

Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc.
2018-19 BASKETBALL COMMITTEE MINUTES
December 5, 2018

Members Present:

Monique Brown, Detroit
Dan Coddens, Marshall
Vernon Crump, Canton
Mike Evoy, Detroit
Don Gauthier, Imlay City
Don Gustafson, St Ignace
Keith Guy, Muskegon
Leroy Hackley, Muskegon
Tom Hampton, Williamston
Mike Mohn, Delton
Don Price, Marcellus
Shad Spilski, Lapeer

Adam Stefanski, Mackinaw City
Jeff Wernette, Cassopolis
Mike Williams, Mt Morris
Dan Young, BCAM

Guest:

Jesse Brink, AT, ATC

Absent:

Tim Reznich, Frankfort
Brian Swinehart, Commerce

Recorder:

Nate Hampton, MHSAA

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

In 2017 the committee had two recommendations to the Representative Council.

1. Basketball Tournament Seeding – The committee favored seeding at the District level of the MHSAA tournament and desired a speedy identification as to the method and protocols that will be required. This was not approved by the Council.
2. Allow use of the 28 foot coaches' box. This was approved by the Council.

Reaching Higher

Don Gauthier, of Imlay City HS and Boys Reaching Higher Chair, along with Dan Young, BCAM Executive Director, discussed the new NCAA/NFHS protocols for establishing a State Association/Coaches Association sponsored event. The 2019 events are planned for June and July at Milford High School.

In 2018 the Reaching Higher Event was not certified by the NCAA. The event was held on Tuesday, July 17 at Milford HS. Both the girls and boys event was conducted on the same day and included athlete showcase, parent seminar on college recruiting and athlete information on NCAA academic requirements. A BCAM selection committee met at the MHSAA office to select athletes for both genders.

General Discussion

1. NFHS Basketball – The committee was able to review the NFHS survey used by the NFHS Basketball Committee when discussing suggested rules changes.
2. Hoopfest – Supported and co-sponsored by the Lansing Sports Authority will not be held this year due to the facility availability. Jenison Field House is not available.
3. Tournament Basketball – A Rawlings ball must be used in all MHSAA tournament competition.
4. Middle School/Junior High Competition Limits – Remains at 12 days but allow four double header tournament days that count as only one game of the twelve.
5. MHSAA Participating School Tournament Information – The committee reviewed the current contest and participant information and supported MHSAA policy in the current participating team ticket purchase policy which limits each boys team to a maximum of 600 lower bowl

seats and 500 upper bowl general admission (300 lower bowl bleacher seats for student standing sections, require wristbands).

6. Top Shooters – The BCAM/MHSAA top shooter activity will be a part of both the Girls and Boys Finals. Also, Miss and Mr Basketball presentations made during both Saturday Finals.
7. MHSAA Representative Council approved the switch of calendars for 2018-19. This allows the boys season and tournament to run first and the girl's season and tournament to follow. At its most recent December meeting the Representative Council discussed scheduling issues and possible solutions for the boys and girls tournament in 2023-24 and the 2024-25 school years, when the current years calendar issues happen again. The Council approved that the girls tournament will be held at Van Noord Arena, Calvin College in 2019-20 and 2020-21.
8. Season Calendar – The committee discussed the current 19 week season and the 21 day required practice period before the first contest.
9. Tournament Seeding – The committee reviewed materials that the Representative Council reviewed at its May meeting and did not approve. Their discussion centered on the number 1 and number 2 seeded teams getting an automatic bye. Following a lengthy and intense discussion a recommendation was made (See Recommendations to the Representative Council below).
10. Semifinal Trophy – A committee member broached the subject of presenting the losing team at each semifinal a trophy for participation in the "Final Four". The discussion morphed into "Quarterfinal Winners Trophy" and BCAM could possibly provide trophies. No action was taken by the committee.
11. Good Sporting Conduct – Tom Hursey detailed the work the Basketball Officials and Coaches Communication Committee (BOCCC) selection and presentation of Sportsmanship Awards to MHSAA member schools based on reports and ratings from officials. "Pure Sweat" is a contributing sponsor for the "Top 100 Awards".
12. The committee discussed good sporting conduct and the responsibility of school coaches and school administrators setting an example for appropriate conduct and actions that are expected from the school community and student body.

Health and Safety

The NFHS Injury Report system revealed that Boys and Girls Basketball had the 6th highest injury rate in the original 9 sports under the study in 2016-17. Only girls' volleyball, baseball and softball had lower injury rates. Injury rates for boys basketball have decreased over the past 11 years overall. In 2016-17 the most common injury was ankle sprain (31.1%) followed by concussion (16.5%). After football and hockey, the next four sports to show the highest incidences of head injuries were girls soccer followed by girls basketball. Girls' basketball participants demonstrated significantly more concussions than males. The most common injury was ankle sprain (24.9%) followed by concussion (23.5%)

Recommendations to the Representative Council

1. Basketball Tournament Seeding - District Level only– Using RPI, all teams in each District shall be seeded based on RPI Ratings through game 15 or 16 or two weeks prior to the start of district competition. (15 – 0 in favor, 1 abstention)
 - Only games against varsity teams of MHSAA member school's would be included.
 - Games against out-of-state opponents are excluded except when an MHSAA member school is a member of a conference with out-of-state schools. Those conference games would be included; however, all the opponents of those conference opponents would be assigned a .500 win/loss record.
 - Only those games played and scores reported through the reporting period would be included.
 - Unreported scores would not be included in computations.
 - Games played but missing from the published schedules would not be included in computations.

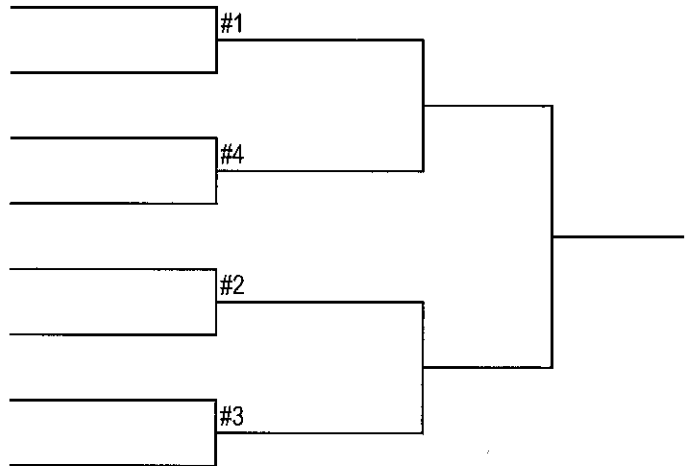
GAME HOST

1. The MHSAA pre-determines the District host. The District host will host ALL of its bracketed games, no matter if it is placed on the top or bottom line of the bracket.
 2. Non-Traditional District – Is one that is authorized by the MHSAA to reduce travel for participating teams.
In a Non-Traditional District, a “Host School” is determined by the MHSAA to be the principal point of contact and communication for the District tournament; but the “Host School” does not actually host all the games. It will host only those games in which it is a participant or if other competing schools choose not to host. If it is one of the seeded teams and whether or not it is on the top or bottom line of the bracket for a particular game.
 3. Non-Traditional District brackets are completed exactly the same as Traditional Districts. Seeded teams are assigned to the same pre-determined lines in the same way, whether it is a Traditional or Non-Traditional District.
- Brackets - Seeded #1 team and #2 team in each district will be placed on the pre-determined lines of each half of the bracket. The remaining teams are then placed on the appropriate seed line as outlined (see attached).

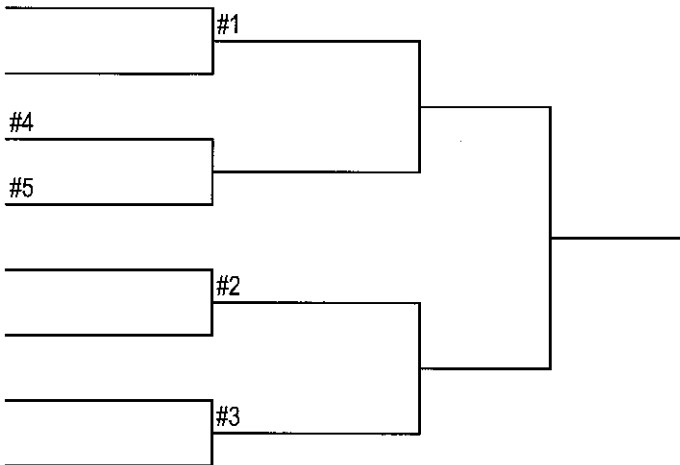
BRACKETS WITH SEEDS

If all teams are seeded in a District, the following brackets would be used to determine placements of the seeds

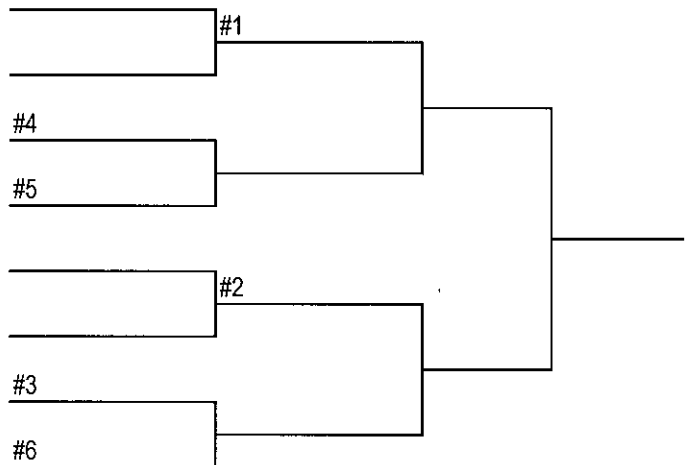
4-TEAM BRACKET



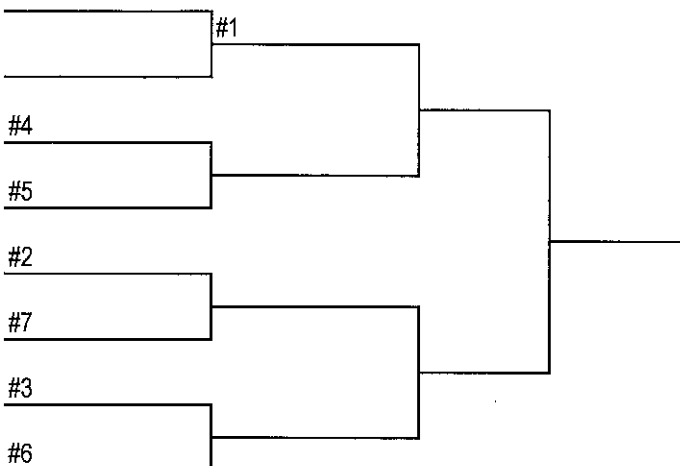
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