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ON THE COVER

Softball, Boys Lacrosse and LP Girls Golf are among the many highlights of the MHSAA spring tournament season. Also featured in the coming weeks are Baseball, Girls Lacrosse, UP Boys and Girls Golf, UP and LP Track & Field, and UP and LP Boys Tennis.

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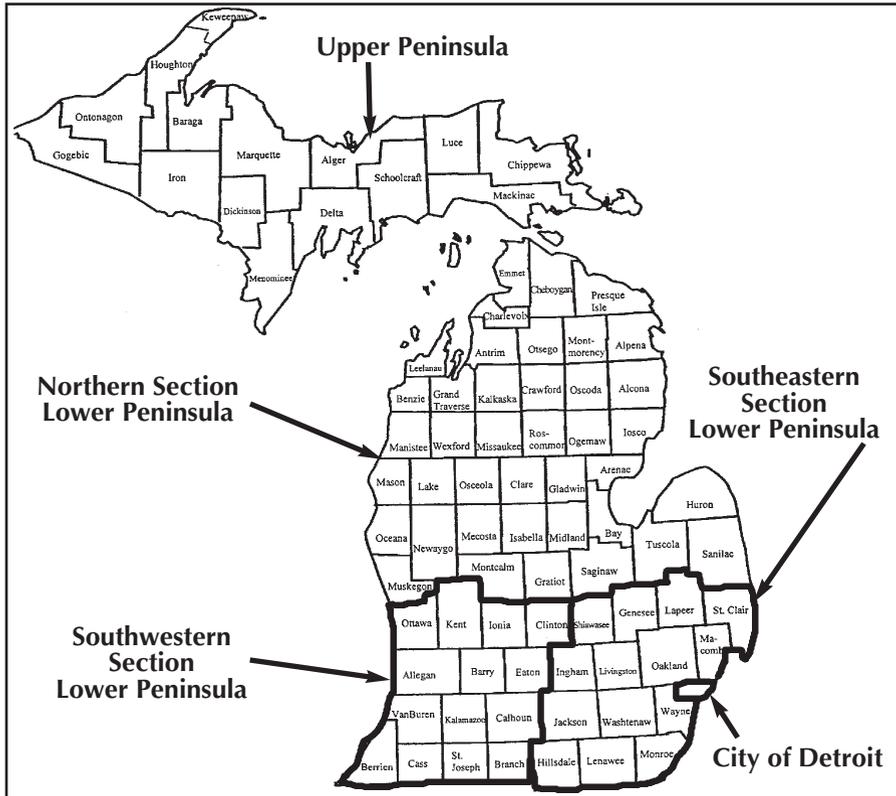
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REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AND UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Ballots to be Sent to Schools August 31, 2006

MAP OF REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL SECTIONS



Ballots for Representative Council elections will be mailed to principals of member schools from the MHSAA office Aug. 31, 2006. The ballots will be due back in the MHSAA office Sept. 14, 2006.

Eight positions for membership on the Representative Council will be up for election this fall. Vacancies for two-year terms beginning December 2006 will occur as follows: Class A-B Northern Section L.P., Southwestern Section L.P. and Southeastern Section L.P.; Class C-D Upper Peninsula 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. 14, 2006, 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, 2006. 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 2006:

**REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL
CANDIDATES FOR
SEPTEMBER 2006 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, Superintendent, Gibraltar School District

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 — Rod Bragg, Faculty Member/Coach, Gaylord-St. Mary Cathedral School; Scott C. Grimes, Principal, Grand Haven High School; Nick Kocsis, Faculty Member/Coach, Zeeland East High School; Cheri L. Meier, Principal, Ionia Middle School

Junior High/Middle Schools — David Baldus, Faculty Member, Fremont Middle School; Keith Eldred, Faculty Member, Williamston Middle School

Private and Parochial High Schools — Vic Michaels, Director of Physical Education & Athletics, Archdiocese of Detroit

**UPPER PENINSULA
ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

Athletic Coach — David Duncan, Athletic Director/Basketball Coach, Cedarville High School; Bob Madigan, Faculty Member/Coach, Norway High School; Paul Polfus, Basketball Coach, Carney-Nadeau High School

Class D Schools — Joseph Reddinger, Athletic Director/Football Coach, Felch North Dickinson High School ■

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to make all personnel, telephone and
address revisions necessary for the
2006-07 school year**

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 25, 2006

Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan
Keith Eldred, Williamston
William Newkirk, Meridian
Jim 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 this report of phrases such as "it was alleged" or "it was reported," no

attempt is made in the introduction of each waiver request to distinguish between truth, allegation, hearsay, opinion, summary or conclusion. If any information provided to the Executive Committee is inaccurate, any decision of the Executive Committee to grant waiver of a regulation shall be null and void.

A determination of undue hardship is a matter addressed to the discretion of the Executive Committee within the educational philosophy and secondary role of voluntary extracurricular competitive athletics in the academic environment. The Executive Committee will avoid making exceptions that would create precedent that effectively changes a rule without Representative Council action or local board of education adoption, which would exceed Executive Committee authority. The Executive Committee is not authorized to grant waiver based on alleged or actual differences between schools based on "environment," demographics, curriculum or extracurricular offerings.

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

Adoption of these regulations, as well as policies, procedures and schedules of MHSAA tournaments, is a choice schools make locally when they consider their option of MHSAA membership. Consistent

with rulings of the Attorney General and Michigan Supreme Court, schools are not bound by the decisions of the Executive Committee, but the association may limit participation in the postseason tournaments it sponsors to those schools which choose to apply rules and penalties as promulgated by the MHSAA and adopted by each member school's board of education. The MHSAA exercises no independent authority over schools or students.

Regulation I, Section 1(F) – A summary of schools' actions to comply with the 3,500-student enrollment limit for cooperative programs was reviewed by the Executive Committee, which was complimentary of the efforts by staff and enthusiastic about the additional opportunities schools were providing students within the limits of the policy adopted in 2002 for full compliance by Aug. 1, 2006.

Flint—Carman-Ainsworth and Flushing High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls swimming & diving between these schools. Carman-Ainsworth sponsored the sports previously and will be the primary school. The combined enrollment of 3,201 will continue placement of both teams in the Division 1 tournaments. Support from the Big Nine Conference was received.

Gobles and Bloomingdale High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys soccer between these two schools. The combined enrollment of 723 will place the team in Division 3. Gobles has sponsored soccer previously on a sporadic basis and will be the primary school. Support from three future opponents was received.

Grand Rapids-NorthPointe Christian and Wyoming-Tri-unity Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls tennis between these schools. NorthPointe Christian has sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. The combined enrollment

of 467 students will continue placement in the Division 4 tournament. Support from five future opponents was received.

Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these two schools of the same district in girls gymnastics. Grosse Pointe South will be the primary school. Both schools sponsored gymnastics previously. The combined enrollment will be 3,217 students. Support from three opposing schools was received.

Hart and Walkerville High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of boys soccer to a cooperative agreement that has existed in football between these two schools since April 2003. Hart sponsored boys soccer previously and will be the primary school. The combined enrollment of 445 students will continue placement of the team in the Division 3 tournament. Support from both the West Michigan "D" League and the West Michigan Conference was received.

Hartland and Linden-Lake Fenton High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls swimming & diving between these two schools. The combined enrollment of 2,297 will place the team in the Division 1 tournament. Hartland will be the primary school. Support from the Kensington Valley Conference was received.

Iron River-West Iron County and Crystal Falls-Forest Park High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls cross country between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 605 students will place both teams in the Division 1 Upper Peninsula Cross Country Meet. Both schools sponsored cross country previously; Iron River will be the primary school. Support from the West-Pac Conference was received.

Ishpeming and Republic-

Michigamme High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of boys and girls cross country to a cooperative agreement which already exists between these schools in boys and girls golf, boys and girls track & field, football and boys tennis. Ishpeming has sponsored cross country previously and will be the primary school. The combined enrollment of 355 students will continue placement in Division 2 of the Upper Peninsula Cross Country Meet. Support from the Mid-Peninsula Conference was received.

Lake Leelanau-St. Mary and Leland High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys golf between these two schools. The schools already cooperate in boys soccer and girls volleyball with Leland being the primary school in those sports. St. Mary sponsored boys golf previously and will be the primary school for this program. The combined enrollment of 222 will continue placement in the Division 4 tournament. Support from four future opponents was received.

Mesick and Buckley High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football between these two schools whose combined enrollment is 418 students. Mesick sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Northwest Conference was received.

Otsego High School and Otsego Baptist Academy (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football between these two schools whose combined enrollment is 749 students. Otsego High School has sponsored football previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Wolverine B Conference was received.

Taylor-Light and Life Christian and Wyandotte-Mt. Carmel High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a coopera-

tive program in football between these two schools whose combined enrollment is 172 students. Light and Life Christian will be the primary school; both schools sponsored football previously. Support from the Catholic High School League was received.

Tekonsha High School and Coldwater-Pansophia Academy (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – Application was made for a cooperative program in football between these two schools whose combined projected enrollment is 201 students. Pansophia Academy is a charter school that is seeking membership for the first time in 2006-07. Tekonsha has sponsored football previously. A resolution supporting the agreement was received from the Southern Central Athletic Association.

With the condition that Pansophia Academy's application for MHSAA membership is completed and can be accepted by the Executive Committee on June 12, 2006, the cooperative program was approved.

Waterford-Mt. Zion Christian and Novi-Franklin Road Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football between these schools. Mt. Zion Christian sponsored football previously and will be the primary school. The combined enrollment is 149 students. Support from both the Southern Michigan Football Conference and the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference was received.

Bloomfield Hills-Cranbrook Kingswood High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) – A request to waive the maximum semesters of enrollment and competition portions of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a current 10th-grade student who will be enrolling as a boarding school student to begin the 2006-07 school year and will be eligible as a transfer student under exception 13. To better accommodate the student academically, the parents and school have determined that she will be entering Cranbrook Kingswood as a 10th-grade student in 2006-07. The student

would like to participate with students of the same age for three school years and requested a ninth and tenth semester of enrollment since first beginning the 9th grade.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Lansing-Sexton High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) – A request to waive the maximum semesters of enrollment and competition portions of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who began the 9th grade in the 2001-02 school year, passing at least 20 credit hours of course work in all semesters except the first and second semesters of the 2003-04 school year. The student is currently in his tenth semester of enrollment since beginning the 9th grade. Several letters of support from Sexton High School staff were submitted to support granting the student additional eligibility due to mitigating circumstances that remained undisclosed.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Bay City-All Saints Central 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 9th-grade student who previously attended Essexville-Garber High School and played 9th grade football before enrolling at All Saints on April 3, 2006.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Burton-Genesee Christian High School (Regulation 1, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who had attended Genesee Christian School since the 5th grade and registered at Genesee Christian High School in August 2005 but actually began the 2005-06 school year at Burton-Faith High School with two younger brothers. Dissatisfied with the curriculum at Faith High School, the student enrolled at Genesee Christian High School on Nov. 1, 2005. The student did not par-

ticipate in athletics previously, but Genesee Christian only sponsors varsity baseball.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Durand 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 participated in wrestling at Montrose High School before enrolling at Durand High School on Feb. 28, 2006, two days after the fourth Friday of February.

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

Grand Rapids Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (closest non-public school) on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Alpena High School while residing with her mother. On March 8, 2006, the student moved into the home of her father and enrolled at Grand Rapids Christian High School. An Educational Transfer Form was submitted under exception 8. Grand Rapids-Catholic Central is 2.8 miles closer to the new home than is Grand Rapids Christian. The student was confirmed in and attended a Lutheran church in Alpena.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

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. The student had attended Benton Harbor High School for the 9th and 10th grades, living with his mother who died in the summer of 2005. The student began the 2005-06 school year residing with an aunt and attending Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills High School and has now moved to the home of his grandmother in the Forest Hills Northern attendance area, enrolling there on Oct. 11, 2005.

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

Kalkaska High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended Traverse City Christian High School before enrolling at Kalkaska on Jan. 31, 2006. The student did not participate in any sports previously.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year.

Lansing-Waverly 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 2005-06 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Grand Ledge High School before enrolling at Waverly on Jan. 25, 2006, to begin the second semester of the 2005-06 school year. The student lived with her mother who has moved out of state. The student currently resides with her grandmother in the Waverly School District. The student's father is out of state. The student has not participated in athletics previously. Waverly sponsors a JV track team.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year.

Mendon High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade foreign exchange student from a CSIET-listed program who was placed in the Burr Oak School District. The student arrived in the United States in January and enrolled at Mendon High School to begin the second semester of the 2005-06 school year because the host family has a daughter who attends preschool in Mendon and the father is a non-athletic faculty member of

the Mendon School District.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Monroe-Jefferson 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 previously attended Carleton-Airport High School and participated in athletics before enrolling at Monroe-Jefferson High School on March 13, 2006.

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

Richland-Gull Lake 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 2005-06 school year on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended Comstock High School before enrolling at Gull Lake to begin the second semester of the 2005-06 school year. The student did not participate previously in athletics. Gull Lake sponsors JV track & field.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year.

Rochester Hills-Stoney Creek High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Stoney Creek High School for the 9th and 10th grades (2003-2005) while residing with his divorced mother outside the Stoney Creek attendance area. In the summer of 2005, the student changed residences to live with his father in the St. Clair Shores-Lakeview School District and enrolled to begin the 2005-06 school year at Lakeview. The student did not complete an Educational Transfer Form at Lakeview but did participate while ineligible in a pre-season subvarsity football scrimmage and one game prior to a season-ending injury in the first semester. That contest has been for-

feited and Interpretation 270 has been applied. On March 28, 2006, the student reenrolled at Stoney Creek High School and returned to the previous address with his mother. A completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted but required Executive Committee waiver as the student does not reside in the district but is returning to his previous school and previous address.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Schoolcraft High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Martin High School and participated in athletics before enrolling at Schoolcraft High School on March 16, 2006. The student changed schools and moved from the residence of her mother and stepfather due to an intolerable home life and now resides with her grandmother in Schoolcraft.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

South Lyon High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High School before enrolling at South Lyon just prior to the second semester of the 2005-06 school year. The student did not participate previously in a game or scrimmage in an MHSAA tournament sport.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year.

Whitehall High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended Ludington High School before enrolling at Whitehall High School on April 13, 2006. Earlier in her life, the student was the victim of an abusive and neglectful situation. The week of April 10, 2006, the student was removed from a home and moved into the Whitehall School District. The student has

not participated in athletics previously but wishes to participate in track & field. Whitehall High School does not sponsor subvarsity track.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools (Regulation II, Sections 6, 8 & 11) – A request to waive applicable regulations was made to permit a coed cheerleading team to participate in competitions in a format other than MHSAA competitive cheer. The district has a coed cheer performance team which competes in a one-round format with music that incorporates cheer, dance, stunts and pyramids. Several males have participated in competitions over the 13 years the team has existed; many have gone on to college cheerleading. The district has not sponsored MHSAA competitive cheer previously.

The Executive Committee took note of previous decisions of the Representative Council and determined that it does not have the authority to make an exception to recent and specific Council action. The group may perform a non-competitive role at school events.

Grand Ledge High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 217, a request was made to waive the three-player rule on behalf of the boys swimming & diving coach who is employed 30 hours per week by the YMCA as a lifeguard and instructor. The local swim club (Dolphins) would like to hire the coach for spring and summer sessions. The Grand Ledge Swim Club is open to the general public and involves 51 participants from 3 different school districts, 1 Catholic school and 1 charter school. Eighteen students are Grand Ledge Public Schools students: 9 high school age (8 girls and 1 boy) and 9 junior high/middle school age. Thirty-three participants are 6th grade or younger.

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

Grosse Pointe North High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 217, a request was made to waive the three-player rule on behalf of the boys and girls swimming & diving coach who is a retired teacher employed full time by the Pointe Aquatics Club. The program operates from the Grosse Pointe North pool and includes 43 students below the 6th grade and 22 students in grades 7-12, 9 connected to Grosse Pointe North, 6 connected to Grosse Pointe South and 4 students from nonpublic schools.

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

Holland High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 217, a request was made to waive the three-player rule on behalf of the boys and girls swimming & diving coach who is employed by the Holland Community Aquatics Center which provides 95 percent of the coach's total income. The position requires coaching the club team and supervision of all competitive programs in the facility including Holland Public Schools and Holland Christian Schools. Of the 230 participants aged 5-24, 12 different school districts are represented; 13 girls and 7 boys are attending Holland Public Middle School or High School.

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

Petersburg-Summerfield High School (Regulation II, Section 15[A]) – A request was made to reassign Summerfield High School to a different Track & Field Regional because its graduation ceremonies (7 p.m.) conflict with the Friday date and time for the Track & Field Regional to which it has been assigned (3 p.m. at Grass Lake High School). Fifteen seniors have conflicts with graduation and the Regional. Hillsdale High School is hosting an adjacent Regional on Saturday. There are 16 teams entered into each Regional.

The Executive Committee noted previous action and rationale of the

Representative Council and denied the request for waiver. While there may be a desire to make changes in tournament assignments to accommodate the needs or desires of one school, the Executive Committee cannot ignore the effect on competition at both sites. Athletes who would not have qualified for the MHSAA Finals may qualify as a result of the deletion of one school from the list of assigned schools, while athletes who would have qualified for the MHSAA Finals from the Regional site to where a school is added may no longer qualify.

It is believed that the Representative Council does not want MHSAA staff or the Executive Committee to be placed in the position of evaluating the merits of schools' requests for making changes in tournament assignments after the assignments are posted. If there is to be a change in the MHSAA's policy, the Representative Council must make the change.

Britton-Macon and Deerfield Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football between these two member middle schools. Britton-Macon will be the primary school. Cooperative programs currently exist at the high school level between these two schools in eight sports, including football.

Martin Middle School and East Martin Christian Middle School (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved cooperative programs in boys and girls track & field, wrestling, football and boys and girls soccer between these two member schools. Martin Middle School will be the primary school for football, wrestling and track & field. East Martin Christian will be the primary school for boys and girls soccer.

Mesick Middle School and Buckley Junior High School (Regulation III, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football between these two member schools. Mesick will be the primary school.

Northern Lakes Conference (Regulation III, Section 1) – A request was made to waive the enrollment regulation to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th- and 8th-grade students in basketball, cross country, volleyball and track & field for the 2006-07 school year only. Sixth-grade students would only be used when a school could not field a team. The schools in the conference making this annual request are Alba, Boyne Falls, Ellsworth, Harbor Springs-Harbor Light Christian, Mackinaw City, Vanderbilt and Wolverine.

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

Tekonsha Middle School and Coldwater-Pansophia Academy (Regulation III, Section 1[E]) – Application is made for a cooperative program in football between these two schools at the junior high/middle school level. Pansophia Academy is a charter school that is seeking membership for the first time in 2006-07. Its preliminary membership materials indicate a desire to include junior high/middle school membership.

With the condition that Pansophia Academy's application for MHSAA membership is completed and can be accepted by the Executive Committee on June 12, 2006, the cooperative program was approved.

Big Rapids-Crossroads Charter Academy High School (Classification) – A request to waive the stated classification

policy (p. 91 of the *MHSAA Handbook*) and change the figures on the 2006-07 Enrollment Declaration Form was made because a school staff member added 7th- and 8th-grade students into the figures submitted. The addition of these 100 students has placed the school in Class C with an enrollment of 288 students. The school was notified of its 2006-07 enrollment status in a letter sent March 17 from the MHSAA.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Representative Council Qualifications – The Executive Committee reviewed the Representative Council Manual and the MHSAA Constitution and discussed qualifications for the Representative Council and election procedures. These matters will be discussed at future meetings and consensus presented to the Representative Council for approval as additional language in the Council Manual.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Saturday, May 6, 6 p.m., at Garland Resort, with the Representative Council Meetings May 7-9; Monday, June 12, 9 a.m.; Monday, Aug. 14, 9 a.m.; Thursday, Sept. 7, 9 a.m.; Monday, Sept. 25 (follows Annual Business Meeting/MASSP Conference in Traverse City); Tuesday, Oct., 17, 9 a.m.; Monday, Nov. 13, 9 a.m.; and Thursday, Nov. 30, 8:30 a.m. (Representative Council Meets following day). ■

QUESTIONS?

The most efficient method of communication with the MHSAA on eligibility questions is through the school athletic director or principal.

Athletic Directors should gather all information necessary on a question and then call or write the MHSAA. Coaches or parents calling the MHSAA on eligibility matters can create confusion and delay. ADs or principals are encouraged to contact the MHSAA Office directly.

Please follow this efficient path of communication.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

HERE WE STAND

Note: What follows are excerpts of the closing message of Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts at the Midwinter Conference of the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, March 19, 2006.

Because of the laws of this state, the Michigan High School Athletic Association actually has little authority for school sports, far less authority over local programming than is the case in many other states. Yet I know of no state high school association that has any more influence than this one.

Authority is something confirmed on an organization by laws. Influence is something earned through the hard labor of listening and leading in a way that people want to follow.

And I know of no state where there is more consensus between the state athletic association and the athletic directors of the state than right here. Like no other state in the nation, local administrators are on the same page as the state high school association. They are aimed in the same direction, addressing issues from the same perspectives, and aspiring for the same outcomes. In no other state in the nation is there less confusion about goals and objectives for educational athletics.

Does anyone here not know our stance on national competition? A *Sports Illustrated* feature two weeks ago said it's time to reexamine national tournaments and telecasts that are taking place; but we've already gone through that process, we know where we stand, and we are adamantly opposed to both.

Is anyone here surprised that again we are taking the National Federation to task for again promoting a national invitational basketball tournament?

Was anyone here surprised we would not waive rules so that high school football players might play in multiple all-star games in January related to the Super Bowl?

Does anyone here not know the MHSAA philosophy that school sports are a secondary mission of schools, supporting the educational mission of schools?

Does anyone here doubt that we believe

what maximizes the number of participants in school sports is more important than what maximizes the performance of any one participant?

Does anyone here doubt that the MHSAA believes in the value of school sports, and also believes that tough rules, rarely waived, tend to increase the value of that participation for students, schools and communities?

Has anyone here not heard at least one thousand MHSAA sportsmanship messages? Does anyone here doubt that you will hear at least one thousand more?

Does anyone here not know about the Coaches Advancement Program, and the MHSAA's position that continuing education for coaches is our number one strategic priority, not only for improving school sports now, but also for saving school sports for another generation or two of young people?

And does anyone here doubt that, proud as we are of some things, the MHSAA is dissatisfied with even more things about school sports in Michigan, and is neither resting on its laurels for what has been done nor quitting in frustration for all that still needs to be done?

We need to raise questions about what we do and how we do it, and then raise standards for what we do and how we do it, and ultimately raise up students who will do the same, students who raise standards for their lives, your schools and our society.

Bottom line, that's what the rules are for. That's what the tournaments are about. That's what CAP is trying to accomplish. That's what's behind the Sportsmanship Summits and awards, the Women in Sports Leadership Conference, the Captains Clinics and all the mini-grants and the Scholar-Athlete program . . . raising expectations, and raising standards.

This is hard work we have, and we will be disappointed at times. Boards will disappoint us, bosses will disappoint us, coaches will disappoint us, and kids will disappoint us, as will their parents from time to time.

This is hard work indeed; but it is worthy

work, which a lot of people in this world do not have, or at least do not feel that they have.

I am honored to serve you, even more now than almost 20 years ago. I said it 19 years ago, I mean it today: I'm honored to serve you.

I'm privileged to support the positions we do, positions which are so much more clearly delineated, so much more consistently communicated, and so much more universally embraced and espoused here in Michigan than in any other state in the nation.

Here we stand for some things and we fight for some things and we won't fall for

just anything that comes along that pretends to have in mind the best interests of students or schools or school sports.

We – schools – will define what's best and we will articulate it to the public, press, promoters and politicians like no other state in the nation. That's what we do here in Michigan.

And even though we are far from perfect, we will be a beacon of what can be best in educational athletics, and keep working for it, so our light shines even brighter across America. ■

MHSAA HOSTS YOUTH SPORTS LEADERS

Seventeen representatives of eight organizations joined in discussions with representatives of the Michigan High School Athletic Association on April 5, 2006 at the MHSAA office.

Included were Michigan AAU, Michigan Amateur Hockey Association, Michigan State Youth Soccer Association, Central U.S. Ski Association, USA Volleyball – Lakeshore Division, Michigan Amateur Softball Association, Think Detroit and the Palace Athletic League, and the Institute for the Study of Youth Sports at Michigan State University.

In what is anticipated to be the first of a series of meetings, the topics were (1) officials recruitment, retention and training, and (2) initiatives and needs in coaches' education.

On each topic representatives identified what their organizations have been doing and where they see challenges. It became clear that several of the organizations have excellent programs operating for the benefit of their constituents; and it also became clear that there were resources to be shared with one another and unresolved problems that might be addressed cooperatively by several organizations working together.

There was consensus that the key to retention of both officials and coaches is education of two types: (1) of the officials and coaches themselves so they perform their roles more proficiently, and (2) of parents who often misunderstand the philosophy of the program, the playing rules and the skills and strategies of the sport. Efforts to address deficiencies in parents' preparation for youth sports may become a joint project of these organizations in the future.

The discussion regarding officials included training aids and events, policies and procedures of registration and testing, differences in playing rules from organization to organization in the same sports and from locale to locale within the same organization, use of technology and human observers/evaluators, workers' compensation and other insurance matters, and assault protection legislation.

The discussion regarding coaches included training, testing, technology, evaluation of efforts, costs and ownership of materials, and selection of coaching candidates.

Approaches to criminal history checks relative to both officials and coaches received special attention.

Several topics for future meetings emerged, including commercial and professional influences on youth sports, specialization and burnout, risk management, sportsmanship, conflicts between schools and clubs, the definition of "winning" and the philosophy of sports for youth.

Participants are now communicating with one another via email to keep each other abreast of programs that could benefit their colleagues in other organizations as each seeks to serve young people through sports. ■

2006-07 UPDATE MEETING AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR IN-SERVICE DATES

Please coordinate calendars now with other administrative or league meetings to minimize conflicts with events in your area. If it is possible please do not schedule league or regional meetings on the dates of Update/AD In-service/orientation meetings in your area.

There are five Combined AD In-service – Update Meetings scheduled. Every Athletic Director should attend an AD In-Service and an Update Meeting each year. AD In-Service programs begin at 8:30 a.m. Update Meetings start with lunch at noon and conclude before 2 p.m.

Mon. Sept. 25	Acme (Grand Traverse Resort) MASSP Principals Conference/MASSP Breakfast	Update Only
Wed. Oct. 4	Kalamazoo (Pine West)	In-service and Update
Mon. Oct 9	Comstock Park (English Hills Country Club)	In-service and Update
Wed. Oct 11	Frankenmuth (Zehnder's)	In-service and Update
Mon. Oct 16	Gaylord (Hidden Valley Otsego Club)	In-service and Update
Wed. Oct 18	Lansing (Holiday Inn West)	In-service and Update
Wed. Oct 25	DeCarlos Conference Center	Update Only (Noon)
Fri. Oct. 27	Marquette 10 a.m. (Site set by UP Athletic Directors)	Update only

FIRST-YEAR ATHLETIC DIRECTORS MUST ATTEND MHSAA ORIENTATIONS IN 2006-07

MHSAA OFFICES EAST LANSING - 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

By Representative Council action, attendance is required for all 1st-year high school athletic directors.

Thursday, Aug. 10 or Tuesday, Aug. 22

Tuesday, Nov. 21 (First- and Second-Year Athletic Directors encouraged to attend)

August and November programs are separate programs with new material covered in November.

Registration material for these events will be available on
mhsaa.com and the *August Bulletin*.

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 - 1,268
		2005 - 1,148

ONLINE OFFICIALS REGISTRATION UNDERWAY FOR 2006-07 SCHOOL YEAR

Registrations for individuals interested in becoming a high school athletic game officials for the 2006-07 school year may now do so exclusively online through the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Web site – mhsaa.com.

From now until June 1, the Association will conduct an exclusive online registration period for new registrants and renewals. After June 1, applications will also be accepted by mail, telephone and on a walk-up basis for the upcoming school year.

Effective with the 2006-07 registration period, online registrants will receive a \$5 discount off their processing fees, regardless of when they submit their application. MHSAA registration fees are among the lowest in the nation. A \$10 fee is charged for each sport an official wishes to work, and the online processing fee is \$20. Officials registering by mail and on a walk-up basis will incur a \$25 processing fee. Officials registered in 2005-06 will be assessed a late fee of \$20 for registration after July 1. The processing fee includes liability insurance coverage of up to \$1 million for officials while working contests involving MHSAA schools.

There is an officials' registration test, which is for first-time officials and officials not registered in the past year. The test consists of 75 questions derived from the MHSAA Officials Guidebook, which is available on the Officials page of the MHSAA Web site, and may be used during the open-book test.

Online registration can be accessed by clicking "Officials" on the Home Page of the MHSAA Web site. More information about officials registration may be obtained by contacting the MHSAA at 1661 Ramblewood Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823. Telephone: 517/332-5046. E-Mail: register@mhsaa.com.

MHSAA Staff Profile

RASHID EXCELS IN "COACHING" ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

(Note: This is the sixth in a series of MHSAA staff profiles)

"We may have different styles," says MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts about his associate director, Tom Rashid, "but we share the same basic principles for educational athletics and a passion for serving people well. It's been a great fit for me, and he's made the MHSAA office more fun for everyone."

The 20-year executive director and third-year associate director work closely in many aspects of MHSAA administration, but especially in assisting schools in their administration of rules of eligibility and competition, and requests for waiver to the MHSAA Executive Committee. "Tom is seen not only as an authority on these rules," says Roberts, "but also as a coach and mentor to athletic directors."

This isn't surprising, because Rashid served the Archdiocese of Detroit as an educator and athletic administrator for 25 years before joining the staff of the MHSAA in August of 2003. He was the director of the Catholic High School League of Detroit for 15 years, also serving on the MHSAA Representative Council all of those years. He received national recognition in 1999 when he was presented with the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Award of Merit. He was president of the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association during 1998 and was named Michigan's Athletic Director of the Year in 2003.



IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR 2007:

MICHIGAN MERIT EXAM DATES

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has notified schools that, to comply with state law and the requirements of ACT which is the main component of the Michigan Merit Exam (MME), the following schedule for MME testing has been established for 2007:

Tuesday, March 13 – ACT
Wednesday, March 14 – WorkKeys + Michigan Math
March 14-21 – Michigan Science and Social Studies

Tuesday, March 27 – ACT Makeup
Wednesday, March 28 – WorkKeys + Michigan Math Makeup
March 28-April 5 – Michigan Science and Social Studies Makeup

The established dates (not the makeup dates) are simultaneous with some MHSAA tournaments:

Boys Basketball Regionals – March 13-17
Girls Volleyball Quarterfinals – March 13
Girls Volleyball Semifinals & Finals – March 15-17

Given the dictates of state law and ACT, the MDE dates create minimal conflict for students involved in MHSAA tournaments. Nevertheless, MHSAA leadership will review policies and procedures for Boys Regional Basketball Tournaments and the Finals week for girls volleyball to determine if adjustments can be and should be made.

ADVANTAGE GIRLS

How Michigan's Girls Rank Among National Participation Numbers

In 1998, a suit was filed in U.S. District Court to move girls volleyball to the fall season and schedule five other sports at the same time for girls as for boys.

Here's how Michigan high school girls fare in those six sports compared to boys and the rest of the nation.

	BOYS		GIRLS	
	Total	National Rank	Total	National Rank
Basketball	19,274	7	20,541	3
Tennis	8,723	4	9,439	3
Swimming & Diving	5,201	5	6,879	4
Volleyball	165	20	21,564	4
Golf	7,941	5	3,677	5
Soccer	14,562	8	13,675	6

Based on 2004-05 Sports Participation Survey of the National Federation of State High School Associations

2006-07 MICHIGAN MERIT EXAM DATES

(held during the school day)

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2006-07 NATIONAL TESTING DATES

ADMINISTRATION - COUNSELORS - COACHES

Please advise students of the 2006-07 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 2007 and dates where tournaments would create conflict.

ACT ASSESSMENT DATES	CONFLICTS
October 28, 2006	Fall Tournaments
December 9, 2006	None
February 10, 2007	None
April 14, 2007	None
June 9, 2007	Spring Tournaments

SAT TESTING DATES	CONFLICTS
October 14, 2006	Fall Tournaments
November 4, 2006	Fall Tournaments
December 2, 2006	Fall Tournaments
January 27, 2007	None
March 10, 2007	None
May 5, 2007	None
June 2, 2007	Spring Tournaments

AP EXAM DATES	CONFLICTS
May 7-11, 14-18, 2007	None

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

HONORING OUR ALL-STATE TEAM

The end of each sports season brings with it the naming of deserving young people to all kinds of all-league, all-area and all-state teams. This kind of recognition can be healthy in school sports because it gives kids an additional sense of accomplishment for a job well done.

We'd like to take the time in our last edition of the *MHSAA Bulletin* for the 2005-06 school year to join the recognition parade and name our own all-state team...the people who work behind the scenes to make high school sports a great experience for our kids. Without these people, there would be no educational athletic programs available to kids; programs which serve as tools for reaching and teaching boys and girls. And unlike any other postseason honor squad, everyone here is on the first team.

- **Local Boards of Education** – Who set the tone for the educational athletic program by embracing the mission – that school comes first; and who help set policies for coaches, administrators and student-athletes to live by.

- **Administrators** – Superintendents, Principals, Assistant Principals and Athletic Directors – Who provide the visible leadership in the school district for the program, and give attention to the plethora of details involved.

- **Athletic Department Secretaries** – There's high turnover in administrative positions in schools these days, but in many buildings, it's the secretary of the athletic director that is the glue that keeps the program running in tip-top shape.

- **Assistant Coaches** – No head coach makes it on their own. Assistant coaches fill a variety of roles from play callers to personal counselors for student-athletes, and do it all without asking for recognition in return.

- **Trainers, Facilities and Equipment Managers** – They tape the ankles, sew the uniforms, line the fields and are there at a moment's notice when needed.

- **Team Managers and Statisticians** – There are more students than just the players who reap the benefits of being a part of the

team. These students learn many of the same lessons in their roles as the athletes do between the lines

- **Reserves** – Someone has got the first team ready every week. Some one has to get ready to be the first team next year.

- **Booster Clubs** – They provide a variety of services to our school programs which enhance the experience of our children.

- **Other Support Groups (Bands-Sideline Cheerleaders-Pom Pon & Dance Groups)** – The games wouldn't be the same without them. Sure, they have their individual platforms to perform on, but together they make high school sporting events a great experience; a unique experience in youth sports.

- **General Student Body** – They support the sports program and the sports program supports them.

Talk to someone who's ever gone through a year where the school sports program didn't exist. They'll tell you that without sports, a day in school is like a day in a tomb.

- **And Parents** – Yes, parents. I'm still one of them, and we're easy targets for criticism in school sports because we make ourselves that way. But most of us support our programs and our kids in ways that are healthy, and educational.

This is truly an all-state team. You can find these people in every school, in every community. People who support and enjoy their role in the educational athletic experience. People who give true meaning to the Celebration of Participation and one of our other catch phrases – High School Sports – It's About Team!

Editor's Note – This commentary aired on radio stations across the state on the weekly program, MHSAA Perspective, in March. MHSAA Perspective is available on-demand through the MHSAA Internet Broadcast Service Web site – mhsaanetwork.com. New editions of MHSAA perspective begin in the Fall.

MINI-GRANTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

The Michigan High School Athletic Association provides financial grants to its member schools and their leagues to assist in local efforts to encourage and equip people to provide appropriate leadership and support for educational athletics in Michigan.

The theory is that in a state as large and diverse as Michigan, neither statewide nor even regional meetings can be made convenient or effective for the entire membership; and financial grants can help provide a breadth of reach and depth of experience that MHSAA-conducted meetings may not accomplish.

SPORTSMANSHIP

During 2005-06, the MHSAA distributed \$7,073 in grants for local and league sportsmanship events. During 2006-07, the MHSAA will conduct four regional sportsmanship meetings: Oct. 30 in Grand Rapids; Nov. 1 in Gaylord; Nov. 6 in Lansing; Nov. 8 in Warren.

Up to \$10,000 in mini-grants will be available in 2007-08. Randy Allen is the MHSAA staff contact for the mini-grants; Andy Frushour administers the regional meetings.

WOMEN IN SPORTS LEADERSHIP

On Feb. 12 and 13, 2006, the MHSAA provided its strongest program since it first began conducting a statewide Women in Sports Leadership Conference in Lansing 17 years ago. In 2006-07, up to \$10,000 is available in mini-grants to assist in the delivery of similar programming to more local venues across the state.

Kathy Westdorp is the MHSAA staff contact for both the conference and the grants.

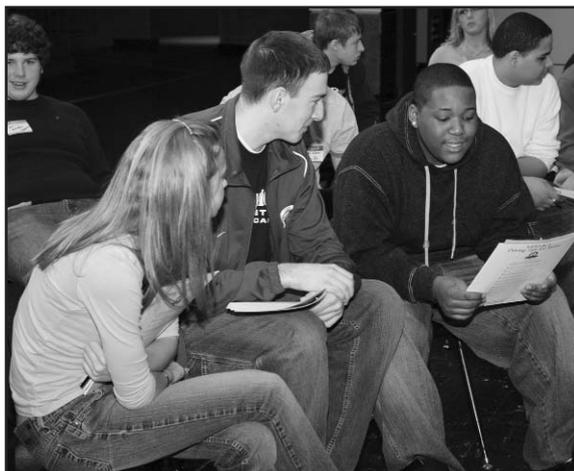
STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Each year, the MHSAA has available up to \$20,000 for leadership training events conducted for student-athletes. Some is used for events conducted by the association, such as the two Captains Clinics conducted in February 2006; some is provided to member schools and their leagues to provide leadership events locally for student-athletes.

During the 2006-07 school year, in addition to supporting an increased schedule of MHSAA/MASSP Captains Clinics and local leadership events, these funds will support the Nov. 9 conference which is part of the MHSAA's partnership with *Sports Illustrated* and the Oregon Health & Science University addressing successful alternatives to performance-enhancing drugs.

The staff contact for the mini-grants, Captains Clinics and Nov. 9 conference is Andy Frushour. ■

*The popular MHSAA/
MASSP Captains Clinics
return with an increased
schedule in 2006-07.*



John Johnson, Okemos

SCHOOL CLASSIFICATIONS ANNOUNCED FOR 2006-07

Classifications for Michigan High School Athletic Association elections and post-season tournaments in traditionally classified sports (A, B, C, D) for the 2006-07 school year have been announced, and the enrollment breaks for postseason tournaments set up by divisions will be announced soon on the MHSAA Web site.

Classifications for the upcoming school year are based on a second semester count date, which for MHSAA purposes was February 22. 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 760 tournament-qualified member schools are ranked according to enrollment, and then split as closely into quarters as possible. For 2006-07, there are 190 schools in each class.

Effective with the 2006-07 school year, schools with 1,053 or more students are in Class A in MHSAA competition. The enrollment limits for Class B are 508 to 1,052; Class C is 245 to 507; and schools with enrollments of 244 and under are Class D. The break decreased 5 students between Classes A and B; increased 12 students between Classes B and C; and the break between Classes C and D decreased by 5 students.

The new classification breaks will see 19 schools move up in class for 2006-07, while 11 schools will move down.

Schools were recently notified of their classification. MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts said that schools may not subsequently lower their enrollment figure. However, if revised enrollment figures should be higher and indicate that a school should be playing in a higher class, that school would be moved up.

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, August 15 for winter sports,

and October 15 for spring sports.

MHSAA tournament sports conducted in traditional classifications for 2006-07 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, Lacrosse, 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 13 of those sports will be announced soon. (Note: Visit the respective sports pages on the MHSAA Web Site to review the divisional alignments.)

To provide for greater accuracy, the release of the divisional lists are being delayed until approximately May 15 in five sports (Ice Hockey, Lower Peninsula Girls Golf, Girls Soccer and Lower Peninsula Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving) to reflect changes being made to cooperative programs to bring them into compliance with the 3,500 student enrollment limit that takes full effect in 2006-07.

The eight divisions of the MHSAA Football Playoffs will be announced on Selection Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006. A complete list of school enrollments used to determine classifications for the 2006-07 school year can be found on the Administrators page of the MHSAA Web site.

The MHSAA Representative Council will again be considering at its May meeting proposals from sports committees in Girls Competitive Cheer, Skiing, Lower Peninsula Swimming & Diving, and Girls Volleyball to either move to divisions or to restructure existing divisions. Votes taken to adopt such proposals could go in effect for the 2006-07 school year.

Following is a complete list of the schools changing classification for 2006-07 (Note: This list does not include schools opting up in class/division for tournaments, which can be found on the Administrators page of the MHSAA Web site):

SCHOOLS CHANGING CLASSIFICATION FOR 2006-07

Moving Up From Class B To Class A

Bloomfield Hills Andover
Lansing Waverly
Mason
Niles
Redford Thurston
St. Johns

Moving Up From Class D To Class C

Allen Park Cabrini
Big Rapids Crossroads Charter Academy
Eau Claire
Fulton-Middleton
Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech
Vestaburg

Moving Down From Class A To Class B

Cadillac
Detroit Murray-Wright
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern
Lansing Sexton
Wayland Union

Moving Down From Class C To Class D

Harper Woods Heart Academy
Onaway
Pontiac Academy For Excellence

Moving Up From Class C To Class B

Berrien Springs
Detroit University Prep
Flat Rock
Flint Northwestern Prep Academy
Hopkins
Lake Fenton
Vassar

New Postseason Eligible Tournament Schools in 2006-07

Oak Park Academy of Michigan (Class C)
Detroit Marilyn F. Lundy Academy
(Class D)
Sterling Heights Parkway Christian School
(Class D)
Traverse City Grand Traverse Academy
(Class D)
East Lansing Lakeside Christian (Class D)

Moving Down From Class B To Class C

Dundee
East Jackson
Kalkaska

Enrollment Breaks By Classes – 2006-07

(Number of schools in parenthesis)
Class A -- 1,053 and above (190)
Class B -- 508 to 1,052 (190)
Class C -- 245 to 507 (190)
Class D -- 244 and below (190)

LACROSSE SEMIFINAL AND FINAL DATES & SITES

GIRLS

Semifinals - Wednesday, June 7

Division 1 at South Lyon High School

Division 2 at Lansing Waverly High School

Finals - Saturday, June 10 at Bloomfield Hills Lahser HS

Division 1 - 2 pm; Division 2 - 5 pm

BOYS

Semifinals - Wednesday, June 7

Division 1 at Bloomfield Hills Andover and Novi High School

Division 2 at Bloomfield Hills Andover and Okemos High School

Finals - Saturday, June 10 at Birmingham Seaholm HS

Division 2 - 3 pm; Division 1 - 6 pm

MHSAA CLASSIFICATION BY SPORT — 2006-07

Reflects cooperative programs and options to play in larger classifications or divisions as of March 29, 2005

Sports Utilizing Traditional Classifications

Traditional Classifications for 2005-06		
Class	Enrollment Range	Maximum No. of Schools
A	1,053 and Above	190
B	508 - 1,052	190
C	245 - 507	190
D	244 and Below	190

(Where numbers are circled, classes are combined for tournaments.)

SPORT		A	B	C	D	
BASKETBALL	Girls	186	189	185	161	
	Boys	188	188	189	178	
COMPETITIVE CHEER	Girls	75	84	51	5	a.
* FOOTBALL		188	189	174	69	b.
GYMNASTICS		To Be Determined				c.
SKIING	Girls	42	26	9	1	d.
	Boys	44	26	9	0	
VOLLEYBALL		186	187	179	159	a.

a. May be reclassified to 4 equal divisions

b. Football Playoff qualifiers are divided into 8 equal divisions at the end of the regular season

c. Pending "3,500" co-op issue

d. May be reclassified into 2 equal divisions

Sports Utilizing "Equal Divisions"

SPORT		1	2	3	4	
BASEBALL		162	162	161	162	
BOWLING	-Girls	76	81	78	--	
	-Boys	79	79	79	--	
CROSS COUNTRY	- Girls	136	141	134	136	
	- Boys	141	142	140	144	
GOLF - Girls		To Be Determined				e.
	- Boys	130	131	130	131	f.
ICE HOCKEY		To Be Determined				e.
LACROSSE - Girls		19	20	--	--	
	- Boys	32	33	--	--	

Soccer - Girls	To Be Determined			e.g.
- Boys	121	122	121	f.g.
SOFTBALL	161	163	160	151
SWIMMING - Girls	To Be Determined			e.h.
- Boys	To Be Determined			e.h.
TENNIS - Girls	83	83	84	84
- Boys	85	85	85	85
TRACK - Girls	146	152	149	148
- Boys	150	150	150	151
WRESTLING (Team)	116	116	117	117

e. Pending “3,500” co-op issue

f. Litigation could change this

g. 20% of all schools in Division 4; Remaining 80% divided equally among Divisions 1, 2 and 3. These numbers would be reduced by the elimination of UP schools unless the Federal Court order requiring the MHSAA to offer separate UP Soccer Tournaments in the fall for girls and spring for boys is overturned

h. May be reclassified to 3 equal divisions

Upper Peninsula Tournaments

SPORT	Division	No. of Schools	Enrollment Range
*Swimming (Boys & Girls)	1	10G 10B	1,463-362G 1,463-362B
*Individual Wrestling	1	18	1,307-156
**Cross Country (Boys & Girls)	1	10B 10G	1,307-400
	2	10B 10G	394-286
	3	12B 13G	211-50
**Track & Field (Boys & Girls)	1	11B 11G	1,307-431
	2	12B 12G	400-286
	3	25B 25G	244-28
**Golf (Boys & Girls)	1	10B 11G	1,307-431
	2	9B 11G	400-286
	3	22B 20G	244-28/73
***Tennis --Girls (Fall)	1	6	1,307-503
	2	7	446-101
--Boys (Spring)	1	6	1,307-503
	2	7	446-101

Divisions are set as follows:

* Swimming, individual wrestling: All schools one Division.

**Cross country, track and golf: Class A, B & C schools are combined and divided into two nearly equal Divisions. Class D is its own Division. If Federal Courts require the LP Boys Golf Tournament in the spring, then 4 more schools will play in the UP Boys Golf Tournament (11-12-22).

*** Tennis: The sponsoring schools are divided equally into two Divisions.

NOTE: UP Schools Participate Statewide in all Other Tournaments

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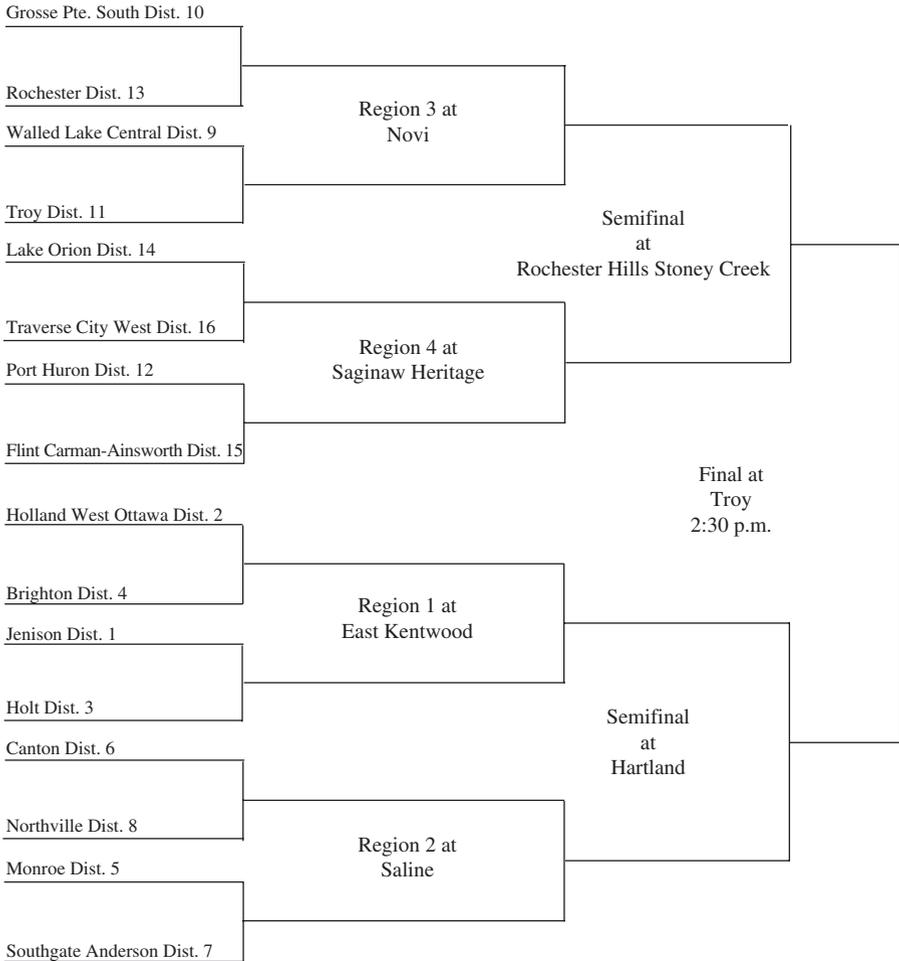
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Mason Dist. 26

Vicksburg Dist. 17

B.C. Harper Creek Dist. 19

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Geographic Dist. 32

Thornapple-Kellogg Dist. 27

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Dearborn Hts. Crestwood Dist. 21

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Chelsea Dist. 20

Livonia Ladywood Dist. 22

Linden Dist. 25

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DeWitt Dist. 30

Region 6 at
Parma Western

Region 8 at
Greenville

Region 5 at
St. Clair

Region 7 at
Fenton

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Final at
East Kentwood
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June 9-10

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June 14

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June 17

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Shelby Dist. 44

Edwardsburg Dist. 33

Hudsonville Unity Chr Dist. 43

Standish Sterling Dist. 46

Geographic Dist. 48

Sparta Dist. 45

Benzie Central Dist. 47

Grosse Ile Dist. 36

Armada Dist. 38

Onsted Dist. 35

M.H. Bishop Foley Dist. 37

Frankenmuth Dist. 40

Williamston Dist. 42

Goodrich Dist. 39

Saginaw Nouvel Dist. 41

Region 10 at
Hudsonville Unity Christian

Region 12 at
Elk Rapids

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Detroit Country Day

Region 11 at
Williamston

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at
Sparta

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East Kentwood
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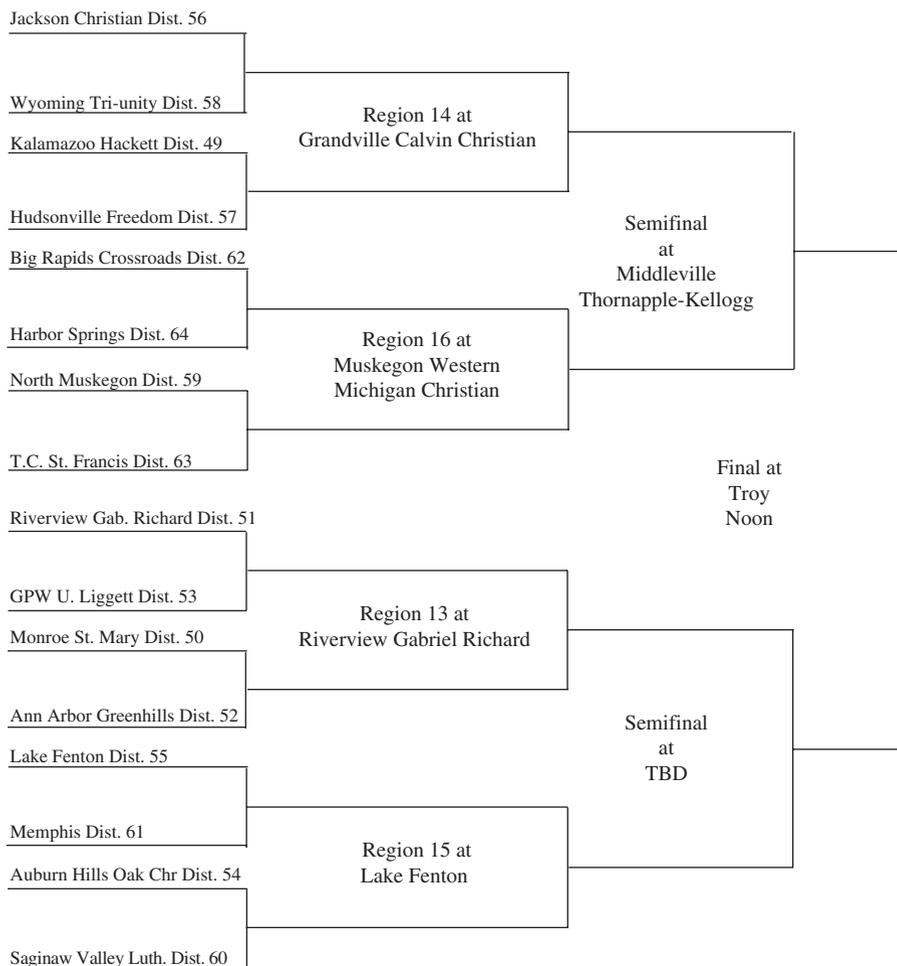
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June 9-10

SEMIFINALS
June 14

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June 17



LEGACY PROGRAM NETS 102 OFFICIALS IN 2005-06

During the 2005-06 school year, 102 high school seniors participated as MHSAA Legacy officials.

This year's class brings the total to 542 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. ■

SCHOOLS NOT REQUIRED TO DO CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS OF OFFICIALS

The package of bills that became law Jan. 1, 2006, intending to protect school children from persons with criminal records was amended by the Michigan Legislature's passage of House Bill 5675 which was signed into law as Public Act 84 of 2006 on March 31, 2006.

While certainly not the primary reason for this trailer legislation, PA 84 makes clear that public and nonpublic schools are not required to perform criminal history checks of contest officials for their athletic events.

Athletic officials are outside the requirements in two ways, time and topic:

- (1) They do not work "regularly and continuously under contract," but merely on an intermittent or sporadic basis;
- (2) The services officials provide are not among the covered areas, which are "to provide food, custodial, transportation, counseling, or administrative services, or to provide instructional services to pupils or related and auxiliary services to special education pupils."

As it was doing prior to Jan. 1, the MHSAA will continue to do criminal history checks on all 12,000 persons who register with the MHSAA, and it is committed to denying registration to or suspending officials whose criminal histories would be problematic, including being convicted of any listed offense under the Sex Offenders Registration Act.

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Following will be found a classified index of the articles which have appeared in the *Bulletins* issued during the 2005-06 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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"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 – 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.

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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.**

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

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