country/Track & Field Reg.	January	Ms/Mr
XC/TR & FD Site Selection	January	Ms/Mr
Football	January	Ms/Mr
Junior High/Middle School	January	Ms/Mr
Wrestling	January	Ms/Mr
Boys Lacrosse	Jan. & May	Ms/Mr
Girls Lacrosse	Jan. & May	Ms/Mr
Scholar-Athlete	February	Ms/Mr
Soccer	February	Ms/Mr
Competitive Cheer	March	Ms/Mr
Swimming & Diving	March	Ms/Mr
Bowling	March	Ms/Mr
Ice Hockey	May	Ms/Mr
Boys Tennis Seeding	May	Ms/Mr

City/School _____ Principal _____ (Signature)

RETURN TO MHSAA NO LATER THAN MARCH 15, 2007

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEADING FROM THE GROUND UP

I watched the confirmation hearings of the U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice with unusual interest, my attention initially being attracted by the name we share and the role his court may have in the policies of school sports in the state I serve, and my respect being earned by his extensive, detailed but paperless recall of facts, issues and cases.

Some senators who interviewed the nominee and some who criticized his record questioned his positions articulated years earlier when he was employed in federal agencies or clerking for judges. His written record was staunchly conservative. His response was that he was writing then in the capacity of his employment and charged with advocating as well as possible the particular point of view of the agency or justice he was serving. Rather than being skeletons in his closet proving his bias, he argued, his written record should be viewed in the context that a particular point of view had been requested of him and it should be evaluated on the basis of how convincing that point of view could be made by the quality of his thought, research, argument and prose.

As one who has written for profession for nearly four decades, my own closet has articles, memos and letters that displease me now for the quality of writing and/or the point of view presented. Included are documents written in my late know-it-all 20s when I was charged by my employer to draft plans for national high school championships. I argued forcefully for the feasibility of such events and their potential benefits, at least to my employer.

This period of advocacy for national high school championships was brief and ended with the realization, expressed to many, that "I don't believe in the work I'm doing," citing the planning of these events and the first edition of the *National High School Record Book* as my chief complaints. And I left the employment of the National Federation of

State High School Associations.

Arriving in Michigan a half dozen years later, I listened to the state's educators – from subvarsity coaches to superintendents of schools – and found firmly established in this state a vision for school sports that had no practical place for all-star contests, post-season tournaments and distant travel, and a very modest view of the role of corporate sponsors.

It was also after arriving in Michigan in 1986 that I learned about the Michigan model for sports seasons, which is to place girls and boys in different seasons in the same sports when resources are limited, so both genders benefit from full utilization of facilities and personnel. Almost everyone I heard from was in agreement this system was (and is) best, including the sports media which was trying to maximize coverage of both boys and girls events.

It has always been my understanding that the proper role of an association executive is not to create a vision himself or herself, but to listen to the membership and then lead with passion in the directions in which this membership points: to clarify their yearnings, draw more attention to them, increase enthusiasm for them, and lead - regardless of the obstacles - with goals, strategies and tactics that are compelling and consistent with the vision which is in the hearts of the constituents.

So it is not surprising that this "newcomer" to Michigan has defended schools' sports seasons. And it is not surprising that the same person who long ago served a National Federation executive director by planning national high school championships – then seeing these events only from a top down perspective – now is one of the leading opponents to such events – now serving a clearly expressed Michigan mandate. It is how I lead, and it is what I believe. ■

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

HALL OF SHAME

Any student-athlete – and his or her parents and coaches, for that matter – should take note of Mark McGwire.

Remember him? Major League Baseball's home run king?

The shoo-in for first ballot election to the Hall of Fame is now an outcast.

His alleged use of performance enhancing substances, and his silence before the U.S. Senate and since about that use, have transformed his legacy. And as he has embarrassed himself, he has provided an argument against performance enhancing drugs that resonates at least as well with our student-athletes as bad zits, premature baldness and shrinking testicles.

I do not wish Mr. McGwire any additional unhappiness; but if people are going to use Major League Baseball's steroids scandal as the reason high school sports organizations should impose drug testing on adolescent athletes, I will play hardball, highlighting the wasted records and reputations of professional athletes like him.

Testing barely slows athletes' use of performance enhancing drugs, whereas the embarrassments of exposed professional sports icons show youth what's wrong about using performance enhancing drugs: it will rob them of any joy in their accomplishments. Even if they are never caught, they will always wonder, "Was it me or the juice?" ■

REVIEWING THE REGULATIONS

AVOIDING TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING

–Pitching Limitations–

Little League Baseball recently tested rules to limit pitch counts to reduce the likelihood of damaging the throwing arms of young players. The limits increase with age: kids 10 and under are limited to 75 pitches per day, up to 17 and 18 year olds limited to 105 pitches.

There are also rest rules which vary by age: pitchers 7 to 16, for instance, must spend four days off the mound after throwing 61 or more pitches in a day.

Dr. James Andrews, a surgeon who founded the American Sports Medicine Institute in Birmingham, Alabama, joined with others in a 2002 study of young pitchers in that state which found elbow and shoulder pain was more prevalent in pitchers who threw more than 75 balls than in players who threw under 75.

A big part of the injury problem is reported to be that more youngsters – especially those with more talent – are playing in

more than one league at a time. When this happens, and the coach of a team in one league is unaware of the athlete's scope of play in another league, the risk of injury is heightened. This is one of the reasons the MHSAA Limited Team Membership rule (Regulation I, Section 13) exists.

Elite Sports Medicine at the Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford, Connecticut recommends that pitchers who play on multiple teams get at least three to five days' rest between pitching appearances and a full season's break between seasons.

A great benefit of this emphasis on limiting pitches is that it requires coaches to develop deeper pitching staffs: which means better opportunities for more athletes.

All of this has been of concern to high school athletic administrators for many years. The following page details the MHSAA rule on baseball pitching limitations first adopted in 1978:

BASEBALL PITCHING LIMITATIONS May 1978

A player shall not pitch more than three consecutive days regardless of the outs pitched; and a player shall not pitch for two calendar days following that in which he pitched his 30th out. A student shall participate in no more than two games per school day.

Comments and Interpretations.

1. Regardless of the number of outs pitched, no player shall pitch more than three consecutive days.
2. MHSAA tournament pitching regulations shall not displace regular season pitching regulations. The "30 out" tournament rule is not automatic unless the player has not pitched for two consecutive calendar days prior to the MHSAA tournament in question.
3. Following the 30th out in any sequence which does not include a two-day rest period, a player shall not pitch for two calendar days.
4. Violations of the 30 out rule are considered the same as a school using an ineligible player. The minimum penalty in this case is forfeiture of the game.
5. At the beginning of each day of competition coaches of teams competing shall exchange up-to-date "rotation" records.
6. Failure to present the up-to-date **Pitching Rotation Record** form will require verification by the violating school athletic director the next school day. If verification is not provided the penalty will be the same as for using an ineligible player.
7. A pitcher is allowed a maximum of 30 outs in each of the following rounds of the baseball tournament: District Quarterfinal Round; District Semifinal and Final Round (if preceded by at least two days rest); Regional Semifinal and Final Round; Quarterfinal Round; Semifinal and Final Round.

NOTE: If a pitcher exceeds the 30-out limit because a batter hits into a double or triple play, that pitcher shall be credited with 30 outs and removed from the game as a pitcher. The one or two outs beyond the 30 shall not be credited to any pitcher.

It is critical to recognize that the Pitching Limitation Rule can be observed in two ways. **First, a player shall qualify for a new set of 30 outs by voluntarily resting two calendar days after pitching less than 30 outs. Secondly, a player shall qualify for a new set of outs following a required rest of two consecutive calendar days after pitching the 30th out.** Finally, in order to begin a new set of 30 outs, there must be two days of required or voluntary rest, regardless of the number of outs credited to a player. The "three-day period" is interpreted as the most recent three days.

And We Quote —

"When they're 18, the bones are softer, the cartilage is softer, they should definitely be limited. Once they're 21 or so, they're more fully developed. When they're younger, they can't tolerate quite the same trauma."

*—Dr. Frank Jobe
Orthopedic Surgeon Renowned for "Tommy John" Surgery*

THROWING INJURIES & PREVENTION

Today's competitive sports that involve overhead throwing have led to frequent injuries of the shoulder and elbow. Many young athletes are playing longer seasons on multiple teams with an increasing pressure to win and push themselves beyond their physical limits. In this article, we will briefly explore these injuries and the importance of warning signs and prevention.

The throwing mechanism results in tremendous torque to the joints of the upper extremity. The athletes' natural ability, muscular conditioning, and proper throwing mechanics all contribute to extended performance. Failure to pay proper attention to the contribution and integration of all three factors will result in physical breakdown and injury.

Shoulder impingement, sometimes referred to as bursitis, presents as shoulder pain when the arm is overhead and rotated. Throwing through the pain will strain the underlying rotator cuff muscles, and will certainly result in failure (i.e., declining performance and eventual failure to throw). Appropriate intervention at the *onset* of pain (*before* the rapid decline of performance) allows for the predictable reversal of injury, in most cases. Athletes, therefore, should not fear reprisal from coaches for hurting. It is in the athlete's and team's best interest to play pain free and in good health. Sports Medicine trained and/or interested Physicians can assist the athletes' most rapid, yet safe, return to sport, usually with the assistance of appropriately trained physical therapists and certified athletic trainers.

Elbow pain, particularly on the inside or medial aspect, is also a very common warning sign. While muscular strain at the outset is very reversible, ligament rupture and/or bony avulsion fractures from throwing are not. The "Tommy John" injury to the elbow medial collateral ligament (MCL), at one time an adult problem, is unfortunately seen increasingly in our youth. Elbow avulsion fractures are also on the rise. These injuries force these athletes from play for months;

many may require surgery. Yet, early intervention can keep many athletes playing with minimal to no lost playing time.

While early injury intervention is extremely important, *prevention* is paramount. Athletes are responsible for sport-specific conditioning. High torque and repetitive muscular demand, such as placed on a baseball pitcher, requires the utmost of pre-season muscular conditioning and an understanding of proper throwing mechanics. Regardless of ability, an athlete's 'failure to prepare' will result in 'failure to perform.'

The 2006 USA Baseball Medical and Safety Advisory Committee issued new age-specific guidelines to limit pitches thrown, with all breaking pitches such as curve balls and sliders to be avoided until growth plate closure. In 2007, Little League Baseball will require daily pitch count monitoring (ranging from 75 for ages 10 and under to under 105 for ages 17-18) with mandated rest periods. This new ruling reflects scientific studies that identify the injured throwing athlete to be the one who throws more often (i.e., those who threw more months, more innings, and more games, as well as those who continued to throw with arm pain and fatigue).

A "successful" game or season could result in a short-lived career. Coaches, parents, and athletes should recognize that any interest in 'performance longevity' will never be achieved with a focus on short term success. Recognized 'ability' needs to be cultivated through muscular conditioning and the execution of proper throwing mechanics. 'Ability overuse' is an 'abuse of ability'; it is detrimental and career limiting. It can sometimes be difficult to identify in its early stages with athletes wanting to perform and succeed; therefore, it is important for coaches and parents to create an atmosphere of support for the injured and to emphasize the 'importance of preparation' for the aspiring ball player.

Today's societal and peer pressures will not easily allow for the proper cultivation of our young athlete's ability, therefore, we

must take the responsibility to protect our youth. Adherence to age appropriate pitch count, preseason sport and position specific conditioning, and a respect for pain as a warning sign of injury.

For further information on this article or for priority appointments for sports injuries please contact **Henry Ford Center for Athletic Medicine at 313-972-4216.** ■

HEALTH AND SAFETY



CENTER FOR ATHLETIC MEDICINE

INFECTIOUS SKIN DISORDERS IN ATHLETES

The skin serves as the major barrier to protect us from infections. When that barrier breaks down, as in cuts or abrasions, we are subject to a number of viruses, bacteria and fungi. Skin infections are most commonly seen in wrestlers, gymnasts and swimmers. These skin infections can be rapidly transmitted by teammates and opponents via the use of shared equipment and mats or skin-to-skin contact. Recognizing these infections is imperative in slowing their spread. In the following paragraphs, we will explore the common types of skin infections seen in athletes. Further information can be found on the Health & Safety page of mhsaa.com.

BACTERIAL INFECTIONS

Impetigo

Impetigo appears as a cluster of honey or gold-crusting pustules. It can ooze and crust and can be seen on both sides of a skinfold ("kissing lesions"). Lesions occur on the limbs, trunk, and near the mouth. Treatment is with oral and/or topical antibiotics. Impetigo is highly contagious. Athletes participating in contact sports or swimming SHOULD NOT participate until ALL lesions have stopped draining, there have been no new lesions within 48 hours of participation, and the participant have been on antibiotics for 48-72 hours (*MHSAA recommends a minimum of 48 hours*).

Boils

Boils are larger pustules (abscesses) and are usually white on a reddened base. Boils are highly contagious especially if leaking. In athletes, they are commonly found in the hairy areas of the armpits, buttocks and groin. Outbreaks are known to occur in team sports, probably due to close contact and poor

hygiene practices. Treatment consists of warm compresses, oral antibiotics and often, incision and drainage of the abscess. Return to participation guidelines are the same as in impetigo.

MSRA: Methicillin-Resistant Staph Aureas Infections

MRSA is becoming a more common skin infection in athletes, especially in the past few years. It is a bacterial infection, commonly seen on the limbs of the athletes, that is resistant to the common antibiotics that successfully treat other bacterial infections. MRSA is usually quite red in appearance, raised and thick. It is treated with certain antibiotics: rifampin and sulfa-type antibiotics. It is felt to be spread via use of common equipment. Prompt recognition and treatment is imperative.

VIRAL INFECTIONS

Herpes Infections

Herpes Gladiatorum, Herpes labialis (fever blister), Herpes zoster (shingles): Herpes gladiatorum is common amongst wrestlers and rugby players. It is caused by the Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV1) and is typified by a cluster of painful clear vesicles on a red base located on the face. The virus is passed by face-to-face contact. (Headgear does not decrease the transmission).

Herpes labialis (fever blister) is a cluster of the painful lesions near or on the lips of the mouth. It is spread by face-to-face contact.

Herpes zoster (shingles) is more common in middle-aged and older adults, but can occasionally occur in adolescents. It is a reactivation of the varicella (chickenpox)

virus. It also can occur on the face or limbs, but more commonly on the trunk. It occurs as a grouping of painful blisters on reddened bases. The groupings are commonly in a linear pattern only over one side of the body.

These lesions will generally start to resolve within 7-10 days of onset. The resolution may be quickened by the use of antiviral medications (valaciclovir, or acyclovir), but only if the medication is started within the first 48 hours of the first eruptions. Return to participation can occur when there have been no new lesions within 48 hours AND all lesions have crusted over.

Verrucae (Warts)

Warts appear as flesh-colored thickened areas of the skin and can have finger-like projections. Plantar warts occur on the bottoms of feet and may contain small black dots, which are the small blood vessels that feed the wart. The virus is transmitted through a break in the skin, usually unbeknownst to the athlete.

Treatment consists of salicylic acid solutions like Compound W, liquid nitrogen, and/or occlusion (i.e. duct tape). Athletes with warts may participate as long as the lesions are covered in a manner that provides reasonable assurance that the cover will stay in place during the practice or competition.

Molluscum Contagiosum

These lesions are caused by the pox virus and are very contagious. It is spread by skin-to-skin contact, water transmission and shared gymnastics or wrestling equipment. The molluscum are small, flesh-colored dome lesions which may have a small indentation in the center. They can resolve spontaneously over several weeks. The quickest treatments are: removal by sharp curettage, or a liquid nitrogen application. These treatments are performed by a physician. An athlete may compete 24 hours after the curettage. It is best if the treated area is covered by a gas-permeable dressing, pre-wrap and tape. (Examples of the gas-permeable dressing include Opsite and Bioclusive)

FUNGAL

Tinea Corporis (Ringworm)

Ringworm appears as annular (ringlike) lesions with reddened borders and clearing in the center. These lesions are commonly seen on the head, neck and arms. However, they can occur anywhere on the body. It can be pruritic (itchy). It is highly contagious. Treatment consists of antifungal creams and/or oral medications. MHSAA requires a minimum treatment of 7 days. If the lesions occur in the scalp, the minimum treatment is 14 days. It is recommended that even after the treatment, any remaining healing lesion be dressed with the gas-permeable dressing, pre-wrap, and tape.

Tinea Cruris (jock itch):

Tinea cruris is an itchy reddish-pink thickened rash in the groin areas that typically have scaly edges. It generally does not affect the scrotal area. It is treated with over-the-counter anti-fungal creams. Tough cases may require oral anti-fungal medications.

3. *Tinea Pedis (Athlete's Foot)*

Athlete's foot is typified by an itchy, red, scaly rash on the soles of the feet and sometimes in between the toes. It is treated by over-the-counter anti-fungal creams and powders. Athletes are allowed to participate in sports with athlete's foot either by wearing shoes or using the taping method described above.

In conclusion, there are several types of infectious skin diseases that can disallow an athlete to participate in practice or competition. It is imperative that these skin lesions be recognized early and treated. It is also imperative that equipment and mats be routinely cleaned and disinfected to protect against spread of the infections.

MHSAA has devised a Communicable Disease Physician Evaluation Form which can be used for documenting evaluation and treatment of these infections by physicians. It is currently used by the MHSAA wrestling community.

For further information on this article or for priority appointments for sports injuries please contact **Henry Ford Center for Athletic Medicine at 313-972-4216.**

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS ANNOUNCED FOR GIRLS BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL & BOYS SOCCER

Over 200 teams representing over 150 schools have been selected to be recognized for displaying outstanding sportsmanship during selected fall MHSAA postseason tournament competitions through the Good Sports Are Winners! Program, and all will receive awards ranging from framed certificates to commemorative banners and crystal trophies from MEEMIC Insurance, the Association's corporate partner in sportsmanship efforts.

The program is conducted in team sports, with schools being evaluated by tournament management at District, Regional and Final Round sites. This Fall, a total of 215 teams were selected from 196 schools in tournaments conducted in girls basketball, football and boys soccer. At the District, Regional, Quarterfinal and Semifinal levels of MHSAA tournaments, all schools which meet a set of high sportsmanlike standards are recognized. Those schools will be presented framed certificates from MEEMIC Insurance. Those teams will also be recognized through the publication of their names in the *MHSAA Bulletin*, the MHSAA Finals program series, and on the MHSAA Web site. During the course of the school year, nearly 1,000 teams will be recognized in 15 activities for their sportsmanship efforts during MHSAA tournaments.



At the Finals in those tournaments, schools judged to have met those standards are presented a crystal trophy and commemorative banner. **St. Clair** in girls basketball, **Macomb Dakota** in football, and **Livonia Stevenson** in boys soccer were selected by the tournament management at their respective Finals for displaying the exemplary sportsmanship by their coaches, student-athletes and spectators.

Presentation dates at each winning school will be announced at a future date.

St. Clair (Class B) and Livonia Stevenson (Division 1) finished as runners-up in their respective sports, while Macomb Dakota won the Division 1 football championship. It is the first time St. Clair or Dakota has been named a recipient of a Finals award, while Stevenson also won the boys soccer award in 1993.

Several schools were represented in more than one sport this fall, while only Petoskey received mention in all three sports. Girls basketball led the way with 125 schools feted, followed by 63 schools in football and 27 in boys soccer.

Good Sports Are Winners! Award evaluation/report forms for tournament managers may be found on the GSAW page of the MHSAA Web site, as well as the Administration page under "Tournament and Event Management"

2006 Fall Good Sports Are Winners! Award Recipients

Based on reports received at the MHSAA offices as of 1/3/06.

NOTE: There can be more than one winner at each site, and not all site managers responded.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Addison	Grosse Ile	Saginaw
Adrian Madison	Harbor Springs Harbor Light Christ.	Saginaw Arthur Hill
Alanson Littlefield	Hartland	Saginaw Heritage
Allen Park Cabrini	Hillsdale	Saginaw Nouvel
Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard	Homer	Sandusky
Ann Arbor Greenhills	Hudsonville	Saugatuck
Au Gres-Sims	Inkster	Spring Lake
Bangor	Ironwood	St Joseph
Bangor John Glenn	Jackson Lumen Christi	St Joseph Lake Michigan Catholic
Bay City All Saints	Jonesville	St Joseph Michigan Lutheran
Beaverton	Kalamazoo Loy Norrix	Tawas Area
Benzie Central	Kalkaska	Traverse City Central
Bessemer	Kent City	Traverse City West
Big Rapids Crossroads Academy	Kimball New Life Christian	Utica
Blissfield	Kinde-North Huron	Walled Lake Central
Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood	Kingsford	Walled Lake Western
Boyer City	Kingsley	Warren Lincoln
Brighton	Lake Odessa Lakewood	White Lake Lakeland
Bronson	Lansing Waverly	Whittemore-Prescott
Brown City	Lowell	Williamston
Cadillac	Ludington	
Carleton Airport	Mackinaw City	FOOTBALL
Carsonville-Port Sanilac	Madison Heights Bishop Foley	Alma
Cass City	Manistee	Au Gres-Sims
Charlevoix	Marlette	Bangor John Glenn
Charlotte	Mattawan	Bay City Central
Clare	McBain	Birmingham Brother Rice
Dearborn Edsel Ford	Michigan Center	Burton Bentley
Dearborn Henry Ford	Midland Bullock Creek	Cadillac
Deckerville	Milford	Calumet
Detroit Crockett	Monroe Jefferson	Canton
East Grand Rapids	Morley-Stanwood	Central Lake
East Jordan	Mt Clemens	Charlevoix
East Kentwood	Mt Pleasant	Clarkston
East Lansing	Muskegon Oakridge	Constantine
Eaton Rapids	Muskegon Orchard View	Croswell-Lexington
Ellsworth	Napoleon	Crystal Falls Forest Park
Escanaba	New Boston Huron	Davison
Essexville Garber	New Lothrop	Deckerville
Fairview	North Branch	Detroit Denby
Farwell	Oscoda	DeWitt
Fennville	Pellston	Escanaba
Flushing	Petersburg-Summerfield	Flint Carman-Ainsworth
Fowler	Petoskey	Flint Powers Catholic
Fruitport	Pinconning	Fowler
Genesee Christian	Pontiac Northern	Frankfort
Gobles	Portage Central	Grass Lake
Grand Haven	Portage Northern	Haslett
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central	Portland St Patrick	Highland Park
Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills	Quincy	Homer
Grand Rapids West Catholic	Rapid River	Ithaca
Greenville	Riverview Gabriel Richard	Kinde-North Huron
	Romulus Summit Academy	Laingsburg

Macomb Dakota
 Marine City
 Mason County Central
 Memphis
 Menominee
 Merrill
 Midland
 Milford
 Mio
 Mt Pleasant Sacred Heart
 Muskegon
 Muskegon Catholic Central
 Muskegon Orchard View
 Negaunee
 New Lothrop
 North Muskegon
 Norway
 Peck
 Petoskey
 Rochester Adams
 Rockford

Royal Oak Shrine Catholic
 Saginaw Heritage
 Saginaw Swan Valley
 Saline
 Suttons Bay
 Traverse City St Francis
 Ubyly
 Walled Lake Central
 Warren DeLaSalle
 Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes
 Whitehall

BOYS SOCCER

Adrian Lenawee Christian
 Battle Creek Central
 Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker
 Flint Powers Catholic
 Frankenmuth
 Freeland
 Grand Blanc
 Grand Rapids Forest Hills Eastern

Grandville Calvin Christian
 Grosse Pointe South
 Hudsonville Unity Christian
 Jackson Christian
 Kalamazoo Heritage Christian
 Lapeer East
 Macomb L'Anse Creuse North
 Midland Dow
 Newport Lutheran South
 Otisville Lakeville Memorial
 Petoskey
 Richmond
 Riverview
 Rochester Adams
 Saline Washtenaw Christian
 St Clair Shores Lake Shore
 Traverse City West
 Wyoming Godwin Heights
 Wyoming Kelloggsville

OFFICIALS OBSERVATION PROGRAM TO SERVE AS TRAINING TOOL

In an effort to help improve the training and education of registered officials, the MHSAA is testing an observation and evaluation program this year. The program is dependent upon local Approved Associations investing the time and personnel to observe contest officials as they work.

“We are excited about the program, because traditionally speaking, officials have always received feedback from our schools, from coaches and athletic directors through a ratings process,” said MHSAA Assistant Director Mark Uyl. “The downfall of this system historically is that officials haven’t been getting much **meaningful** feedback.”

While the current rating system can be influenced by wins/losses or favorable call/unfavorable call, officials stand to benefit more from peer critiques which would include categories such as positioning, mechanics and game management. To that end, the MHSAA Representative Council last spring approved an observers program for eight sports, categorizing standards for observation.

“We are now working with some local Approved Associations which are sending observers to contests to watch officials,” Uyl said. “They then meet with the officials afterward to go over the things they did well,

areas that might need improvement, and following up with correspondence a week to 10 days after the contest.”

A pilot program this fall involved more than 20 football crews in western Michigan, affording over 70 officials the opportunity for peer evaluations. Currently, a pilot program in basketball is underway, while baseball, softball and soccer are targeted for spring observation programs.

As the program moves forward, the MHSAA envisions that observers will be identified and nominated through local Approved Associations, and in turn will attend training sessions at the annual MHSAA Summer Meeting.

“The involvement of local associations is the key component in the observation program. We really look forward to next summer, when we will be training our first group of observers through Approved Associations on a statewide basis,” Uyl added. “The circle of education is completed with those observers going out to assist their fellow officials and provide feedback.”

Officials can preview the standards and report forms for observers on the Officials page of mhsaa.com. Observation and evaluation forms for six sports appear under Approved Associations and Assignors. ■

2007 BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT GENERAL INFORMATION

The Representative Council again has attempted to set up schedules of division of proceeds and allowances for team expenses of schools participating in the 2007 Basketball Tournaments that will be as adequate as possible in view of probable receipts. It should be kept in mind by schools that participating in MHSAA tournaments is voluntary and that expenses of teams competing in tournaments are not guaranteed, although the MHSAA in the past generally has reimbursed competing and entertaining schools where local receipts did not meet the allowed expenses. The cooperation of all schools competing in the 2007 tournament is asked in order that there may be an equitable return both to entertaining and competing schools, and to the MHSAA so that its services to schools and the broad program of meets and tournaments in sports other than basketball may be continued.

ADMINISTRATION OF TOURNAMENTS

The Representative Council formulates the general plans for MHSAA tournaments each year and is assisted by three committees -- the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee, the Lower Peninsula Basketball Tournament Committee, and the Lower Peninsula Site Selection Committee. These committees arrange the details of tournament administration, select District, Regional and Quarterfinal Centers, and assign competing schools to the various tournament centers. A special committee is appointed to assign officials in the Lower Peninsula. It has long been the policy of the MHSAA to have a large number of school people participate each year in the planning and execution of the tournament to insure the best possible results and meet the needs and desires of schools.

Tournament Centers

128 Districts; 32 Regionals

Schools listed as being on a probationary status with no hosting or reimbursement privileges will not host any level of competition and will not receive any share of competition receipts or reimbursement for participation.

Final Tournament games will be held at 16 Quarterfinal Centers. Semifinals and Finals will be played at the Jack Breslin Student Event Center at Michigan State University in East Lansing.

Dates of Tournaments

District Tournaments – Monday through Saturday, March 5-10, 2007.

Regional Tournaments – Tuesday through Saturday, March 13-17, 2007.

Quarterfinals – Tuesday, March 20;

Semifinals – Thursday, March 22 and Friday, March 23

Finals – Saturday, March 24, 2007.

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL ACTION MAY 2003:

1. **Shirts must be worn by all spectators and cheer sections at all indoor MHSAA tournament venues.**
2. **Cell phones and cameras of any kind are not to be used in locker rooms during MHSAA tournaments.**

FINANCIAL PLAN Transportation Expenses of Competing Teams at District, Regional and Final Tournaments

1. At all tournament levels, competing teams will absorb their own travel expenses where the distance to the tournament site is 50 miles or less from the competing school.
2. Beginning with the 51st mile one way, a competing team at District, Regional or Final Tournament level will be reimbursed at the following rate per mile from the home city to the Tournament Center City for each trip:
051 to 100 miles – \$2 per mile
101 to 150 miles – \$3 per mile
151 to 250 miles – \$4 per mile
251 to 350 miles - \$5 per mile
351 miles and over – \$6 per mile
3. Those schools which travel 100 or more miles (one way) to a tournament center are allowed \$200 for hotel expenses (receipts required). A school cannot receive both hotel and additional travel

allowances if games are played on successive days. This applies to travel in both District and Regional Tournaments.

Other expenses Of Teams Competing at the Final Tournament

1. **Meal Allowance** – The maximum allowance for meals is three dollars (\$3) for breakfast, four dollars (\$4) for lunch and six dollars (\$6) for dinner, per person for a maximum of fifteen individuals.
2. **Lodging** – The maximum allowance is the current hotel rate secured for a maximum of fifteen individuals. Allowance for expenses of competing schools at the Final Tournament will continue 24 hours after the time of the elimination, provided they remain at the Tournament Center City. Schools which are defeated in Quarterfinal games (Tuesday, March 20) will not receive expense allowances for coming to the Final Tournament Center to attend Final games. (**Overnight lodging will not be arranged or reimbursed for schools within 50 miles of the tournament site unless competition begins before 10 a.m. the next day.**)
3. **Additional Per Diem School Allowance** – In addition to the above allowances, schools competing in the Final Tournament are to be paid \$100 for each day their team plays in Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Final games. Any of the four Upper Peninsula schools which win their Quarterfinal games on Tuesday, March 20, will be paid the additional \$100 above allowed expenses for Wednesday, March 21, if they cannot return home Tuesday night.

Division of District and Regional Tournament Proceeds

1. Before any division of proceeds is made, the following are to be deducted from the admission gross receipts: cost of officials, the amount paid to scorers and time keepers (payment to each of the above \$20 for a single game on one date; \$10 for each of the above officials for each additional game scored or timed on the

same date). All other administration costs not specified above must be deducted from the school's share of the proceeds.

2. The balance is to be divided as follows:
30% to the entertaining school, (includes management, liability insurance, rentals, heat, lights, janitor, honorarium, etc.)
70% to the MHSAA, (includes allowed expenses for competing schools).
or
25% to the entertaining college or university, (includes management, liability insurance, rentals, heat, lights, janitor, honorarium, etc.)
75% to the MHSAA, (includes allowed expenses for competing schools).

Division of Final Tournament Proceeds

High schools and others entertaining a Quarterfinal game of the Final Tournament will receive 10% of the gross receipts plus \$450 for administration expenses and security.

The cost of administration of the entire Final Tournament (officials, trophies, medals, management, etc.) will be deducted from the total of the balances from Quarterfinal games plus the proceeds from the Semifinal and Final games. The balance will be divided among the competing schools to the amount of allowed expenses as indicated above.

Admission Prices for Tournament Games

The Representative Council at its March 2004 meeting set the following prices for all tournament game tickets: District, Regional and Quarterfinal - \$5, Semifinal - \$7, Final - \$8, (Breslin parking and processing fee for Semifinal and Final tickets not included in above cost). **NOTICE: MHSAA ticket prices are \$7 for each Semifinal session (two games per session) and \$8 for each Final session (one session is 2 games; two sessions are 1 game). The Jack Breslin Student Events Center will assess a \$3 "processing fee" on all telephone and mail orders (one handling charge for the entire order). Internet orders will be possible, with applicable charges.**

District, Regional and Quarterfinal Managers are authorized to conduct a pre-

game ticket sale, but all ticket prices are standardized for students and adults regardless of pregame sale. **Shirts must be worn at all MHSAA tournaments at all times.**

OFFICIALS

Assignment and Fees

Officials for this year's tournaments were chosen from the people on the Approved List. District managers may assign officials to specific District Tournament contests after the draw has been completed. The number of teams entered and the days of duration of the tournament determines the number of officials assigned to each center. Agreements are entered into with officials as independent contractors and notification made to tournament managers of the officials assigned. Three (3) officials will be assigned to each basketball tournament beginning at the District level and continuing through the Final level. Fees are set as indicated below.

District and Regional Tournaments

Fee for officials working one game per day in District Tournaments will be \$40 plus the round trip allowance of 15¢ per mile (minimum allowance \$8) from home city of the official to District Tournament Center City for each day they officiate.

Fee for officials working one game per day in Regional Tournaments will be \$50 plus the round trip allowance of 15¢ per mile (minimum allowance \$8) from home city of the official to Regional Tournament Center City for each day they officiate.

Final Tournament

Fees for officials working in Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Final Tournaments will be \$55 per day and expenses, the latter being limited to one round trip allowance at 15¢ per mile (minimum allowance \$8) from home city of the official to Tournament Center City (official highway map mileage). Semifinal and Final officials will receive single occupancy lodging at the current hotel rate, and an allowance of \$14 per day for meals. Officials assigned to Semifinal games only will receive lodging and meal allowance if their home city is 70 miles or more from the tournament site (map mileage).

DRAWING AT DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS

Drawings at both Upper and Lower Peninsula District Tournaments will be by lot with the names of all teams placed in the hat on an even basis. **Any school which has played four or more games on a District Tournament floor during the 2006-07 season is not to draw a first round bye at that District Tournament.**

Drawings may take place three Mondays prior to the start of the tournament (Feb. 12, 2007), but not later than the Monday preceding the tournament (Feb. 26, 2007), and should be made in the presence of as many representatives of the competing schools as desire to attend. Principals and athletic directors are encouraged to attend draw meetings to obtain specific information concerning administration of the tournament. Notification should be sent to all competing schools as to the time and place of drawing. Attendance of school representatives is optional.

The best method of drawing so that no confusion will result is to place the names of the teams on individual slips of paper, fold and staple each of them or place them in capsules. Place these names in a hat or container so that they may be drawn one at a time. Have some neutral party draw one capsule, read it aloud, display it to the group and place the name of the team drawn on the first numbered line. Repeat the procedure placing each name in its bracket as drawn. If this method is followed, there can be no confusion or mistake.

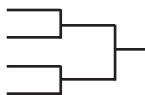
Whenever the home or any other team that is participating in a District Tournament on a floor (one which it has played four or more games during the current school season) and there are byes involved, do not place the name of such team or teams in the hat until after the byes are drawn. Home teams (or those having played four or more games in tournament or regular scheduled play on the floor during the current season) are not entitled to byes on such floors in District Tournaments. This assures an open draw to all contestants and eliminates any chance of such a team drawing a bye.

ADVANCE MASTER DRAWING FOR 2007 REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Advance drawings of 2007 District Tournament qualifiers to Regionals again were authorized by the Representative Council. These advance master drawings apply to all 2007 Regional Tournaments. Separate drawings were made at the Sept. 26, 2006 meeting of the Basketball Tournament Committee for four-team Regional Tournaments.

For a four-team Regional Tournament, District teams qualifying into the Regionals were placed in a container and designated as follows:

1. Lowest District No.
2. 2nd Lowest District No.
3. 2nd Highest District No.
4. Highest District No.



REGIONAL WINNERS

It is the responsibility of winning schools to obtain Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Final Tournament information packets from the Regional Manager.

FINAL TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

Sites and pairings for Quarterfinal and Semifinal games were established by the Representative Council and the Tournament Committee in both the Upper and Lower Peninsulas. The pre-determined Quarterfinal and Semifinal sites will enable competing schools to make housing, travel and ticket arrangements well in advance. **NOTE: The MHSAA reserves the right to relocate a Quarterfinal Basketball site if a qualifying Regional winner will be playing its Quarterfinal game on its home floor or if travel is inordinate for both teams.** Complete brackets including times, dates and locations are included in this *Bulletin*.

POINT DIFFERENTIAL RULE

By state association adoption, the Point Differential Rule is to be used at all tournament levels. In all levels of competition during the regular season and the MHSAA tournaments after the first half when one team has a lead of 40 points a running clock will be established. The clock will revert to regular time schemes should the score be reduced to a 30-point lead. During any running clock

mode the clock will be stopped as normal for all timeouts and between quarters; **and for free throws during the last two (2) minutes remaining in the game.**

BASKETBALLS

Balls that meet National Federation rules code standards that are of top grade, catalogue numbered, leather covered or composite cover, molded, orange/tan color will be used in all tournaments. Each tournament manager will provide a ball of the above description for use in that tournament, including balls that have the NFHS authenticating mark. The MHSAA Semifinal and Final ball will be the Rawlings COMPMICH.

TEAM ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY

Entry Materials – By Representative Council action, schools will no longer complete an entry blank to participate in MHSAA postseason tournaments. The Entry Blank Due Date is now replaced by an Opt-Out Due Date. Two obligations of membership and participation remain:

1. Schools must notify their District Tournament Managers by the Opt-Out Due Date if they **DO NOT** intend to participate in a previously assigned MHSAA tournament, and;
2. **Schools must see that tournament managers receive an accurate Eligibility List and Team Roster by the Opt-Out Due Date.** These forms are available at mhsaa.com. Failure to fulfill the above obligations by the specified Opt-Out Due Date will result in MHSAA penalties as stipulated in the *MHSAA Handbook*. **For boys basketball the Opt-Out Due Date is Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007. NO additions to the Master Eligibility List can take place after the draw meeting.**
3. All players on the Master Eligibility List submitted are eligible for tournament play even if the individual names are not on the Team Roster.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Tournament management is to contact the MHSAA office if a school withdraws or fails to show for scheduled competition after the Opt-Out Due Date for team sports or the pairings, heat assignments or flights are

determined for individual sports of the first level of the MHSAA tournament in that sport.

The MHSAA staff person responsible for the sport will request from the school principal a written explanation for the no-show/withdrawal. If the reason is determined to be unacceptable by MHSAA staff, the MHSAA Executive Director will place the school on probation for the next two school years. A second offense within the two-year probationary period will cause the school to be prohibited from tournament play in that sport for the two years following the second offense.

IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS –

Schools are to forward the Team Roster and Master Eligibility List to designated District Managers. These two items will fulfill the requirement for the duration of their tournament play.

LATE FORMS – If the Team Roster and Master Eligibility List are received after the Opt-Out Due Date, but before the drawings are made, it may be accepted with the payment of a \$50 late fee. The \$50 late fee is due in the hands of the manager before the draw. The late fees are to be retained by the host school.

CONTESTANTS AND CHEERLEADERS TICKETS

The Representative Council again instructed that tournament managers and competing schools be advised that the limit for the number of contestants tickets is 20. Exception: the only allowed exception will be for those teams that have carried more than 15 **players** all season. 12 tickets for cheerleaders also are to be made available to each competing school provided there are that number dressed for participation.

CHAPERON TICKETS

Host managers will arrange for student chaperons from visiting schools to enter free of charge.

ADVANCE PURCHASE BY SCHOOLS OF TICKETS FOR DISTRICTS AND REGIONALS

Schools are urged to contact District or Regional Tournament Managers in advance if

they plan to bring groups of students or adults to tournament games. Usually tickets for such spectators should be purchased in advance to assure seating accommodations.

BANDS & HALFTIME PERFORMANCES

By action of the Representative Council, bands or musical instruments are not to be allowed at District, Regional or Quarterfinal Tournament sites. This regulation was adopted to conserve space, lessen expense to schools and to avoid unnecessary confusion. **By action of the Representative Council in May, 1998, pep bands are allowed to perform before the game and during timeouts and breaks during the Semifinals and Finals only of the MHSAA Boys Basketball Tournament.**

Also by Council action, half time performances shall not be permitted. This would apply to such activities as demonstrations for dance, trampoline and any other similar performances.

LOTTERIES AT TOURNAMENTS

Schools should not conduct lotteries or drawings for distributing money or merchandise either before, during or after any tournament basketball contests. Non-players are not to shoot baskets at half time. The distribution of miniature balls is prohibited. The sale of merchandise such as t-shirts, hats, belts, etc. is not permitted at MHSAA sponsored events, except selected early rounds and at the Final Tournament when coordinated with the MHSAA staff.

Concession stands, whether operated by school or non-school groups, must confine sales to non-alcoholic beverages and edible items. Sale of non-edible products other than school spirit items (such as pom poms) is prohibited at MHSAA tournament sites without the approval of MHSAA staff.

VIDEOTAPING OR FILMING AT MHSAA SPONSORED MEETS AND TOURNAMENTS

The Representative Council at its May, 1996, meeting voted to eliminate *MHSAA Handbook* Regulation II, Section 14(A), that prohibits schools from videotaping or filming contests in which they are not participating without permission of competing teams.

Previous Council action in 1995 had eliminated the regulation for football only, but in 1996, the regulation was eliminated in all sports. Leagues and conferences may continue to enforce third party (scouting) limitations for league games and league teams, however, non-conference opponents will not be subject to such prohibitions and will be allowed to videotape events without advance permission. It is to be understood that videotape scouting does not include press box or preferred seating status without prior consent of the host school.

Media Taping/Filming - The filming/taping of MHSAA events must be cleared through the Michigan High School Athletic Association. Members of the media may, without paying a fee, arrange with the local tournament manager to take clips of MHSAA events for public showing. Under no conditions may an MHSAA event be filmed or taped for showing in its entirety without advance clearance through the MHSAA.

Spectator Videotaping/Filming - Spectators must receive permission from the tournament manager for any live action taken of athletic events other than snapshots. If permission is granted for spectators to film the entire event or take clips, it is to be with the understanding the tape/film may not be sold, leased, borrowed, rented for commercial purposes or shown on cable television. The tournament manager should not permit spectators to interfere with the view of other spectators or news media personnel covering the activity; is not required to provide electrical hook-ups; or tripod space; may require spectator videotaping from a designated location(s); and if there is any question as to the purposes of filming or taping, the request should be denied by the local tournament management.

Live Television/Radio/Internet Coverage - No radio, television or Internet origination is permitted at any site until application has been made through the MHSAA, fee paid and authorization given by the MHSAA through the Tournament Manager.

Broadcasts - Arrangements for delayed broadcasts must be made through the MHSAA office. A fee is required for each

boys basketball game at each site. MHSAA Finals in all sports are not available on a delayed video basis.

2007 FINAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Location of Games

Quarterfinal Games in the Final Tournament will be played Tuesday, March 20 at 16 locations selected by the Basketball Tournament Committee. Locations of games are published in this issue of the *Bulletin*.

SEMIFINAL GAMES will be played Thursday, March 22 and Friday, March 23 at the Jack Breslin Student Event Center at Michigan State University in East Lansing.

SESSION 1 - Two Class C games

(1 and 2:50 p.m.) Thursday

SESSION 2 - Two Class D games

(6 and 7:50 p.m.) Thursday

SESSION 3 - Two Class A games

(1 and 2:50 p.m.) Friday

SESSION 4 - Two Class B games

(6 and 7:50 p.m.) Friday

Each of the sessions will require separate admission tickets.

Final (Championship) Games in all classes (A-B-C-D) will be played at the Jack Breslin Student Event Center on Saturday, March 24. There will be separate morning, afternoon and evening sessions as follows:

Saturday Morning - 10 a.m. - Classes D/C

Saturday Afternoon - 4 p.m. - Class A

Saturday Evening - 8 p.m. - Class B

TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT

General management of the Final Tournament will be under the direction of NATE HAMPTON, Assistant Director, MHSAA. Final Tournament Headquarters will be established at the Jack Breslin Student Event Center at Michigan State University for the four Final games.

ADMISSION PRICES

The following admission prices for the 2007 Final Basketball Tournament games were adopted by the Representative Council:

Quarterfinal Games (March 20) - General admission, \$5. Semifinal Games (March 22 and 23) - Reserved seats only, \$7 (parking not included). Championship Games - (March 24) - Reserved seats are \$8 (parking

not included). There will be approximately 15,000 reserved seats. No general admission tickets will be available for the Semifinal or Final sessions.

NOTICE: *MHSAA ticket prices are \$7 for each Semifinal session (two games) and \$8 for each Final session (one session has two games; two sessions are one game). The Jack Breslin Student Events Center will assess a \$3 "processing fee" on all telephone and mail orders (one handling charge for the entire order). Internet orders will be possible, with applicable charges.*

**TICKET DISTRIBUTION FOR
QUARTERFINAL GAMES
MARCH 20**

All Quarterfinal tickets will be sold at the site of the host facility. Competing teams will have access to approximately half the house for its game. Tickets remaining after the advance sale to competing schools will be sold to the public by the host facility manager.

**DISTRIBUTION OF SEMIFINAL
RESERVED SEAT TICKETS FOR
MARCH 22-23**

Competing schools in all classes will be able to purchase 1,200 tickets for advance sale of Semifinal tickets for the session in which their teams are competing, plus a prorated portion of the allotment as requested by other schools participating in the session. Approved basketball officials and schools of all classes throughout the state may order in advance (not later than Feb. 9), reserved seat tickets at \$7 (plus the Jack Breslin processing fee) in accordance with the quota established for the purchase of reserved seat tickets for Semifinal games to the limit of the supply available.

If there are reserved seat tickets remaining after the above advance sale to officials and schools both general and competing, those tickets will be placed on sale at MSU on Thursday, March 1. ■

**UPDATE ON MHSAA
STUDENT LEADERSHIP FUND**

In 2004, the assets of the former W.B.A. Ruster Foundation were gifted to the MHSAA. These dollars were used to implement an MHSAA Student Leadership Services designated fund, with the interest used to support student leadership mini-grants in Michigan.

Over the past three years, the Ruster Advisory Board has approved student leadership mini-grants totaling nearly \$10,000 for Michigan's students and schools. Many leagues and conferences have utilized grant dollars to hold league-wide leadership conferences, while schools and school districts have used the funds to hold local leadership workshops and provide other programming.

At its December 2006 meeting, the board also made additional dollars available for the following purposes:

- To increase the amount of each mini-grant awarded to schools in the future.
- To subsidize costs, specifically the training costs, of schools that wish to implement the award-winning ATLAS & ATHENA steroid and drug prevention program in its athletic department. In 2006, the MHSAA worked with the creators of ATLAS & ATHENA to select four pilot program schools in Michigan. Each school received the training and programming at no cost. The program is now being promoted statewide through a series of video presentations subsidized by MHSAA Student Leadership Services funds.
- To fund projects created by the MHSAA's new Student Advisory Council (if the corporate sponsor does not cover the costs).

For questions regarding the student leadership mini-grant program, please contact Andy Frushour at the MHSAA office or look at the student leadership grant page of the MHSAA Web site.

2007 BOYS BASKETBALL REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

March 13-17

(For District Assignments, consult mhsaa.com)

No.	Class	Host School	City	Manager
1	A	Jenison HS	Jenison	Leroy Hackley
2	A	Eastern HS	Lansing	Mario Villarreal
3	A	Lincoln HS	Ypsilanti	Sid Wright
4	A	Cass Technical HS	Detroit	Robert Shannon
5	A	Southfield-Lathrup HS	Lathrup Village	Bruce Lenington
6	A	Troy HS	Troy	Jim Johnson
7	A	Grand Blanc HS	Grand Blanc	Andy Piazza
8	A	Dow HS	Midland	Dan McShannock
9	B	Vicksburg HS	Vicksburg	Michael Roy
10	B	Milan HS	Milan	Chris Gill
11	B	Warren Woods-Tower HS	Warren	Jan Sander
12	B	Imlay City HS	Imlay City	Steve Plunkitt
13	B	DeWitt HS	DeWitt	Teri Reyburn
14	B	Caledonia HS	Caledonia	Scott Weis
15	B	Coopersville HS	Coopersville	Steve Bennink
16	B	Petoskey HS	Petoskey	Gary Hice
17	C	Centreville HS	Centreville	Craig Brueck
18	C	Michigan Center HS	Michigan Center	Greg Pscodna
19	C	Clawson HS	Clawson	Bob Herm
20	C	Sandusky HS	Sandusky	Alan De Mott
21	C	Laingsburg HS	Laingsburg	Larry Kelley
22	C	Morley Stanwood HS	Morley	Clark Huntley
23	C	Gaylord HS	Gaylord	Steve Baker
24	C	Escanaba HS	Escanaba	Dave Ballard
25	D	Watervliet HS	Watervliet	Ken Dietz
26	D	Hillsdale Academy	Hillsdale	Mike Roberts
27	D	Our Lady of the Lakes HS	Waterford	Michael Boyd
28	D	Heritage HS	Saginaw	Peter Ryan
29	D	Cadillac HS	Cadillac	John Horrigan
30	D	Traverse City Central HS	Traverse City	Ian Hearn
31	D	LaSalle HS	St. Ignace	Marty Spencer
32	D	Michigan Technological U.	Houghton	Dave Nordstrom

2007 BOYS BASKETBALL QUARTERFINAL TOURNAMENTS

March 20

No.	Class	Host School	City	Manager
1	A	Eastern HS	Lansing	Mario Villarreal
2	A	University of Detroit Mercy	Detroit	Glenn Knott
3	A	University of Detroit Mercy	Detroit	Glenn Knott
4	A	Saginaw Valley State University	University Center	Joe Vogl
5	B	Hope College - DeVos Fieldhouse	Holland	Anne Bakker
6	B	Ferndale HS	Ferndale	Shaun Butler
7	B	Frankenmuth HS	Frankenmuth	Tim Croel
8	B	Houghton Lake HS	Houghton Lake	Sue Milner
9	C	Central HS	Battle Creek	Fred Jones
10	C	Anchor Bay HS	Fair Haven	Dave Boeskool
11	C	Alma HS	Alma	Kevin Akin
12	C	Cheboygan Area HS	Cheboygan	Steve Parker
13	D	Webberville Community HS	Webberville	Bruce Mann
14	D	Southfield-Lathrup HS	Lathrup Village	Bruce Lenington
15	D	Traverse City West HS	Traverse City	Patti Tibaldi
16	D	Sault Area HS	Sault Ste Marie	Tim Hall
		OR		
17	D	Marquette HS	Marquette	Mark Mattson

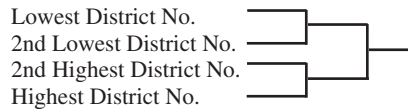
****NOTE:** If the winner from Regional 31 is from the Upper Peninsula, the game will be played at MARQUETTE HIGH SCHOOL. If the winner is from the Lower Peninsula, the Quarterfinal game will be played at SAULT AREA HIGH SCHOOL.

ASSIGNMENT OF QUALIFIERS FROM DISTRICTS TO REGIONALS

The advance master drawing for all 2007 Regional Boys Basketball Tournaments was conducted by the Lower Peninsula Committee and will apply to all 2007 Boys Regional Basketball Tournaments. No drawings will be conducted by Regional Managers.

ADVANCE MASTER REGIONAL TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS (Winners from District Tournaments)

Four Teams



As a result of the above advance master drawing DISTRICT WINNERS at each Regional Tournament are paired as follows on the next page:

2007 BOYS BASKETBALL REGIONAL PAIRINGS

March 13-17

Class A

1 A Jenison

Caledonia Dist. 5
Holland Dist. 6
Muskegon Reeths-Puffer Dist. 7
Greenville Dist. 8

2 A Lansing Eastern

Portage Northern Dist. 1
Mason Dist. 2
Lansing Eastern Dist. 3
Jackson Northwest Dist. 4

3 A Ypsilanti Lincoln

Adrian Dist. 13
Wyandotte Roosevelt Dist. 14
Romulus Dist. 15
Dearborn Dist. 16

4 A Detroit Cass Technical

Detroit U-D Jesuit Dist. 17
Detroit Cass Technical Dist. 18
Detroit Central Dist. 19
Livonia Stevenson Dist. 24

5 A Southfield Lathrup

Grosse Pointe North Dist. 20
Fraser Dist. 21
Berkley Dist. 22
Utica Ford Dist. 27

6 A Troy

West Bloomfield Dist. 23
Canton Dist. 25
Troy Athens Dist. 26
Auburn Hills Avondale Dist. 29

7 A Grand Blanc

Owosso Dist. 9
New Baltimore Anchor Bay Dist. 28
Highland-Milford Dist. 30
Lake Orion Dist. 31

8 A Midland Dow

Saginaw Heritage Dist. 10
Mt. Pleasant Dist. 11
Gaylord Dist. 12
Flint Carman-Ainsworth Dist. 32

Class B

9 B Vicksburg

Berrien Springs Dist. 33
Paw Paw Dist. 34
Three Rivers Dist. 35
Hillsdale Dist. 36

10 B Milan

Brooklyn Columbia Central Dist. 37
Flat Rock Dist. 38
Dearborn Heights Robichaud Dist. 39
Dearborn Divine Child Dist. 40

11 B Warren Woods-Tower

St Clair Shores South Lake Dist. 41
Warren Woods-Tower Dist. 42
Detroit Renaissance Dist. 43
Pontiac Notre Dame Prep Dist. 44

12 B Imlay City

Durand Area Dist. 45
Goodrich Dist. 55
Armada Dist. 56
Marysville Dist. 57

13 B DeWitt

Portland Dist. 54
North Branch Dist. 58
Midland Bullock Creek Dist. 59
Bridgeport Dist. 60

14 B Caledonia

Charlotte Dist. 46
Hastings Dist. 47
Wayland Union Dist. 49
Zeeland West Dist. 50

15 B Coopersville

East Grand Rapids Dist. 48
Muskegon Orchard View Dist. 51
Grant Dist. 52
Stanton Central Montcalm Dist. 53

16 B Petoskey

Ludington Dist. 61
Standish-Sterling Dist. 62
Roscommon Dist. 63
Gladstone Dist. 64

2007 BOYS BASKETBALL REGIONAL PAIRINGS
March 13-17

Class C

17 C Centreville C

Watervliet Dist. 65
Constantine Dist. 66
Lawton Dist. 73
Bangor Dist. 74

18 C Michigan Center

Union City Dist. 67
Clinton Dist. 68
Adrian Madison Dist. 69
Concord Dist. 72

19 C Clawson

Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard Dist. 70
Allen Park Cabrini Dist. 71
Madison Heights Bishop Foley Dist. 77
Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest Dist. 78

20 C Sandusky

Memphis Dist. 79
Saginaw Valley Lutheran Dist. 87
Brown City Dist. 88
Reese Dist. 89

21 C Laingsburg

Springport Dist. 76
Byron Area Dist. 80
Saranac Dist. 81
Breckenridge Dist. 86

22 C Morley-Stanwood

Grandville Calvin Christian Dist. 75
Kent City Dist. 82
Morley-Stanwood Dist. 83
Farwell Dist. 85

23 C Gaylord

Leroy Pine River Area Dist. 84
Lincoln Alcona Dist. 90
Mancelona Dist. 91
Kalkaska Dist. 92

24 C Escanaba

Newberry Dist. 93
Ishpeming Westwood Dist. 94
Ironwood Dist. 95
Iron River West Iron County Dist. 96

Class D

25 D Watervliet

Lawrence Dist. 97
Martin Dist. 98
Burr Oak Dist. 99
Holland Calvary Dist. 108

26 D Hillsdale Academy

Jackson Christian School Dist. 100
Saline Washtenaw Christian Acad. Dist. 101
Redford Covenant Dist. 106
Webberville Community Dist. 107

27 D Waterford-Our Lady of the Lakes

Allen Park Inter-City Baptist Dist. 102
Marine City Cardinal Mooney Dist. 103
Sterling Heights Parkway Christian Dist. 104
Novi Franklin Road Christian Dist. 105

28 D Saginaw Heritage

Flint Michigan School for the Deaf Dist. 110
Burton Genesee Christian Dist. 111
Kingston Dist. 112
Caseville Dist. 113

29 D Cadillac

Walkerville Dist. 109
Bay City All Saints Central Dist. 114
Marion Dist. 115
Bear Lake Dist. 116

30 D Traverse City Central

Leland Dist. 117
Central Lake Dist. 118
Gaylord St. Mary Cathedral Dist. 119
Fairview Dist. 120

31 D St. Ignace

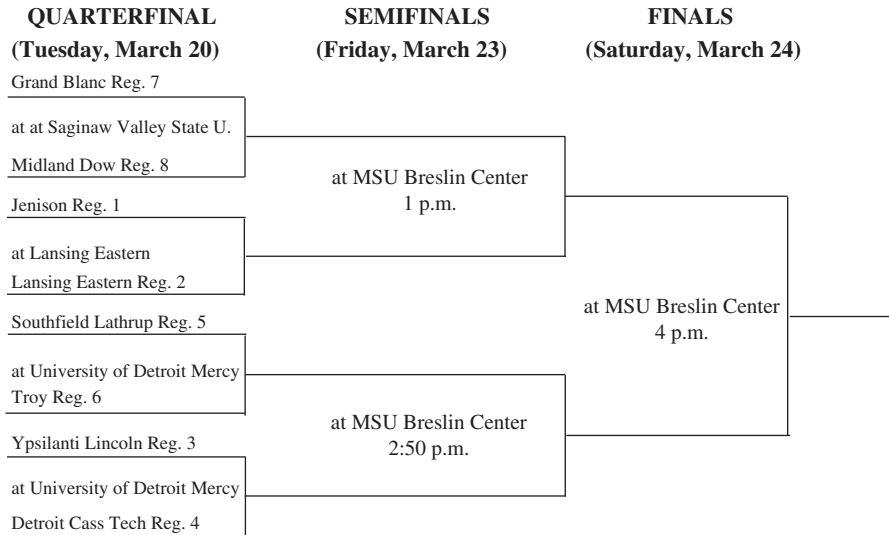
Johannesburg-Lewiston Dist. 121
Pellston Dist. 122
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Engadine Dist. 124

32 D Houghton-Michigan Technological U.

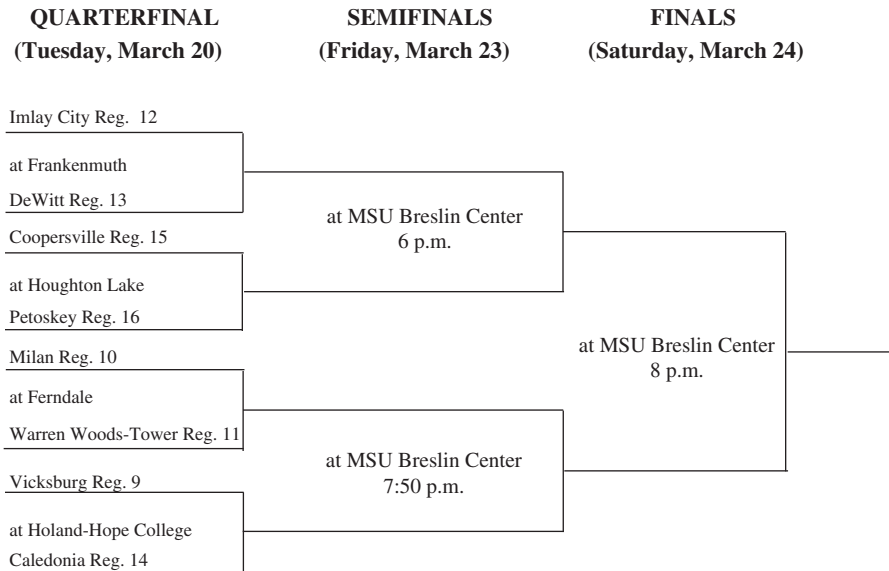
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Bessemer Dist. 127
Lake Linden-Hubbell Dist. 128

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CLASS A

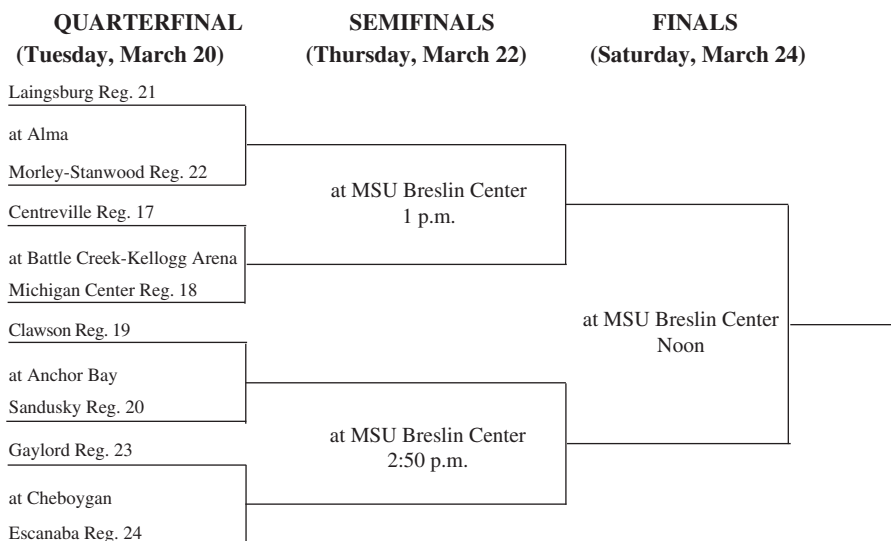


CLASS B



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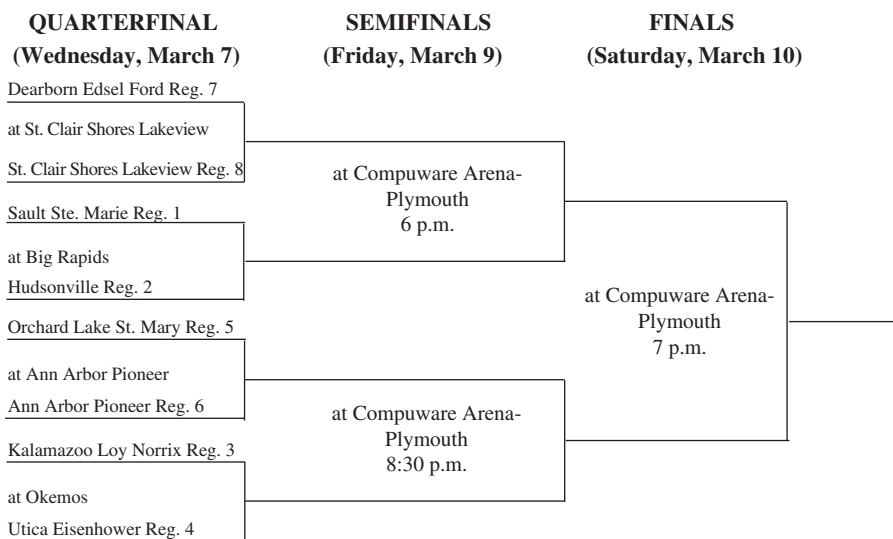
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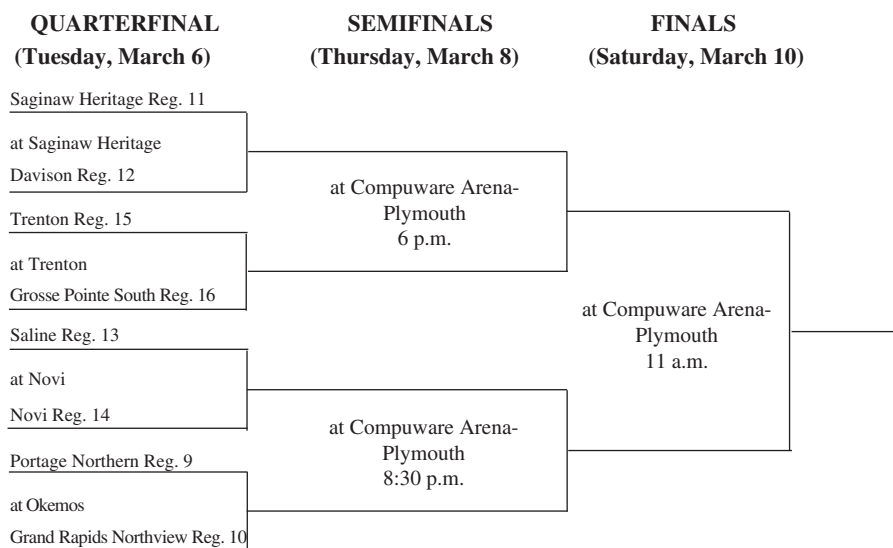
** If winner of Reg. 31 is from the UP, QF will be at Marquette;
 If winner of Reg. 31 is from the LP; QF will be at Sault Ste. Marie*

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DIVISION 1

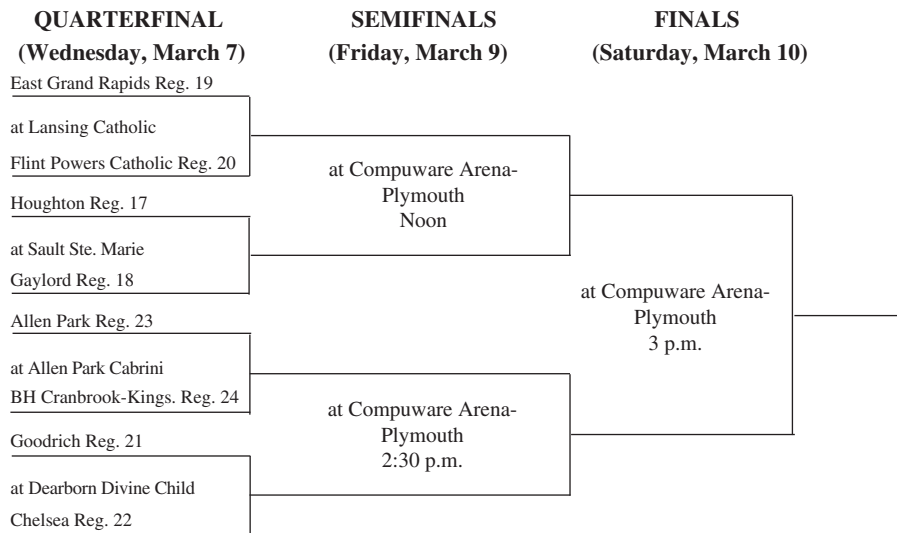


DIVISION 2



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DIVISION 3



ANALYSIS OF MHSAA MEMBERSHIP

January 1, 2007

764 Total High Schools

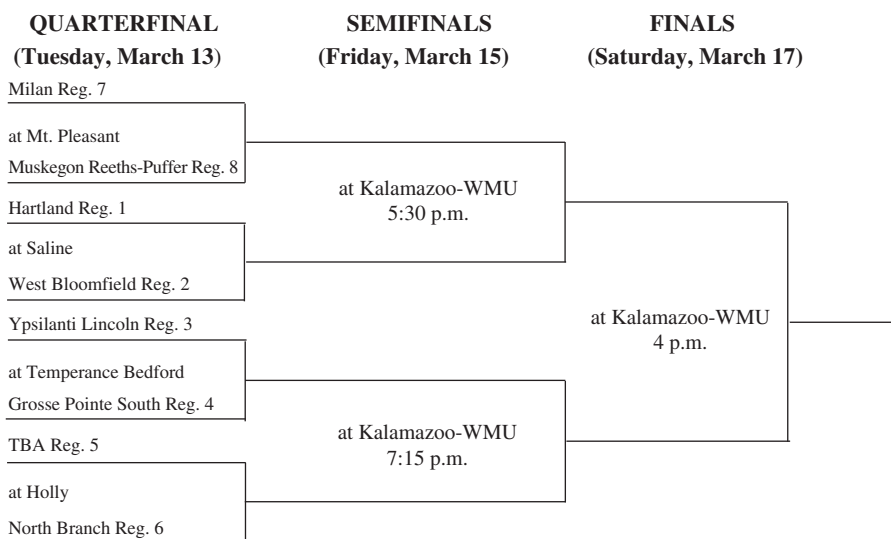
- 649 (85%) Total Public Schools
 - 49 (6%) Charter (Public School Academies)
 - 600 (79%) Traditional Schools
- 115 (15%) Total Nonpublic Schools
 - 104 (14%) Religious
 - 11 (1%) Non-Secular

812 Total Junior High/Middle Schools

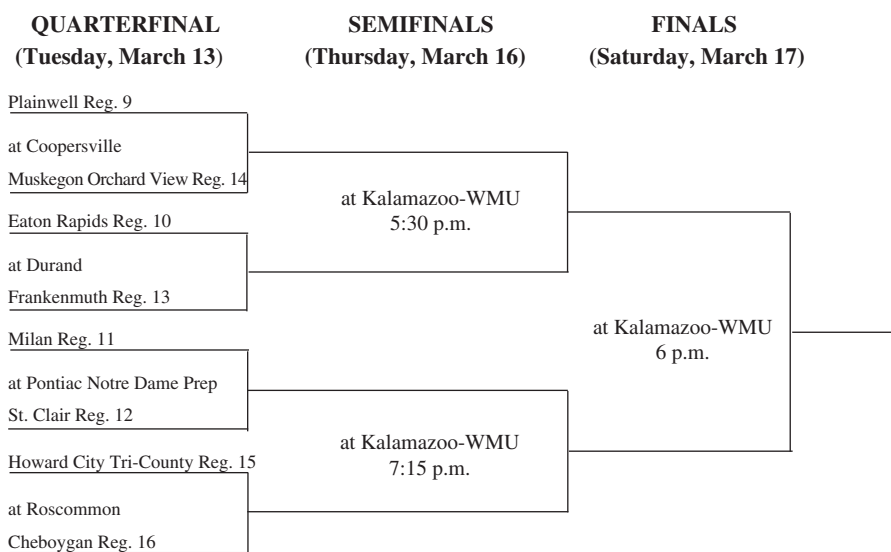
- 744 (92%) Total Public Schools
 - 33 (4%) Charter (Public School Academies)
 - 711 (88%) Traditional Schools
- 68 (8%) Total Nonpublic Schools
 - 62 (8%) Religious
 - 6 (1%) Non-Secular

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CLASS A

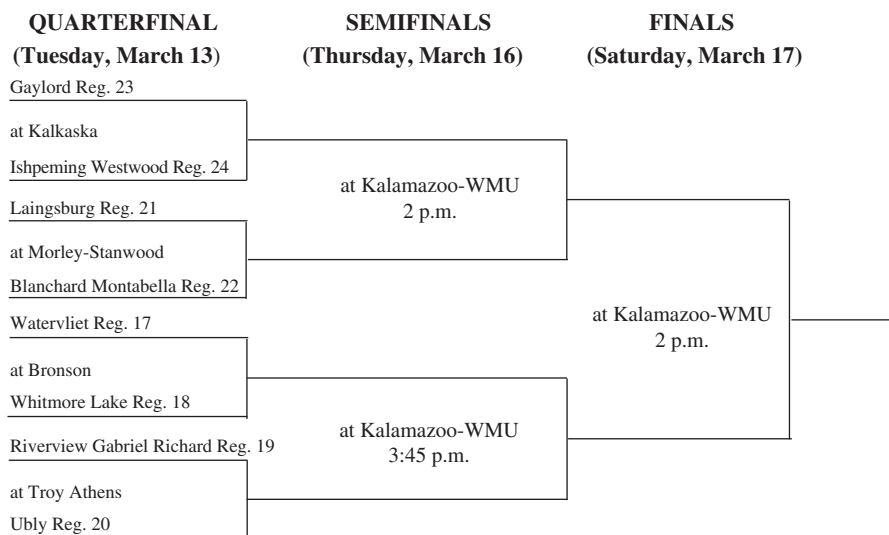


CLASS B

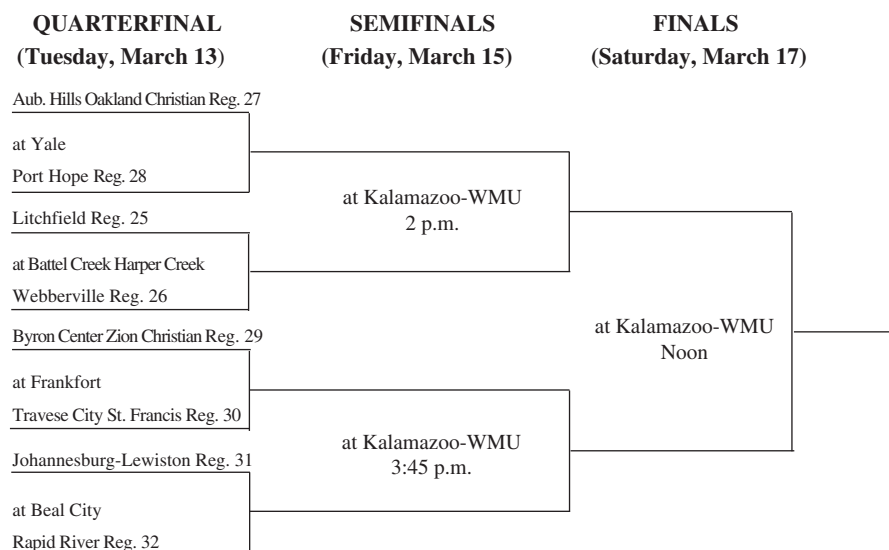


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CLASS C



CLASS D



MHSAA VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, December 5, 2006

Members Present:

Tim Bearden, Grosse Pointe
Valerie Blanchette, Auburn Hills
Laura Cleveland, Chelsea
Kayleen Cook, Lansing
Catherine Cost, Troy
Tim Croel, Frankenmuth
Angie DelMarone, Flint
Curt Ellis, Novi (MIAAA)
Kathi Frank, Onsted
Kim Hagan, Okemos
Blake Hagman, Kalamazoo (Advisory)
Linda Hoover, Marshall
Paul Hornak, Ithaca
Cody Inglis, Suttons Bay
Renee Kent, Big Rapids

Jean LaClair, Bronson (President-MIVCA)
Heather McNitt, Hartford
Cheri Meier, Ionia
Brian Sarvello, Ishpeming (MASSP)
Meg Seng, Ann Arbor
Patti Tibaldi, Traverse City
James Walls, Detroit
Sheri Warner, New Lothrop

Members Absent:

Vicky Groat, Battle Creek
Roxane Steenhuysen, Kentwood

Staff Members Present:

Gina Mazzolini (Recorder)

The MHSAA Volleyball Committee met on Dec. 5, 2006 at the MHSAA office. After a brief welcome and introductions, the committee was reminded of its responsibility and the process for rule change.

CALENDAR CONCERNS

John E. (Jack) Roberts, Executive Director at the MHSAA, discussed calendar concerns, length of seasons and starting/ending dates of the school year. Committee members were given the opportunity to comment and complete a survey on the presented items.

PROPOSALS FROM MIVCA

1. Strongly recommend that all 6-team Districts follow the allowance for a 2-day District Tournament.
2. Allow the head coach to stand during play.

LINE JUDGES

The committee recommends that each school pursue student service groups or other individuals (not players) to call lines during the regular season. In postseason, the recommendation is to use registered officials (and increase their pay) or other adults or students not involved with the school volleyball program. The key issue is to use experienced and trained individuals.

JH/MS NET HEIGHT

The committee voted to eliminate the interpretation on page 86 of the *MHSAA Handbook* under Regulation IV, Section 10, 10. This would keep the net height the same

for all levels unless both schools mutually agree to a lower net.

HOST AVAILABILITY FORM

The committee recommended adding:

- (1) Do you plan to have a two-day District if there are six or more teams?
- (2) Do you plan to have a day between the preliminary matches and the Semifinal/Final matches?

DISCUSSION ITEMS - NO ACTION

1. Allowing athletes to wear bobby pins.
2. Four equal divisions.
3. Allowing all Districts, regardless of number of teams, to use multiple days.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Allow the head coach to stand during play (11-10). After the motion passed, parameters were determined: Allow the head coach to stand during play in the area in front of the team bench and within the replacement zone (attack line to the endline). While the ball is dead, a coach may advance toward the sideline of the court, but on the beckon for serve, the coach must be six feet from the court sideline.
2. Increase the pay of line judges (21-0).
3. Remove from Regulation IV, Section 10 (D)10 any reference to junior high/middle school net heights (but continue to allow lower nets by mutual consent of competing teams) (20-0). ■

MHSAA BASKETBALL COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, December 7, 2006

Members Present:

Keisha Brown, Mt Pleasant
Kevin Cross, Suttons Bay
Dave Duncan, Cedarville
Mark Farrell, Lake Odessa
Frelen Gowan, Three Rivers
Tom Hursey, Midland (BCAM)
Maureen Klocke, Yale
Chris Miller, Gobles
Steve Newkirk, Clare (MASSP)
Bill Norton, Beverly Hills
Beth Perez, Lansing
Nancy Poole, Allen Park
Jerry Racine, Ishpeming
Joe Reddinger, Felch
Cheri Smith, Adrian
Marshall Thomas, Saginaw

Arnetta Thompson, Grand Rapids
John Verdura, Detroit
Mike Vondette, Hemlock

Guest:

Tim Genson, Scottville

Members Absent:

Kathy McGee, Flint
Marc Throop, Richland (MIAAA)
Gerald Wetherspoon, Detroit

Staff Members Present:

Nate Hampton (Recorder)
Tom Minter
Tom Rashid
Mark Uyl

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

CURRENT STATE OF THE GAME

The state of basketball in Michigan is strong. Some 721 girls teams and 743 boys teams, providing for 45,030 high school students are participating in the sport with 4,892 registered officials. Basic to our governance is the educational value associated with student participation. BCAM's assistance with official/coach communication and sportsmanship issues has made positive growth in these areas of concern. Coaches are working hard for quality educational experiences. Officials are working hard with rules knowledge and preparation to be the desired arbitrators of the game. Notwithstanding the outside influences of youth groups/their agents, sport apparel companies and the new wave of parental involvement and pressures, the game is good and in good educational hands with quality administrators, coaches, and officials.

CALENDAR CONCERNS

Associate Director Tom Rashid shared with the committee discussions that are being conducted statewide on the starting dates for MHSAA fall sports, number of allowed con-

tests, length of fall, winter and spring sport seasons and the potential for allowing junior high/middle school teams to start practice after school has started in the fall.

RULES MEETINGS

The committee reviewed the rules meeting attendance requirement for head coaches and officials, the rules meeting format, and tentatively scheduled rules meeting sites for the 2007-08 school year.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The committee reviewed and discussed the tournament format and essential dates for next year's girls and boys tournaments and contingency plans due to seasons change litigation. Discussions included the move of the girls tournament to the Convocation Center at Eastern Michigan University in 2007-08.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

The committee's discussions also included the 2006 Basketball Committee minutes and the disposition of that committee's recommendations to MHSAA staff and the Representative Council, BCAM/BOCCC continued growth in cordial communication with coaches and officials, selection and replacement of tournament officials, out-of-season issues and new rules that will become effective starting when school is out for the

summer 2007 (summer dead period, pre-season downtime and sport curriculum courses), the allowed 14-foot coaching box and bench decorum, the Rawlings COMPMICH ball that is used for both boys and girls Semifinals and Finals Tournaments, opt-out due date procedure, and general admission house for girls basketball Semifinals and Finals.

SPECIFIC DISCUSSIONS

- Discussion also included on-line officials ratings and due dates, impact of 3-person crews and Approved Association requirements as well as approaches for assignment of officials including replacement of tournament officials (Mark Uyl).
 - Proposed sportsmanship rating of schools by officials for each game worked (Mark Uyl).
 - Continue to inform member schools and officials that the only allowed coaching box is the 14-foot box and that the box must be properly marked for both teams.
 - During the MHSAA tournament competing school travel reimbursement at the Final level has been doubled with yearly reviews occurring based on gas prices and other factors.
 - Sites other than the originally selected by committee will be used in one of two scenarios at the discretion of the staff member in charge of the sport:
 - (1) A team may not play a Quarterfinal game on its own home floor.
 - (2) Two teams that are slated to play each other have inordinate travel to a Regional Final or Quarterfinal site. In some instances, an appropriate alternate site may not be found and the original site will be used. This policy does not supersede previously existing arrangements designed to reduce travel in specific Districts and Regionals.
 - Housing for Semifinalist and Finalist teams. Based on effort by staff and commitments made to local hotel properties and the growing number of competing teams choosing not to stay in MHSAA designated properties, the committee suggests that MHSAA staff consider not reimbursing the housing portion when competing teams choose to stay at properties other than MHSAA designated.
- Allowing officials to wear grey pin-striped shirts during the regular season and MHSAA tournaments as an option to the traditional black and white stripes (no consent - no change requested).
 - Requiring mouth protection during competition (no consent-no change requested).

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Varsity games played in halves rather than the traditional four periods. The committee reviewed a Minnesota model for playing games in 18-minute halves. The committee showed interest in several points made in the Minnesota model where it is stated that more athletes played in competitions and that there was an easier flow to the game without the period breaks. The committee would like to request the Representative Council to allow a segment of member schools (interested league or conference) to experiment at least a portion, if not the complete regular season with games played in halves (18-0).
2. Expand the current basketball regular season to include the option of a non-counted tournament (not more than two games). This option will allow member schools the opportunity to participate in an additional tournament series during the regular season. For boys, a holiday tournament experience and season-ending league crossovers and league standings tournament; for girls the option of a preseason tournament and season-ending league or crossover competition. Note: BCAM will survey its membership to determine coaches interest (12-5).
3. Mr. Tim Genson, Athletic Director, Scottville-Mason County Central High School, with BCAM support, presented to the committee rationale for change in basketball classifications from four classes to at minimum six equal divisions. General and specific rationales include:
 - (1) Equity in opportunity for schools to

- advance in the tournament based on enrollment.
- (2) Additions to MHSAA membership of increasing numbers of schools with 100 students or less has caused traditional B, C and D schools to move up in classification.
 - (3) Of the 100 plus respondents to the original BCAM survey, 90 percent of those responding indicated a desire for change.
 - (4) BCAM board of directors endorses classification change.
 - (5) Twenty-three state associations have four or fewer classes in basketball. Michigan is the fourth-largest state (member schools) to have at least four divisions. Establish a study group to (1) test the interest of increasing the number of classifications in basketball; (2) should a consensus determine that more classifications are desirable, formulate a recommendation for a specific number of classes/divisions as well as tournament format.
- (16-0). ■

SIX CONFERENCES TAKE PART IN CAPTAINS CLINICS

To provide sophomore and junior grade level student-athletes the tools to become better equipped team captains, the Michigan High School Athletic Association will again provide a series of student leadership workshops for entire leagues and conferences during the month of February.

This is the second year that the Association, working with the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, and the Youth Sports Institute at Michigan State University, will provide multiple clinics. Last year, Captains Clinics were conducted for the Capital Area Activities Conference in mid-Michigan and the O-K Conference on the West side of the state. The first such conference took place during 2004-05 with schools from the Wolverine Conference.

Captains Clinics will be conducted this year for six conferences according to the following schedule:

- Macomb Area Conference schools at the Macomb Intermediate School District building, Feb. 5
- Kensington Valley Conference schools at Novi High School, Feb. 8
- Detroit Catholic High School League schools at the Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, Feb. 13
- Jack Pine Conference schools at Houghton Lake High School, Feb. 15
- Southwestern Athletic Conference schools at Watervliet High School, Feb. 22
- Cascade Conference schools at the Davis Convention Center in Jackson, Feb. 28

Keynote speakers will vary by location, and will include Flint Powers Catholic High School girls basketball coach Kathy McGee, and MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts. Students will then be grouped by their sport to share ideas in a roundtable format, and will also take part in a number of breakout sessions during the day to help become better prepared to lead their teams. Upwards of 1,000 students from over 90 schools are expected to attend this year's Captain's Clinic series.

Breakout session titles include: Sports nutrition; leadership tactics and tools; team building; conflict resolution; stress management; communication strategies; sports psychology; effective time management; celebrating competition and rivalries; character; coach-player liaison lessons; and being a positive peer role model.

Activity begins at each Captain's Clinic at 8:45 a.m., and each workshop will conclude by 1:15 p.m. Each school may bring up to 10 representatives including an administrator, with total registration at each site limited by facility size. Registration is \$20 per person and the fee includes lunch and all materials.

A registration form can be found on the Student Leadership page of the MHSAA Web site. The registration deadline is Jan. 26. For more information, contact Andi Osters at the MHSAA office at 517.332.5046. ■

JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, January 9, 2007

Members Present:

Steve Bennick, Coopersville
Bob Bullock, Okemos
Sam Davis, Lansing
Don Dunham, Clinton
Keith Eldred, Williamston
Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan
Al Gulick, Warren
Don Gustafson, St. Ignace
Thomas Mecsey, Bloomfield Hills (MIAAA)

Bill Taylor, South Haven
Tim Syrek, Otsego

Members Absent:

Amy Lantig, Durand
William Grusecki, Tawas City (MASSP)
Dave Armstrong, Watervliet

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 member schools.

CALENDAR ISSUES

Executive Director Jack Roberts reviewed with the committee what effects, if any, the state mandated post-Labor Day start of academic classes has had on the junior high/middle school calendar for sports seasons. Concern was expressed that schools may lose practice time with a later start and participation levels could suffer when practice begins before classes start. Some leagues and conferences have moved their first day of practice after Labor Day to coincide with the later class start and still conduct four seasons with shorter breaks and less time off between seasons. The committee agreed there was no need at present to adjust the current MHSAA fall sports season start date. Roberts also updated the committee on the status of the MHSAA seasons litigation.

HANDBOOK REGULATIONS

The committee reviewed the process for member schools requesting eligibility for 6th grade students for grade 7-8 teams in certain sports that was added to the *Handbook* in 2006-07. It was recommended that the language should specify that such participation will not be allowed by the Executive Committee in football, wrestling and hockey.

The MHSAA Volleyball Committee proposed recommendation to remove language regarding net heights for boys & girls volleyball was shared with the committee. It was suggested that the proposed change be clarified in the *Handbook* as it relates to restrictions on boys participating on girls teams.

Penalties for violation of the All-Star rule were reviewed. It was agreed the existing penalty of up to one calendar year of ineligibility carries forward to grade 9 for students in grade 8. It was suggested that consideration be given to clarify the penalty language as it relates to the word maximum.

Regulations regarding restrictions on competition between junior high/middle school teams and 9-12 teams was reviewed. It was suggested that the language in Interpretation 157 be added to Regulation III. It was also suggested that the restriction in Regulation IV, Section 6 regarding competition with schools in border states and the requirement for such schools to be members in good standing with their state association be reviewed.

The committee discussed the current MHSAA position on state junior high/middle school championships as stated in Interpretation 251. A motion was made to strengthen the restriction from "does not approve" to "may not participate."

The limits of competition for junior high/middle school lacrosse as developed by the MHSAA Lacrosse Committee were reviewed. A motion was made to support the

13 week season with a maximum of 12 games as presented.

Existing MHSAA requirements for all playing rules deviations at the junior high/middle school level to be made in writing to the MHSAA as stated in Interpretation 184 was discussed. The committee supports the requirement and suggested it should be emphasized at upcoming MIAAA Conference workshops.

MIAAA COMMITTEE REPORT

Tom Mecsey reported on the MIAAA committee plans for the coming year and workshops scheduled for the 2007 Annual Conference in Traverse City, including a successful MIAAA/MHSAA Junior High/Middle School Sportsmanship Summit conducted in the fall of 2006. A priority for the committee is to increase membership in the MIAAA and involvement in LTC courses.

GENERAL TOPICS

The committee suggested that softball/baseball season limits be reviewed; a model be developed for local school and con-

ference sportsmanship summits; more tools for schools in improving adult spectator sportsmanship; information regarding the potential hazards of non-school sports and specialization be provided schools.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Provide explicit prohibition on football, hockey and wrestling in Regulation III, Section 1, Interpretation 242 that describes the waiver process for requesting 6th grade participation (11-0).
2. Revise Regulation IV, Section 5, Interpretation 251 to read: "Member school teams and individuals may not participate in any event that is or purports to be a state junior high/middle school championship" (11-0).
3. Approve the MHSAA Lacrosse Committee recommendation to include in Regulation IV, Section 10 a 13-week Junior High/Middle school season with a 12-game limit including two multi-team tournaments for implementation in 2008-09 (11-0). ■

ATHLETIC SUPPLIES ORDER BLANK

The MHSAA **no longer automatically mails the forms listed below.** Each school is now responsible to use this form to order supplies as needed. This form will appear in the September/October, February and May issues of the *MHSAA BULLETIN*.

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2006 UPDATE MEETING SURVEY RESULTS

All Meetings

1. **Should the MHSAA continue its policy of allowing only faculty members, administrators or board of education members of MHSAA member schools to serve on MHSAA committees?**

Yes 753 (93.3%)

61	Superintendents (8.1%)	200	Class A (26.9%)
229	Principals (30.5%)	243	Class B (32.7%)
419	Athletic Directors (55.7%)	178	Class C (24.0%)
7	Coaches (0.9%)	103	Class D (13.9%)
3	Board Members (0.4%)	13	Jr High/Middle (1.7%)
33	Other (4.4%)		

No 54 (6.7%)

3	Superintendents (5.6%)	20	Class A (2.7%)
11	Principals (20.4%)	11	Class B (1.5%)
35	Athletic Directors (64.7%)	14	Class C (1.9%)
1	Coaches (1.9%)	8	Class D (1.1%)
2	Board Members (3.7%)	1	Jr High/Middle (0.1%)
2	Other (3.7%)		

2. **Do you believe that MHSAA registered officials who are not faculty members, administrators or board of education members of MHSAA member schools should be permitted to serve on MHSAA tournament officials assignment committees?**

Yes 500 (62.3%)

39	Superintendents (7.8%)	130	Class A (26.5%)
137	Principals (27.5%)	165	Class B (33.7%)
293	Athletic Directors (58.7%)	113	Class C (23.1%)
6	Coaches (1.2%)	67	Class D (13.7%)
4	Board Members (0.8%)	10	Jr High/Middle (2.0%)
20	Other (4.0%)		

No 303 (37.7%)

27	Superintendents (8.9%)	89	Class A (18.2%)
99	Principals (32.7%)	88	Class B (18.0%)
160	Athletic Directors (52.8%)	78	Class C (15.9%)
2	Coaches (0.7%)	43	Class D (8.8%)
1	Board Members (0.3%)	4	Jr High/Middle (0.8%)
14	Other (4.6%)		

3. **Do you see value in having officials submit online sportsmanship ratings for both the host school (sportsmanship of coaches, student-athletes, spectators and quality of home management) and the visiting school (sportsmanship of coaches, student-athletes and spectators) in which schools would be given a school sportsmanship rating, much like officials are given ratings at the end of the season?**

Yes 642 (80.0%)

56	Superintendents (8.7%)	169	Class A (26.7%)
203	Principals (31.7%)	203	Class B (32.1%)
343	Athletic Directors (53.5%)	161	Class C (25.4%)
6	Coaches (0.9%)	84	Class D (13.3%)
4	Board Members (0.6%)	12	Jr High/Middle (1.9%)
29	Other (4.5%)		

No 160 (20.0%)

10	Superintendents (6.3%)	52	Class A (8.2%)
35	Principals (21.9%)	47	Class B (7.4%)
106	Athletic Directors (67.1%)	29	Class C (4.6%)
2	Coaches (1.3%)	27	Class D (4.3%)
1	Board Members (0.6%)	2	Jr High/Middle (0.3%)
6	Other (3.8%)		

4. Does your school currently pay mileage (in addition to the game fee) to officials for regular-season competition?

Yes 155 (19.7%)

14	Superintendents (9.0%)	14	Class A (9.1%)
47	Principals (30.3%)	55	Class B (35.7%)
86	Athletic Directors (55.5%)	55	Class C (35.7%)
3	Coaches (1.9%)	29	Class D (18.8%)
0	Board Members (0.0%)	1	Jr High/Middle (0.6%)
5	Other (3.2%)		

No 633 (80.3%)

50	Superintendents (7.9%)	202	Class A (131.2%)
176	Principals (27.8%)	196	Class B (127.3%)
367	Athletic Directors (58.1%)	130	Class C (84.4%)
5	Coaches (0.8%)	81	Class D (52.6%)
5	Board Members (0.8%)	12	Jr High/Middle (7.8%)
29	Other (4.6%)		

5. Does your school offer any instruction within the physical education program for sports officiating?

Yes 85 (10.6%)

6	Superintendents (7.1%)	49	Class A (57.6%)
28	Principals (33.3%)	23	Class B (27.1%)
44	Athletic Directors (52.4%)	8	Class C (9.4%)
1	Coaches (1.2%)	4	Class D (4.7%)
0	Board Members (0.0%)	0	Jr High/Middle (0.0%)
5	Other (6.0%)		

No 716 (89.4%)

60	Superintendents (8.4%)	168	Class A (197.6%)
206	Principals (28.8%)	231	Class B (271.8%)
409	Athletic Directors (57.0%)	182	Class C (214.1%)
7	Coaches (1.0%)	107	Class D (125.9%)
5	Board Members (0.7%)	14	Jr High/Middle (16.5%)
29	Other (4.1%)		

6. Should 11th-grade transfer students who have never played an MHSAA tournament sport in high school be immediately eligible for subvarsity competition under the transfer regulation (currently limited to 9th and 10th-graders)?

Yes 440 (54.7%)

41	Superintendents (9.3%)	122	Class A (28.2%)
135	Principals (30.8%)	132	Class B (30.5%)
238	Athletic Directors (54.2%)	104	Class C (24.0%)
5	Coaches (1.1%)	65	Class D (15.0%)
3	Board Members (0.7%)	6	Jr High/Middle (1.4%)
17	Other (3.9%)		

No 364 (45.3%)

25	Superintendents (6.9%)	98	Class A (22.6%)
101	Principals (27.7%)	120	Class B (27.7%)
214	Athletic Directors (58.9%)	87	Class C (20.1%)
3	Coaches (0.8%)	46	Class D (10.6%)
2	Board Members (0.5%)	8	Jr High/Middle (1.8%)
19	Other (5.2%)		

7. Should the students referred to in No. 6 above be eligible for regular-season competition (not MHSAA tournaments) if their school does not provide a subvarsity team in the sport?

Yes 380 (47.5%)

34	Superintendents (8.9%)	113	Class A (30.1%)
115	Principals (30.3%)	93	Class B (24.8%)
206	Athletic Directors (54.2%)	98	Class C (26.1%)
7	Coaches (1.8%)	60	Class D (16.0%)
2	Board Members (0.5%)	7	Jr High/Middle (1.9%)
16	Other (4.2%)		

No 420 (52.5%)

32	Superintendents (7.6%)	105	Class A (28.0%)
118	Principals (28.2%)	159	Class B (42.4%)
246	Athletic Directors (58.8%)	93	Class C (24.8%)
1	Coaches (0.2%)	50	Class D (13.3%)
3	Board Members (0.7%)	7	Jr High/Middle (1.9%)
19	Other (4.5%)		

8. Should varsity high school football teams be limited to a maximum of eight regular season games?

Yes 298 (38.1%)

33	Superintendents	68	Class A (23.0%)
105	Principals (35.4%)	99	Class B (33.4%)
144	Athletic Directors (48.5%)	78	Class C (26.4%)
4	Coaches (1.3%)	42	Class D (14.2%)
0	Board Members (0.0%)	8	Jr High/Middle (2.7%)
11	Other (3.7%)		

No 485 (61.9%)

31	Superintendents (6.4%)	146	Class A (49.3%)
126	Principals (26.0%)	152	Class B (51.4%)
297	Athletic Directors (61.3%)	111	Class C (37.5%)
4	Coaches (0.8%)	58	Class D (19.6%)
5	Board Members (1.0%)	6	Jr High/Middle (2.0%)
22	Other (4.5%)		

9. Should the MHSAA mandate the same seven days for the summer "dead period" for all schools?

Yes 553 (68.9%)

49	Superintendents (8.9%)	147	Class A (27.0%)
188	Principals (34.1%)	173	Class B (31.8%)
277	Athletic Directors (50.2%)	139	Class C (25.6%)
7	Coaches (1.3%)	74	Class D (13.6%)
3	Board Members (0.5%)	7	Jr High/Middle (1.3%)
28	Other (5.1%)		

No 250 (31.1%)

16	Superintendents (6.4%)	73	Class A (13.4%)
47	Principals (18.8%)	81	Class B (14.9%)
177	Athletic Directors (70.8%)	52	Class C (9.6%)
1	Coaches (0.4%)	35	Class D (6.4%)
2	Board Members (0.8%)	7	Jr High/Middle (1.3%)
7	Other (2.8%)		

10. Should the Master Eligibility List continue to require the signature of the principal and not allow the athletic director's signature as an alternative?

Yes 340 (42.1%)

36	Superintendents	77	Class A (22.9%)
99	Principals (29.1%)	113	Class B (33.6%)
184	Athletic Directors (54.1%)	90	Class C (26.8%)
4	Coaches (1.2%)	47	Class D (14.0%)
3	Board Members (0.9%)	7	Jr High/Middle (2.1%)
14	Other (4.1%)		

No 467 (57.9%)

30	Superintendents (6.4%)	143	Class A (42.6%)
140	Principals (30.0%)	141	Class B (42.0%)
268	Athletic Directors (57.6%)	101	Class C (30.1%)
4	Coaches (0.9%)	65	Class D (19.3%)
2	Board Members (0.4%)	7	Jr High/Middle (2.1%)
22	Other (4.7%)		

11. Do you believe there is a need for mandated, random, statewide testing of high school student-athletes for use of performance-enhancing substances?

Yes 328 (40.9%)

28	Superintendents (8.6%)	86	Class A (26.7%)
116	Principals (35.5%)	112	Class B (34.8%)
158	Athletic Directors (48.3%)	80	Class C (24.8%)
5	Coaches (1.5%)	34	Class D (10.6%)
3	Board Members (0.9%)	7	Jr High/Middle (2.2%)
17	Other (5.2%)		

No 473 (59.1%)

37	Superintendents (7.8%)	132	Class A (41.0%)
120	Principals (25.4%)	139	Class B (43.2%)
294	Athletic Directors (62.2%)	112	Class C (34.8%)
3	Coaches (0.6%)	76	Class D (23.6%)
2	Board Members (0.4%)	7	Jr High/Middle (2.2%)
17	Other (3.6%)		

12. Do you believe there is a need for mandated, random, statewide testing of high school student-athletes for use of other illegal drugs?

Yes 352 (44.2%)

29	Superintendents (8.3%)	86	Class A (24.8%)
121	Principals (34.5%)	118	Class B (34.0%)
175	Athletic Directors (49.9%)	90	Class C (25.9%)
6	Coaches (1.7%)	41	Class D (11.8%)
3	Board Members (0.9%)	8	Jr High/Middle (2.3%)
17	Other (4.8%)		

No 445 (55.8%)			
36	Superintendents (8.1%)	130	Class A (37.5%)
112	Principals (25.2%)	133	Class B (38.3%)
276	Athletic Directors (62.1%)	101	Class C (29.1%)
2	Coaches (0.4%)	68	Class D (19.6%)
2	Board Members (0.4%)	6	Jr High/Middle (1.7%)
17	Other (3.8%)		

13. The reason I support testing is . . . (Which is the greater factor? Choose one.)

a. to be proactive and prevent a problem; or

b. to address a problem I believe exists now.

A 223 (55.8%)			
22	Superintendents (9.9%)	59	Class A (27.2%)
75	Principals (33.8%)	75	Class B (34.6%)
110	Athletic Directors (49.5%)	50	Class C (23.0%)
4	Coaches (1.8%)	28	Class D (12.9%)
3	Board Members (1.4%)	3	Jr High/Middle (1.4%)
8	Other (3.6%)		
B 177 (44.3%)			
12	Superintendents (6.8%)	45	Class A (20.7%)
58	Principals (32.8%)	61	Class B (28.1%)
91	Athletic Directors (51.4%)	46	Class C (21.2%)
2	Coaches (1.1%)	18	Class D (8.3%)
1	Board Members (0.6%)	5	Jr High/Middle (2.3%)
13	Other (7.3%)		

14. How extensive should the testing be? (Choose one.)

a. High end, most accurate (costing in excess of \$125 per test for lab costs alone); or

b. Moderate, less accurate (costing less than \$25 per test for lab costs alone).

A 95 (24.7%)			
5	Superintendents (5.3%)	27	Class A (28.7%)
30	Principals (31.9%)	31	Class B (33.0%)
52	Athletic Directors (55.3%)	24	Class C (25.5%)
3	Coaches (3.2%)	10	Class D (10.6%)
0	Board Members (0.0%)	1	Jr High/Middle (1.1%)
4	Other (4.3%)		
B 289 (75.3%)			
28	Superintendents (9.7%)	72	Class A (76.6%)
100	Principals (34.6%)	98	Class B (104.3%)
139	Athletic Directors (48.1%)	71	Class C (75.5%)
3	Coaches (1.0%)	34	Class D (36.2%)
4	Board Members (1.4%)	6	Jr High/Middle (6.4%)
15	Other (5.2%)		

15. Which source should provide the funding? (Choose one.)

- a. Reduction of reimbursements to MHSAA tournament hosts and participating teams (i.e., schools pay); or**
b. Surcharge on tickets to MHSAA tournaments (i.e., public pays).

A 107 (28.0%)

9	Superintendents (8.4%)	26	Class A (24.8%)
40	Principals (37.4%)	33	Class B (31.4%)
53	Athletic Directors (49.5%)	26	Class C (24.8%)
0	Coaches (0.0%)	17	Class D (16.2%)
2	Board Members (1.9%)	2	Jr High/Middle (1.9%)
3	Other (2.8%)		

B 275 (72.0%)

24	Superintendents (8.8%)	73	Class A (69.5%)
89	Principals (32.6%)	96	Class B (91.4%)
137	Athletic Directors (49.8%)	66	Class C (62.9%)
6	Coaches (2.3%)	28	Class D (26.7%)
2	Board Members (0.7%)	5	Jr High/Middle (4.8%)
16	Other (5.8%)		

16. The MHSAA and schools now have the capability to participate in online opinion polls on almost any topic at any time. Therefore, should we discontinue the Update Meeting Survey/Opinion Poll?

Yes 267 (39.9%)

19	Superintendents (7.1%)	78	Class A (29.4%)
84	Principals (31.5%)	88	Class B (33.2%)
151	Athletic Directors (56.6%)	63	Class C (23.8%)
3	Coaches (1.1%)	27	Class D (10.2%)
2	Board Members (0.7%)	8	Jr High/Middle (3.0%)
8	Other (3.0%)		

No 402 (60.1%)

34	Superintendents (8.5%)	101	Class A (38.1%)
119	Principals (29.7%)	127	Class B (47.9%)
223	Athletic Directors (55.6%)	98	Class C (37.0%)
4	Coaches (1.0%)	61	Class D (23.0%)
3	Board Members (0.7%)	5	Jr High/Middle (1.9%)
18	Other (4.5%)		

TOTAL SURVEYS – 847

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