

Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc.  
2019-20 BASKETBALL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
December 4, 2019

Members Present:

Monique Brown, Detroit  
Dan Coddens, Marshall  
Jeremy Denha, West Bloomfield  
Mike Evoy, Detroit  
Don Gauthier, Imlay City  
Casey Glass, Hudsonville  
Keith Guy, Muskegon  
Tom Hampton, Williamston  
Greg Immink, Grand Haven  
William McKoy, Romulus  
Mike Mohn, Delton

Todd Pawielski, Cassopolis  
Don Price, Marcellus  
Time Reznich, Frankfort  
Shad Spilski, Lapeer  
Zac Stevenson, Traverse City  
Connor Thomas, Caro  
Chris Westfall, Ypsilanti  
Dennis Hopkins, BCAM  
Dan Young, BCAM

Guest: Kevin Fleming, MATS  
Recorder: Nate Hampton

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 2018 the committee had one recommendation to the Representative Council.

1. Seeding – District level only using MPR. Approved by Council

### **Reaching Higher**

Don Gauthier, of Imlay City HS and Boys Reaching Higher Chair and Tim Reznich, Frankfort HS, Girls Chair along with Dan Young, BCAM Executive Director, discussed the new NCAA/NFHS protocols for establishing a State Association/Coaches Association sponsored events, both individual and team. The 2020 individual event, both genders, is planned for June 28 at Milford High School. The boys team event is scheduled for June 19-21, site TBD.

In 2019 the boys and girls events were scheduled on the same day and included student and parent seminars on college recruiting and athlete information on NCAA requirements and athlete showcase.

BCAM Reaching Higher Regional Committees will make all athlete and team selections.

### **General Discussion**

1. Hoopfest – Supported and co-sponsored by the Lansing Sports Authority will be discontinued due to the facility availability.
2. Tournament Basketball – A Rawlings basketball must be used in all levels of MHSAA tournament competition.
3. Middle School/Junior High Competition Limits – 13 consecutive week season, 12 game limit for teams as well as individuals. One game per day, except that on no more than four occasions during the season, a student or team may participate in two games on a day not followed by a school day for either team. The four double-header days shall count as only one game toward the total of 12 allowed games. Allowance – From a student's first participation in a contest or scrimmage, until the last day of competition for that student, a member of the school team in the sport may participate in a maximum of two non-school contest in that sport while not representing his or her school.
4. MHSAA Participating School Tournament Information – The committee reviewed the current contest and participant information.
5. 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.
6. MHSAA Calendar – The 2019-20 calendar reverts back to the traditional format with the girl's season starting one week before boys.
7. Tournament Seeding – Review

8. Sporting Conduct Expectations – The committee discussed good sporting conduct and the responsibility of school coaches and school administrators setting an example for appropriate conduct that are expected from the school community and student body.
9. Review of Athletic Director In-Service Survey Questions –
  - Quarter Proposal – Consider allowing underclass students to participate in more than one game per day. (5 or 6 quarters)
  - Travel Limits – Consider allowing school transportation (school vans or bus) to be used during the summer for allowed summer activity.
  - Out of State Events – Allow Michigan schools to compete with schools outside of Michigan travel limits or eliminate the travel rule.
  - Contest Limits – Consider increasing the number for regular season contest for both girls and boys teams to 22 from 20.

### **Health and Safety**

The NFHS Injury Report system revealed that Boys and Girls Basketball had the 6<sup>th</sup> highest injury rate in the original 9 sports under the study in 2017-18. Only girls' volleyball, baseball and softball had lower injury rates. Injury rates for boys basketball have decreased over the past 12 years overall. In 2017-18 the most common injury was ankle sprain followed by concussion. After football and hockey, the next four sports to show the highest incidences of head injuries were girls soccer followed by girl's basketball. Girls' basketball participants demonstrated significantly more concussions than males. The most common injury for both genders was ankle sprain followed by concussion.

The committee also viewed the Be Nice video on Mental Health. The committee then shared positive actions their schools/districts are doing that relate to students mental health.

### **Recommendations to MHSAA Staff**

1. Tournament Game Times – In order to establish consistent game times, the committee recommends the following;
  - District doubleheaders game times, 5:30 & 7:00 pm
  - Single game & District Final 7:00 pm
  - Regional Double Headers 5:30 & 7:00 pm
  - Regional Finals 7:00 pm
  - Quarterfinals (single game) 7:00 pm, (double header) 5:30 & 7:00 pm
 20 In favor, 0 opposed
2. Out of Season Summer Transportation – The committee supports the allowance to use school owned transportation during summer activity. 20 In Favor, 0 Opposed

### **Recommendation to the Representative Council**

1. Multi-game Participation – The committee recommends a change in individual regular season limitations that would allow students to participate in:
  - No more than five quarters per day
  - No more than three dates per week
  - No more than 20 dates per team
  - No more than 20 dates per individual
 The committee suggest that this allowance would aide in increasing participation, assist schools with low or no freshmen or junior varsity teams and give more balance and playing time to developing students. 19 In Favor, 1 Opposed
2. Regular Season Game Limitations – Allow twenty two games during the regular season and remove two of the four allowed scrimmage dates. This would bring Michigan in line with other nearby states. 20 In favor, 0 Opposed