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Baseball, softball, girls soccer and LP girls golf are among the many highlights of the MHSAA spring tournament season. Also featured in the coming weeks are UP boys and girls golf, UP and LP track & field, and UP and LP boys tennis.

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Any individual who is a representative of a member school (faculty member or Board of Education member) may become a candidate for the MHSAA Representative Council. Please contact the MHSAA Executive Director for an outline of procedures.

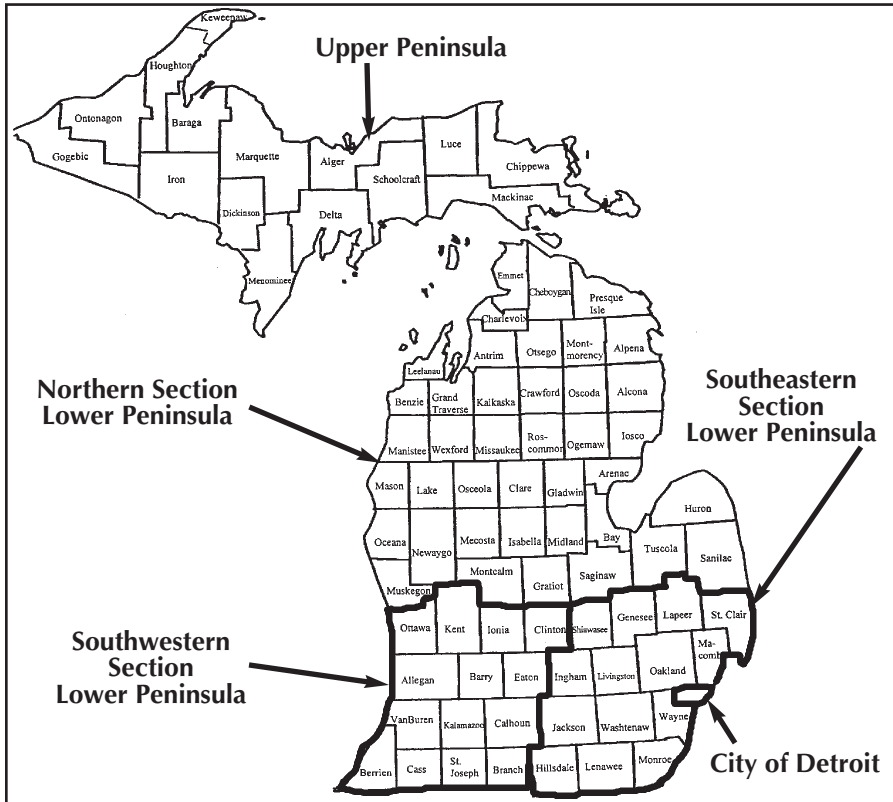
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REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AND UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Ballots to be Sent to Schools August 27, 2004

MAP OF REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL SECTIONS



Ballots for Representative Council elections will be mailed to principals of member schools from the MHSAA office Aug. 27, 2004. The ballots will be due back in the MHSAA office Sept. 9, 2004.

Eight positions for membership on the Representative Council will be up for election this fall. Vacancies for two-year terms beginning December 2004 will occur as follows: Class C-D Upper Peninsula and Northern Section L.P.; Class A-B Southwestern Section L.P., Southeastern Section L.P., and Northern Section L.P.; Statewide At-Large; Junior High/Middle School, elected on a statewide basis; and Private and Parochial High Schools.

In addition to the above named Representative Council positions, there are two Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee positions to be voted in September. A representative of the Class D schools and an Athletic Coach will be elected by the principals of the Upper Peninsula schools.

Look for the ballots and return them in time to be counted by the Board of Canvassers. Be sure you mark your ballot correctly and signatures are affixed in the proper places. Ballots must have two (2) signatures to be considered valid.

Details of the Representative Council composition may be found near the beginning of the *MHSAA Handbook*.

Following the due date of Sept. 9, 2004, the Board of Canvassers as provided in Article IV of the Constitution of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, will meet and declare the winners for the various vacancies.

In accordance with the approved nomination and election procedures, listed candidates have submitted their desire to run for a position by March 15, 2004. They have included an approval to serve from their respective Superintendent or Principal and have certified their qualifications to run for the office which they seek. No write-ins will be possible because each candidate must be approved by March 15 in order to run for a position on the Representative Council.

Following are the declared candidates and the vacancies which will occur in December 2004:

**REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL
CANDIDATES FOR
SEPTEMBER 2004 ELECTION**

Northern Section, Lower Peninsula - Class A and B Schools

Peter Ryan, CMAA, Athletic Director,
Saginaw Township Community Schools

Southwestern Section, Lower Peninsula - Class A and B Schools

Fred Smith, CMAA, Athletic Director,
Kalamazoo-Comstock High School

Southeastern Section, Lower Peninsula - Class A and B Schools

Eric C. Federico, Assistant Superintendent,
Gibraltar School District

Brian M. Swinehart, CAA, Athletic Administrator,
Westland-John Glenn High School

Upper Peninsula - Class C and D Schools

James Derocher, Superintendent,
Negaunee Public Schools

Northern Section, Lower Peninsula - Class C and D Schools

William D. Newkirk, Superintendent,
Sanford-Meridian Public Schools

Statewide At-Large

Scott C. Grimes, Principal, Grand Haven
High School

Junior High/Middle Schools

Keith Eldred, Athletic Director,
Williamston Middle School

Private and Parochial High Schools

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**UPPER PENINSULA
ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

Athletic Coach

Paul Polfus, Basketball Coach, Carney-
Nadeau High School

Class D Schools

Joe Reddinger, Athletic Director, Felch-
North Dickinson High School

Leon Sutherland, Athletic Director,
Ontonagon Area High School ■

*The Only Official Interpretations Are
Those Received In Writing*

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, April 21, 2004

Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan
Keith Eldred, Williamston
William Newkirk, Meridian
James Derocher, Negaunee
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven

Staff Members 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 these minutes of phrases such as "it was alleged" or "it was reported," no attempt is made in the introduction of each waiver request to distinguish between truth, allegation, hearsay, opinion, summary or conclusion.

A determination of undue hardship is a

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

Students for whom waiver of a particular regulation is granted must be eligible in all respects under all other sections and interpretations of the regulations prior to their participation. Adoption of these regulations is a choice schools make locally when they consider their option of MHSAA membership. Consistent with rulings of the Attorney General and Michigan Supreme Court, schools are not bound by the decisions of the Executive Committee, but the association may limit participation in the 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.

Detroit City and Detroit-Chadsey High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - An application and other material were received in support of a cooperative program in football between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 1,122 is over the Class B limit of 1,035 students. Detroit City High School requested waiver of the regulation which prohibits the combined enrollment

exceeding Class B. Chadsey has sponsored the sport previously.

Citing the Representative Council and school adopted limit on enrollment for cooperative teams in football, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Ecorse High School and Detroit-Charlotte Forten Academy (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee tabled the application for a cooperative program in football between these two schools. Ecorse has discontinued a cooperative program with Wyandotte-Mt. Carmel; Charlotte Forten Academy has not sponsored the sport previously. The combined enrollment for the program would be 610. The team would not be a member of a league or conference; therefore, letters of support from scheduled opponents had been requested.

Fair Haven-Anchorage Bay and Algonac High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these two schools in girls swimming & diving. Anchor Bay, which will be the primary school, has sponsored the sport previously. The combined enrollment will be 2,417, placing the team in the Division 1 tournament.

Grand Rapids-Central and Grand Rapids-Creston High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - The Executive Committee approved the addition of girls swimming & diving to the cooperative agreement that already exists between these two schools of the same district in ice hockey (2001) and boys swimming & diving (2000). Central will be the primary school. Both schools sponsored the sport in the 2003-04 school year. The combined enrollment is 2,515. The team will compete in the Division 1 Tournament.

Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Public Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - The Executive Committee approved the addition of Forest Hills Eastern High School, a new school opening in August 2004, to the cooperative agreement that has previously existed between Forest Hills Central and Forest Hills Northern in the sports of girls gymnastics (1997), competitive cheer (1999) and boys swimming & diving (2003). The combined enrollment for all three schools, which are in the same district, is 2,611. Forest Hills

Central will continue as the primary school for gymnastics, and Northern will continue as the primary school for competitive cheer and boys swimming & diving. Girls gymnastics and boys swimming & diving will compete in the Division 1 tournament, girls competitive cheer in the Class A tournament.

Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern and Ada-Forest Hills Eastern High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey and girls swimming & diving between these two schools of the same district. The combined enrollment of 1,440 does not change the placement of both sports previously sponsored by Forest Hills Northern: girls swimming & diving in Division 1 and ice hockey in Division 2.

Harper Woods-Notre Dame and Harper Woods High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - The Executive Committee tabled the application for a cooperative program in boys swimming & diving between these two schools which previously sponsored a cooperative team in 1999-00 and dissolved after the 2002-03 school year. The combined enrollment will be 1,092, placing the team in Division 2. Both schools sponsored the sport last year. Notre Dame will be the primary school. A supporting league resolution has not been received.

Highland-Milford and White Lake-Lakeland High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these two schools in boys and girls swimming & diving and boys and girls lacrosse. Milford will be the primary school of the swimming and diving programs, Lakeland will be the primary school for the lacrosse programs. Neither school has sponsored swimming & diving previously. A team resembling an MHSAA cooperative program competed in lacrosse in prior years as a non-MHSAA tournament sport. The combined enrollment for these schools of the same district will be 3,234, placing all teams in the Division 1 tournaments for all four sports.

Laingsburg and Bath High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee tabled a request to add boys soccer to the cooperative agreement that has existed between these two schools in

wrestling. The combined enrollment of 713 will not change the Division 3 placement of the sport previously sponsored by Laingsburg, which will be the primary school. Support from future opponents has been requested.

Leland and Northport High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys golf for these two schools whose combined enrollment is 227 students. Leland, which will be the primary school, sponsored the sport previously and competed in Division 4, as will the cooperative team.

Powers-North Central and Carney-Nadeau High Schools (Regulation 1, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved the reestablishment of a cooperative program in football between these two schools, whose combined enrollment is 242 students. Carney-Nadeau has not sponsored football alone since 1975 but was in a cooperative program with North Central from the 1998-99 school year through the 2001-02 school year. North Central, which has sponsored football in the past, will be the primary school.

Rapid River and Cooks-Big Bay de Noc High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football, boys soccer and boys cross country between these two schools. The combined enrollment will be 251 students. Rapid River will be the primary school. Teams will compete in Division 4 of MHSAA Soccer and Cross Country Tournaments. In 2004, Big Bay De Noc sponsored soccer and Rapid River sponsored football.

Rochester-Adams, Rochester Hills-Stoney Creek and Rochester Hills-Rochester High Schools (Regulation 1, Section 1[F] and Regulation II, Section 11) - An application and other material were received to create one cooperative program in girls gymnastics in the Rochester Community Schools where, since August 2002, there have been two teams. Rochester High School (enrollment 1,675) and Stoney Creek High School (enrollment 1,259) formed one team; Adams (enrollment 1,392) and Stoney Creek (enrollment 1,259) formed another cooperative program. Students from

Stoney Creek, the newest school, split its enrollment among the two programs based on the former district boundaries. The combined enrollment of the three schools is 4,326, in excess of the 3,500 enrollment cap, with Adams as the primary school. The school district requested waiver of the 3,500 cap and if denied, waiver of the "scrimmage rule to allow both teams to practice."

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver but affirmed the opportunity for the teams to practice at the same time and place under Interpretation No. 196.

Royal Oak-Dondero and Royal Oak-Kimball High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - The Executive Committee approved the addition of girls swimming & diving to the cooperative program that currently exists between these schools in boys swimming & diving, girls gymnastics, girls golf and ice hockey. In 2006-07 the two schools will be combined at Kimball High School. The combined enrollment will be 2,097, placing the team in Division 1. Dondero will be the primary school.

Royal Oak-Shrine Catholic High School and West Bloomfield-Detroit Jewish Academy (Regulation 1, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls swimming & diving between these two schools. The combined enrollment is 442, placing the team in Division 2. Shrine has sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school.

Clinton Township-Chippewa Valley High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) - A request to waive the maximum semesters sections of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who was placed erroneously into the 4th grade instead of the 3rd grade when first enrolling in the Hamtramck Public Schools after moving to America from Macedonia in 1995. The student was unable to play on 10th-through 12th-grade teams as a 9th-grader at Eppler Junior High School in 2000-01, and he has not played high school sports since. The 2004-05 school year would be the student's 9th and 10th semesters including the 2000-01 school year.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver, noting that an incorrect placement of a student in the early elemen-

tary years is not a compelling reason to provide more than eight semesters of eligibility for interscholastic athletics in grades 9 and above.

Canton High School (Regulation I, Sections 7 & 9) - A request was made to waive both the previous semester record and transfer sections of the eligibility regulation on behalf of a 12th-grade student who was enrolled at Canton High School until November of 2003, when she encountered problems with other students. She withdrew and, unable at mid-semester to enter the district's alternative school, Starkweather Education Center, the student was enrolled in Clonlora School in Ann Arbor, a home school program. The student was able to earn a total of two credits for the semester; and in January, she enrolled at Starkweather. She would like to continue to participate on the Canton High School softball team. Starkweather students are counted by and may be eligible at Canton High School.

The Executive Committee denied the requests for waiver.

Webberville High School (Regulation I, Section 7) - A request to waive the previous semester record regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student. After the 9th grade at Webberville High School, the student was admitted to a mental health center and then a hospital in Illinois over the summer and fall of 2003. The student took some course work at Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Illinois from Oct. 27 to Nov. 13, 2003 before reenrolling at Webberville on Dec. 1, 2003. The student audited classes for the remainder of the first semester of the 2003-04 school year.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver, but noted the first semester of the 2003-04 school year is one of the eight semesters of eligibility for this student in grades 9 through 12.

Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Detroit Country Day Middle School for 8th grade and enrolled in the high school of his residence to begin the 9th grade. It was reported that the student was the target of verbal harassment and intimidating

actions, assaulted, nearly drowned, and in April 2003, was threatened with death by other students at the previous school. The student began the 10th grade at that school but, after continued harassment, enrolled at Detroit Country Day in early September 2003. The student returned to the previous school after three days at Detroit Country Day because books were not readily available for purchase and the student was falling behind. On Jan. 27, 2004, the student began classes at Detroit Country Day.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Bridgeport High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who began 9th grade and attended Bridgeport High School for three semesters from 2001 through the second semester of her 10th-grade year (2002-03) and lived with her father before changing residence to California to live with her mother for two semesters. The student reenrolled at Bridgeport in January 2004 and resides again with her father. The parents never married, and a birth certificate indicating the mother only was submitted with an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form. A Friend of the Court document listing the father, mother and student was also provided.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Clinton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who attended Clinton Middle School for a brief time in the 8th grade while the father was stationed with the military in Michigan. The father was re-assigned to Missouri and the student changed residences to Missouri before starting high school. The mother remained in Michigan. When the father was assigned to Saudi Arabia, the student returned to the residence of his mother in the Clinton High School district and enrolled on April 19, 2004.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Farmington Hills-North Farmington High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who

attended another high school since 9th grade. The student and his bother were granted an administrative transfer within the district as a result of a hazing/intimidation incident in October 2003 that was categorized by the district as being "terrorized by three upper-classmen."

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Flint-Carman-Ainsworth High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose biological parents abandoned her prior to the age of 9. From age 9, the student lived with her stepfather and attended school in Holly until this past summer when the stepfather was incarcerated. The student enrolled at Carman-Ainsworth to start the 2003-04 school year and resided in the district with a family for whom she had babysat. On Sept. 23, 2004, the student changed schools back to Holly and lived with her stepfather once again. On Jan. 21, 2004, the student reenrolled at Carman-Ainsworth. She is now residing with the same family as at the start of her 11th-grade year.

The Executive Committee tabled the request for waiver pending receipt of additional information regarding the circumstances that may have necessitated the most recent change of residence.

Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern 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 enrolled on March 1, 2004.

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

Hartford High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2003-04 school year on behalf of 9th-and 10th-grade sisters who reenrolled at Hartford on Feb. 26, 2004. The students began the school year living with their father in Hartford. On Oct. 31, 2003, they moved to reside with their mother and attended Covert

High School. Neither student participated in sports in high school.

The Executive Committee granted the requests for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2003-04 school year.

Lansing-Everett High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who lived with her father and attended Southfield High School, enrolling at Everett on Oct. 28, 2003, and residing with her mother. The parents never married. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form and a birth certificate identifying both parents were submitted.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Macomb-Dakota 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 a 10th-grade student who attended Warren-De La Salle Collegiate High School until registering at Macomb-Dakota, the school of his residence, on Friday, March 19, 2004 and attending classes on Monday, March 22, 2004.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Okemos High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who began 9th grade at Okemos High School in 2002. The student was incarcerated and completed classes through the Jackson Intermediate School District from November 2003 until April 19, 2004, at which time the student reenrolled at Okemos High School and has returned to reside with his parents in the Lansing district.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Perry High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2003-04 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who enrolled at Perry High School on Jan. 21, 2004, and resides with his grandparents in Perry. The student is a former ward of the court who attended Marlette

Alternative School. The student's mother died two years ago. The student has not participated in interscholastic athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2003-04 school year.

Portage Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Mattawan High School until Oct. 27, 2004, while living in Mattawan with her father who has multiple sclerosis, requiring 24-hour care. The student relocated to the residence of her grandmother in the Portage district.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Roscommon High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2003-04 school year on behalf of a 9th-grade student who attended Houghton Lake High School until Jan. 26, 2004. The student has not competed in an MHSAA tournament sport since entering the 9th grade.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2003-04 school year.

Walkerville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Heritage Christian Academy for 9th grade and the first semester of the 2003-04 school year. He has resided since the age of two in Baldwin with his grandmother. The student's mother was killed in 1998 and his father is incarcerated.

It was not clear from the information provided if the student enrolled at Walkerville High School on Jan. 30 or March 29, 2004; but until March 29, he apparently attended Lakeview Wilderness Academy, a 24/7 facility where most students are court placed, but this student attended voluntarily at his grandmother's expense. The student is now both enrolled in and attending Walkerville High School, which does not count Lakeview Wilderness Academy students for athletic eligibility purposes.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver for immediate eligibility

and requested the staff seek additional information to help the school reach a decision regarding eligibility at the start of the 2004-05 school year.

Regulation I, Section 13(B) - The Executive Committee considered the following three requests and took a single action to address all three:

1. **Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice High School (Regulation 1, Section 13[B])** - A request was made to waive the limited team membership regulation and specifically Interpretation No. 143 regarding invitations and selections to tryouts for all-star type events. The student is an ice hockey goalie who was invited to play for Team Michigan, a team of high school seniors who participate in a showcase tournament in Chicago. The student received notice that he has been selected (without an open tryout) as one of the two goalies. He wishes to run track this spring.
2. **Houghton High School (Regulation 1, Section 13[B])** - A request was made to waive the limited team membership regulation, specifically Interpretation No. 143 regarding invitations and selections to tryouts for all-star type events. The student was selected to participate for Team Michigan, a team of high school seniors who participate in a showcase tournament in Chicago. Previous Executive Committee action in 2002 and 2003 was provided as well as an MHSAA letter which indicated the hope that the situation could be remedied before 2004. He wishes to participate in golf this spring.
3. **Marquette High School (Regulation I, Section 13[B])** - A request was made to waive the limited team membership regulation, specifically Interpretation No. 143 regarding invitations and selections to tryouts for all-star type events. The student was selected to participate for Team Michigan, a team of high school seniors who participate in a showcase tournament in Chicago. He wishes to play golf this spring.

The Executive Committee took notice of the fact that for the third consecutive year,

the organizers of Team Michigan and the Chicago Showcase have provided no information to the MHSAA. This is especially disappointing the past two years because modifications of stipulated penalties have been predicated on promises that the organizers would modify the athlete selection process for teams in the Chicago Showcase so that MHSAA rules are not violated. What information has been obtained by the MHSAA indicates that, at least for Michigan student-athletes, there has not been a bona fide tryout or series of tryouts that have been appropriately publicized, open to all students and required of all students prior to selection for Team Michigan.

The Executive Committee determined that each school impose a period of ineligibility that is not less than each student's first three days of competition after the Chicago competition concluded. In addition, the Executive Committee determined that these students are not eligible to participate in any MHSAA tournament competition.

The Executive Committee also determined that the limited team membership rule will be applied to MHSAA member schools without exception or modification in the future. For MHSAA member school students to participate in the Chicago Showcase in the future without forfeiting one year of eligibility, it will be required that, by Dec. 1, 2004, the MHSAA has received from the organizers of Team Michigan and the Chicago Showcase a written description of an open tryout system for all participants in the Chicago Showcase, and the MHSAA shall have provided in advance of any student's participation explicit written approval of the procedures and MHSAA member school students' participation in them.

DeTour Area Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[C]) - A request was made to waive the enrollment regulation to allow 6th-graders to compete with and against 7th & 8th-graders. The reported high school enrollment for 2004-05 is 74 students.

The Executive Committee granted the request for the 2004-05 school year only.

Marquette-Father Marquette Middle School (Regulation III, Section 1[C]) - A request was made to waive the enrollment regulation to allow 6th-grade girls to participate with and against 7th-and 8th-grade students in basketball. The middle school enrollment, grades 5-8, is 144 students: 11 7th-grade girls and 6 6th-grade girls.

The Executive Committee granted the request for girls basketball and the 2004-05 school year only.

Representative Council - Request was made to waive the March 15 deadline for submission of candidate letters for the Representative Council elections of 2004.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Tournament Assignments - The Executive Committee discussed and reaffirmed MHSAA policies regarding postseason tournament assignments when local events conflict. Dates and times are not to be changed without the consent of all competing teams, tournament managers and contest officials. Schools are not to be reassigned to other Districts or Regionals, except to adjacent tournaments when geography dictates and where adding a team will not cause an imbalance of more than two schools in adjacent Districts or Regionals.

Next Meetings - The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for: Saturday, May 1, at 6 p.m. in Thompsonville (followed by Representative Council Meetings May 2-4); Wednesday, June 9, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Thursday, Aug. 5, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Friday, Aug. 20, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Sept. 8, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Monday, Sept. 27, at 9 a.m. in Traverse City (following Annual Business Meeting/Update Meeting breakfast); Thursday, Oct. 21, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; and Thursday, Dec. 2, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing (Representative Council Meeting is Dec. 3). ■

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING East Lansing, April 21, 2004

Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan
William Newkirk, Meridian
James Derocher, Negaunee
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven

Staff Members Present:

Tom Rashid
Tom Minter
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

2003-04 Reports - The executive director reviewed the summary of accounts and the profit/loss statement through March 2004. It was apparent that the measures approved by the Representative Council in March of 2002 were continuing to improve the MHSAA's financial position.

2004-05 Proposed Budget - The executive director presented a draft of the 2004-05 budget, and he highlighted significant changes in presentation or amounts from the previous year. The Finance Committee approved to advance to the Representative Council in May a proposed revenue and expense budget with statement of changes in

cash (with capital budget) for 2004-05. It was understood that some numbers could change as a result of late financial reports from winter tournaments and other factors, but the concept of a budget with a revenue exceeding expenses by a modest amount should be presented to the Representative Council.

Special Meeting - The executive director requested a special meeting in November, scheduled on a separate day from any other meetings to allow for thoughtful review of numerous financial policies related to MHSAA tournament administration. That meeting will be Nov. 18, 2004, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing. ■

Remember to visit
mhsaa.net
to make all personnel, telephone and
address revisions necessary for the
2004-05 school year;
This is the only way information will
be updated for the printed 2004-05
School Directory

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STUDENT SPORTSMANSHIP

During the recent past, the student spectator sections at many college basketball games have become the focus of attention - both during the contests and in the media as people have reported and commented on their behavior. The debate reached new heights as behavior reached new lows in hospitality toward officials and visiting team personnel. And then the debate turned from what is correct to what is merely legal as some asserted that paying fans have the right to engage in any kind of cheer or jeer.

It appears to us that all this is having a negative impact on the atmosphere at interscholastic athletic events. Student spirit sections are growing in size, which is good; but they are too often approaching and sometimes crossing the line of what is appropriate for an athletic event sponsored by an educational institution.

This requires that school administrators gather with student leaders - school by school and conference by conference - to review the parameters of student behavior at school-sponsored events, and to establish policies and procedures for communicating and enforcing those standards within the school and conference.

As a general principle, student spectators must recognize that they are secondary to the participants and that they should spend far more time supporting the players than drawing attention to themselves. They should understand that positive cheering is welcomed and that negative cheers are not. They should know that taunting is absolutely prohibited.

The *MHSAA Handbook* defines taunting as follows: "Taunting includes any actions or comments by coaches, players or spectators which are intended to bait, anger, embarrass, ridicule or demean others, whether or not the

deeds or words are vulgar or racist. Included is conduct that berates, needles, intimidates or threatens based on race, gender, ethnic origin or background, and conduct that attacks religious beliefs, size, economic status, speech, family, special needs or personal matters. Examples of taunting that would lead to ejection include but are not limited to, 'trash talk;' physical intimidation outside the spirit of the game; reference to sexual orientation; 'in the face' confrontation by one player to another; standing over/straddling a tackled or fallen player."

Schools and conferences should include these among the prohibited activities of student spirit sections:

- Booing officials or opponents at any time.
- Holding up newspapers during the introduction of the opposing team and/or shouting "Who cares?" after each individual introduction.
- Pointing and chanting "You, you, you" after fouls. Pointing to the goalkeeper and chanting "sieve" after a goal in ice hockey.
- Near the end of games, chanting "We're No. 1, we're No. 1" or singing "Na, na, na, na, hey, hey, goodbye."

We need to take back our gymnasias and athletic fields for education before the boorish behavior permanently changes the face of school sports . . . and we can no longer claim school sports are healthy for the participants and a positive influence on our schools and communities.

The time to prepare our efforts is this spring so that higher expectations are in place for the 2004-05 school year. ■

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

HAZING

I intend for high school sports to be neither the point of attack nor the punching bag on the topic of this editorial.

Hazing is not a problem for school sports alone; it occurs throughout society and, when it occurs in our schools, it frequently has no relationship to sports. But rites of initiation and passage, and unhealthy traditions of teambuilding, and the isolated indiscretions of individuals do occur in interscholastic athletics.

They must be stopped!

School sports are intended to teach hard work and teamwork, discipline and dedication, leadership and sportsmanship, school spirit and loyalty . . . but never brutality or cruelty.

School administrators must convey a zero tolerance message – and follow through on it – with coaches and athletes alike. Team cap-

tains must be educated to the signs and subtleties of hazing and they must know that their role requires them to report to their coaches any team members' behaviors which might be considered hazing.

Currently speeding through the Michigan Legislature is anti-hazing legislation that at best will draw attention to the topic and at worst is duplication of laws and penalties that already exist that creates a new cottage industry for lawyers.

If we are taking care of business, no hazing will go unpenalized in educational athletics in Michigan. And if we are **really** taking care of business, no hazing will **occur** in educational athletics in Michigan.

When I think of the kids I have coached, when I think of my own sons, it sickens me to think they could be exposed to hazing. Let's not allow it to happen.■



HAZING RESOURCES

Informational Web Sites

Alfred University Study: Initiation Rites in American High Schools: A National Survey
http://www.alfred.edu/news/html/hazing_study.html

Hank Nuwer's Unofficial Clearinghouse to Track Hazing Deaths and Incidents
<http://hazing.hanknuwer.com>

KidsHealth
<http://kidshealth.org/parent/emotions/feelings/hazing.html>

MASH (Mothers Against School Hazing)
<http://www.mashinc.org>

State of North Carolina, Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Center for the Prevention of School Violence
http://www.ncdjjdp.org/cpsv/Acrobatfiles/Bully_Hazing.PDF

StopHazing.org
<http://www.stophazing.org>

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Hazing Articles

ABC News: How to Stop Hazing
http://abcnews.go.com/sections/us/Living/stop_hazing031017.html

About.com: High School Hazing
<http://www.privateschool.about.com/cs/students/a/hazing1.htm>

American School Board Journal: Brutal Rituals, Dangerous Rites
<http://www.asbj.com/2000/08/0800coverstory.html>

Education World: Hazing: It's Not Just a College Problem Anymore!
http://www.education-world.com/a_issues/issues123.shtml

HazingLaw.com: Hazing News
<http://www.hazinglaw.com/news.htm>

Lansing State Journal: E.L. hazing death leads police to alter policy
http://www.lsj.com/news/local/031013hazing_1a-5a.html

Examples of High School Hazing Policies

<http://www.bpcsd.org/pdf/hazingpolicy.pdf>
[http://www.mu-regional.k12.ma.us/High 20School 20Student 20Handbook.htm](http://www.mu-regional.k12.ma.us/High%20School%20Student%20Handbook.htm)
<http://www.poland-hs.u29.k12.me.us/phs/ACADprhs.pdf>
[http://www.sterling.k12.nj.us/pdf/district_policies/Pol 205205 20- 20Hazing.pdf](http://www.sterling.k12.nj.us/pdf/district_policies/Pol%20205%2020-20Hazing.pdf)

Index of State Anti-Hazing Laws

<http://www.stophazing.org/laws.html>

And We Quote —

“If there is anything we wish to change in the child, we should first examine it and see whether it is not something that could better be changed in ourselves.”

— Carl Jung, Swiss founder of analytical psychology

*Have a Safe and
Enjoyable Summer!*

IT'S ABOUT TEAM!

MAKE A PROMISE, KEEP A PROMISE

(Editor's Note: The 2003-04 MHSAA Bulletins have included articles illustrating defining moments and/or the value and purpose of high school sports. We thank those who have contributed their stories from the fields and arenas)

I will never forget that first meeting before my freshman year of school. I was going to be on the high school football team. Parents and players met one day to go through the usual beginning season talk. There was something different about this meeting. The man in charge was very friendly and talked about how he had struggled through the years with his football teams. This year was going to be different; he was ready to take on the world. He encouraged all the old and new players to have ambition and school spirit to be a team, a part of a winning football team.

As he talked, he made a promise "No one will be cut from the team, everyone will get to play." At that moment I knew I made the right choice, I knew this was the kind of team I wanted to be on. I wanted to be part of this school spirit.

During the summer I came to every workout, either in the morning or in the evening. My parents would make sure that I got there and then come back to pick me up. My parents and siblings made sacrifices for me, they worked around my schedule when planning to go somewhere. The only time I missed was when I had gone to camp for a week and one night we went to a ball game that we had purchased tickets for 3 months prior to summer. After school started, my parents made sure that I was picked up every evening, juggling their work schedule along with the activities my other family members had.

But it was all worth the effort. I was learning about football and having some fun. In the back of my mind I knew I had it made. I had gone to every workout that I possibly

could have, I went to summer camp and I never missed a practice. Everything that was expected of me I did. I know I wasn't the fastest kid out there, and I was not going to be a star quarterback. But I knew that when I got the chance to play, I would eventually and gradually be able to perform the way I needed to. Besides, that nice man, the coach, told us all at the beginning of our freshman career – that everyone would get to play.

Oh by the way, I'm the kid who takes everything an adult tells me to heart. When a coach tells his players that he doesn't like kids standing in his face asking to get to play, I respect his wishes. I am not the kind who jumps up and down and makes so much noise that the coach puts me in to shut me up – that's not me.

The games began. The first game or two I get a little playing time, (understandable) you have to figure out who can play what position. Then game after game went by. I went from going in for one or two plays a game to three plays this week, this was progress in the making. The next game the coach only put me in twice.

I continued to go to practice day after day. Remember I am not the type to complain, so you don't see me mouthing off about how little time I have on the field. But I am patient. I made myself a promise that I would give it my all and I haven't missed a practice yet.

For some reason, the coach doesn't try us in different positions. The same players get to play all the time, even when they make mistakes. How can the coaches see if we are any good if we are still standing here on the sidelines? If I never get the chance to prove myself how will the coach know what position I am better at?

I am here to play. Just put me in somewhere. I hate standing here watching everyone else go in and out of the game. But I am not supposed to bother the coach, he hates it when kids are in his face. Does he not know I am here for a reason? Maybe there are too



many kids on my team if he can't play every-one, or has no idea who hasn't played yet. I remember the promise, "Everyone will get to play." There goes the kid who is always in the coach's face – off to play in the game, am I missing something? I am still standing here.

Well, the last game is tonight. My parents are taping it to play back when I get older. My grandparents have come to watch me. My whole family is in the stands.

The game begins. I don't expect to start, but I will get in sometime soon. Okay, it is the second quarter and we are losing, maybe the coach will sneak me in (I can't do too much harm.) I guess he has a plan. It is now the end of the third quarter and I am still standing here patiently. Only one more quarter and it will be the end of my freshman career. My grandparents have left, it was getting too cold for them and they can't sit for long periods of time. That's okay; remember my parents are taping it so we can show everyone later.

Well we're down to the last minutes and I am still standing here. I remember that promise, "everyone will get to play," so I should be going in any minute. The buzzer goes off. There must be some mistake. I haven't gotten in the game yet. What happened?

Let me tell you what happened.

I began this year as a young man with hopes and dreams of playing football my freshman year at my high school, the home of one of the best football teams in the county. This was going to be the beginning. I was coming out of my shell and beginning to develop responsibility, working out every day, going to summer camp, going to every single football practice. I was going to get the chance to be someone.

The silent demands of faithfully being there daily to workout and practice didn't mean anything. All those kids who didn't show up to workout and missed practices still got to play. But me, the silent one who came religiously everyday and didn't complain, who listened to his coaches and who knew the plays (but didn't get a chance to show that I knew them), I was fooled. I listened to the promise and so foolishly believed that since I was doing what was expected of me, I was going to be rewarded for my ambition by

getting to play football. Instead I got to watch all my friends play, some good and many who made mistakes.

If this is what being a "Team Member" is all about I don't want to be a part of it. I just spent the last five months (about 200-plus hours) working hard to be able to play and tonight I was rewarded for that time, all four quarters standing on the sidelines. Should I be proud that this whole season I played not even an hour total time for those 200-plus hours put into this team?

Maybe someone else can justify wasting time like that, but I have just realized that not only did I make sacrifices for this "Team," so did my family. My parents who faithfully brought me to and from practice and games and who patiently waited for me to play in a game also sacrificed for me and for the "Team." Vacation was put on hold so that I could be there every day like the coaches wanted. Had I been given the chance to prove myself, maybe it would've been worth it. But life is too short to spend hundreds of hours and have nothing to show for it or not have a chance to prove myself.

So as you read this remember "The Promise" that I so heartedly accepted when it was made. I kept my end of that promise; I was here daily and did my part. Did you? This is one promise I will always remember, and one I wish I could forget.

P.S. In case you are wondering, I am not alone. There are several more of "me" who have been by your side coach all season long. We are the ones who respected you and your wishes. The ones with silent dreams that have now been silenced forever. So please remember us the next time you make a promise that you don't intend to keep, it could affect a person for the rest of his life.

A child learns from those who are his teachers, whether it is in the classroom or in a sports activity. These are role models for our children. How a coach acts and respects his players is forever implanted in the lives of our children. These coaches and (teachers) can be the ones who make the difference in a child. Their words and actions can either enable a child to develop into a better person or it can damage them for the rest of their lives, this is something that should not be taken lightly.

A promise was made to this young man. A promise that was broken. This account of the season shares the pain of the broken promise so that perhaps changes could be made to keep this from happening to another young person. A person's word is only as good as the person's actions. Unless you have been one of those on the sidelines, be it football, basketball, baseball or volleyball, whether a young man or woman, you will

never really know how much pain these young people go through and how it will be something that they will remember for the rest of their lives. Believe it or not, the impact that a coach leaves on our children is worth more than winning or losing a game.

— Submitted to the Missouri State High School Activities Association by a parent

SPRING RATING FORMS DUE MAY 24, 2004

Officials rating forms for varsity or sub-varsity baseball, girls soccer, and softball were sent in late April to all MHSAA member schools sponsoring those sports. The forms are designed to be "read" by a mark sensor scanning device. Many of the blanks already have been completed and returned. The deadline for receiving forms in this office will be May 24, 2004. **Rating blanks received after this date will not be processed.**

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

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

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

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

It is important that rating forms be reviewed by athletic directors before mailing to insure that they are completely and properly filled out. All schools should be positive that EITHER the superintendent OR the principal AND the athletic director OR the coach sign and review the ratings forms and that they be returned to the MHSAA office at the earliest opportunity.

NOTE: When an official receives a rating value of 5, the school must submit an Unsatisfactory Rating Explanation form to the official and to the MHSAA with the Rating Form. WITHOUT THE DOCUMENT the "5" rating will be expunged from the officials rating record.

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

FALL 2004 AD IN-SERVICES & UPDATE MEETINGS

Five Combined AD In-service/Update Meetings scheduled

- *Please coordinate now with other administrative or league meetings to avoid conflicts with events in your area*
- *Every Athletic Director should attend an AD In-Service and an Update Meeting each year*
- *Please note new Oct 18 Gaylord AD In-Service and new location for Oct. 27 Southeast Michigan Update Meeting)*
- *AD In-Service programs begin at 8:30 am. Update Meetings start with lunch at noon and conclude before 2 pm*
- *Registration material will be available in the fall*

2004 SCHEDULE

Mon. Sept. 27	Acme (Grand Traverse Resort)	Update Only
	MASSP Conference	MASSP Breakfast
Wed. Oct. 6	Kalamazoo (Pine West)	In-service and Update
Mon. Oct 11	Comstock Park (English Hills Country Club)	In-service and Update
Wed. Oct 13	Frankenmuth (Zehnder's)	In-service and Update
Mon. Oct 18	Gaylord (Hidden Valley Otsego Club)	In-service and Update
Wed. Oct 20	Lansing (Holiday Inn South)	In-service and Update
Wed. Oct 27	De Carlos Conference Center (new location; formerly the Warren Chateau)	Update Only (Noon)
Fri. Oct. 29	Marquette Site set by UP Athletic Directors	Update only (10 a.m.)

New Athletic Director Orientation Programs at MHSAA Building in East Lansing

Tue. Aug. 17, 2004 (1st Year Athletic Directors should attend, 2nd year ADs welcome)

Tue. Nov. 30, 2004 (1st and 2nd Year Athletic Directors encouraged to attend)

Both sessions 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Two separate programs with new material at both sessions

Registration material available in the August Bulletin and at mhsaa.com

UPDATE MEETING ATTENDANCE HISTORY

1978 - 657	1987 - 1,173	1996 - 1,184
1979 - 677	1988 - 1,030	1997 - 1,118
1980 - 812	1989 - 1,152	1998 - 1,221
1981 - 839	1990 - 1,163	1999 - 1,159
1982 - 875	1991 - 1,106	2000 - 1,109
1983 - 949	1992 - 1,044	2001 - 1,093
1984 - 921	1993 - 1,042	2002 - 1,155
1985 - 1,071	1994 - 1,110	2003 - 1,060
1986 - 1,132	1995 - 1,150	

2004-05 PACE SCHEDULE

Level I

1. Saturday, August 7 - Troy HS (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
2. Mon., Wed., August 9, 11 - Saginaw Heritage HS (6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)
3. Mon., Wed., August 16, 18 - Lansing Hill Center (6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)
4. Saturday, September 11 - Houghton Lake HS (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
5. Wednesday, September 15 - Farmington Training Center (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
6. Monday, September 20 - Sturgis HS (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
7. Mon., Wed., September 20, 22 - Midland HS (6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)
8. Saturday, September 25 - Pontiac Northern HS (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
9. Friday, October 1 - BCAM, Lansing Holiday Inn South (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
10. Mon., Wed., October 4, 6 - Chelsea HS (6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)
11. Saturday, October 9 - Wayland Union HS (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
12. Mon., Wed., November 1, 3 - Walled Lake Western HS (6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)
13. Saturday, November 6 - Vicksburg HS (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
14. Saturday, December 11 - MHSAA (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
15. Saturday, January 8 - Hartland HS (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
16. Saturday February 12 - Gaylord HS (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

Level II

17. Saturday, August 14 - Troy HS (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
18. Mon., Wed., August 16, 18 - Saginaw Heritage HS (6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.)
19. Mon., Wed., August 23, 25 - Lansing Hill Center (6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.)
20. Saturday, September 18 - Houghton Lake HS (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
21. Wednesday, September 22 - Farmington Training Center (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
22. Mon., Wed., September 27, 29 - Midland HS (6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)
23. Friday, October 1 - BCAM, Lansing Holiday Inn South (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
24. Saturday, October 2 - Pontiac Northern HS (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
25. Mon., Wed., October 11, 13 - Chelsea HS (6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)
26. Saturday, October 16 - Wayland Union HS (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
27. Mon., Wed., November 8, 10 - Walled Lake Western HS (6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)
28. Saturday, November 13 - Mattawan HS (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
29. Saturday, December 11 - MHSAA (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
30. Saturday, January 15 - Holly HS (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
31. Saturday February 12 - Gaylord HS (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

PACE ENROLLMENT FORM

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Bus. Phone: _____ Res. Phone: _____

School Affiliation: _____ School ID #: _____

Program Location: Level I _____ Level II _____

Checks payable to MHSAA - Level I - \$60; Level II - \$60 Amount Enclosed \$ _____

**Mail to: Mandi Hoover, MHSAA, 1661 Ramblewood Drive
East Lansing, MI 48823**

SCHOOL CLASSIFICATIONS ANNOUNCED FOR 2004-05

The 2004-05 school year classifications for Michigan High School Athletic Association elections and postseason tournaments in traditionally classified sports (A, B, C, D) have been announced.

Classifications for the upcoming school year are based on a second semester count date, which was Feb. 25. The enrollment figure submitted for athletic classification purposes may be different from the count submitted for school aid purposes, as it does not include students ineligible for athletic competition because they reached their 19th birthday prior to Sept. 1 of the current school year and will not include alternative education students if none are allowed athletic eligibility by the local school district.

After all the counts are submitted, the 762 tournament-qualified member schools are ranked according to enrollment, and then split as closely into quarters as possible. For 2004-05, 190 schools are in Classes A and B, and 191 schools are in Classes C and D. (A complete enrollment list can be found on the MHSAA Web site.)

Effective with the 2004-05 school year, schools with 1,036 or more students are in Class A in MHSAA competition. The enrollment limits for Class B are 489 to 1,035; Class C is 234 to 488; and schools with enrollments of 233 and under are Class D. The break decreased six students between Classes A and B; decreased eight students between Classes B and C; and the break between Classes C and D increased by one student.

Schools were recently notified of their classification. MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts said that schools may not appeal their classification if the appeal is to play in a lower class.

However, if revised enrollment figures indicate that a school should be playing in a higher class, that school would be moved up.

The new classification breaks will see 12 schools move up in class for 2004-05, while 13 schools will move down.

Schools have the option to play at any higher classification for a minimum of two years, but must exercise the option by April 15 for fall sports, Aug. 15 for winter sports, and Oct. 15 for spring sports.

MHSAA tournament sports conducted in traditional classifications for 2004-05 are Basketball, Bowling, Girls Competitive Cheer, Girls Gymnastics, Skiing and Girls Volleyball. Football will use traditional classifications to determine playoff points. Sports which will compete in nearly equal divisions are: Baseball, Cross Country, Golf, Ice Hockey, Softball, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Track and Field, and Wrestling. Soccer will have 20 percent of sponsoring schools in Division 4 and the remaining schools divided equally into Divisions 1, 2 and 3. The division breaks in those sports, except Football, will be announced in April. (Note: Visit the respective sports pages on the MHSAA Web site to review the divisional alignments) The eight divisions of the MHSAA Football Playoffs will be announced on Selection Sunday, Oct. 24, 2004. A complete list of school enrollments used to determine classifications for the 2004-05 school year can be found on the Administration page of the MHSAA Web site.

When the MHSAA conducts its first tournaments in Lacrosse in the Spring of 2005, the separate tournaments for girls and boys will be in two equal divisions. The list of sponsoring schools by divisions will be posted in January, 2005.

Here is a complete list of the schools changing classification for 2004-05 (Note: This list does not include schools opting up in class/division for tournaments, which can be found on the Administration page of the MHSAA Web site):



SCHOOLS CHANGING CLASSIFICATION FOR 2004-05

Moving Up From Class B To Class A

Canton-Plymouth
Grand Rapids Central
Birmingham Seaholm
Tecumseh
Caledonia

Moving Down From Class A To Class B

Farmington Hills Harrison
Trenton
Wayland Union
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern

Moving Up From Class C To Class B

Cass City
Almont
Elk Rapids
Flint Beecher
Freeland

Moving Down From Class B To Class C

Flat Rock
Madison Heights Bishop Foley
Clawson
Farwell

Moving Up From Class D To Class C

Detroit Weston Technical Academy
Ontonagon

Moving Down From Class C To Class D

Pittsford
Martin
Marion
Detroit St. Martin dePorres

New Postseason Tournament Schools in 2004-05

Grand Rapids Forest Hills Eastern (Class B)
Detroit Consortium College Prep (Class C)
Dearborn Advanced Tech. Acad. (Class C)
Detroit Winans Acad. of Perf. Arts (Class C)
Detroit University Prep (Class C)
Detroit Allen Academy (Class D)
Battle Creek Calhoun Christian (Class D)
Kinross Maplewood Baptist Acad. (Class D)

Enrollment Breaks By Classes – 2004-05

Class A - 1,036 and above (190 schools)
Class B - 489 to 1,035 (190 schools)
Class C - 234 to 488 (191 schools)
Class D - 233 and below (191 schools)

LEGACY PROGRAM NETS 60 OFFICIALS IN 2003-04

During the 2003-04 school year, 60 high school seniors participated as MHSAA Legacy officials.

This year's class brings the total to 374 students who have become registered and active officials during their senior year of high school through the Legacy program.

The program was conceived by officials, teachers of officiating classes and staff members of the MHSAA and first implemented in 1992.

Basic to the program is the belief that properly and adequately coached from the outset, young people with an interest in officiating can develop as capable officials so that in the future they will be prepared to follow in the footsteps of their adult guide. It is a goal of the program that student officials learn the correct way to perform as an official.

Each student official (high school junior) must be prepared to dedicate time to study, practice and learn officiating skills, as well as officiate 7th and 8th-grade contests. Student officials must understand the need for time commitment before they embark on this experience.

The student's guide is a veteran official who will chart the course, help arrange contests and introduce the student to the practices and procedures of officiating. Assistance with tests and clinic experiences is a part of this responsibility. The teaching guide accompanies the student official to MHSAA rules meetings.

Former athletes remain one of the basic populations from which MHSAA contests officials are developed. They enjoy athletics, have an understanding of the games and a love of the competition. In addition, athletes have an understanding and appreciation of the sportsmanship that is important to competition.

Becoming a member of the officiating "team" through the Legacy program allows students to remain connected to the sport which was enjoyed so much as a player. ■

Good Sports Are Winners! Winter Tournament Recipients Announced; MEEMIC Insurance To Present Awards To Finals Winners

The recipients of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Good Sports Are Winners! Awards for the recently-completed 2004 Winter sports season have been named, with each school to receive recognition from MEEMIC Insurance, the Association's corporate partner in sportsmanship efforts.

New Lothrop in team dual wrestling, **Ovid-Elsie** in girls competitive cheer, **Marquette** in ice hockey, **Kingsley** in girls volleyball, and **Charlevoix** and **Wyoming Tri-unity Christian** in boys basketball, were selected by the tournament management at their respective finals for displaying the most exemplary sportsmanship by their coaches, student-athletes and spectators. Each school receiving a Finals award will be presented a commemorative banner and crystal trophy at a venue of the school's choosing at a future date.

New Lothrop was the Division 3 champion in team dual wrestling, Ovid-Elsie was the Class B titlist in girls competitive cheer, Marquette was the Division 1 champion in ice hockey, Kingsley was the Class C runner-up in girls volleyball, and Charlevoix and Wyoming Tri-unity Christian were finalists in Classes C and D, respectively, in boys basketball.

In addition to receiving the finals award, Kingsley also won a Regional award in girls volleyball and a District honor in team dual wrestling; Charlevoix won Regional recognition in girls volleyball; and New Lothrop was chosen for a Quarterfinal certificate in girls volleyball.

For New Lothrop and Wyoming Tri-unity Christian, this is the second time each school has received the Good Sports Are Winners! Award at the Finals level of MHSAA tournament play in their respective sports. New Lothrop won the 1994 award at team dual wrestling; and Tri-unity Christian was the recipient of the boys basketball award in 1996.

At the District, Regional and Quarterfinal levels of MHSAA tournaments, all schools which meet a set of sportsmanlike standards will be recognized. Those schools will be presented framed certificates from MEEMIC Insurance.

In all, 218 teams are being recognized for their outstanding sportsmanship at Winter tournaments. 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. A total of 37 schools won multiple awards during the Winter sports season, with Goodrich being honored four times to lead that group. During the course of the school year, over 500 teams will be recognized in 11 activities for their sportsmanship efforts during MHSAA tournaments.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by over 1,200 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition. No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools. Member schools which enforce these rules are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments, which attract approximately 1.6 million spectators each year.

MEEMIC Insurance Company, with headquarters in Auburn Hills, writes full coverage private passenger automobile protection and homeowners insurance for educational employees and their immediate families in the state of Michigan. MEEMIC was founded by teachers for teachers in 1950. Most representatives of the company are or were teachers themselves. MEEMIC's history of competitive pricing and a commitment to superior service has cultivated a tradition of teachers serving teachers and their families, the "MEEMIC Club."

The following pages list Good Sports Are Winners! Award recipients as submitted by tournament managers through April 22 for the recently completed Winter sports season.

Good Sports Are Winners! Winter Tournament Recipients

(Based on reports received at the MHSAA offices as of 4/22/04. NOTE: There can be more than one winner at each site, and not all site managers responded.)

BOYS BASKETBALL

District Awards

Class A

Battle Creek Central
 Battle Creek Lakeview
 Clio
 Davison
 Dearborn
 Dearborn Edsel Ford
 Dearborn Heights Crestwood
 Detroit Finney
 Flint Carman-Ainsworth
 Flint Central
 Flint Kearsley
 Flint Northern
 Flushing
 Fraser
 Lansing Everett
 Lansing Sexton
 Lapeer West
 White Lake Lakeland

Class B

Big Rapids
 Bloomfield Hills
 Cranbrook-Kingswood
 Flint Southwestern Academy
 Frankenmuth
 Millington
 North Branch
 Tawas Area

Class C

Albion
 Athens
 Bad Axe
 Blanchard Montabella
 Burton Bentley
 Clare
 Evart
 Flint Hamady
 Freeland
 Hale
 Hesperia
 Homer
 Indian River Inland Lakes
 Laingsburg
 Lake Fenton
 Maple City Glen Lake
 Merrill
 Mio

Montague
 Muskegon Western Michigan
 Christian
 North Muskegon
 Onaway
 Quincy
 Reading
 Shelby
 Suttons Bay
 Ubly

Class D

AuGres-Sims
 Beal City
 Big Rapids Crossroads
 Charter Academy
 Burt Lake Northern Michigan
 Christian Academy
 Fairview Area
 Fowler
 Fulton Middleton
 Harbor Springs Harbor Light
 Christian
 Mason County Eastern
 McBain Northern Michigan
 Christian
 Portland St. Patrick
 Saginaw Grace Baptist
 Christian
 Twining-Arenac Eastern
 Vestaburg

Regional Awards

Class A

Detroit Martin Luther King
 Detroit Pershing
 Detroit Redford
 Detroit U of D Jesuit
 Grosse Pointe North
 Utica Eisenhower

Class B

Capac
 Croswell-Lexington
 Flint Powers Catholic
 Grayling
 Tawas Area
 Williamston

Class C

Albion
 Kent City

Class D

Burton Genesee Christian
 Carsonville-Port Sanilac
 Caseville
 Fowler
 McBain Northern Michigan
 Christian

Quarterfinal Awards

Class A

No Manager's Reports
 Received

Class B

DeWitt

Flint Powers Catholic

Class C

Detroit Benedictine
 Saginaw Buena Vista

Class D

Crystal Falls Forest Park
 Harbor Springs Harbor Light
 Christian

Girls Competitive Cheer

Regional Awards

Class A

Allen Park
 Berkley
 Brighton
 East Kentwood
 Grand Rapids Christian
 Grandville
 Hartland
 Mason
 Mt. Pleasant
 Novi
 Rochester
 Rochester Hills Stoney Creek
 Southgate Anderson
 Temperance Bedford
 Troy Athens

Class B

Allegan
 Carleton Airport
 Coloma
 Holland West Ottawa
 Ida

Jenison
Lake Odessa Lakewood
Onsted
Otsego
Tecumseh
Wyoming Park
Class C-D
Albion
Hanover-Horton
Hudson
Michigan Center
Morenci
Pewamo-Westphalia

Ice Hockey

Regional Awards

Division 1

No Manager's Reports
Received

Division 2

Berkley
Flushing
Macomb L'Anse Creuse North
Saginaw Heritage

Division 3

Flint Kearsley
Goodrich
Marysville

Quarterfinal Awards

No Manager's Reports
Received

Girls Volleyball

District Awards

Class A

Anchor Bay
Detroit Denby
Detroit Finney
East Detroit
Fraser
Harper Woods Regina
Harrison Township
L'Anse Creuse
Macomb Dakota
Macomb L'Anse Creuse North
Port Huron
Port Huron Northern

Class B

Battle Creek Harper Creek
Battle Creek Pennfield
Birmingham Seaholm
Bloomfield Hills
Cranbrook-Kingswood

Comstock
DeWitt
Flint Powers Catholic
Flint Southwestern Academy
Goodrich
Hamtrack
Madison Heights Lamphere
Mt. Morris
Parchment
Richland Gull Lake
Royal Oak Dondero
Warren Lincoln
Warren Woods Tower
Williamston

Class C

Breckenridge
Ithaca
Merrill
St. Charles
St. Louis

Class D

Big Rapids Crossroads
Charter Academy
Freesoil

Regional Awards

Class A

Clio
Dearborn
Detroit Cass Tech
Saginaw Heritage
Southgate Anderson
St. Johns
Temperance Bedford
Traverse City West

Class B

Riverview
Royal Oak Dondero
Class C
Charlevoix
Hartford
Kalamazoo Christian
Kingsley
Marion
Pellston
Class D
Cedarville
Ellsworth

Quarterfinal Awards

Class A

No Manager's Reports
Received

Class B

No Manager's Reports
Received

Class C

New Lothrop
St. Louis

Class D

No Manager's Reports
Received

Team Dual Wrestling District Awards

Division 1

Anchor Bay
Flushing
Midland Dow
Port Huron
Port Huron Northern
Romeo
Saginaw Arthur Hill
Saginaw Heritage

Division 2

Middleville Thornapple-
Kellogg

Division 3

Burton Bentley
Flint Beecher
Goodrich

Division 4

Bronson
Jonesville
Kingsley
Mancelona
Quincy
Reading

Regional Awards

Division 1

No Manager's Reports
Received

Division 2

No Manager's Reports
Received

Division 3

Birch Run
Caro
Goodrich
Yale

Division 4

Addison
Athens
Bronson
Homer

LACROSSE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, March 30, 2004

Members Present:

Bob Dowd, Troy
Jerry Fouch, Grand Rapids
Aaron Frank, Birmingham
Patricia Hayes, Birmingham
Judy Hehs, Bloomfield Hills
Rick Kibmball, Jackson Northwest
Rick Schmidt, Holt
Elaine Torvinen, Royal Oak
Laura DeMeulemeester, MWLOA (Advisory)
Graham Adams, MichLoa (Advisory)

Members Absent:

Clark Bell, Troy
Mike Jolly, Warren
Erin Kelley, Lansing
John O'Brien, Grosse Pointe

Staff Members Present:

Tom Rashid (Recorder)
Tom Minter
Mark Uyl

The committee met for the third time this school year to prepare, what is expected to be, the final wave of recommendations to the Representative Council necessary to create MHSAA Lacrosse tournaments for girls and boys in the spring of 2005. The committee noted that the Representative Council adopted all previous recommendations from the Lacrosse Committee. It was emphasized that many of the actions established as "start up approaches" will be reviewed in three years after the 2007 tournaments.

LACROSSE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

The Lacrosse Tournament Committee created by March 26, 2004, Council action will meet two times each school year with specific tasks to align teams in the boys and girls tournaments. The goal of the Tournament Committee with regard to placement of teams will be first to provide as many equitable and meaningful contests as possible for as many teams as possible as opposed to only protecting the strongest teams. After first-round games, competition should be more equitable under this system which is currently in use by both boys and girls.

1. An early February selection meeting to select host sites, place teams in regions combining both geography and strength of program, select officials for some rounds of the tournament and fine-tune spring bracket placement criteria. This meeting will also serve as the Lacrosse Sport Committee in subsequent years.

2. A May meeting, no sooner than three weeks before the Lacrosse tournament will begin to place teams on the bracket within each Region. The committee will use overall record, head to head results, results against common opponents, previous season record, LAX Power Standings, and blind drawings as necessary to place teams on the bracket. Generally eight teams will be placed in a Regional with the typical 1 vs. 8, 2 vs. 7, 3 vs. 6 and 4 vs. 5 placement. The decisions of the Tournament Committee are final and not subject to appeal.

Selection of the committee members will follow MHSAA policy and committee practices. Schools may nominate individuals for membership on the committee.

The coaches associations will have representation.

TOURNAMENT DATES AND LOGISTICS

Brackets with dates and hosting structure for the lacrosse tournaments were created to accommodate approximately 32 boys teams each and 16 girls teams each in Division 1 and 2. The Tier 3, postseason tournament will pull some teams from the Division 1 and 2 Tournament. If more than 16 girls or 32 boys teams are participating in either the Division 1 or 2 tournament, qualifying preliminary rounds will be played the week prior. Options available to playing at the regional host site will be allowed by mutual agreement as is the practice in soccer.

All four Final games will be at the same

site on Saturday, June 11, 2005. Exact game times will be set by staff and discussed at the Winter Tournament Committee Meeting.

The concept of a youth clinic nearby or at the Finals site, sponsored by U.S. Lacrosse, was well received by the committee. The possibility of vendors and corporate partners being involved in the Lacrosse Finals to assist in the financial obligations of the tournament was discussed.

TIER 3 DEVELOPMENTAL POSTSEASON TOURNAMENT

It was determined that a minimum of eight teams must indicate the intention to participate prior to the Winter Tournament Committee meeting or the Tier 3 Developmental Tournament will not be held. The site and time of the Tier 3 Final game will be determined depending on the Division 1 and 2 Finals. In order of preference, the committee felt that the Tier 3 Finals should be 1.) At the same site but on a different field than the Division 1 and 2 games, scheduled with boys Tier 3, during girls Division 2 and vice versa. 2.) At a field in close proximity with the altered schedule. 3.) On a date different than the Division 1 and 2 Finals, and 4.) At the same site and just prior to Regional Finals or Division 1 or 2 Semifinals. Only the teams in the Final of the Tier 3 tournament will be receiving any reimbursement for expenses. The financial and management responsibility for all Tier 3 games prior to the Final are with the competing schools.

OFFICIALS

Currently the men's and women's lacrosse officials associations and game assignors have the following requirements of officials 1.) A three-hour required training session. 2.) Completion of a rule book and mechanics exam and 3.) Membership in US Lacrosse for insurance coverage purposes. Discussion took place regarding requiring officials to join U.S. Lacrosse as a prerequisite for officials association membership, MHSAA tournament assignment and eligibility to officiate regular season games. The Representative Council is considering adopting a recommendation from the Officials Review Committee that prohibits assignors from requiring membership in a specific offi-

cial association so as to be assigned games under the control of the assignor.

Membership in U.S. Lacrosse should be recommended, it should not be a requirement. Associations should consider a tiered membership where officials may voluntarily join U.S. Lacrosse so as to work college level but not be required to do so because MHSAA insurance coverage for officials is included in their MHSAA registration fee.

The MHSAA should not go backwards where lacrosse has moved forward. Officials who wish to be eligible to work MHSAA tournament games in 2005 must be registered with the MHSAA, have attended a rules meeting, as will all coaches, have completed both an MHSAA approved three hour training session and rule/mechanics examination.

The MHSAA rating system for officials will begin for boys and girls lacrosse in the spring of 2005 and follow the same procedures and deadlines as other spring sports. All other submissions and deadlines with respect to officials shall be followed by lacrosse officials such as a first-time guidebook test and criminal history checks.

The committee assisted staff with the requirements for official's uniforms for boys and girls lacrosse in the 2004-2005 *Officials Guidebook* to be printed this fall

COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS

On March 24, 2004, the Executive Committee determined that Regulation I, Section I (F) should be applied to lacrosse teams that currently exist and resemble cooperative programs. Because lacrosse will be new to the MHSAA in 2004-05, any cooperative program that exceeds 3,500 students may make application for a maximum of three years (2004-05 through 2006-07) as a "new program" regardless of its pre-MHSAA history. Schools are reminded that cooperative agreement applications must be submitted prior to the Oct. 15, 2004, deadline. Forms and information are available at mhsaa.com.

LIMITATIONS OF COMPETITION - SPECIFICS

Specific *MHSAA Handbook* language, similar to soccer with regard to the previously approved "non-school day multi-team event" was finalized: (Changes from soccer

are in **bold**).

No student may compete in more than three (3) games and/or scrimmages of lacrosse in one week (Monday through Sunday), including regular and MHSAA tournament play. An individual is limited to one game per school day.

A team may compete in a multi-team tournament in which the total allowable paying time for any team is no more than **150 running-time minutes**. The event counts as one of the 18 regular-season contests. The following provisions would apply:

- a. A team would be allowed a maximum of two (2) multi team tournaments in its regular season schedule.
- b. No more than **25 minute running-time** halves could be played. **Clock stops for injuries and one time out allowed per team.**
- c. Multi-team tournament may only be held on non-school days.
- d. **There are no overtimes permitted, the games shall end in a tie.**
- e. If an individual participates in a multi-team tournament, he/she is allowed in one other game date that week, Monday through Sunday.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Officials who wish to be eligible to work MHSAA tournament games must be registered with the MHSAA, have attended a rules meeting, have completed both an MHSAA approved three-hour training session and a rule/mechanics examination (8-0).
2. Specific *MHSAA Handbook* language, similar to soccer with regard to the previously approved "non-school day multi-team event" shall read: (Changes from soccer are in **bold**).
 - a. No student may compete in more than three (3) games and/or scrimmages of lacrosse in one week (Monday through Sunday), including regular and MHSAA tournament play. An individual is limited to one game per school day.
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 - f. **There are no overtimes permitted, the games shall end in a tie.**
 - g. If an individual participates in a multi-team tournament, he/she is allowed in one other game date that week, Monday through Sunday (8-0).
3. A Tier 3 Postseason Developmental Tournament will be held if a minimum of eight teams indicate the intention to participate prior to the Winter Tournament Committee meeting. The site and time of the Tier III Final game will be determined depending on the Division 1 and 2 Finals. Only the teams in the Final game of the Tier 3 tournament will receive reimbursement for expenses. The financial and management responsibility for all Tier 3 games prior to the Final game are with the competing schools (8-0).
 4. The Lacrosse Tournament Committee will meet two times each school year. The goal of the Tournament Committee with regard to placement of teams will be first to provide as many equitable and meaningful contests as possible for as many teams as possible as opposed to only protecting the strongest teams.
 - a. An early February selection meeting to select host sites, place teams in regions combining both geography and strength of program, select officials for some rounds of the tournament and fine tune spring bracket placement criteria.
 - b. A May meeting, no sooner than 3 weeks before the Lacrosse tournament will begin to place teams on the bracket within each Region. The committee will use overall record, head to head results, results against common opponents, previous season record, LAX Power Standings, and

- blind drawings if necessary to place teams on the bracket. Generally eight teams will be placed in a Regional with the typical 1 vs. 8, 2 vs.7, 3 vs. 6 and 4 vs. 5 placement.
- c. The decisions of the Tournament Committee are final and not subject to appeal. Selection of the committee members will follow MHSAA policy and committee practices. Schools may nominate individuals for membership on the committee. The coaches associations will have representation (8-0).
 - 5. Brackets with dates, hosting structure and stipulations for the spring 2005 Lacrosse tournaments to accommodate approximately 32 boys teams each and 16 girls teams each in Division 1 and 2 shall be used (8-0). ■

2004-05 NATIONAL TESTING DATES ADMINISTRATION - COUNSELORS - COACHES

Please advise students of the 2004-05 test date schedule. Your students should be aware of athletic tournament dates and should attempt to schedule their respective test date away from tournament dates of the sport or sports in which they are interested and participate.

Following are test dates for 2004-05 and possible MHSAA Tournament conflicts:

ACT ASSESSMENT DATES	SPORT CONFLICTS
October 23, 2004	Boys Soccer Districts, UP Cross Country Finals
December 11, 2004	None
February 12, 2005	None
April 9, 2005	None
June 11, 2005	Girls Soccer, Baseball, Softball Regionals, Boys and Girls Lacrosse Finals

SAT TESTING DATES	SPORT CONFLICTS
October 9, 2004	LP Boys Golf Regionals
November 6, 2004	Football Districts, Boys Soccer, LP Cross Country Finals
December 4, 2004	Girls Basketball Finals
January 22, 2005	None
March 12, 2005	Boys Basketball Regionals, Competitive Cheer, Girls Gymnastics, Ice Hockey, LP Boys Swimming, Girls Volleyball, LP Individual Wrestling Finals
May 7, 2005	None
June 4, 2005	Girls Soccer, Baseball, Softball Districts, Boys and Girls Lacrosse Regionals, LP & UP Track & Field, LP Girls Golf, LP Boys Tennis Finals

AP EXAM DATES	SPORT CONFLICTS
May 2-13, 2005	None

(Advanced Placement Exams are administered over a five-day period for each subject)

BOWLING COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, March 31, 2004

Members Present:

Scott Bennett, Flint
Tom Braun, Grand Ledge
Carl Dombos, Rockford
Rudy Godefroidt, Hemlock
Greg Guntow, Dearborn
Judy Jaeger, Livonia
Vicki Kowalski, Farmington
Bob Lomonco, Grand Rapids
Tracy Long, Flint
Jim Pellarito, Wyoming
Rick Radulski, Sterling Heights Stevenson
Randy Shank, Sterling Heights
Ron Tomasoni, Iron Mountain

Staff Members Present:

Randy Allen (Recorder)
Amanda Hoover
Andy Frushour

The MHSAA Bowling Committee met to review the first year of MHSAA bowling and to make recommendations to the MHSAA Representative Council.

2003-04 SEASON REVIEW

Committee members discussed all aspects of the inaugural year for MHSAA bowling. It was generally agreed that the program had a good start and the transition from the Michigan High School Bowling Conference and BCAM to the MHSAA was successful. It is expected that much growth will take place in future years in both boys and girls programs. Member schools will be sent a spring memo to update them on the progress of the bowling program and to remind schools considering bowling programs to communicate their decisions with the MHSAA as early as possible. Regular-season regulations from the MHSAA GIB were reviewed. No changes were recommended. The committee was updated on the development of a Michigan High School Bowling Coaches Association which has a membership of over 100 and will meet May 1 in Flushing. The committee was also updated on efforts by High School Bowling USA to work with state associations that sponsor bowling to determine a national set of high school playing rules. The MHSAA will be part of an Advisory Council that will meet at the National Federation meeting this summer in San Diego.

TOURNAMENT REVIEW

Regional and Finals tournament procedures were reviewed. It was agreed that Regional sites and materials to participating schools must be done much earlier. Committee members and BCAM will solicit interest from bowling proprietors and potential school hosts with Regional sites and hosts to be confirmed by the end of May 2004. It was also agreed to conduct the Regional tournaments in split squads to better accommodate both boys and girls at the same site and reduce the number of bowlers on each lane for a better competition environment. A motion was made to increase the Regional singles qualifying block from four games to six games. Regional Tournament dates for 2004-05 will be Feb. 25-26. A motion was made to move the first contest date later to allow for more practice and try-out days. All other regional tournament procedures and time schedules will remain the same. Region managers meetings will be held at the MHSAA office in January 2005.

The 2004 Finals Tournament at Sunnybrook Lanes was a great success with more than 2,400 fans attending. Bowlers and spectators all cooperated to make the tournament atmosphere exciting. Thanks were expressed to the Sunnybrook staff for their cooperation and to the tournament workers who coordinated bowlers and coaches registration and paddock areas. It was agreed to keep the basic time schedule and procedures

in place for 2004-05 with minimal change. Singles tiebreakers in match games will take place at the end of each tied game rather than the end of a match. Two coaches per team will be allowed admittance but only one in the bowling area. Efforts will be made to keep areas separate and available for non-bowling team members.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEMS

It was suggested that the MHSAA again conduct a limited number of orientation/review meetings for schools with bowling programs and those considering adding bowling. A motion was approved to establish and require bowling rules meetings for schools and coaches beginning in 2004-05. Other issues reviewed were establishing MHSAA bowling records, equipment rules, cooperation with the YABA national office on high score recognition, scholarship regulations and future Finals site investigation.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Add restrictions for blue jeans to uniform/dress code (12-0).
2. Increase regional singles qualifying games from four to six (12-0).
3. Establish annual rules meetings for bowling schools and head coaches as in other MHSAA sports effective with the 2004-05 school year (12-0).
4. Conduct the 2005 MHSAA Bowling Finals at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights, MI (12-0).
5. Move the first contest day in 2004-05 from November 29 to December 4, 2004 (12-0).

6. Allow participation in YABA league programs during the MHSAA bowling season without loss of eligibility. Participation to be limited to a total of 10 times, once per week, and must be part of regular weekly YABA programs, not tournaments or special events. Participation in YABA programs must not exceed in the aggregate the MHSAA limits of three events per week or five events in a 14-day period and 18 games in a single day for any student.

Rationale: Bowling programs for school-age students have been in existence for many years under the authority of YABA on a state and national basis. The weekly league programs were established to promote bowling participation in a non-competitive atmosphere for young people of all ages and skill levels with an emphasis on sportsmanship, mentoring, instruction and fun. Such YABA programs are not limited or geared to "elite" players or teams, and more resemble after-school intramurals.

Allowing limited participation in weekly YABA leagues would remove a major obstacle to growth in school-sponsored programs and greatly reduce the problems bowling proprietors are experiencing in the administration of YABA leagues that are formed in the fall of the year. The leagues are also more of a practice opportunity for students from school programs that help control school expenses. The participation in such YABA leagues is defined carefully and quite limited. YABA also has strict rules on these leagues for sportsmanship, supervision and instruction as well as complete prohibitions on alcohol and tobacco.
(12-0) ■

OFFICIALS: Renew Your Registration by July 1

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Following will be found a classified index of the articles which have appeared in the *Bulletins* issued during the 2003-04 school year, including this present issue. It is hoped that this index will give a ready reference to articles included under the various classified headings. Many superintendents, principals, athletic directors, coaches, and athletic officials keep a complete file of all *Bulletins* received during the year, and this index should be of value to them. Articles have been cross-indexed to aid in their more rapid location with the anticipation that this material will be worthwhile to school and athletic administrators.

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2004-05 RULES MEETINGS

By Representative Council Action:

- (1) It is necessary for officials to attend rules meetings if they wish to be considered for tournament play in that sport.
- (2) Each school sponsoring the sport should be represented at one of the meetings for that sport.

Plan accordingly to attend a rules meeting in your area. A complete list of dates, times and locations will be available online at mhsaa.com by June 1, 2004

25TH ANNUAL OFFICIALS AWARDS & ALUMNI BANQUET A SUCCESS



More than 300 people attended the MHSAA's 25th Annual Officials Awards and Alumni Banquet at the Sheraton Lansing Hotel on April 24, for an evening of celebration and reminiscing.

Those in attendance were treated to a trip down memory lane via a video timeline highlighting the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s.

As part of the program, individualized plaques were awarded to those officials serving for 20, 30 and 40 years or more with the MHSAA, highlighted by the Vern Norris Award, presented to Carl Van Heck of Grand Rapids, now in his fifth decade of officiating high school sports.

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◀ *Veteran official Carl Van Heck of Grand Rapids (center) receives the 2004 Norris Award for outstanding contributions to officiating throughout a career now into its fifth decade. At left is current MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts, while at right is former Executive Director Vern Norris, for whom the award is named.*



◀ *30-year volleyball official Catherine Dristas (left) was greeted with – what else? – whistles from a table full of supporters (below). ▼*



▲ *The evening allowed for time to reminisce, as 20-year official Tyrone Hampton of Ann Arbor (standing) and 30-year official Henry Allen of South Haven exchange tales.*



"SCHOOLS SHALL PREPARE ...

a Master Eligibility List (Form-1 or its equivalent) of all students eligible for that sport under the provisions of the Regulations, including current semester record. Additions to the squad should be duly added. Current copies of the Master Eligibility List are to be available to competing school upon request and must be submitted to MHSAA Tournament Managers with other required material by the Opt Out - Due Date for that sport tournament." (*MHSAA Handbook*)

In 1997 the MHSAA eliminated the requirement that schools submit eligibility lists to the MHSAA Office. **Mailing or faxing eligibility lists to the MHSAA is unnecessary and wasteful – send eligibility lists to Tournament Managers with other required material to fulfill tournament entry requirements.** Be sure to include any students who may be eligible for that tournament, such as JV players who may be "brought up." One list per sport – not separate Freshmen, JV and Varsity lists – is considered most efficient for this purpose.

Preparing the forms in advance of scrimmages or contests helps schools to ensure that only eligible students enter competitions. Current copies of eligibility lists must be available to opponents upon request. See Regulation II, Section 4 for the complete regulation and interpretations.

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*.

All items will be pre-packaged in the quantities listed. To aid in handling, the MHSAA requests you place your order in these quantities. **ORDERS WILL BE FILLED AND RETURNED WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS.**

MHSAA ATHLETIC SUPPLY ORDER FORM

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School Contracts (Form 3-C) (250 per package, limit 2 packages) _____

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