

OFFICIALS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, October 1, 2012

Members Present:

Jeremy Beal, Hudson
Jim Corstange, Richland
Jim Haskins, Grand Rapids
Karen Leinaar, Benzonia
Vic Michaels, Detroit
John Mueller, Williamston

Dave Muylaert, Mt. Clemens
Nick Nolde, Escanaba
Dar Peska, Alma
Mike Robillard, North Muskegon
Jeff Spedoske, DeWitt

Staff:

Mark Uyl (Recorder)

The 2012-13 MHSAA Officials Review Committee met to review topics involving high school officiating. After introductions were completed, the committee reviewed the terms of appointment to the Officials Review Committee, as well as the charge and mission of the group relative to the MHSAA decision making process.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Review of 2012 Representative Council Actions: The committee received an update from the May 2012 meeting of the Representative Council, as well as a review of last year's meeting items.

Officials Recruitment & Retention: MHSAA staff reported current registration numbers in light of a renewed focus on recruiting new officials. Staff shared information relative to current recruiting and retention efforts from a statewide and local perspective. Recruiting, and especially retention, must remain focus points for everyone involved to build the ranks of new and beginning officials.

Officials Program Updates: A brief update was provided on the officials video training program, the MHSAA Observer program and Officials Reports. The MHSAA is continuing to grow inexpensive camps and clinics that are geared toward the new and beginning level official. The committee believed that additional training for our newest officials will greatly improve current retention rates and the group encouraged staff to continue down this path. Data from the latest fee survey was shared with the committee, as well as an update on the partnership between the MHSAA and Arbiter Sports regarding Arbiter Game and Arbiter 360.

Officials Ratings: The committee reviewed pieces of correspondence of concern with the current officials rating program. The correspondence received suggested that officials need more specific feedback from schools that have concerns with the work of a low-rated official. Committee members discussed these concerns, and made the suggestion that schools and coaches need a more specific "rating rubric" that would assist member schools in providing more accurate and reliable ratings. MHSAA staff will develop and produce such rubric for the next year.

Ejection Protocols and Concerns: A discussion took place on the current ejection protocols and next day of competition suspension. Specific conversation took place on the penalties for teams and individuals when a contest is stopped due to a total breakdown in sportsmanship but game officials do not identify specific individuals for ejection purposes. The committee encouraged staff to better educate officials regarding

expectations in terms of handling games and contests that end prematurely in light of the next day of competition suspension regulations.

Concussion Protocols: The committee received an update on current concussion protocols and procedures in light of continuing emphasis and attention on head injuries.

NASO Summit 2013: An update was provided regarding the 2013 NASO Summit to be held in Grand Rapids on July 28-30. Additionally, the committee discussed the MHSAA “state day” officials conference to also be held in Grand Rapids on July 27.

Correspondence: The committee reviewed correspondence received relative to a possible Upper Peninsula Officials Banquet for UP officials and a proposed family pass for spouses and sibling of officials when said official is working that game.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

There were no recommendations to the Representative Council.