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ON THE COVER

Baseball, softball and girls soccer are among the many highlights of the MHSAA spring tournament season.

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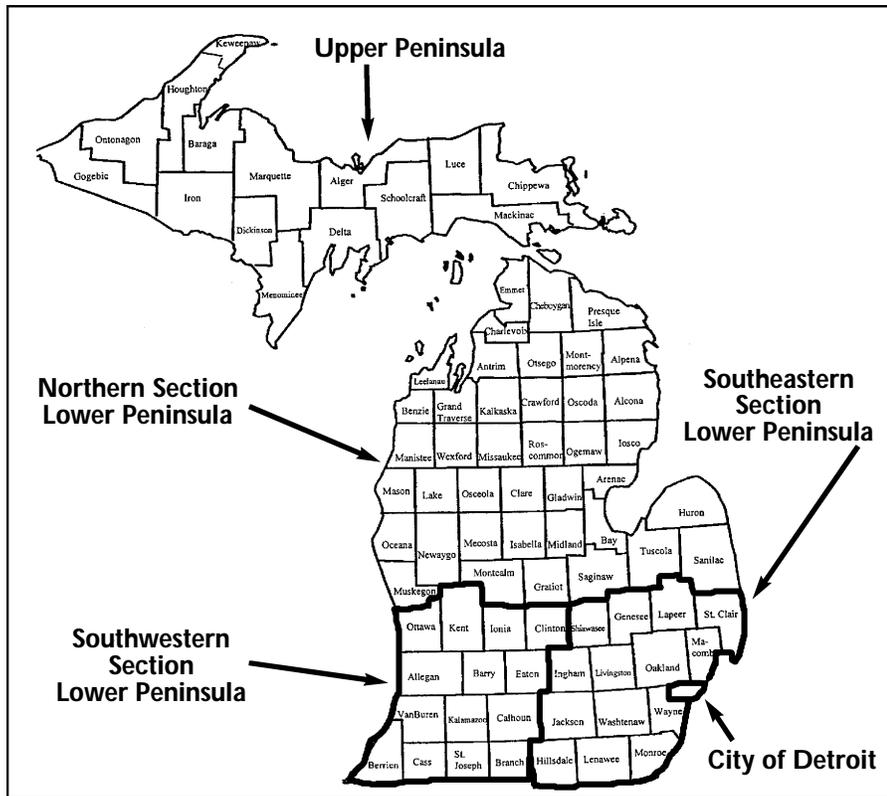
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REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AND UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Ballots to be Sent to Schools August 28, 2002

MAP OF REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL SECTIONS



Ballots for Representative Council elections will be mailed to principals of member schools from the MHSAA office Aug. 28, 2002. The ballots will be due back in the MHSAA office Sept. 11, 2002.

Eight positions for membership on the Representative Council will be up for election this fall. Vacancies for two-year terms beginning December 2002 will occur as follows: Class C-D Upper Peninsula and Northern Section L.P.; Class A-B Southwestern Section L.P., Southeastern Section L.P., and Northern Section L.P.; Statewide At-Large; Junior High/Middle School, elected on a statewide basis; and Private and Parochial High Schools.

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

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

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

Following the due date of Sept. 11, 2002 , 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, 2002. 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 2002:

**REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL
CANDIDATES FOR
SEPTEMBER 2002 ELECTION**

Northern Section, Lower Peninsula - Class A and B Schools

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

Brian Zdanowski, CMAA, Athletic Director, Greenville High School

Southwestern Section, Lower Peninsula - Class A and B Schools

Michael S. Shibley, Superintendent, Rockford Public Schools

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Junior High/Middle Schools

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Private and Parochial High Schools

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**UPPER PENINSULA
ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

Athletic Coach

Paul Polfus, Basketball Coach, Carney-Nadeau High School

Class D Schools

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

Randy E. Schaedig, Principal, Cedarville High School

Leon Sutherland, Athletic Director, Ontonagon Area High School ■

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 17, 2002

Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan
Keith Eldred, Williamston
Tom Rashid, Detroit
William Newkirk, Meridian
Randy Salisbury, Britton

Staff Members Present:

Bill Bupp
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

Executive Committee Authority and Responsibility - The Executive Committee was reminded of its authority under Article VII of the MHSAA Constitution and specifically its responsibility to consider each application for waiver of an eligibility requirement on its individual merits, determining if the regulation serves the purpose for which it was intended in each case or if the regulation works an undue hardship on any student who is the subject of a request for waiver. (These underlying criteria may not be restated for every subject of these minutes.)

The Executive Committee was reminded that it was the responsibility of each member school involved to provide sufficient factual information about the specific request for the Executive Committee to reach a decision without further investigation. If information is incomplete, contradictory or otherwise unclear or has been received too late to be studied completely, the Executive Committee may deny the request for waiver or delay action. Such requests may be resubmitted to the Executive Committee with additional information at a subsequent meeting or appealed to the full Representative Council.

It is possible that some of the information presented as facts to the Executive Committee by school personnel and others may be inaccurate. However, to avoid constant repetition in these minutes of phrases such as "it was alleged" or "it was reported," no attempt is made in the introduction of each waiver request to distinguish between truth, allegation, hearsay, opinion, summary or conclusion.

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

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

Adoption of these regulations is a choice schools make locally when they consider their option of MHSAA membership. Consistent with rulings of the Attorney General and Michigan Supreme Court, schools are not bound by the decisions of the Executive Committee, but the association may limit participation in the postseason tournaments it sponsors to those schools which choose to apply rules and penalties as promulgated by the MHSAA and adopted by each member school's board of education. The MHSAA exercises no independent authority over schools or students during regular season.

Cooperative Program Deadline Extensions (Regulation I, Section 1) - The Executive Committee extended the April 15 deadline for application for cooperative programs for fall sports to not later than May 24,

2002 for the following:

Caledonia High School to join Byron Center and Grand Rapids-South Christian in girls (and boys) swimming and diving.

Manistee-Catholic Central to join Bear Lake and Onokama in boys and girls cross country.

Montague and Muskegon Catholic Central in boys soccer.

Lake Linden-Hubbell, Dollar Bay and Painesdale-Jeffers in junior high/middle school and high school football.

Britton-Macon and Deerfield High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved the addition of boys and girls cross country to the cooperative programs sponsored by these schools in baseball, softball, football, boys golf and boys and girls track and field. Neither school has sponsored cross country. Britton-Macon will be the primary school. The combined enrollment for 2002-03 MHSAA tournament classification purposes will be 315 (still Division 4).

Detroit-Holy Redeemer and Hamtramck-St. Florian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football for these schools. Holy Redeemer sponsored the sport in 2001 and will be the primary school. The combined enrollment will be 296.

Owendale-Gagetown and Caseville High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football between these schools. Only Owendale-Gagetown sponsored the sport recently, and it will be the primary school. The combined enrollment will be 182.

Port Huron Northern and Port Huron High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - So that it would have the benefit of the Representative Council's input on May 5-7, 2002 regarding the future of cooperative programs between large schools, the Executive Committee tabled until its June 5 meeting consideration of the application for a cooperative program in girls swimming and diving between these schools. Neither school sponsored the sport previously. Port Huron Northern would be the primary school. The

combined enrollment would be 3,433 for MHSAA tournament purposes.

Redford-St. Agatha and Redford-Bishop Borgess High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football between these schools. Both schools sponsored the sport previously. St. Agatha will be the primary school. The combined enrollment for MHSAA Football Playoff purposes will be 232.

Saginaw-Arthur Hill High School and Saginaw Arts & Sciences Academy (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - The Executive Committee tabled an application for a cooperative program in girls golf and girls swimming and diving between these schools pending receipt of a conference resolution of support. Arthur Hill sponsored both sports in 2001-02 and would be the primary school. The combined enrollment would be 1,634, which would place the program in Division 1 of girls golf and Class A of girls swimming and diving.

Walled Lake Consolidated Schools (Regulation I, Section 1) - Request is made for 2002-03 only that if the district's newest high school – Northern, which will have only 9th and 10th-graders in 2002-03 – is unable to field a team in certain sports (cross country, golf, swimming & diving, skiing and wrestling), then one of the following options be provided:

- a. Those students who tried out for a specific sport and the team was dropped due to lack of numbers be allowed to return to their previous school or previously assigned school and be allowed to participate with that school in that particular sport. They would remain at Northern for academics.
- b. If forced to drop a sport because of lack of numbers, the school be allowed to waive the cooperative program deadline date and request cooperative status at the point the team was dropped because of lack of numbers.

With respect to (a), the Executive Committee noted that many schools of much smaller enrollment are unable to sponsor certain sports and their students are not allowed to participate at other schools where they are not enrolled for academics. Waiver in this

case would create a precedent that would undermine the regulations to such an extent that the Executive Committee would in effect be changing the enrollment regulation which is fundamental to educational athletics.

With respect to (b), the Executive Committee noted several practical problems, including application deadline requirements; the two-year minimum duration for cooperative programs; maximum enrollment requirements for cross country, golf and wrestling; and scheduling difficulties for opponents.

The Executive Committee noted that in the sports identified, there is no minimum number of participants to compete in regular season competition and that only in skiing is there a minimum number greater than one participant (4) to enter the MHSAA tournament.

Therefore, the Executive Committee denied the request to waive regulations in the ways proposed by the school.

Walled Lake Consolidated Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - So that it would have the benefit of the Representative Council's input on May 5-7, 2002, regarding the future of cooperative programs between large schools, the Executive Committee tabled until its June 5 meeting consideration of the application for the addition of the district's new high school – Walled Lake Northern – to the cooperative program that exists in girls gymnastics for Walled Lake Western and Central High Schools. Walled Lake Central is the primary school. The combined enrollment for the 2002-03 MHSAA Girls Gymnastics Tournament would be 4,273 students.

Wyandotte-Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Ecorse High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football, which both schools sponsored in 2001. Mt. Carmel will be the primary school for the program that will have a combined enrollment of 333 for the MHSAA Football Playoffs.

St. Clair Shores-Lakeview High School (Regulation I, Sections 4, 5 & 7) - Two requests for waiver were made on behalf of the same 11th-grade student who dropped out of school on Nov. 10, 2000 and returned to school Jan. 28, 2002. It was requested that the first semester of 2000-01 not be counted

as the student's previous semester under Section 7 and not be counted against the total of eight semesters and four first semesters allowed under Sections 4 and 5.

The Executive Committee determined that, on the basis of school records, all semesters in which the student has been enrolled must be counted toward the maximum of eight semesters of enrollment or competition allowed any students, and that the first semester of 2000-01 must count as the student's previous semester for the determination of eligibility under Section 7. The request for waiver was denied.

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood High School (Regulation I, Section 8) - Request was made to waive the current semester record regulation on behalf of a 12th-grade student who for medical reasons is restricted to two classes that meet five days per week and one class that meets four days per week. She will graduate at the end of this school year.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Carson City-Crystal High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - Request to waive the transfer regulation for the subvarsity level only was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who entered Carson City-Crystal on Jan. 24, 2002, having previously attended Stanton-Central Montcalm High School where he did not participate in any MHSAA sport.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver to the extent that the student is eligible only at the subvarsity level for the remainder of the 2001-02 school year.

Clarkston High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th and 11th-grade sister and brother who previously attended Waterford-Our Lady of the Lakes High School which does not sponsor the sports in which they wish to participate this spring (soccer and tennis). Just prior to the start of the 2001-02 school year, the family moved to Clarkston from California where each student participated in these sports at the high school level. They began attending Clarkston High School in January; their transfer to Clarkston occurred without a change of residence.

The Executive Committee denied the

request for waiver.

Flint Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility after 90 school days of enrollment at Flint Central High School on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Flint-Powers Catholic High School until his enrollment at Flint Central on Feb. 28, 2002.

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

Grand Rapids-Creston High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility after 90 school days of enrollment at Creston High School on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred from Wyoming-Kelloggville to Creston on Oct. 31, 2001.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Harrison Township-L'Anse Creuse High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility after 90 school days of enrollment at L'Anse Creuse High School on behalf of a 9th-grade student who enrolled on March 19, 2002. He previously attended Warren-DeLaSalle Collegiate High School where he played football.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Holland-West Ottawa High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - Request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who, previous to his Feb. 12 enrollment at West Ottawa High School, attended school in Brazil where his parents continue to reside.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver to the extent that the student is eligible only at the subvarsity level during the remainder of the 2001-02 school year provided he did not participate previously in high school sports.

Homer High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who relocated from the residence of her mother (who has cancer) and

stepfather in Horton to the residence of her stepsister and brother-in-law in Homer, enrolling April 8, 2002. She participated in high school sports at Hanover-Horton High School last year and this year.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Mattawan High School (Regulation I, Section 9[E]) - The school requested reconsideration of decisions that the transfers of two students were athletic motivated transfers, as alleged by Lawton High School, and must result in two semesters of ineligibility in each case.

- a. One student was a 10th-grader whose father coached at Lawton High School and who, it was alleged, had a falling out at Lawton because of his statements that his son would transfer to the higher profile program at Mattawan High School.
- b. The second was a 10th-grader who asked to be moved from the varsity to JV basketball team and was allowed to do so after sitting out several games, which the parents appealed unsuccessfully.

At its March 21, 2002 meeting, the Executive Committee tabled reconsideration of these decisions until additional information is received from both schools. The requested and additional information was received.

The Executive Committee found that the facts tended to support the conclusion that an athletic-motivated transfer occurred in each case. However, it has been subsequently learned that the allegations were made by Lawton High School after the school district had issued releases for these students to enroll without tuition at Mattawan, which does not participate in School of Choice. The Executive Committee confirmed that the MHSAA should not become involved in Section 9(E) inquiries under such circumstances.

Therefore, the appeal was granted for both students who, insofar as the transfer regulation is concerned, become eligible with the start of practices and contests of the 2002-03 school year if they are released again by Lawton Schools to attend Mattawan Public Schools and remain enrolled at Mattawan High School.

Mt. Pleasant High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - Request was made to waive

the transfer regulation to permit eligibility after 90 school days of enrollment at Mt. Pleasant High School for a 9th-grader who enrolled March 4, 2002, having previously attended St. Louis High School where he participated in golf and basketball. He has lived in Mt. Pleasant since 7th grade.

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

Ortonville-Brandon High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility after 90 school days of enrollment at Brandon High School commencing Oct. 29, 2001, on behalf of an 11th-grade student who spent 9th grade at Brandon High School and 10th grade and until Oct. 29 of 11th grade at Flint-Powers Catholic High School. At its March 21, 2002 meeting, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver. The matter was resubmitted, emphasizing transportation problems and the school guidance to complete the first grading period before transferring.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Perry High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - Request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who enrolled Oct. 10, having previously attended Webberville High School where she was on the girls basketball team.

Because the student has previously participated in high school athletics, it would exceed the Executive Committee's authority to grant immediate eligibility at the subvarsity level. However, the Executive Committee did grant waiver for eligibility at any level effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Perry High School.

Shelby Township-Utica Eisenhower High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility after 90 school days of enrollment at Marlow Jr. High School on behalf of a 9th-grade student who enrolled March 7, 2002. She previously attended Lutheran High School North where she played 9th-grade basketball.

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

Stockbridge High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who enrolled Jan. 14, 2002. He previously attended Harrison Community High School. He has moved from the residence of his parents to the residence of an aunt and uncle. Prior to the student's transfer, he completed a 180-day athletic suspension.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Grosse Ile High School (Regulation I, Section 13[B]) - Request was made to waive or interpret applicable regulations and interpretations to permit a student to participate for Team Michigan in the Chicago Showcase Hockey Tournament April 20-21, 2002, without loss of eligibility for interscholastic baseball this spring.

The Executive Committee confirmed that the interpretation regarding the event, which has been made by others in past years and at other schools this year and has been made for numerous events in other sports over the years, is the correct interpretation. When the selection of participants is based on their high school season and is not based on their participation in the sport outside the interscholastic program or on an open, publicized tryout, the selection is deemed to be a high school all-star team which, when it engages in competition, causes students to forfeit interscholastic eligibility in all sports for up to one year.

The delay in the MHSAA staff's determinations regarding this program was caused by the staff accepting at face value a written description of the event that subsequently was found to differ from the content of the Team Michigan website. Only when the Team Michigan coach confirmed that the website was accurate could the MHSAA staff complete its inquiry and communicate to the school.

Under the circumstances of this case, which include the Michigan organizer's interest in promoting high school hockey and the willingness to modify the selection process in the future, the Executive Committee requests

that the school impose a period of ineligibility that is not less than the student's next three days of competition after the Chicago competition is concluded. The school's participation with this student in an MHSAA tournament requires no less than the Executive Committee's request.

The Executive Committee's recommendation is for this one event for this year only, but also would apply to any other students of MHSAA member schools who participate in the event this year.

Haslett High School (Regulation II, Section 11[G]) - Request to waive the "three-player rule" was made on behalf of the boys and girls swim coaches of Haslett High School who also would coach the Haslett Blue Marlins Swim Club.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Carney-Nadeau Public School (Regulation III, Section 1) - Request was made to waive the enrollment regulation and specifically Interpretation No. 225 to permit 6th-grade boys and girls to participate on 7th-grade teams during the 2002-03 school year.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for the 2002-03 school year only.

Petoskey-St. Francis Xavier School (Regulation III, Section 1) - Request was made to waive the enrollment regulation and specifically Interpretation No. 225 to permit 6th-grade boys on the 7th-grade basketball team for the 2002-03 school year. The school has dissolved its cooperative program in boys basketball with the public middle school of Petoskey.

The Executive Committee determined that at the point when the school districts have officially dissolved the cooperative agreement with respect to boys basketball, the request for waiver is granted for the 2002-03 school year only.

Wakefield School District (Regulation III, Section 1) - Request was made to waive the enrollment regulation and specifically Interpretation No. 225 to permit 6th-grade students to participate on boys and girls junior high basketball teams in 2002-03.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for the 2002-03 school year only.

Watersmeet Township School District (Regulation III, Section 1) - Request was made to waive the enrollment regulation and specifically Interpretation No. 225 to permit 6th-grade boys and girls to participate in the 7th and 8th-grade girls and boys basketball and track programs in 2002-03.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for the 2002-03 school year only.

New Member School - Pursuant to the MHSAA Constitution adopted by member schools and according to procedures for MHSAA membership as established by the Representative Council March 27, 1997, the Executive Committee approved application for membership for **Kent City-Algoma Christian School** at the high school level only, grade 9-12 enrollment of 72. The school intends to sponsor basketball and soccer for boys and basketball, soccer and volleyball for girls. If MHSAA Membership Resolutions are received by the fourth Friday after Labor Day of 2002 and 2003, the school will be eligible for MHSAA tournaments in 2003-04.

Next Meetings - The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2002, at 6 p.m. in Gaylord (Representative Council May 5-7); Wednesday, June 5, 2002, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Friday, Aug. 9, 2002, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2002, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; and Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2002, at 9 a.m. in Traverse City. ■

**The Only Official Interpretations Are
Those Received In Writing**

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LISTENING (AGAIN) TO SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

I spent another energizing hour with our state's best and brightest, the 2002 class of MHSAA Scholar-Athletes, following the presentation of their plaques March 23 at the Breslin Student Events Center.

I asked about sportsmanship.

- **"In what sport is sportsmanship worst?"**

"Basketball!" Loud and clear, no debate; basketball sportsmanship is worst.

- **"What can we do about it?"**

Several scholar-athletes had experience with administrators gathering student leaders to help define the limits of behavior and to gain their assistance in having students comply with the standards. Other scholar-athletes agreed this is a good approach.

Next I asked about sports seasons changes. Everyone wanted to speak; no one advocated change.

- **"Why not?"**

Many worried about lack of facilities, which would lead to lack of practice time or terrible practice hours. Some worried

that programs would be lost, especially at the junior high/middle school level. Some worried that coaches would stop coaching one gender or the other. And then the students turned the tables, asking me . . .

- **"How would it work?"** they asked.

And we talked about the way things are done in other places.

And the students kept the table turned on me.

- **"What kind of training do coaches get?"**

Some wished our Program for Athletic Coaches' Education (PACE) and New Coach Orientation were mandatory, not voluntary.

- **"What can be done about poor officiating?"**

Some wished that we could do more to weed out the poor officials and guarantee better officials.

So I was energized and challenged by these young people, and committed to keep listening to them, and serving them. ■

PRICE INCREASE FOR PACE

Registration costs for PACE (Program for Athletic Coaches' Education) have been increased for the 2002-2003 school year. Due to the increasing costs of providing the service to member schools, Level I and II registration has increased to \$60 per coach. Each level of instruction consists of six hours of class work, plus Level I participants receive the 500-page PACE Reference Manual 3rd edition, recently updated. Participants who complete both levels of instruction and pass the mastery-model examination with a score of 80 percent or better will receive a certificate of completion.

Several thousand Michigan coaches have completed at least one level of PACE instruction since 1988. Many school districts have mandated that at least some of their coaches complete PACE as a condition of employment. The schedule of workshops for 2002-2003 is posted on the MHSAA web site at mhsaa.com, and also is available on the next page of this *Bulletin*. Review the entire program and register early to assure placement in a PACE seminar during the 2002-2003 school year.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

GET A LIFE

I never look at the stuff, but this is what I'm told: "The internet chat rooms and bulletin boards are disgusting."

When the attorneys who represented the MHSAA in a recent trial read what was appearing on the internet, they expressed amazement at the vulgarity, profanity and cruelty. I said, "Welcome to the world of vicarious sports."

Not the world of **real** sports where people compete within the rules of the game, with respect, decorum and their names in the program; but the world of screaming radio talk show hosts, callers without lives and chat room commentators who cuss and criticize without even giving their names.

"Do their parents know what these kids are doing on the Internet?" one of our attorneys asked.

"In some cases, these **are** parents," I replied. "And where do you suppose these kids learned this behavior?" I added.

Many times in both professional and social settings I will hear people tell cutting jokes about lawyers and the legal profession. But it's my experience that the worst lawyer on his or her worst day is not as uncivil as so many so-called sports fans who pontificate obnoxiously and anonymously on talk radio and especially web sites.

There is a lot of good content on the internet, even on those sites which contain chat rooms and bulletin boards. But the kind of garbage we are exposed to on those boards is something that schools should not be a party to. I offer my compliments to those administrators who block the uncivil portions of such sites from school computers; and I offer my condolences to those who have such insignificant lives that they must seek an audience in such places. ■

Kathy McGee Earns Top Hoop Honor

Kathy McGee, girls basketball coach at Flint Powers Catholic High School, recently was named National High School Coach of the Year by the Women's Basketball Coaches' Association, becoming the first Michigander to earn the award in the 22-year history of the WBCA.

McGee, whose team took its second of back-to-back MHSAA Class B titles in December, was honored by the WBCA at its awards banquet on March 27 in San Antonio, site of the NCAA Women's Final Four.

In addition to her squad's MHSAA Final win over Detroit Country Day on Dec. 1, McGee captured career victory No. 500 the night before with a win over Lansing Catholic Central in the Semifinals.



LISTENING TO SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

SPORTSMANSHIP HELPS OVERCOME HURDLES

During the 2001-02 school year, issues of the MHSAA Bulletin will include an essay submitted by one of the nearly 3,000 MHSAA Scholar Athlete Award candidates from last school year.

Following is the essay submitted by Jessica Schore of Grosse Pointe North High School.

Sportsmanship has a variety of meanings. But to most high school athletes, it means supporting fellow competitors regardless of which team they are on – congratulating them in victory, consoling them in defeat, and showing respect in the case of an injury. It is important to have proper sportsmanship because it allows the athlete to build character and understand more about human nature.

I know from experience the effects of both good and bad sportsmanship. At the Macomb Area Conference track and field meet last year I did not have a good meet. In my first event, the 100-meter hurdles, I had made it to the finals and was assigned one of the middle lanes, a sign that as long as I ran what I was capable of, I was going to medal. I heard the gun and started, counting the steps over the hurdles in my head, until suddenly, I crashed onto the red track. My first thoughts were to get up and finish, but as soon as I stood up I felt my legs and hand throbbing and I knew I couldn't. Instead I hobbled off the track where I was immediately met by my teammates who were watching the race.

I later learned that I had sprained my hand and two fingers, and had scraped both

of my knees and my left shoulder so bad that I had to tape gauze on them for three days. But that wasn't the worst part. As I sat on the grass with the trainer and my coach, I could hear the laughing. I looked up and saw the other teams pointing and laughing at me. One hurdler even jokingly said thanks, since my fall gave her a medal. I was mortified; I thought there was no way I was going to do this again.

But there are two extremes to everything. As I sat huddled in a ball and crying, I felt a tap on my shoulder and looked up to see the face of another hurdler from a different school. We had talked briefly at the big meets for the past three years; just the normal "hi" and "good luck." She sat down next to me and gave me a hug. As the trainer poured hydrogen peroxide into my cuts she talked to me, telling me not to worry, she had fallen before, too, and nobody would remember in a week. I don't even know her name, but her kindness and compassion helped me to forget the laughing and to remember why I compete.

I realize that not every athlete is able to exhibit that caliber of sportsmanship, but any positive effort is honorable. Without it, athletes become discouraged, embarrassed, and lose their confidence, as I did. With proper sportsmanship, high school athletes learn compassion, kindness, and self confidence. Athletes learn that winning really isn't the most important thing, but learning about ourselves and each other is; an important lesson to lead us into the world. ■

2002 MHSAA Athletic Director In-Service Programs

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. | Friday, August 2 | East Lansing | MHSAA Office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. | Tuesday, August 6 | Escanaba | Pioneer Motor Inn |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. | Tuesday, August 13 | Troy | Marriott |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. | Thursday, August 15 | Kalamazoo | Pine West |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. | Friday, August 16 | Grand Rapids | Hilton |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. | Tuesday, August 20 | East Lansing | MHSAA (New AD Program) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. | Thursday, August 22 | Ann Arbor | Webber's Inn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 10. | Friday, August 23 | Cadillac | McGuire's Resort |

Pre-Registration: \$20 Walk-In: \$30

Program Schedule: 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Registration Fee Includes Materials and Lunch

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AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____ (Pre-Registration \$20; Walk-In \$30)

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Leanne Moore, MHSAA, 1661 Ramblewood Dr., East Lansing, MI 48823

SPRING RATING FORMS DUE MAY 24, 2002

Officials rating forms for varsity or sub-varsity baseball, girls soccer, and softball were sent in late April to all MHSAA member schools sponsoring those sports. The forms are designed to be "read" by a mark sensor scanning device. Many of the blanks already have been completed and returned. The deadline for receiving forms in this office will be May 24, 2002. **Rating blanks received after this date will not be processed.**

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

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

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

parentheses following the school name.

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

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

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

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

VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS TRAINING CLINIC

- July 19-22 at Michigan State University
- Co-Sponsored by the Professional Association of Volleyball Officials and the MHSAA
- Training sessions will include classroom instruction as well as on-court officiating

For more information, contact PAVO at
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www.pavo.org

UPDATE MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 2002

Seven Update Meetings will be held during the months of October and November in 2002. The purpose of these meetings is to keep the MHSAA's membership apprised of current issues regarding rules, regulations, and Representative Council action as well as to receive input from the attendees. All superintendents, principals, athletic directors and school board members are strongly urged to attend the meetings in order to learn of pertinent action for the 2002-03 school year. Representative Council and MHSAA staff members will also be in attendance. A question-and-answer period will be provided for in the meeting format.

The meetings are listed below with the date, time and place. The first six meetings listed will begin with a luncheon and will commence promptly at Noon with the Update Meeting following shortly after 1 p.m. Those wishing to attend the meeting but not planning to participate in the luncheon can plan to arrive at approximately 1 p.m.

The Representative Council urges all member schools to make every effort to attend one of the scheduled Update Meetings. If you have specific items you feel should be covered, please forward these suggestions to the MHSAA office prior to June 1, 2002. The schedule of meetings is as follows:

Luncheon Meetings — Noon

Thursday, October 3	KALAMAZOO, Pine West
Monday, October 7	COMSTOCK PARK, English Hills Terrace
Monday, October 14	LANSING, Holiday Inn West
Wednesday, October 16	FRANKENMUTH, Zehnder's
Monday, October 21	GAYLORD, Hidden Valley Otsego Club
Wednesday, October 23	PONTIAC, Silverdome's Main Event

Non-Luncheon Meeting — 10 a.m.

Friday, November 1	MARQUETTE (In Conjunction with Upper Peninsula Athletic Directors Meeting)
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Reservation forms will be published in the August issue of the *BULLETIN*.

UPDATE MEETING ATTENDANCE HISTORY

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

2002-03 RULES MEETINGS

By Representative Council Action:

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

Plan accordingly to attend a rules meeting in your area. A complete list of dates, times and locations is available online at mhsaa.com

2002-03 PACE SCHEDULE

Level I

Saturday, June 22 - Britton-Macon High School (8:30 am - 4 pm)
Saturday, August 3 - Gladwin High School (8:30 am - 4 pm)
Mon. - Wed., August 5, 7 - Saginaw Heritage (6-9:30 pm)
Saturday, August 10 - Troy High School (8:30 am - 4 pm)
Mon. - Wed., August 19, 21 - Allen Park High School (6-9:30 pm)
Saturday, August 24 - Grosse Pointe North High School (8:30 am - 4 pm)
Saturday, August 24 - Caledonia High School (8:30 am - 4 pm)
Wednesday, September 18 - Farmington Training Center (8:30 am - 4 pm)
Friday, October 4 - BCAM, Lansing Holiday Inn South (8:30 am - 4 pm)
Mon. - Wed., November 4, 6 - Allen Park High School (6-9:30 pm)
Saturday, February 1 - WISL, DeWitt High School (8:30 am - 4 pm)
Mon. - Wed., February 3, 5 - Flint, Genessee County ISD (6-9:30 pm)
Saturday, March 15 - MIAAA, Grand Traverse Resort (8:30 am - 4 pm)
Friday, April 4 - Marquette High School (8:30 am - 4 pm)

Level II

Mon. - Wed., June 24, 26 - Britton-Macon High School (6-9:30 pm)
Saturday, August 10 - Gladwin High School (8:30 am - 4 pm)
Mon. - Wed., August 12, 14 - Saginaw Heritage (6-9:30 pm)
Saturday, August 17 - Troy High School (8:30 am - 4 pm)
Mon. - Wed., August 26, 28 - Allen Park High School (6-9:30 pm)
Saturday, August 31 - Grosse Pointe North High School (8:30 am - 4 pm)
Wednesday, September 25 - Farmington Training Center (8:30 am - 4 pm)
Friday, October 4 - BCAM, Lansing Holiday Inn South (8:30 am - 4 pm)
Mon. - Wed., November 11, 13 - Allen Park High School (6-9:30 pm)
Saturday, February 1 - WISL, DeWitt High School (8:30 am - 4 pm)
Mon. - Wed., February 10, 12 - Flint, Genessee County ISD (6-9:30 pm)
Saturday, March 15 - MIAAA, Grand Traverse Resort (8:30 am - 4 pm)
Saturday, April 5 - Sault Ste. Marie High School (8:30 am - 4 pm)

PACE ENROLLMENT FORM

Name: _____

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School Affiliation: _____ School ID #: _____

Program Location: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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2002 FALL SPORT RULES MEETINGS

NOTE: Following are the Rules Meetings for Fall Sports 2002. For a complete list, please consult the web site at mhsaa.com

By Representative Council Action:

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

BASKETBALL RULES MEETINGS - 5 p.m.

FOOTBALL RULES MEETINGS - 6:30 p.m.

Basketball and Football Rules Meetings will be held on the same date and at the same location this fall. The Basketball Rules Meetings will begin at 5 p.m. and the Football Rules Meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. We hope this will help cut down on the number of miles that officials and coaches will have to travel. Since the 1982-83 sport season officials are required to attend only one Basketball Rules Meeting. Availability Forms for the Girls and Boys Tournaments will be available at the August rules meetings. However, only the Boys Availability Forms will be available at the October Rules Meetings. COACHES OF GIRLS TEAMS MUST ATTEND THE JULY/AUGUST MEETINGS.

ISHPEMING (Westwood High School) - Monday, July 29, 2002
NOVI (High School) - Monday, July 29, 2002
ONTONAGON (High School) - Tuesday, July 30, 2002
HILLSDALE (Davis Middle School) - Tuesday, July 30, 2002
ESCANABA (High School) - Wednesday, July 31, 2002
FLINT (Luke M. Powers Catholic High School) - Wednesday, July 31, 2002
SAULT STE. MARIE (Sault Area High School) - Thursday, Aug. 1, 2002
HOLT (High School) - Thursday, Aug. 1, 2002
GAYLORD (High School) - Friday, Aug. 2, 2002
MIDLAND (Dow High School) - Monday, Aug. 5, 2002
MARYSVILLE (High School) - Monday, Aug. 5, 2002
GRAND RAPIDS (Forest Hills Central High School) - Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2002
DEARBORN (Divine Child High School) - Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2002
ANN ARBOR (Pioneer High School) - Thursday, Aug. 8, 2002
HAZEL PARK (High School) Officials Clinic - Saturday, Aug. 10, 2002 - (Football-1 pm, Basketball following)
THREE RIVERS (High School) - Monday, Aug. 12, 2002
ALLEGAN (High School) - Monday, Aug. 12, 2002
MUSKEGON (Orchard View High School) - Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2002
CADILLAC (High School) - Friday, Aug. 16, 2002

SOCCER RULES MEETINGS

(All meetings 7 p.m.)

WAYNE (Wayne Memorial High School) - Monday, July 29, 2002
CLIO (High School) - Tuesday, July 30, 2002
TRAVERSE CITY (Central High School) - Monday, Aug. 5, 2002
KALAMAZOO (Loy Norrix High School) - Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2002
GRAND RAPIDS (Kenowa Hills High School) - Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2002
FRASER (High School) - Monday, Aug. 19, 2002
HASLETT (High School) - Thursday, Aug. 22, 2002
EAST LANSING (MHSAA Office) - Thursday, Sept. 5, 2002

SWIMMING AND DIVING RULES MEETINGS

(All meetings 7 p.m. except where noted)

COACHES OF GIRLS LOWER PENINSULA TEAMS MUST ATTEND THE AUGUST MEETINGS

KENTWOOD (East Kentwood High School) - Monday, Aug. 12, 2002
DEARBORN (High School) - Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2002
SAGINAW (Heritage High School) - Thursday, Aug. 15, 2002
PORTAGE (Portage Northern High School) - Monday, Aug. 19, 2002
WARREN (Warren Woods-Tower High School) - Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2002
EAST LANSING (MHSAA Office) - Thursday, Aug. 29, 2002
BATTLE CREEK (McCamley Plaza - MISCA CLINIC) - Friday, Sept. 13, 2002 (12:45 p.m.)
MARQUETTE (High School) - Tuesday, Oct. 29 (5 p.m.)
EAST LANSING (MHSAA Office) - Monday, Nov. 25, 2002

GIRLS AND BOYS TENNIS RULES MEETINGS

(All meetings begin at 5 p.m. except where noted)

COACHES OF GIRLS TEAMS MUST ATTEND EITHER THE AUGUST MEETINGS OR FIRST MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

KENTWOOD (East Kentwood High School) - Monday, Aug. 12, 2002
DEARBORN (High School) - Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2002
NORTHVILLE (High School) - Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2002 (7 p.m.)
SAGINAW (Heritage High School) - Thursday, Aug. 15, 2002
PORTAGE (Portage Northern High School) - Monday, Aug. 19, 2002
WARREN (Warren Woods-Tower High School) - Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2002
CADILLAC (High School) - Monday, Aug. 26, 2002 (7 p.m.)
MARQUETTE (High School) - Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2002 (7 p.m.)
EAST LANSING (MHSAA Office Building) - Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2002 (7 p.m.)
MHSTeCA (Troy Marriott) - (Time and date TBD by MHSTeCA)
EAST LANSING (MHSAA Office) - Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2003

NOTE: There are no Golf Rules Meetings in 2002-03

2002-03 NATIONAL TEST DATES

ACT Assessment

October 26, 2002
December 14, 2002
February 8, 2003
April 12, 2003
June 14, 2003

SAT

October 12, 2002
November 2, 2002
December 7, 2002
January 25, 2003
April 5, 2003
May 3, 2003
June 7, 2003

Advanced Placement — May 5-16, 2003

SCHOOL CLASSIFICATIONS ANNOUNCED FOR 2002-03

The 2002-03 school year classifications for Michigan High School Athletic Association elections and post-season tournaments in traditionally classified sports (A,B,C,D) have been announced.

Classifications for the upcoming school year are based on a second semester count date, which was February 21. 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 755 tournament-qualified member schools are ranked according to enrollment, and then split as closely into quarters as possible. For 2002-03, it works out that 188 schools are in Class A, and 189 schools are in Classes B, C and D.

Effective with the 2002-03 school year, schools with 1,026 or more students are in Class A in MHSAA competition. The enrollment limits for Class B are 492 to 1,025; Class C is 243 to 491; and schools with enrollments of 242 and under are Class D. The break increased 18 students between Classes A and B; increased 4 students between Classes B and C; and the break between Classes C and D remained the same.

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

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

The new classification breaks will see 21 schools move up in class for 2002-03, while 11 schools will move down.

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

MHSAA tournament sports conducted in traditional classifications are Basketball, Girls Competitive Cheer, Girls Gymnastics, Skiing, Swimming and Diving, and Girls Volleyball. Sports which will compete in nearly equal divisions in 2002-03 are: Baseball, Boys and Girls Cross Country, Boys and Girls Golf, Ice Hockey, Softball, Boys and Girls Tennis, Boys and Girls Track and Field, and Wrestling. Boys and Girls Soccer will have 20 percent of sponsoring schools in Division 4 and the remaining schools divided equally into Divisions 1, 2 and 3. The division breaks in those sports, except football, will be announced in April. (Media can visit the respective sports pages on the MHSAA Web Site to review the divisional alignments) The eight divisions of the MHSAA Football Playoffs will be announced on Selection Sunday, Oct. 27, 2002.

A complete list of the schools changing classification for 2002-03 appears on the next page (Note: This list does not include schools opting up in class/division for tournaments):



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SCHOOLS CHANGING CLASSIFICATION FOR 2002-03

Moving Up From Class B To Class A

Auburn Hills Avondale
Chelsea
Gaylord
Mattawan
Petoskey
Stevensville-Lakeshore
Wayland Union

Moving Down From Class A To Class B

Clio
Eaton Rapids
Grand Rapids Central
Hamtramck
Ionia

Moving Up From Class C To Class B

Calumet
Hemlock
Livonia Clarenceville
Muskegon Heights
Parchment
White Cloud

Moving Down From Class B To Class C

Ferndale-Academy of Oak Park
Flint Beecher

Moving Up From Class D To Class C

Academy of Inkster
Carsonville-Port Sanilac
Detroit Dominican
Detroit Loyola
Detroit-Mich. Inst. For Construction Trades
& Tech.
Martin
Mio

Moving Down From Class C To Class D

Detroit Benedictine
Detroit Rogers (Boys tournaments)
Detroit School of Industrial Arts
Johannesburg-Lewiston

New Schools in 2002-03

Canton Plymouth (Class C)
Rochester Hills Stoney Creek (Class B)
Walled Lake Northern (Class B)

Enrollment Breaks By Classes - 2002-03

(Number of schools in parenthesis)
Class A 1,026 and above (188)
Class B 492 to 1,025 (189)
Class C 243 to 491 (189)
Class D 242 and below (189)

LEGACY PROGRAM NETS 44 OFFICIALS IN 2001-02

During the 2001-02 school year, 44 high school seniors participated as MHSAA Legacy officials.

This year's class brings the total to 265 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 senior) 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. ■

SWIMMING & DIVING COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, March 19, 2002

Members Present:

Milton Briggs, East Grand Rapids
Jim Deming, Bay City
John Dudley, Eastern Mich. Univ. (Advisory)
Sarah Eubanks, Tecumseh
Scott Hedges, Bloomfield Hills
Liz Hill, Ann Arbor-Pioneer
Jeff Huxley, Alma
Wendy Jenkins, Flint
Jim Lawrence, Trenton
Patrick Low, Jonesville
Ray Martin, Sturgis
Pat Oakes, Grand Blanc

Ellen Pugh, West Branch
Mike Rossi, Oakland University (Advisory)
John Shears, Holland
Barb Switalski, Gaylord
Mike Venos, Bloomfield Hills

Members Absent:

Lafayette Evans, Detroit
Jerry Fouch, East Grand Rapids

Staff Member Present:

Gina Mazzolini (Recorder)

The 2001-2002 Swimming and Diving Committee met in the MHSAA office on March 19, 2002, to review the MHSAA tournament series, discuss and review proposals for change, set the qualification times for the 2002-2003 season and review rule book changes.

The meeting began with introductions by each member and the role and responsibility of the committee was discussed.

The MHSAA Executive Director distributed and discussed a "Sports Seasons Planning" document. Questions and concerns about sports seasons changes were voiced by committee members.

PROPOSALS FROM THE MICHIGAN INTERSCHOLASTIC SWIM COACHES ASSOCIATION

1. Modify the step-up start. The change would eliminate the requirement of both feet the same distance from the front edge of the starting platform. Now swimmers would step up anywhere on the platform and wait for the command "Take Your Mark" (14-0 in favor).
2. At the MHSAA Finals, all officials must wear white slacks; shorts are no longer permitted (11-0-3 in favor).
(A request was made to send back to the Officials Review Committee the motion to change the color of slacks from white to blue.)
3. A proposal was made to place the 12

advancing divers into consolation and championship groups, then allow six additional dives. A motion was made to send this proposal to MISCA, specifically the Diving Committee (14-0 in favor).

PROCEDURE FOR THE JUDGING PANEL AT THE FINAL MEET

If a diving coach opts to be considered to judge diving at the Final Meet, he/she cannot coach their athlete(s) during diving competition. Therefore, limited coaching will be allowable. The referee or assistant referee will monitor the judges panel to ensure compliance. A judge may be removed for excessive coaching of his/her athlete during competition.

CORRESPONDENCE

A concern was brought to the committee with regard to the behavior of a diving judge and excessive coaching while the meet was in progress. The committee suggested the correspondence be sent to the athletic administration of the school which this individual is employed.

SITE SELECTION FOR 2002-03 FINALS

Girls

Class A - Eastern Michigan University
Class B-C-D - University of Michigan

Boys

Class A - Eastern Michigan University
Class B-C-D - Oakland University

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Score the top 16 swimmers at the Final Meet (14-0 in favor).
2. Divide the Lower Peninsula Boys and Lower Peninsula Girls Swimming schools into two equal divisions for MHSAA Tournaments (8-4-2 in favor).
3. Allow a fourth procedure by which a diver may qualify for the Regional Diving Meets in Class B-C-D. Take an average over a three-year period of the 18th score in the "B" Regional Diving Meets. This score, if achieved in the Conference Championship Meet, will qualify the athlete into the Regional Meet (12-2 in favor). ■

ESTABLISHED SWIMMING FINALS QUALIFYING TIMES FOR 2002-03

EVENT	GIRLS A	GIRLS B	BOYS A	BOYS B
200 YD. MEDLEY RELAY	1:56.79	2:04.59	1:43.09	1:49.59
200 FREESTYLE	2:01.19	2:07.99	1:49.39	1:55.99
200 IND. MEDLEY	2:17.69	2:26.49	2:03.99	2:11.59
50 FREESTYLE	:25.39	:26.29	:22.69	:23.69
100 BUTTERFLY	1:02.29	1:06.99	:55.49	:58.99
100 FREESTYLE	:55.69	:58.59	:49.49	:51.99
500 FREESTYLE	5:25.39	5:47.59	4:58.99	5:17.59
200 FREE RELAY	1:43.99	1:49.99	1:31.99	1:37.49
100 BACKSTROKE	1:02.79	1:07.39	:56.59	59.99
100 BREASTSTROKE	1:11.29	1:15.69	1:02.99	1:07.59
400 FREE RELAY	3:49.59	4:05.79	3:23.39	3:36.99

Administrative Functions of MHSAA.COM Begin Migration to MHSAA.NET

In an effort to serve member schools and registered officials more efficiently in the coming school year, much of the administrative content of the MHSAA Web Site family is being centralized on its password-protected, interactive site, **mhsaa.net**. The move will be made during the summer, and is scheduled to be completed by August 1.

The **mhsaa.net** site was launched during the 1999-00 school year with its primary feature being the No. 1 service member schools desired when initially surveyed about what they wanted in their Association's web site – Games Wanted.

Beginning in August, **mhsaa.net** will allow member schools to update their own information, a procedure which will be required for inclusion in the printed edition of the 2002-03 MHSAA *School Directory*. Schools are encouraged to become familiar with **mhsaa.net**, as additional interactive features will be added in the future.

The content being migrated from **mhsaa.com** to **mhsaa.net** will be information specifically intended for access by school personnel and registered officials. Selected administrative publications, like the *MHSAA Handbook*, will be available only in a password-protected environment on **mhsaa.net** beginning with the 2002-03 edition, as will the Help Desk section of the current web site.

The **mhsaa.com** site continues its role as a general content resource, its traffic driven primarily by postseason tournament information accessed by schools, media and the public. The site experienced its highest traffic month ever in March, with an average of more than 6,000 unique visitors per day.

"What member schools and officials will find on **.net** will be content essential to their every day work in interscholastic athletics, in what we plan to be a secure, streamlined environment," said Communications Director John Johnson. "This is keeping in step with our long-term vision for our family of web sites – **.net** being the site which services schools and officials; **.com** being the site for general information."

COMPETITIVE CHEER COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, March 20, 2002

Members Present:

Jennifer Bingaman, Centreville
Penny Burmann, Marine City
Rochelle Compau, Comstock Park
Wendy Contreras, Jenison
Jayne Danhoff, Plainwell
Deb Gaines, Breckenridge
Mary Gavitt, Lansing
Dee Hammond, St Johns
Jack Kramer, Houghton Lake
Wendy Lemons, Whitmore Lake
Diane Littleton, Okemos

Dennis Niles, Jackson
Jann Stahr, Flat Rock
Susan Wood, Rochester Hills
Tricia Yost, Dearborn

Members Absent:

Kelly Bailey, Hudson
Sal Malek, Livonia

Staff Present:

Suzanne Martin (Recorder)
Monique Nelson

The 2002 Competitive Cheer Committee met in the MHSAA building to review policies and procedures that were in place for the 2001-02 season and to review proposals and changes submitted by the Southern Michigan Cheer Officials Association, the Lake Michigan Cheer Officials Association, the Competitive Cheer Coaches Association of Michigan and individual coaches.

The agenda was lengthy as the charge of this committee also includes reviewing competition rules of the sport.

DISCUSSION ITEMS - NO ACTION

1. Add the judges guide to calculate difficulty and variety in Round 1 in the Competitive Cheer Manual.
2. Require the coaches to submit in writing, the order of difficulty and variety that will be performed in Round 1.
3. Allow difficulty bonus in Round 3 regardless of the level of execution.
4. Require teams to compete with the same number of athletes in each round.

ROUND 1 CHANGES AND CLARIFICATIONS

1. The skills listed under variety and difficult variety will be updated as follows:

Variety - Kicks will be changed to waist level kicks; foot work below waist level will be added to allow credit for sashays, leg swings to the side, etc.

Difficult Variety - Hopping will be sep-

arated from side stepping. High kicks above waist will replace high kicks. Dips will be separated from knee level movements. In addition, a kick and high kick will each earn a variety point.

The paragraphs preceding and succeeding the variety and difficult variety listing will be rewritten for more clarity.

ROUND 2 CHANGES AND CLARIFICATIONS

1. The Valdez will be a 12 point value skill.
2. The cartwheel will be a 7 point value skill.
3. The near arm cartwheel will be included as a 10 point skill.
4. A team will not be allowed to perform a cartwheel and near arm or far arm cartwheel in Round 2.
5. The Herkie jump will be allowed to be performed with any arm position.
6. It will be clarified that the heel stretch may be performed with the extended leg at a 45°-90° angle as long as all athletes are holding the leg at the same angle.

ROUND 3 CHANGES AND CLARIFICATIONS

1. A single twist to a cradle will be valued at 8 points in difficulty.
2. A double twist to a cradle will be valued at 12 points in difficulty. Each skill will receive 1 variety point.

3. In the choreography category:
 - It will be clarified that credit will be given in the back tuck group for back layouts or whip backs as long as the skill begins with a two-foot takeoff.
 - Braced leg extensions will receive credit in the one-legged stunt group.
 - Team tumbling will require all athletes to begin on the same count.
4. Triple splits will be valued at 3 points per athlete.
5. The Difficulty/Execution Chart and category on the judges scoresheet will be removed.
6. The General Impression category will be returned to a 1-10 point value.
7. The bottle rocket skill will be eliminated. In its place there will be a show and go skill valued at 7 points, regardless of the entrance or exit transition. Flairs such as waist-high kick, twist prep, or lift on one foot, except a cupie, may be added to a show and go (4-point value).
8. When Round 3 is performed with a "hole" calculation of difficulty points earned will be based on the original number of competitors intended to perform.
9. The Execution category will be valued at a maximum of 22 points for 16 competitors, 21.5 for 15 competitors, 21 for 14 competitors, 20.5 for 13 competitors and 20 points for 12 or fewer competitors.
10. The "Difficulty Factoring" chart will be changed so that the number of points needed to earn 20 Difficulty points will be based on the number of competitors multiplied by 50.

SAFETY JUDGES DEDUCTIONS

1. The following 14 point deductions will be reduced to 7 point deductions:
 - Skills in Round 2 were not performed in the order submitted.
 - The minimum number of formations were not performed in Round 1 or 3.
 - Round 2 vocals intentionally not in unison.
 - Lack of notification of a "hole" in performance.
 - Non-competitive cheerers violation.
 - Difficulty/variety points not indicated in Round 3 Description.
 - Incorrect performance of Round 1 or 2 skill/requirement.
2. Add flexibility and stunts to team member contact deduction.
3. Add a 35-point penalty:
 - For failure to perform one skill in each Round 2 category.
 - For performing too many 12 or 14 point value skills in Round 2.
 - Will be assessed for a skill performed in Round 2 that is not permitted.
4. A 7-point penalty will be assessed for a skill performed that was not one of the five submitted. When an incorrect skill is performed, the cheer judges will score the skill performed.
5. It will be clarified that if a wrong skill is performed or there is incorrect performance of a required skill, a 7-point safety judges deduction will occur one time.

TOURNAMENT HOST PROCEDURES

In an attempt to work towards consistency at any competitive cheer event, the committee suggested the following procedures be instituted by all hosts:

1. Post a "P" for penalty on the master scoresheet for a team whose score included a safety judge penalty.
2. Designate an area 8-10 feet away from the panel judges where non-participating cheerers can be located while their team is competing. This area should be away from the front corners of the mat so that a safety judge can work in that area.
3. Require coaches to fax or email the Round 2 scoresheet with skills written out in the order to be performed and the Round 3 Description BEFORE the day of the event.
4. Require one judge to remain in the competition area at least 10 minutes after Round 3 is completed to respond to math errors, scoresheet questions and sign the official scoresheet for the meet.
5. Provide, at the scorers table, a master sheet of the round scores of every team so that it can be viewed by all coaches.
6. Notify score table personnel that a coach is allowed to look at her/his scoresheets as soon as the scorers have calculated the

score for that team in that round. The coach has from that time through the 10 minute break between rounds to review her/his team scoresheets.

7. Require coaches to completely write out the skills in Round 2. Do not allow abbreviations.

GENERAL CHEER MANUAL CHANGES

1. Performing with a "hole" will be rewritten to include the number of points that will be deducted in General Impression for each hole in a round.
2. A better sequence of valdez pictures will be added to the manual.
3. A sequence of near arm cartwheel pictures will be added along with a written description.
4. The Difficulty Factoring chart will be updated.
5. It will be clarified that any team with 13 to 16 competitors in Round 2 will be allowed to perform the Precision drill in three staggered lines.
6. The "Evaluate Execution" section will be rewritten for clarification purposes and will include clarification of a collapse in tumbling and a fall in stunting.
7. Samples of Round 3 Descriptions will be provided at rules meetings and/or on MHSAA website.
8. Junior high/middle school scoresheets

will be provided at rules meetings and/or on the MHSAA website.

9. Guidelines for Competitive Cheer Judges selection committee:

- Whenever possible do not assign a judge to a Regional or Finals who has coached or presently coaches a significant number of girls on any team in the same class.
- Do not assign any person who teaches in or is otherwise employed in a direct student contact position (i.e. teachers, principals, counselors) with any school that is in a Regional or Finals competition in the same class.

10. Explore a method in which coaches can inquire, preferably in writing, about skills that were not given credit.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Require all Competitive Cheer mats to be foam floor or wrestling mat material and a minimum of 36 x 36 feet (9-0 in favor).
2. Change the Regional tournament configuration so that there are five Regionals per class with two teams qualifying out of each Regional per class (9-0 in favor).
3. Create a Competitive Cheer Site Selection Committee (9-0 in favor).
4. Allow a maximum of 16 competitors in any round with no more than a 2 person differential in any round (10-0 in favor).■

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