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*The Only Official Interpretations
Are Those Received In Writing*

ON THE COVER

The 2006-07 school year is underway, and so are the sports seasons. Among the championships to be determined later this fall are boys & girls cross country for both peninsulas, along with boys soccer. The UP Cross Country titles will be decided on Oct. 21, while the LP Cross Country Finals take place on Nov. 4. The Boys Soccer Finals are slated for Nov. 4.

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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, August 14, 2006

Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan
Keith Eldred, Williamston
William Newkirk, Meridian
Karen Leinaar, Benzonia
Randy Salisbury, Britton

Staff Members Present:

Randy Allen
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 other 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 inde-

pendent authority over schools or students.

Summary of 2005-06 Waiver Requests -

During the 2005-06 program year, there were 518 (versus 436 in 2004-05, 355 in 2003-04 and 408 in 2002-03) requests by member schools to waive regulations, of which 387 (297 in 2004-05, 214 in 2003-04 and 215 in 2002-03) were granted by the Executive Committee. Of the total, 276 (295 in 2004-05, 232 in 2003-04 and 291 in 2002-03) requests involved the transfer regulation, of which 204 were granted (196 in 2004-05, 144 in 2003-04 and 130 in 2002-03).

Rationale for Transfer Regulation - The following rationale for the transfer regulation, first established by the Executive Committee on Aug. 6, 1985 and last reviewed Aug. 2, 2005, was reaffirmed:

- a. The rule tends to insure equality of competition in that each school plays students who have been in that school and established their eligibility in that school.
- b. The rule tends to prevent students from "jumping" from one school to another.
- c. The rule prevents the "bumping" of students who have previously gained eligibility in a school system by persons coming from outside the school system.
- d. The rule tends to prevent inter-scholastic athletic recruiting.
- e. The rule tends to prevent or discourage dominance of one sport at one school with a successful program, i.e., the concentration of excellent baseball players at one school to the detriment of surrounding schools through transfers and to the detriment of the natural school population and ability mix.
- f. The rule tends to create and maintain stability in that age group, i.e., it promotes team stability and team work expectation fulfillment.
- g. The rule is designed to discourage parents from "school shopping" for athletic purposes.
- h. The rule is consistent with educational philosophy of going to school for academics first and athletics second.

- i. It eliminates family financial status from becoming a factor on eligibility, thus making a uniform rule for all students across the state of Michigan (i.e., tuition and millage considerations).
- j. It tends to encourage competition between nonpublic and public schools, rather than discourage that competition.
- k. It tends to reduce friction or threat of students changing schools because of problems they may have created or because of their misconduct, etc.

Cooperative Program Renewals

(Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - Pursuant to instructions from the Representative Council, MHSAA staff presented information on Cooperative Team Renewal Forms received since June for cooperative programs that involve Class A and B schools or three or more schools of any size. Material had been submitted from the following schools and included conference approvals.

- a. Kalamazoo Central and Comstock High Schools in Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving
- b. Ypsilanti-Willow Run and Belleville High Schools in Ice Hockey
- c. Canton-Salem, Canton and Canton-Plymouth in Boys Lacrosse

Centreville and Colon High Schools

(Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these schools in wrestling. Centreville sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. The combined enrollment of 573 will place the team in the Division 3 Wrestling Tournament. Support from the St. Joseph Valley League was received.

Clare and Coleman High Schools

(Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - Because local and league action was not complete, the Executive Committee tabled an application for a cooperative program in wrestling. The Coleman Board of Education will vote on this matter at a meeting on Aug. 15, and the Jack Pine Conference will meet Aug. 14, 2006. Clare High School sponsored wrestling previously and would be the primary school. The combined enrollment of 774 would place the team in the Division 3 Wrestling Tournament.

Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern and Ada-Forest Hills Eastern High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these two schools of the same district in boys and girls alpine skiing. Forest Hills Northern sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. The combined enrollment of 1,718 will place the team in the Division 1 tournaments. Support from the OK Conference was received.

Manistee, Hart, Ludington, Scottville-Mason County Central and Shelby High Schools (Regulation I Section 1[F]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program among these five schools in ice hockey. None of the schools sponsored the sport previously. Manistee will be the primary school. The combined enrollment will be 2,741 and will place the team in the Division 1 tournament. The school will not compete in a league, but support from future opponents was received from four schools.

Munising and Eben Junction-Superior Central High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in wrestling and girls competitive cheer between these schools. Munising sponsored the sports previously and will be the primary school. The combined enrollment of 427 students will place both teams in the Division 4 tournaments (Team Wrestling Tournament and Girls Competitive Cheer Tournament). Approval from the Mid-Peninsula Conference was received.

Rochester-Adams and Rochester High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - The Executive Committee approved the reconfiguration of the girls gymnastics cooperative program among the three high schools of the Rochester Community Schools that will remove Stoney Creek High School from involvement in the cooperative program and it will sponsor a stand-alone team, practicing under the allowance of Interpretation 205. A new agreement will be established between Adams and Rochester High Schools where interest in gymnastics has shifted. Adams will be the primary school. The combined enrollment of these two schools is 3,226. Cooperative agreements continue to exist in boys and girls skiing and boys swimming &

diving which split the enrollment of Stoney Creek geographically using the former boundaries of Adams and Rochester High Schools while assigning 50 percent of Stoney Creek's actual enrollment to each school.

Saginaw-Swan Valley and Hemlock High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - Because league approval had not been received, the Executive Committee tabled an application for a cooperative program in ice hockey between these two schools which have not sponsored the sport previously. Swan Valley would be the primary school. The combined enrollment of 1,103 students would place the team in the Division 3 tournament.

Ann Arbor-Pioneer High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) - A request to waive the maximum semesters portions of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a current 11th-grade student who began the 9th grade in 2004-05. As a 10th-grader, the student played in two football games; and on Oct. 18, 2005, he withdrew from all but two classes taken on homebound status due to medical issues. The student continued on homebound status for the second semester of the 2005-06 school year, completing four classes. The school requested an additional semester of competition as the student will be enrolled for a ninth semester in the fall of 2008.

The Executive Committee noted that the student actually played in two contests of the first semester and received grades in both semesters of the 2005-06 school year, and that in counting both semesters, the rule is applied even-handedly and without undue hardship. The request for waiver was denied.

St. Clair Shores-Lakeview High School (Regulation I, Section 7) - A request to waive the previous semester record regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who was kept out of school from Jan. 27, 2006 until the end of the second semester of the 2005-06 school year due to significant heart-related medical conditions. The school attempted homebound status but the student was unable to complete any courses. The student did complete 20 credit hours at the end of the first semester of 2005-06 and is listed as NC (no credit) for all classes on the transcript in the second semester while he was ill and not attending school.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver and noted that the second semester of the 2005-06 school year shall count against the total of four second semesters and eight total semesters allowed to this student.

Allegan High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf an 11th- and 12th-grade brother and sister who previously attended Otsego Baptist Academy and intend to enroll at Allegan to begin the 2006-07 school year. The enrollment at Otsego Baptist has declined to 16 students with only one 12th-grade student registered who will be attending the Allegan County Area Technical and Educational Center for one half of the day and Otsego Baptist Academy for the other half. The family resides in the Allegan School District and the student has a 9th-grade brother who will also be enrolling at Allegan.

The Executive Committee agreed that the application of athletic eligibility rules should not exacerbate problems for a small and struggling school and it is for that school itself to determine that it will close or cease to provide education above a certain grade level; and the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Ann Arbor-Pioneer High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of 10th-grade brothers who attended Ann Arbor-Huron High School and played 9th-grade baseball. The students were mistreated by students and team members, resulting in treatment by a psychologist who recommended the students change schools. The students, who reside in the Huron attendance area, have been allowed by district administration to attend Pioneer High School to begin the 2006-07 school year.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Ann Arbor-Pioneer High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of 10th-grade twins who previously attended Wayne Memorial High School and resided with their mother. The students have moved to the Pioneer attendance area to reside with their father. The parents never married, but otherwise completed

Educational Transfer Forms were submitted along with a Modification of Support from the Washtenaw County Circuit Court identifying the father.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Battle Creek-Lakeview 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 school in Valdosta, Ga., while residing with his mother. The student began the 9th grade at Lakeview High School, moved to Georgia in February 2006 and has returned to Lakeview, moving from one parent to the other. The student has returned to the Lakeview School District, residing with his father. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Battle Creek-Lakeview High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended school in Arizona with his single mother and played football. The student's mother is in the military and will be deployed to Iraq. The student will be enrolling at Lakeview to begin the 2006-07 school year, residing with an aunt who does not live in the Lakeview School District.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver. The student may be eligible at Battle Creek-Central High School.

Battle Creek-Pennfield 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 Richland-Gull Lake High School while residing with his father. The student now resides with his mother in the Pennfield School District. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating the father.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Battle Creek-St. Philip Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who

has been in foster homes and attended Homer, Portage Central and Battle Creek-Central High Schools. After the student's father died and mother was unable to cope with addiction, the student became a ward of the court. The student experienced problems at Battle Creek-Central and attempted to enroll at St. Philip in February 2006. The student completed the 2005-06 school year at Battle Creek-Central and has been assigned to new foster parents. The student is changing residences within the same public school district and not from one to another.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver. The student may remain eligible at Battle Creek-Central High School.

Boyne City High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Grand Haven High School and moved to his grandparents in Charlevoix over the spring/summer of 2006. In the summer of 2005, the student suffered reactions to medication, resulting in hospitalization, absence from school and considerable ridicule by classmates. The student has come to know several Boyne City students through his church and has achieved a satisfactory previous semester record.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Camden-Frontier High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Reading High School since the 9th grade and participated in athletics. The student's peer group demonstrated unhealthy behaviors, and harassment was directed at the student, who refrained from the activity. The graduation of the sister and the mother's change of employment from the Reading Schools made transportation unavailable.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Central Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Bellaire High School where he participated in the boys soccer cooperative program between these two schools. The student will be enrolling at Central Lake High School to

begin the 2006-07 school year. Support from Bellaire High School was received.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for boys soccer only until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Central Lake High School.

Charlotte 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 first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of an 11th-grade student who began the 9th grade in 2004-05 in alternative education at Vermontville-Maple Valley, residing with his mother in Charlotte. On Jan. 19, 2005, the student was ordered by the court to attend the Eaton County Day Treatment Program (non-residential) which he completed this spring after one and a half years. The student had not participated in athletics previously and now wishes to enroll in the school of his residence, Charlotte High School.

Noting the specific conditions of Section 9(B) – that students must be in 9th or 10th grade – the request for waiver was denied.

Clarkston 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 first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Waterford-General Baptist Academy which does not sponsor athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Clarkston High School.

Clawson 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 first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Oak Park High School where he did not participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Clawson High School.

Cooks-Big Bay de Noc High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on

behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Manistique High School, residing with her parents. The student enrolled at Big Bay de Noc on April 12, 2006, to be removed from a detrimental environment into a smaller setting. The student started associating with some members of the wrong crowd, and had lost her eligibility at Manistique High School for conduct violations.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Crystal Falls-Forest Park High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Iron River-West Iron County High School for nine weeks at the end of the 2005-06 school year to improve her medical and psychological well being. The student is under counseling and medication and changed schools because of emotional stress.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Custer-Mason County Eastern High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Free Soil High School and intends to enroll at Mason County Eastern High School to begin the 2006-07 school year. News articles and substantial written material comparing schools were submitted by the student's family.

The Executive Committee agreed that the application of athletic eligibility rules should not exacerbate problems for a small and struggling school and it is for that school itself to determine that it will close or cease to provide education above a certain grade level; and the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Dearborn-Divine Child High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Dearborn High School and who moved over the summer with his family to the Plymouth-Canton School District and intends to enroll at Divine Child to begin the 2006-07 school year. Plymouth Christian is closer to the student's new home than is Divine Child, but the

student prefers to attend school in Dearborn where more middle eastern families reside and where his father has a medical practice.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver. The student may remain eligible at Dearborn High School or have eligibility at Plymouth Christian High School, the closest charter school or one of the public schools of the Plymouth-Canton School District.

Dearborn Heights-Annapolis 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 first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Detroit Academy of Arts & Sciences High School where he did not participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Annapolis High School.

Dearborn Heights-Annapolis High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who began the 9th grade at Warren-De La Salle Collegiate High School before changing residence to his mother in the Redford School District. The student's custody has changed to that of his father, who does not reside in the Annapolis School District.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Eau Claire High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Muskegon-Oakridge High School while residing with his mother, a single parent. The mother was incarcerated recently and serving a nine month sentence. On Aug. 8, 2006, the student changed residence to live with his grandparents who reside in the Eau Claire School District. There had been no parental involvement or contact by the father for several years.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Grand Haven High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligi-

bility at the subvarsity level only for the first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Spring Lake High School where he did not participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Grand Haven High School.

Grand Rapids-Kenowa Hills 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 first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Grand Rapids-Plymouth Christian High School. The student did not participate in an MHSAA tournament sport in the 9th grade.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Kenowa Hills High School.

Grand Rapids-NorthPointe Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Otsego Baptist Academy and intends to enroll at NorthPointe Christian High School to begin the 2006-07 school year because of a substantial enrollment decline and less academic and sport offerings.

The Executive Committee agreed that the application of athletic eligibility rules should not exacerbate problems for a small and struggling school and it is for that school itself to determine that it will close or cease to provide education above a certain grade level; and the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Grass 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 first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Jackson Christian High School. The student did not participate in an MHSAA tournament sport.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only

until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Grass Lake High School.

Hartland 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 first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High School where he participated in boys lacrosse but did not participate in a fall or winter sport and desires to golf at Hartland.

Citing the specific conditions of Section 9(B) - that the student has not previously played any MHSAA sport - the request for waiver was denied.

Hopkins High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Hopkins Schools until two years ago (through the 8th grade) before moving to Hawaii with his mother and stepfather, who have recently divorced. The student and his mother have moved back to a new home in Allegan just outside the border of the Hopkins School District, almost closer to Hopkins High School than to Allegan High School.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Hopkins High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Otsego Baptist Academy and intends to enroll at Hopkins High School to begin the 2006-07 school year because of a substantial enrollment decline and less academic and sport offerings. The Otsego Baptist principal reported that there are 16 students enrolled for 2006-07 and only one 12th-grade student remaining. The Otsego Baptist February 2005 Enrollment Declaration Form showed 57 students; the February 2006 enrollment count was 43 students.

The Executive Committee agreed that the application of athletic eligibility rules should not exacerbate problems for a small and struggling school and it is for that school itself to determine that it will close or cease to provide education above a certain grade level; and the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Hopkins High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Otsego Baptist Academy and intends to enroll at Hopkins High School to begin the 2006-07 school year because of a substantial enrollment decline and less academic and sport offerings. The student does not live in the Hopkins School District and has attended Otsego Baptist for the past 12 years. The Otsego Baptist principal reported that there are 16 students enrolled for 2006-07 and only one 12th-grade student remaining. The Otsego Baptist February 2005 Enrollment Declaration Form showed 57 students; the February 2006 enrollment count was 43 students.

The Executive Committee agreed that the application of athletic eligibility rules should not exacerbate problems for a small and struggling school and it is for that school itself to determine that it will close or cease to provide education above a certain grade level; and the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Howell High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Pinckney High School for the 9th grade in 2004-05, Legacy Alternative School and Eagle Village, a residential placement center, to complete the 2005-06 school year. The student continues to reside in Pinckney but intends to enroll at Howell High School to begin the 2006-07 school year because his family and probation officer do not feel it is best for him to return to the same environment that sent him to a placement center.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Jackson Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Charlotte High School while residing with his mother. The student's parents are divorced and an Educational Transfer Form was submitted, but Jackson-Lumen Christi High School is a half mile closer to the student's new resi-

dence than is Jackson Christian High School. The student is Protestant and attends the largest supporting church of Jackson Christian High School.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Kalamazoo Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Otsego Baptist Academy and intends to enroll at Kalamazoo Christian to begin the 2006-07 school year because there are only two students in the 12th grade at Otsego Baptist and 14 students overall. The Otsego Baptist February 2005 Enrollment Declaration Form showed 57 students; the February 2006 enrollment count was 43 students.

The Executive Committee agreed that the application of athletic eligibility rules should not exacerbate problems for a small and struggling school and it is for that school itself to determine that it will close or cease to provide education above a certain grade level; and the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Marine City-Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Romeo High School before moving with the person he was living with previously (single divorced mother) from Romeo to Port Huron and will be enrolling at Cardinal Mooney Catholic to begin the 2006-07 school year. Kimball-New Life Christian High School is closer to the student's new home than Cardinal Mooney. The student is Catholic and attended a Catholic feeder grade school (Anchorville-Immaculate Conception), will be confirmed through Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School, and has two cousins who attend the school.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Mattawan 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 first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a

10th-grade student who previously attended Kalamazoo-Comstock High School where he did not participate in athletics. The student and his father have moved from Comstock to Lawton but the student is not enrolling at the school of his residence.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Mattawan High School.

Monroe-St. Mary Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only during the first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of two 10th-grade students who previously attended Monroe-Meadows Montessori High School which does not sponsor athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at St. Mary Catholic Central High School.

Muskegon-Reeths-Puffer 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 first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Muskegon High School. The student did not participate in an MHSAA tournament sport while at Muskegon High School.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Reeths-Puffer High School.

Muskegon-Western Michigan Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Muskegon High School while residing with his mother. The mother lost her home and has moved in with a friend, and the student has moved in with an aunt and uncle whose two children (grades 11 and 7) attend Western Michigan Christian High School and Middle School.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver. The student may retain eligibility at Muskegon High School.

Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Catholic Central for his 9th grade and the first semester of the 10th grade in 2005-06 before moving with his parents to Florida and enrolling at Bradenton Academy, a coed private school. The student is returning to the same residence with his parents under Exception 1 of the transfer regulation and intends to enroll at Catholic Central to begin the 2006-07 school year. Orchard Lake-St. Mary's is 2.7 miles closer to the student's residence than his former school, Catholic Central.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Otsego High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Otsego Baptist Academy and intends to enroll at Otsego High School to begin the 2006-07 school year because of a substantial enrollment decline and less academic and sport offerings.

The Executive Committee agreed that the application of athletic eligibility rules should not exacerbate problems for a small and struggling school and it is for that school itself to determine that it will close or cease to provide education above a certain grade level; and the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Otsego High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Otsego Baptist Academy and intends to enroll at Otsego High School to begin the 2006-07 school year because of a substantial enrollment decline and less academic and sport offerings. This past spring (April 25, 2006), a cooperative agreement was approved between Otsego and Otsego Baptist Academy in football. The team's first season is this fall, so the student was not actually a team member during the previous season.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Paw Paw High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose mother died during the student's 10th-grade year in 2005-06, causing the student undocumented emotional and educational stress. The student began the 9th grade at Paw Paw High School and transferred to Kalamazoo Central, but information about the date and student's residence was incomplete.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Pinckney High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who resides in Pinckney and enrolled at Brighton High School to begin the 2005-06 school year as a 9th grader because of its special education services. The student's academic needs were not being met and she will be enrolling at Pinckney to begin the 2006-07 school year.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver. However, if it is found the student has not previously participated in an MHSAA sport, then the student may be eligible at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Pinckney High School.

Pontiac-Northern High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Oak Park High School and will be enrolling at Pontiac-Northern to begin the 2006-07 school year. The family resided in the Northern attendance area while the student attended Oak Park High School.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Reading 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 first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Celebration High School in Florida, where he did not participate in athletics, before recently moving to his father's residence in Hillsdale County.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of

the 2006-07 school year at Reading High School.

Reading High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose grandmother has served as parent for the past ten years except for four months from Feb 27, 2006 to June 19, 2006, when the student's birth mother sought to be part of his life and the student moved to Indiana. The student has returned to his grandmother in Reading and the school requested that the grandmother be considered the student's parent and that eligibility be granted under the spirit of Exception 2 (not living with parents, returning to live with parent or parents).

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Saline High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Milan High School and changed schools due to continuous and serious harassment over five years. In the 7th grade, the student was assaulted, charges were filed and another student pled guilty. Harassment and threats of physical harm continued. The student has been released by the district to attend Saline High School.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Sparta 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 first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Cedar Springs-Creative Technology Charter High School where she did not participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Sparta High School.

Temperance-Bedford 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 first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Toledo-St. Johns High School

where he played approximately 15 minutes of the final two freshman football games of the season. The student injured his hand in summer baseball games prior to that season. The student attended Bedford Schools previously before enrolling in Toledo to begin the 9th grade and intends to enroll at Bedford to begin the 2006-07 school year.

Citing the specific conditions of Section 9(B) - that the student has not previously participated in an MHSAA sport - the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Warren Woods-Tower 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 first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Warren-Lincoln High School where he did not participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Warren Woods-Tower High School.

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools (Regulation I, Sections 11, 12 and 13 and Regulation II, Sections 6, 10, 12, 13 & 15) - The Executive Committee reviewed correspondence from the superintendent of the school district regarding a cheerleading team which consists of male and female students of the district's three high schools, as well as correspondence from the legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union.

The Executive Committee noted that when the MHSAA established its girls competitive cheer program in the early 1990s, it was acknowledging that in many schools girls had fewer opportunities for interscholastic athletics than boys and fewer opportunities in the winter season than during fall or spring. In establishing girls competitive cheer, the MHSAA was attempting to effectively accommodate the interests and abilities of the gender more underrepresented in interscholastic athletics. Girls competitive cheer became the fastest growing high school sport among MHSAA member schools. It was also acknowledged that when the Commission on Opportunity in Athletics established by the U.S. Secretary of Education issued its 2003 report, only one state high school association was cited for its

positive efforts. It was the Michigan High School Athletic Association, and its sponsorship of girls competitive cheer was one of two reasons for that positive reference.

The current policies for MHSAA competitive cheer are a result of the direct input from and clear consensus of MHSAA member schools, and these policies are consistent with those that apply to all interscholastic sports to help assure their educational value, the physical well being of participants and a level playing field for competing teams. The Executive Committee urged that no action be taken that would retreat from the advances that have been made on behalf of female student-athletes in general and girls competitive cheer in particular, and that nothing be done that would jeopardize existing sport policies and procedures that allow MHSAA member schools and their student-athletes to seek excellence but without the excesses that are harming school-based sports in many places.

The Executive Committee took no action.

Bay City-John Glenn High School (Regulation II, Section 11) - Pursuant to Interpretation 217, a request to waive the three-player rule for the 2006-07 school year was made on behalf of the girls varsity head swim coach who is also the boys assistant swim coach and employed by the Bay Area Youth Swim Club (BAYS) as a part-time swim coach. Nearly 90 percent of his income comes from coaching this team which is not affiliated with the school and is open to boys and girls from the general public ages 5-18. Participants come from at least nine school districts. Last year there were approximately 85 participants and it is anticipated that three students in grades 9-12 and 20 students in grades K-8 will be John Glenn students. The request was granted previously for this same coach at Essexville-Garber High School who held the same non-school position in the 2005-06 school year.

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

Hartland High School (Regulation II, Section 11) - Pursuant to Interpretation 217, a request to waive the three-player rule was made on behalf of the girls swimming & diving coach who is a retired teacher serving full time with the Hurricane Swim Club, which has no affiliation with the school. There are

97 participants in the Hurricane Swim Club aged 5-18 who are from five school districts including Hartland, where it is estimated that 14 students in grades 7-12 will be involved in 2006-07.

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

Jackson High School (Regulation II, Section 11) - Pursuant to Interpretation 217, a request to waive the three-player rule was made on behalf of the girls swimming & diving coach who is also a coach with the Jackson County Aquatic Club which has no affiliation with the school and is board operated. There are 45 participants in the Jackson Aquatic Swim Club in grades 6-12 and involves students from four high schools and six middle schools, including Jackson High School where it is estimated that five students in grades 7-12 will be involved in 2006-07.

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

Ludington High School (Regulation II, Section 11) - Pursuant to Interpretation 217, a request to waive the three-player rule was made on behalf of the girls and boys swimming & diving coach who also serves as the community recreation pool director whose position is supervisory and entails opening the pool for community swimming programs that are open to adults and students of all ages. It is estimated that attendance at the open swims ranges from 5 to 20 people, and 2-5 students in grades 7-12. Regular in-season practices may take place in other lanes with some lanes reserved for open swim. The request was granted previously for the 2005-06 school year.

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

Saginaw-Nouvel Catholic Central High School (Regulation II, Section 11) - Pursuant to Interpretation 217, a request to waive the three-player rule was made on behalf of a potential girls swimming & diving coach that the school would like to hire who is also employed full time as a coach with the Saginaw YMCA. The former coach took a position with another school and securing one of six other candidates fell

through. Parents contacted a YMCA coach who agreed to serve as the school coach. Through his job at the YMCA, the coach conducted an offseason program last year with three Nouvel swimmers and would in all likelihood encounter more than three students from the school in the off season as he continues his job with the YMCA. Nouvel Catholic Central does not have its own pool and would practice at the YMCA, swimming meets at Saginaw-Heritage High School. There are 82 participants in the YMCA swim program between the ages of 8-18 and involves students from multiple high schools including Nouvel where in 2005-06 three students from the high school swim team were participants.

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

Regulation III, Section 1[C)] - Pursuant to Interpretation 242, the following junior high/middle schools were granted waiver of the enrollment regulation to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th and 8th-graders for the sports listed during the 2006-07 school year only.

School (Sport(s))

- **Atlantic Mine-E. B. Holman Middle** (Girls Basketball)
- **Cooks-Big Bay de Noc** (Boys & Girls Basketball)
- **Eben Junction-Superior Central Middle** (7th-Grade Girls Basketball)
- **Escanaba-Holy Name** (All)
- **Hillsdale Academy Junior** (Boys & Girls Basketball, Boys & Girls Cross Country, Boys & Girls Track & Field, Girls Volleyball)
- **Holland-Calvary Junior** (Boys & Girls Basketball, Girls Volleyball)
- **Martin-East Martin Christian Middle** (Boys Soccer - Coop with Martin)
- **Northport Middle** (All)
- **Republic-Michigamme Middle** (Boys & Girls Basketball, Boys & Girls Track & Field)

Fowler-Waldron and Fowler-Most Holy Trinity Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) - The Executive Committee tabled an application for a cooperative program in boys and girls cross country until a Membership Resolution is received from Most Holy Trinity. The schools currently have cooperative agreements in boys and girls basketball and boys and girls track & field beginning in 1991 and 2003, respectively.

Munising and Sault Ste. Marie-Sault Area High Schools (Upper Peninsula Schools' Participation in Individual Wrestling Tournament) - A request was made to alter existing policy and allow Munising, Sault Area and all U.P. wrestling schools to merge into the Lower Peninsula Individual Wrestling Tournament beginning with the 2006-07 school year. Two 12th-grade students would miss this opportunity if the action were delayed. On April 27, 2006, the U.P. Athletic Committee requested a survey of all U.P. schools before the end of the school year. On May 6, 2006, the Executive Committee authorized staff to conduct a survey which was done May 15, 2006. The Executive Committee indicated on May 6 that it would provide the U.P. Athletic Committee with results in September and the Representative Council in December for a decision regarding wrestling after the 2006-07 season. The issue was again discussed by the Executive Committee on June 12, 2006, confirming the above.

The Executive Committee noted that whenever the MHSAA adds a new tournament or new division to its schedule of sponsored events, it may be argued that some students who had recently graduated missed the new opportunity. In this case, however, it could also be argued that if the MHSAA tournament in individual wrestling for U.P. schools is discontinued, some students who participate in the future will miss the special opportunity that the MHSAA U.P. Wrestling Final Tournament has provided.

It was again noted that the Representative Council received from the Executive Committee last May a report that Upper Peninsula wrestling schools would be surveyed before the end of the 2005-06 school year and the results reported to the U.P.

Athletic Committee in September and to the Representative Council for its consideration at its Dec. 1, 2006 meeting, with the sentiments that, in any event, there should be no change in the status of MHSAA Individual Wrestling Tournaments before the 2007-08 school year. The Representative Council accepted this report without modification.

The Executive Committee noted that, under the MHSAA Constitution and consistent with long-standing practice, the decision to sponsor special season-ending MHSAA tournaments for Upper Peninsula schools or to include those schools in a statewide MHSAA Final tournament is ultimately within the exclusive authority of the Representative Council after the MHSAA has surveyed the Upper Peninsula schools which sponsor the sport(s) involved. The Executive Committee cannot authorize what the Representative Council has not approved.

Executive Committee members noted that the survey of Upper Peninsula school administrators and wrestling coaches suggests a large majority prefers elimination of the MHSAA Upper Peninsula Individual Wrestling Finals in favor of U.P. schools participating in a statewide MHSAA tournament. It was the opinion of the Executive Committee that this will result in extraordinary loss of classroom instructional time of student-athletes and significant increase in transportation costs for wrestling schools. Nowhere in Michigan are gas prices higher and travel distances greater than in the Upper Peninsula.

While the Executive Committee believes the Representative Council will authorize changes that are consistent with the demonstrated position of U.P. school administrators, it was felt there should not be a rush to respond to a vote that may be contrary to the best educational interests of students and financial interests of schools. The Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee should discuss these issues in September and add its input to that of the Executive Committee when the Representative Council considers this topic on Dec. 1, 2006.

New Member School - Pursuant to the MHSAA Constitution adopted by member schools and according to procedures for MHSAA membership approved by the

Representative Council on March 27, 1997, the Executive Committee approved membership for **Greenville-Grattan Academic High School**, a public school academy chartered under Saginaw Valley State University with an enrollment of 56 students in grades 9-12, 94 students in K-5 and 47 middle school students. The high school building can accommodate 180-200 high school students at peak enrollment. The school is anticipating offering boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer and girls volleyball and will be exploring possible cooperative programs. The school's 2006-07 Membership Resolution was received June 23, 2006. Provided a 2007-08 Membership Resolution is received by Sept. 28, 2007, and the school is in compliance with all rules, the school will be eligible for MHSAA postseason tournaments in the 2007-08 school year.

Committees - The Executive Committee reviewed dates and approved invitations to serve on most MHSAA committees.

Trophies - A second review was conducted of an alternative MHSAA trophy design which includes more geographically accurate borders (including water) and improved durability during shipping. This follows a previous look at designs in June that yielded a

request for a more prominent distinction between land and water before any change is considered.

The Executive Committee approved the new packaging and shipping procedures for MHSAA District, Regional and Final trophies. The committee also approved of the new materials for replacing the three insets on each trophy, provided this can be accomplished without delay or increase in cost. As for the wooden rendition of the state of Michigan, the Executive Committee asked that staff provide the manufacturer more guidance for distinguishing the state's borders and that no change occur in this aspect of the trophy before 2007-08.

Personnel - The Executive Committee approved the executive director's 2006-07 Standards of Performance.

Next Meetings - The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 7, at 9 a.m.; Monday, Sept. 25 (follows Annual Business Meeting/MASSP Conference in Traverse City); Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 9 a.m.; Monday, Nov. 13, at 9 a.m.; and Thursday, Nov. 30, at 8:30 a.m. (Representative Council meets following day). ■

TOURNAMENT NOTIFICATION FORMS

Sent preseason for fall winter and spring

Use the MHSAA Fax form to opt out of a tournament as soon as possible before the Opt-Out Due Date. Fax the tournament manager and MHSAA, only if you are **NOT** entering a tournament.

Send current Eligibility List and team roster (our form or your roster form is acceptable) to Tournament Managers only before the Opt-Out Due Date for each sport.

RULES AND RATINGS

Are you being sent notices about rules meeting attendance or ratings not being submitted?

Please don't ignore these notices. Promptly contact the MHSAA staff person in that sport to correct sport sponsorship, rating and attendance issues. Notices are generated by the accurate information we have for your school program. Let's all be as accurate as possible.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, September 7, 2006

Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan
Keith Eldred, Williamston
William Newkirk, Meridian
Fred Smith, Kalamazoo
Vic Michaels, Detroit

Staff Members Present:

Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts (Recorder)
Kathy Vrugink Westdorp

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 other 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.

Birmingham-Seaholm and Beverley Hills-Groves High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F])

- The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls alpine skiing between these two schools of the same district which previously sponsored the sport separately. Seaholm will be the primary school. The schools currently

compete in cooperative programs in boys and girls lacrosse, girls gymnastics and ice hockey. The combined enrollment of 2,584 students places the teams in the Division 1 tournaments. Support from the Oakland Activities Association was received.

Clare and Coleman High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - Because support from the Jack Pine Conference was not provided, the Executive Committee tabled again the application for a cooperative program in wrestling between these two schools. Clare sponsored wrestling previously and would be the primary school. The combined enrollment of 774 students would place the team in the Division 3 tournament.

Flat Rock and Taylor-Baptist Park High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - Because support from the league or future opponents was not received, the Executive Committee tabled the application for a cooperative program in wrestling between these two schools which both sponsored the sport previously. Flat Rock has dissolved a cooperative agreement with Wyandotte-Our Lady of Mt. Carmel High School begun in 2004 and would be the primary school of this new program. The combined enrollment would be 584 students, placing the team in the Division 3 tournament.

Inkster-Cherry Hill School of Performing Arts and Academy of Inkster High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - Because the Academy of Inkster has not completed the MHSAA membership process, the Executive Committee tabled an application for a cooperative program in boys and girls basketball between these two schools located on the same campus, administered by Charter School Administration Service and governed by separate boards. The girls basketball application was received after the April 15 deadline and, if approved, would not take effect until the 2007-08 school year. Boys basketball, if approved, could be implemented for the 2006-07 school year. In 2005-06, Cherry Hill School of Performing Arts reported a violation of the enrollment regulation by allowing unenrolled students from the Academy of Inkster to participate in contests with Cherry Hill students. All such contests were forfeited. The combined enrollment of 600 students would continue

placement of the team in the Class C Basketball Tournament. Cherry Hill School of Performing Arts would be the primary school. Written support has been received from the Michigan Athletic League.

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 alpine skiing between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 605 will continue placement in the Division 2 tournaments. West Iron County sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. Support from five league members was received.

Saginaw-Swan Valley and Hemlock High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) - The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey between these two schools. Neither school has sponsored the sport previously. Swan Valley will be the primary school. The combined enrollment of 1,103 students will place the team in the Division 3 tournament. Written support from six future opponents was received.

Sanford-Meridian High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) - A late request was made to waive the maximum semesters portions of the eligibility regulation on behalf of a student in his fifth year since first enrolling in the 9th grade. In the student's third year of high school enrollment, his sister died and shortly thereafter the student had throat surgery; and along with other absences, the student missed 25 days of school. In May of that school year, the student was withdrawn early for the family move from Washington State to Michigan. The student was one-quarter credit short of being a senior in 2005-06 and repeated his junior year in 2005-06 at Meridian High School.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Greenville-Grattan Academic High School (Regulation I, Sections 7 & 9) - A request to waive the previous semester and transfer portions of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Lakeview High School for two years and Cowden Lake Bible Academy for three-quarters of the 2005-06

school year before enrolling at Grattan Academic High School to begin the 2006-07 school year. The student has medical issues which interfered with her ability to function in school.

Failing to see a compelling reason for enrolling in a third different high school, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver of either section of the eligibility regulation.

Allegan 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 first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Burroughs High School in California where she did not participate in athletics. The student attended Allegan Schools through the 7th grade, moved with her father to California and has returned to live with friends in the Allegan School District.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Allegan High School.

Allen Park-Cabrini High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation and Interpretation 82 was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended high school in Illinois during 2005-06 through a CSIET-listed student exchange program. He did not participate in school sports.

Citing the specific wording and intent of the regulation and interpretations relative to foreign exchange students, the request for waiver was denied.

Ashley High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose mother is in prison. The student has lived with his maternal grandmother since age four, attending Ashley Schools his entire life. Late in the fall of 2005, the student enrolled in the Ovid-Elsie Alternative Education High School, residing with his paternal grandmother with the father living nearby. The student did not participate in athletics at Ovid-Elsie and is returning after one semester to live with his maternal grandmother, but not the "parents," as is in the language of exception 2.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Auburn-Bay City Western High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Midland-Calvary Baptist Academy for the 9th grade in 2005-06 and participated in athletics. The family moved to a home in the Pinconning School District and the student enrolled at Bay City Western High School to begin the 2006-07 school year, believing that the home was located in the Bay City School District. Two weeks before closing on the home, the parents learned the residence was not in the Bay City Western attendance area. The parents chose the home because of its proximity to the father's work in Auburn.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Auburn Hills-Avondale High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who began the 9th grade at Avondale High School in the fall of the 2005-06 school year, withdrawing in March 2006 due to family medical and mental health issues. The school has accepted the student's satisfactory previous semester record from online schooling. The student's sister required out-of-state treatment that involved family therapy. The student has reenrolled at his previous school which is also the school of his residence.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Battle Creek-Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Central High School and enrolled at Pennfield High School on Jan. 5, 2006. Four siblings not yet in high school also enrolled in the Pennfield School District. The student returned to Central High School on March 27, 2006; her siblings remained in the Pennfield Schools for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year before withdrawing. Issues surfaced that made the student feel unwelcome and showed insensitivity to diversity.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Bay City-Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who relocated after his mother's death last fall from Bay City to his father's residence in Saginaw Township where he attended Heritage High School for one semester. He has relocated to his grandmother's residence in Bay City and reenrolled at Central High School for the 2006-07 school year.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Blanchard-Montabella High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A late request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only for the first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Vestaburg High School and participated in athletics while residing with his mother, who has relocated out of state. The student has moved in with his father who lives in the Montabella School District.

Citing the specific requirements of Section 9(B) - that the student may not have participated previously in interscholastic athletics - the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Brighton 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 first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Ann Arbor-Gabriel Richard High School where she did not participate in an athletic scrimmage or contest.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Brighton High School.

Brighton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended White Lake-Lakeland High School and was the victim of a crime. The student is moving to Brighton to live with an aunt to remove herself from the past setting.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Bronson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose mother died when the student was six years old and who previously attended Coldwater High School, residing with an aunt and uncle on and off for the past seven years. The student has been in foster care and group homes. Due to the inability to have a secure place to live with the aunt and uncle, the student has moved in with a cousin in the Bronson School District. The student wishes to participate in competitive cheer this winter.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver on the basis of the limited documentation provided.

Brownstown-Woodhaven High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose parents never married and who previously attended school in Kentucky while living with his father. Over the summer, the student moved in with his biological mother who lives in the Woodhaven School District. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Chesaning High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended school in Texas and resided with his mother and stepfather until March of 2006 when his mother put him on a bus to Chesaning in order to live with his father. The father was never contacted in this regard and did not want the student to live with him. The student is currently residing with an older sister and her husband who live in the Chesaning School District with two elementary aged children attending.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Concord High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Jackson-Northwest High School and whose family is selling their home in the Northwest School District. In February 2006, the student's home was broken into and \$10,000

stolen by a student at Northwest. Due to the criminal charges, the student who entered a guilty felony plea and the student/victim of the crime are not permitted to have any contact.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Dearborn Heights-Annapolis 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 first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Lincoln Park High School and participated in softball. The student's parents are separating and filing for a divorce, which is not yet final. The student has moved with her father into the grandparents' home located in the Annapolis School District.

Citing the specific requirements of Section 9(B) - that the student may not have participated previously in interscholastic athletics - the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Dowagiac-Union High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who participated in preseason football practices and one football game at Schoolcraft High School before enrolling due to family turmoil at Dowagiac Union High School to begin the 2006-07 school year on Sept. 5, 2006. The student's mother died eight years ago. The student has been in foster care and was then adopted as one of seven adopted children. On July 3, 2006, the adoptive father and a brother were killed in an auto accident and the children were removed from the adoptive mother by the courts. On Aug. 31, 2006, after playing in the first football game, the student and a sister moved from Schoolcraft (where they lived with an older adopted brother) to the Dowagiac Union School District to reside with grandparents. The students changed their residence, but not with the people with whom they were living previously.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Durand 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 first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Corunna High School where he did not participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Durand High School.

Elsie-Ovid-Elsie High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred on March 13, 2006 to Ovid-Elsie from Owosso High School to join his transferring 8th-grade sister who was being removed from behavioral and legal problems. Because of the poor housing market, the family has not relocated to the Ovid-Elsie School District.

The Executive Committee denied the request for immediate eligibility but granted eligibility effective with this student's 91st school day of enrollment at Ovid-Elsie High School beginning March 13, 2006.

Ferndale High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended The Academy of Inkster High School while residing with her mother in Detroit. The student will enroll at Ferndale High School to begin the 2006-07 school year, residing with her father who lives in Ferndale. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Gibraltar-Carlson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 72 was made on behalf of an incoming 9th-grade student who practiced for two days (Aug. 15 and 16, 2006) with Southgate-Anderson High School before changing residence on Aug. 17 to that of her biological father who lives in the Gibraltar-Carlson School District. The student did not participate in a scrimmage or contest.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Goodrich High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended school in North Carolina while living with his father and moved over the summer to reside with his uncle in the Goodrich School District. The student has been raised by his father alone since birth except for a brief attempt by the mother to reconnect in the past year which resulted in the mother asking the student to leave. However, the father lost his driver's license and stays at his workplace during the week, which left the student and a brother unsupervised.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 72 was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who practiced with Hudsonville High School for one day (Aug. 7, 2006) and did not participate in a scrimmage or contest before the family decided on enrollment at Grand Rapids Christian High School. The family moved over the summer from Ohio to the Hudsonville area.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Grandville-Calvin Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation and Interpretation 72 was made on behalf of an incoming 9th-grade student who practiced for six days with the Grandville High School junior varsity tennis team in August before her parents decided to return her and her brother to Calvin Christian Schools. The student had previously attended Calvin Christian Schools up to the second semester of 8th grade when the student enrolled in the Grandville Schools.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Grosse Pointe North 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 Detroit-Osborn High School, residing with his mother. The student has moved to the Grosse Pointe North attendance area and is residing with his father. The parents never married, but an otherwise com-

pleted Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with Friend of the Court documents indicating the student and the father.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Harper Woods 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 first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Madison Heights-Bishop Foley High School and then Royal Oak-Shrine High School. He participated in athletics at Bishop Foley.

Citing the specific requirements of Section 9(B) - that the student may not have participated previously in interscholastic athletics - the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Hartland High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who moved from Farmington to a home located on the border between the Howell and Hartland School Districts. The student lives in the Howell School District but one mile closer to Hartland than to Howell High School. The realtor informed the parents that they could enroll the student at either school, which is not material to determining athletic eligibility.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Holland-Black River Public High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (closest charter school) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Black River High School to begin the 9th grade in the 2004-05 school year, moved to St. Johns and attended St. Johns High School for three semesters: from the second semester of 2004-05 through the end of 10th grade in June 2006. The family has moved back to Holland and wishes to reenroll the student at Black River to begin the 2006-07 school year. A new charter school has recently opened which is 4/10 of a mile closer to the student's new home than is Black River, his previous charter school.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Holland-West Ottawa 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 Zeeland West High School for the 9th grade where he participated in soccer. The student's parents were intending to relocate their residence to Zeeland but the father was laid off by his employer and is now working in Minnesota. The mother and son have remained in Holland and the student will be enrolling for academic challenges and other opportunities at West Ottawa, the school of his residence, to begin the 2006-07 school year.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Holt 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 Lansing-Waverly High School and will be enrolling at Holt High School to begin the 2006-07 school year. The student is moving between biological parents who never married and whose names are both indicated on a birth certificate attached to an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Horton-Hanover-Horton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (enrolling at school of residence) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who practiced with Livonia-Churchill High School for two weeks (Aug. 7-18, 2006) and participated in a preseason scrimmage before the family decided on enrollment at Hanover-Horton High School. On Aug. 30, the family moved into a new residence in the North Adams School District, meeting the requirements of exception 1 and negating the application of Interpretation 72 (9th-grader practicing before school begins). The request for waiver was for eligibility at Hanover-Horton as an incoming 9th-grader.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver, noting that the student could have been eligible by rule at as many as four other schools.

Ishpeming High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer

regulation was made on behalf of 11th- and 12th-grade brothers whose father is a Methodist minister and was recently reassigned by their church from Kentucky to the Ishpeming United Methodist Church. The parsonage is located in Negaunee, the church in Ishpeming. Because the pastor's assignment and living arrangement does not include options to work or live elsewhere, the school requested waiver of the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Jackson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who has relocated from Alabama where he lived with an older sister who has returned to school. He has relocated to the residence of another older sister in Jackson. His parents live in Muskegon.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver on the basis of the limited documentation provided.

Jackson-Lumen Christi High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended school and lived in North Carolina with his father and stepmother and has been sent to Jackson by his father to reside with his grandparents, who had raised the student until he was eight years old. The environment with the stepmother was poor; the birth mother has not been in the student's life.

Citing a lack of information regarding the location of the school in relation to the grandparents' residence and a compelling reason for the student to attend this school instead of others, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Jackson-Northwest High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Northwest High School for the 9th grade while residing with his father. The student moved to his mother's residence in Grass Lake and enrolled at Jackson-Lumen Christi using an Educational Transfer Form approved after the student had participated in junior varsity golf and before he played JV

basketball (Oct. 4, 2005). The student's mother has now left the state and the student has returned to live with his father and is enrolling at Northwest to begin the 2006-07 school year. The school requested that the previous Educational Transfer Form be considered not in force since it was activated after the golf season and all meets were forfeited. If not approved, the school requested that the student sit out the same number of meets to begin the 2006-07 school year as he participated in while ineligible during the 2005-06 school year, in accordance with Interpretation 273.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver, noting that the student may be deemed eligible insofar as the transfer regulation is concerned on the first day that classes are conducted at Northwest High School in the second semester of the 2006-07 school year.

Kalamazoo-Comstock High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a newly arrived 12th-grade foreign exchange student from Tajikistan whose high school education was completed after six semesters. The student was placed by the American Councils for International Education, a CSJET-approved program, with a host family who resides in the Comstock School District.

Noting the war torn circumstances and the fact that the student is too young to enter college, the Executive Committee granted the request for the student to be deemed eligible, insofar as this regulation is concerned, for the 2006-07 school year.

Lansing-Everett 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 Mason High School while residing with her mother. The student will enroll at Everett High School to begin the 2006-07 school year, residing with her father who lives in the Everett attendance area. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted with an Acknowledgement of Paternity from the Ingham County Circuit Court indicating the father.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Lapeer West High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 9th-grade student who attended North Branch Schools through the 8th grade and changed residence with his family into the Lapeer West attendance area on May 18, 2006. The student began soccer practice with his former classmates at North Branch High School and played in six games before determining that he wanted to enroll at Lapeer West, the school of his residence, to begin the 2006-07 school year.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Livonia-Franklin High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who lived with his mother and a brother in South Lyon while attending South Lyon High School. The student and mother moved to the Livonia-Franklin attendance area. The other high school age son did not move with the mother and student but moved to Fowlerville to live with the father. The parents are divorced.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Madison Heights-Bishop Foley High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Rochester Hills-Stoney Creek High School while residing with his divorced father. The student and father have moved from the Stoney Creek attendance area to West Bloomfield. Bishop Foley is the closest Catholic coed school but not the closest Catholic school and not the closest nonpublic school. The student is Catholic.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Manchester High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who resides in Manchester but attended Chelsea High School to receive special education services which Manchester did not have for the past three school years. Because Chelsea High School will no longer be providing these services to new students from area schools, Manchester High School

will provide the same program for Manchester students who were formerly receiving services at Chelsea High School. The student is the subject of an IEP and wishes to attend school where he is a resident now that the program is offered at Manchester. The student participated in 9th- and 10th-grade football for Chelsea High School.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Marion High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Marion Schools for the 7th grade while living with his mother in Pine River and then McBain Schools while living with his father for the 8th and 9th grades. The student is now changing residence to his divorced mother who lives one mile out of the Marion School District in Pine River and will be enrolling at Marion to begin the 2006-07 school year. An Educational Transfer Form was submitted to allow the move between divorced parents but not in a district other than that of the mother's residence. The student has step-siblings who live with the mother and who attend Pine River Schools.

Noting the student could have been eligible by rule at McBain or Pine River, and failing to be presented a compelling reason for the student to enroll at Marion High School, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

New Haven High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Roseville-Conner Creek Academy for three years before the student left the mother's home at the end of June 2006. The student now lives with friends in the New Haven district.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Niles High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Buchanan High School while living with his mother and will be enrolling at Niles High School to begin the 2006-07 school year. The student is moving between biological parents who never married. The father, who

resides in the Niles School District, is not indicated on the birth certificate, but Friend of the Court documents ordering child support for the student were provided with an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

North Branch 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 North Branch-Wesleyan Christian Academy, which announced that it will close starting this school year. When a school ceases to operate, a student is eligible as a first-time 9th-grader. The student had attended three practices and a scrimmage with the football team at Otisville-Lakeville High School before enrolling at North Branch to begin the 2006-07 school year.

Because the previous school closed, and in the spirit of Interpretation 72, the Executive Committee granted the request for waiver with the exception that there is no eligibility for football during the 2006-07 school year.

Onaway High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose mother was incarcerated for three months from March 2004 to June 2004. The student was placed in the care of a friend with power of attorney until June 2006. During that time, the student lived with the friend/power of attorney in the Onaway School District but attended Indian River-Inland Lakes High School; the mother lived there when she was released from jail. In June 2006, the power of attorney expired and the mother and student moved from the residence of the friend to a new residence within the Onaway School District. Onaway High School is 25-30 miles closer to the student's new home than is Inland Lakes High School.

The Executive Committee tabled the request until additional information is provided.

Pannonia Christian Educational Exchange (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of three member schools to permit four students placed into Holland Christian (two students), Kalamazoo

Christian and McBain-Northern Michigan Christian High Schools by Pannonia Christian Educational Exchange to participate in athletics as foreign exchange students. This organization is not listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) because it places so few students (approximately four per year) that CSIET costs are prohibitive. The Executive Committee has approved this request on a yearly basis since the 1999-2000 school year. Assistant Director Gina Mazzolini recommended continuing to grant this request. The program has operated without problems for host families, schools and students. The original assessment of the program in 1999 indicated that PCEE exceeded some CSIET standards, and may be deficient in only two respects: (1) that it depends on the host community to provide funds to share expenses of airfare and spending money, and (2) there is no provision for repatriation of remains should the student die. The request for waiver was for these students and schools only for the first and second semesters of the 2006-07 school year only.

The Executive Committee granted the request for these three schools and four students only for the 2006-07 school year.

Petoskey High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 72 was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who practiced football with Harbor Springs High School for two weeks (Aug 7-18, 2006) and participated in a scrimmage. The student lives in the Petoskey School District but had attended 7th and 8th grades in Harbor Springs Schools.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver. The student is eligible immediately in all sports except football insofar as the transfer regulation is concerned.

Pontiac-Northern 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 first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Avondale Academy while living with his grandmother. The student did not participate in athletics at Avondale Academy and now resides with a relative in

the Pontiac-Northern attendance area.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Northern High School.

Pontiac-Northern High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Belleville High School while residing with his mother. The student will enroll at Pontiac-Northern High School to begin the 2006-07 school year, residing with her father who lives in the Northern attendance area. The parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted along with a birth certificate indicating both parents.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Pontiac-Notre Dame Preparatory High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended the Shanghai American School in China and has moved with his family to Rochester Hills. The student and a 9th-grade sibling will begin the 2006-07 school year at Notre Dame Preparatory. The student is Catholic and registered at a bordering feeder parish but resides 3.1 miles closer to Oakland Christian High School than to Notre Dame Prep. Catholic schools were not available in China; Notre Dame Preparatory is the closest Catholic School to the student's residence.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Pontiac-Notre Dame Preparatory High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously lived and attended school in Switzerland and has moved with his family to Oakland Township Hills. The student attended Marist Academy (Notre Dame Prep's middle school) through the highest grade available before the transfer to Switzerland and will be reenrolling at Notre Dame Prep to begin the 2006-07 school year. The student is Catholic and registered at a

bordering feeder parish but resides 2.1 miles closer to Oakland Christian High School than to Notre Dame Prep. Notre Dame Preparatory is the closest Catholic School to the student's residence.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

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 first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Battle Creek Academy where he did not participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Gull Lake High School.

Rochester-Adams 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 Cranbrook-Kingswood High School and enrolled at Adams High School on Feb. 27, 2006, the Monday following the fourth Friday of February. The student participated previously in football.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Adams High School since Feb. 27, 2006.

Saginaw-Nouvel Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 72 was made on behalf of an incoming 9th-grade student who practiced with the cross country team at Carrollton High School during the week of Aug. 14, 2006. The student did not participate in a meet or scrimmage.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Sandusky 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 first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Deckerville High School for the 9th grade and did not

participate in athletics.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Sandusky High School.

Shelby Township-Utica Eisenhower High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended school in Nevada and had lived with his grandparents for the past 12 years because the mother's lifestyle provided a poor environment. The mother continued to live nearby in Nevada. The student has moved into the Utica Eisenhower attendance area, living with cousins of the grandmother, enrolling to begin the 2006-07 school year. The student has experienced medical symptoms attributed to stress relating to the relationship with his mother.

Unable to see a compelling reason for the change of residence, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Sterling Heights-Parkway Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Warren-Bethesda Christian High School for the 9th grade and Utica High School for the 10th grade before enrolling at Parkway Christian High School to begin the 2006-07 school year. The student is under treatment for medical and mental health matters.

Noting the student would have had eligibility by rule at the previous school and not finding a compelling reason to transfer to a new school, the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Stevensville-Lakeshore 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 first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended school in New York and participated in soccer. Over the summer, the student moved from New York with his father and resides in the Benton Harbor School District.

Citing the specific requirements of Section 9(B) – that the student may not have

participated previously in interscholastic athletics – the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Stevensville-Lakeshore 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 first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended St. Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic High School and participated in athletics.

Citing the specific requirements of Section 9(B) - that the student may not have participated previously in interscholastic athletics - the Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Tawas City-Tawas Area 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 first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended school in Ft. Walton, Florida for the 9th grade and did not participate in athletics. The student has moved from his parents' home in Florida to the residence of an older sister and her family in East Tawas because of a bad school and home environment.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Tawas Area High School.

Taylor-Light and Life Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Wyandotte-Our Lady of Mt. Carmel High School before enrolling at Light and Life Christian to begin the 2006-07 school year. The two schools formed a cooperative team in April 2006 which is playing its first season this fall. The student had practiced with the football team since Aug. 7, 2006, and played in a four-way scrimmage on Aug. 17, but he has not attended classes at either school and is eligible as a Mt. Carmel student to begin school on Sept. 5, 2006. The school held the student out of the first football game on Aug. 25 but allowed him to participate in the second game of the season.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver in football only until the

start of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year at Light and Life Christian High School.

Traverse City-Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Traverse City-Central Schools his entire career except for one day late in the 2005-06 school year. The student's father works in Texas, commuting to Michigan for two years before purchasing a second home in Texas. The student and his mother remained in Traverse City but went to Texas to live with the father. The student went to school for one day in Texas, signing up, visiting several classes, but did not receive a class schedule or credit. The student did not participate in athletics in Texas but played JV golf in Traverse City as a 9th-grader. After one day, the student and his mother decided to return to the same home and continue attending Traverse City-Central High School.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Warren-Cousino 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 first semester of the 2006-07 school year on behalf of a student who is starting his third year of high school. He previously attended Oak Park High School where he missed 156 school days in 2004-05 and then enrolled as a 9th-grader at Oak Park-Academy of Michigan for the 2005-06 school year. Due to an inconsistent and unstable living situation, the student moved in April 2006 from his mother's residence in Detroit to the residence of his stepmother in the Cousino School District. The student did not participate in athletics previously.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Warren-Lincoln High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 72 was made on behalf of an incoming 9th-grade student who practiced with the football team at Eastpointe-East Detroit High School on Aug. 7 and 8, 2006. The student did not participate in a meet or scrimmage. The student was unaware that he lived in the Lincoln School District, which

borders East Detroit High School.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

West Bloomfield 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 Cranbrook-Kingswood High School while living with his mother and will be enrolling at West Bloomfield High School to begin the 2006-07 school year. The student is moving between biological parents who never married. The father, who resides in the West Bloomfield School District, is not indicated on a birth certificate, but Friend of the Court documents were provided with an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Westland-John Glenn 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 Detroit-Charlotte Forten Academy while residing with her father in Detroit. The student will enroll at John Glenn High School to begin the 2006-07 school year, residing with her mother who lives in the John Glenn attendance area. The parents never married. Documentation indicating the father was submitted. A birth certificate and an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form are both pending.

The Executive Committee tabled the request for waiver.

Wyoming-Godwin Heights High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - An interpretation was requested on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Godwin Heights Schools for 7th and 8th grade, after which the entire family moved to Saugatuck where the student attended 9th grade in 2005-06. Now the student has relocated with her mother, one sister and a brother to Godwin Heights while another sister (age 17) and her two children have relocated to a different residence in Godwin Heights. The student has reenrolled in Godwin Heights Schools.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools (Regulation I, Sections 11, 12 and 13 and Regulation II, Sections 6, 10, 12, 13 & 15) -

At its Aug. 14, 2006 meeting, the Executive Committee reviewed correspondence from the superintendent of the school district regarding a cheerleading team which consists of male and female students of the district's three high schools, as well as correspondence from the legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union. The Executive Committee noted that when the MHSAA established its girls competitive cheer program in the early 1990s, it was acknowledging that in many schools girls had fewer opportunities for interscholastic athletics than boys and fewer opportunities in the winter season than during fall or spring. In establishing girls competitive cheer, the MHSAA was attempting to effectively accommodate the interests and abilities of the gender more underrepresented in interscholastic athletics. Girls competitive cheer became the fastest growing high school sport among MHSAA member schools. It was also acknowledged that when the Commission on Opportunity in Athletics established by the U.S. Secretary of Education issued its 2003 report, only one state high school association was cited for its positive efforts. It was the Michigan High School Athletic Association, and its sponsorship of girls competitive cheer was one of two reasons for that positive reference.

At the Aug. 14 meeting, the Executive Committee also noted that the current policies for MHSAA competitive cheer are a result of the direct input from and clear consensus of MHSAA member schools, and these policies are consistent with those that apply to all interscholastic sports to help assure their educational value, the physical well being of participants and a level playing field for competing teams. The Executive Committee urged that no action be taken that would retreat from the advances that have been made on behalf of female student-athletes in general and girls competitive cheer in particular, and that nothing be done that would jeopardize existing sport policies and procedures that allow MHSAA member schools and their student-athletes to seek excellence but without the excesses that are harming school-based sports in many places.

MHSAA staff requested that it be authorized to prepare for the Executive Committee's Sept. 25 meeting questions that, if approved, would be sent in the form of a

survey to schools (superintendent, principal, athletic director, coach) as well as to girls competitive cheer judges and student-athletes about MHSAA sponsorship of a coed cheer-leading division and allowance of boys in the current MHSAA Girls Competitive Cheer Tournament.

The Executive Committee determined that at least until there is a clear commitment by all parties to agree to the use of the survey results, the MHSAA should follow the policies of the *Handbook* and its established procedures, utilizing the MHSAA Competitive Cheer Committee to recommend changes in MHSAA *Handbook* policies and tournament formats relative to girls competitive cheer.

Grand Rapids Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 12) - A request to waive the amateur status regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who has been a member of the U.S. Paralympic Swim Team since 2004, participating without reimbursement payments that are given to other students who are members of this U.S. Paralympics National Team by the United States Olympic Committee. The proposed reimbursements are not presented in kind, and include three travel stipends for the student to attend three required competitions in the United States and three grants to assist with training and other expenses. The mother is a single parent of the student adopted from the Republic of Georgia in 1994. The student was born with a short right leg, had a foot amputated at age five, and wears a knee prosthesis for walking but not for swimming. While the student declined any reimbursement in 2005 in order to be in compliance with MHSAA regulations, the mother cannot continue to meet the travel expenses on her own. The parent would verify that all future reimbursements were used for travel and not for training. Competitions do not conflict with the MHSAA Girls Swimming & Diving Tournament.

Noting the uniqueness of the student's situation and the level and scope of the competition, the Executive Committee determined that for the 2006-07 school year, this student's family could accept up to \$2,250 in direct reimbursement for specific travel expenses (not general training) provided the family presents to Grand Rapids Christian High School administration receipts for

expenses which meet or exceed the amount of financial support received.

Grand Rapids-East Grand Rapids High School (Regulation II, Section 11) - Pursuant to Interpretation 217, a request was made to waive the three-player rule for the 2006-07 school year on behalf of the boys and girls swimming & diving coach who is retired from teaching and who is a part-time swim coach with the East Grand Rapids Waves, a USA Swimming team which trains at the East Grand Rapids Community Pool. In years past, there were approximately 200 students involved in grades K-12 from eight school districts, two nonpublic high schools and Calvin College. There were 30 East Grand Rapids Middle School age students involved and ten East Grand Rapids High School students. The program is open to all students and is not affiliated with East Grand Rapids High School.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for boys and girls swimming for 2006-07.

Regulation III, Section 1(C) - Pursuant to Interpretation 242, the Executive Committee granted waiver of the enrollment regulation to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th and 8th-graders for the sports listed during the 2006-07 school year only.

School-Sport(s) - High School Enrollment - Junior High/Middle School Enrollment

Alanson-Littlefield Middle (7th-Grade Girls Basketball)

Ewen-Trout Creek Middle (7th-Grade Girls Basketball)

Bronson and Bronson-St. Mary's Junior High Schools (Regulation III, Section 1) - The Executive Committee approved the addition of boys and girls cross country to a cooperative agreement between these member schools in several other sports. Bronson will be the primary school.

Fowler-Waldron and Fowler-Most Holy Trinity Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1(D)) - Conditioned on the receipt of a properly completed MHSAA Membership Resolution from the Diocese of Lansing for Most Holy Trinity School, the

Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls cross country between these schools. The schools currently have cooperative agreements in boys and girls basketball and track & field beginning in 1991 and 2003, respectively. Waldron will be the primary school.

Bloomington Middle School (Regulation III, Section 2[C]) - A request to waive the provision that an Eligibility Advancement Application is limited to 7th- and 8th-grade students was made on behalf of a 6th-grade student who became 13 years of age on Aug. 27, 2006 (before Sept. 1 of the current school year). The school requested two years of junior high participation, as well as the four years of high school participation as is afforded other students under the eligibility advancement provisions. No other football opportunities are available to the student as the local youth football program (Rockets) follows the same age rule and Sept. 1 deadline as the MHSAA.

The Executive Committee noted that the Representative Council has limited eligibility advancement to overage 7th and 8th-graders of MHSAA member schools involved in member school sponsored interscholastic athletic programs. It was also noted that when 8th and/or 7th-graders of member schools are eligible for the 9-12 grade programs of high schools under 100- or 50-student enrollment, those students may not participate in football. Therefore, the Executive Committee determined it would far exceed its authority to grant eligibility to this 6th grader in any sports, but especially in football.

New Member School - Pursuant to the MHSAA Constitution adopted by member schools and according to procedures for MHSAA membership approved by the Representative Council on March 27, 1997, the Executive Committee approved member-

ship for the following school: **Warren-Conner Creek Academy West High School**, a public school academy chartered under Central Michigan University with an enrollment of approximately 175 students in grades 9-12 and 150 7th- and 8th-grade students. The building is a school formerly part of the Warren Woods Schools and later the Italian Community Center. The school building houses grades K-12 with a total enrollment of 850 students in all grades. The school currently offers varsity and junior varsity teams in football, boys and girls basketball and girls volleyball and will be exploring possible future teams in soccer, track & field and baseball and softball. The varsity football team is competing against member schools, providing Playoff points and opponents for other schools, but is not eligible for the Football Playoffs in 2006-07. The school's 2006-07 Membership Resolution was received Aug. 7, 2006. Provided a 2007-08 Membership Resolution is received by Sept. 28, 2007, and all other rules are complied with, the school would be eligible for MHSAA postseason tournaments in the 2007-08 school year.

Membership Resolutions - As of Sept. 5, MHSAA Membership Resolutions for 2006-07 were missing for 12 districts (12 high schools and 12 junior high/middle schools). Strategies for encouraging more timely submission of resolutions from all school districts in 2007-08 were discussed.

Next Meetings - The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Monday, Sept. 25 (following Annual Business Meeting/MASSP Conference in Traverse City); Tuesday, Oct., 17, at 9 a.m.; Monday, Nov. 13, at 9 a.m.; and Thursday, Nov. 30, at 8:30 a.m. (Representative Council meets the following day). ■

And We Quote —

“Somebody will always break your records. It is how you live that counts.”

—Earl Campbell, former NFL running back

OFFICIAL REPORT OF BOARD OF CANVASSERS

East Lansing, September 18, 2006

We, whose signatures appear below, declare the following to be nominees for, or members elect of, the Representative Council or the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc., as a result of ballots received in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Section 6, of the Constitution, or as authorized by the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee at its meeting on Oct.3, 1941.

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

NORTHERN PENINSULA - CLASS A AND B SCHOOLS (#1)

Total number of legal ballots received 35
Peter Ryan, Saginaw Township 35
Illegal or incomplete ballots received 3
Elected by majority of votes - Peter Ryan

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION - CLASS A AND B SCHOOLS (#2)

Total number of legal ballots received 39
Fred Smith, Kalamazoo-Comstock 39
Illegal or incomplete ballots received 7
Elected by majority of votes - Fred Smith

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION - CLASS A AND B SCHOOLS (#3)

Total number of legal ballots received 50
Eric C. Federico, Gibraltar 50
Illegal or incomplete ballots received 10
Elected by majority of votes - Eric C. Federico

UPPER PENINSULA - CLASS C AND D SCHOOLS (#4)

Total number of legal ballots received 25
James Derocher, Negaunee 25
Illegal or incomplete ballots received 1
Elected by majority of votes - James Derocher

NORTHERN SECTION - CLASS C AND D SCHOOLS (#5)

Total number of legal ballots received 44
William D. Newkirk, Sanford-Meridian 44
Illegal or incomplete ballots received 2
Elected by majority of votes - William D. Newkirk

STATEWIDE AT-LARGE (#6)

Total number of legal ballots received 366
Rod Bragg, Gaylord-St. Mary 51
Scott C. Grimes, Grand Haven 265
Nick Kocsis, Zeeland East 14
Cheri L. Meier, Ionia Middle 36
Illegal or incomplete ballots received 37
Elected by majority of votes - Scott C. Grimes

JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOLS (#7)

Total number of legal ballots received 111
David Baldus, Fremont 53
Keith Eldred, Williamston 58
Illegal or incomplete ballots received 16
Elected by majority of votes - Keith Eldred

PRIVATE AND PAROCHIAL HIGH SCHOOLS (#8)

Total number of legal ballots received 55
Vic Michaels, Detroit 55
Illegal or incomplete ballots received 0
Elected by majority of votes - Vic Michaels

UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

ATHLETIC COACH (#9)

Total number of legal ballots received 30
David Duncan, Cedarville 9
Bob Madigan, Norway 6
Paul Polfus, Carney-Nadeau 15
Illegal or incomplete ballots received 1
**No majority - Names of Paul Polfus and
David Duncan Submitted to Schools**

CLASS D SCHOOLS (#10)

Total number of legal ballots received 12
Joseph Reddinger, Felch-North Dickinson 12
Illegal or incomplete ballots received 0
Elected by majority of votes - Joseph Reddinger

BOARD OF CANVASSERS (Signed)

Rod Doig, Principal, Lansing-Otto
Middle School
Bob Howe, Superintendent, Leslie Public Schools
James Okler, Athletic Director, Grosse Ile HS
Jack Postma, Principal, Hudsonville-Unity
Christian HS
Dennis Szczerowski, Principal, Morley-Stanwood HS

CHARACTERISTICS OF HIGH-PERFORMING PROGRAMS

A study of 10 academically oriented after-school programs in New York City funded by the After-School Corporation may provide some unintended guidance for interscholastic athletic programs.

Prepared in November 2005 by Policy Studies Associates, Inc. for the After-School Corporation and Southwest Educational Development Laboratory with support from the U.S. Department of Education, the report "Shared Features of High-Performing After-School Programs" identifies the following characteristics of high performing after-school programs:

- 1. A broad array of enrichment opportunities.**
- 2. Opportunities for skill building and mastery.**
- 3. Intentional relationship building.**
- 4. A strong, experienced leader/manager supported by a trained and supervised staff.**
- 5. The administrative, fiscal and professional development support of the sponsoring organization.**

While competitive junior high/middle school and high school sports were not the subject of this study, here's what I think these findings could mean for school sports:

- Interscholastic athletic programs should provide a wide variety of opportunities appealing to a diverse group of students.
- Interscholastic athletic programs should provide competitive opportunities for the highly skilled as well as learning opportunities for the less skilled so they too might progress to higher levels of competency, or just enjoy the fun, friends and fitness of school sports.
- Teamwork, sportsmanship and leadership should be outcomes as intentional as development of skills of the sport and strategies of contests.
- A full-time athletic administrator is essential, and it is imperative this person have authority to train and supervise staff and hold them accountable for performance consistent with the best practices of educational athletics.
- School boards and their administrators must provide sound policies and procedures, adequate financial support and opportunities for continuing education for the athletic director and every coach.

All in all, a pretty good blueprint for school sports in Michigan. ■

The Most Efficient Method of Communication With the MHSAA on Eligibility Questions

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. (Parents or coaches subsequently inform the AD, who then calls the MHSAA to verify and then "gets back" to the parent or coach.) A.D.'s or Principals are encouraged to contact the MHSAA Office directly.

Please follow this efficient path of communication

Remember, only written eligibility interpretations are official. Have new students complete the New Student Transfer Information Form to gather detailed eligibility information for internal school review. **Do not mail the New Student Transfer form to the MHSAA.**

OFFICIATING: OUR BEST YEAR YET

The following comments are excerpts from a brief presentation by MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts on Aug. 4, 2006, at the MHSAA officials summer meetings for approved association leadership and registered assignors.

There is so much that is so good going on for officials in Michigan that I need to put them in a few categories – four boxes – to sort it all out.

In the first box is what we are trying to do to facilitate officials' **communication** with us, and us with officials. For example, in this box is online registration which, surprisingly, more than 50 percent of officials have utilized this year. In this box is the capability for you to update your personal information online. Also in this box is the placement of Officials Reports online and officials' schedule forms online. There is more in this box, of course, and a lot more to come.

In the second box are those things that we're trying to do to enhance officials' **preparation**. For example, in this box is our work toward online video training and online rules testing and the fact that online rules meetings will soon be available as an alternative or perhaps even standard way for officials to meet their rules meeting attendance requirement as the first step in qualifying for MHSAA tournament assignments.

In the third box are those things that we are doing to try to advance officials' **execution**. For example, in this box officials can find their quartile rank by zone and sport so their ratings have meaning. Also in this box is giving local officials associations across the state a standardized observers form, the first step in eventually implementing a statewide observers program. Also in this box is paying for approved local officials associations' membership in the National Association of Sports Officials association service program called NASO-On. The MHSAA was one of the first and is still one of the few state high school associations in the country that has

absorbed this expense for its officials associations statewide.

In the fourth box are those things that we are doing to try to promote officials' **reputation**. For example, in this box is "Officials for Kids," which individuals and local associations have supported and now are assuming ownership of. It may seem odd to say so, but in this box are also the criminal history checks we've been performing, because our doing so has kept this potentially explosive and expensive topic low-profile and at no cost to either officials or schools.

I only mention some of the boxes and only some of the things in them to improve service and support to interscholastic athletic officials in Michigan. We'll talk about most of these matters in more detail later. I just wanted you to know that I'm pleased with our directions; and while never satisfied, I'm pleased with our progress. I think we are finding the perfect balance in understanding and support to schools and understanding and support to officials. This balance will allow us to accomplish many more good things of good service to both.

We set some records this past year. For example, the fewest schools failing to rate officials, only nine, in comparison to 335 in 2004-05. The most Legacy officials ever: 102. The most ratings submitted by schools: 174,358 versus 168,511 in 2004-05, an increase of 3 1/2 percent. The most attendees and sports ever at the training program in conjunction with the Women in Sports Leadership Conference in February.

And – most important of all – the greatest participation in the history of high school athletics in Michigan: 313,589 participants in MHSAA tournament sports, compared to 304,568 in 2004-05. There were more than 321,000 participants in all high school sports in Michigan.

Participation records were set in 14 MHSAA tournament sports, seven for boys and seven for girls. A record was set in football, still the most popular sport for boys. A

record was set in ice hockey for the eleventh consecutive year. Records were set for the second consecutive year in soccer, tennis, track & field, bowling and lacrosse.

For girls, participation is still greatest in volleyball, and it was another record year in that sport. Records were set for the third consecutive year in both competitive cheer and soccer. Records were set for the second consecutive year in bowling, lacrosse and tennis. And a record was also set in girls track & field participation.

It is truly amazing what Michigan schools are doing. In spite of unemployment rates that are nearly the highest in the United States; in spite of severe financial problems for our schools; in spite of declining population in the Upper Peninsula and urban areas and the migration of workers to other states looking for jobs; in spite of all that and more, Michigan high schools have set more records

for interscholastic athletic participation: in total, for boys participation, for girls participation, and for 14 different sports – half of the 28 MHSAA tournament sports.

This broad and deep expansion of participation requires at least equal response by officials and their associations. We need more recruitment, better training and higher retention. Those are the intended outcomes of this weekend. The listed subjects may have different titles, but that's the underlying purpose of every presentation and discussion we will have: How do we attract more officials? How do we prepare them better? How do we keep them motivated and engaged?

If that's the focus of this weekend, and if that's the focus of your year of leadership, we will keep pace with the increasing demands on sports officials, and you will have your best year yet in high school sports officiating. ■

MHSAA Staff Profile

KATHY WESTDORP BRINGS PASSION TO COACHES EDUCATION

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

As the principal of Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central High School, Kathy Vrugink Westdorp was the driving force for educational achievement by mentoring new teachers and challenging veterans. For the MHSAA she is the driving force for the Coaches Advancement Program.

"Since her first day here in June of 2004," reports MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts, "Kathy has been relentless in improving every aspect of what was already the most ambitious coaches education program designed and delivered by any state high school association in the country. She has rewritten curriculum and tests over and over; she's trained and evaluated presenters; and she's established ongoing, online follow-up with coaches. And this is only **half** her job!"

When not administering CAP, Westdorp is administering the MHSAA's programs in girls competitive cheer, girls gymnastics and girls lacrosse. She's also supervisor of the MHSAA office support staff and is assuming increasing responsibility for the MHSAA's general administration.



STEROID TESTING NOT JUSTIFIED

Testing for steroid use in high school athletics is a sexy idea which lacks much sense.

Testing has come to New Jersey schools this fall not by democratic process but the executive order of a governor who had lost a bid for reelection. The Dec. 20, 2005, order required the state high school association "to develop and implement a program of random testing for steroids of teams and individuals qualifying for championship games" beginning with the 2006-07 school year. The program that's being developed will test approximately five percent of qualifying athletes for 80 banned sub-stances at a cost of \$150 to \$200 per test.

If other states are looking at what's happening in New Jersey, it's as a model of what to avoid, not a plan to emulate. When steroid testing is considered through more democratic processes – through the legislatures of Florida and Texas, for example – the fallacies of random testing at championship events become obvious. For instance:

- Steroid testing at championship events only leads to unreliable results because of "cycling." Users can easily schedule themselves to be found "clean" by typical tests.
- Steroids rank 13th among the illegal drugs most frequently used by high school students, and the percentage of students using steroids is in decline.

The Michigan Legislature has been wise to reject random drug testing for high school student-athletes who participate in statewide tournaments. Any testing initiative would leapfrog over a host of other health and safety issues confronting families and children, schools and students. In addition . . .

- Testing that yields reliable results is sophisticated, year-round and expensive, and well beyond the resources of schools and/or the MHSAA; and our state has no financial assistance to contribute.
- Testing that yields reliable results with adult men and women is inappropriate for adolescent boys and girls. Parents object to having their children disrobe and urinate in front of strangers. It violates students' rights in a most personal and humiliating way, and creates a host of HIPAA and FERPA issues.
- Results from reliable testing, which requires two urine samples and requires a second positive result to verify the first, would not be completed until long after tournaments have ended.

All in all, but still without even calculating the cost of legal challenges, this is big cost with little return. It's what we've come to expect from government, but not what that world of voluntary, extracurricular competitive athletics wants or needs.

This isn't the head-in-sand leadership Major League Baseball displayed until recently. It's leadership that understands the limited scope of the steroids problem in schools and the entrenched, impassioned position of parents on this topic. It's leadership that places a greater premium on substance than symbolism when it comes to problem-solving.

Integrity in school sports is not helped by steroid testing, much less ineffective testing. Integrity comes from within a person, with positive models from parents and coaches, not positive drug tests. In Michigan, we should teach integrity to all student-athletes, not merely test a few of them for steroids. ■

INNOVATIVE PROACTIVE APPROACH TACKLES SPORTS-RELATED CONCUSSIONS

Sports often move at a fast and furious pace. In the pursuit of winning, accidents invariably happen. One of the most serious and common accidents is a brain concussion, which can occur during soccer, football, wrestling, hockey and other contact sports. About 15 percent of high school athletes involved in contact sports experience a concussion every year.

Too often coaches, parents and health care professionals do not realize the seriousness of a concussion. Terms such as "ding" and "bell rung" show that too often concussions are not afforded the concern they deserve and thus the care that they need. This is because, generally, the longer term symptoms or effects are hard to detect or can be hidden by the athlete. There is often no obvious sign of a concussion akin to the limp from a sprained ankle to alert caregivers that there is something wrong with a player. Additionally, most people do not understand that there may be long term consequences if a concussion is not managed properly. In fact, sustaining a second concussion before recovering from the first concussion can lead to more devastating impairments. High school coaches need to understand that the brain is not fully developed until the early 20's. Research has shown that high school athletes are more susceptible to the effects of concussion and take longer to recover from them. Also, athletes with a history of multiple concussions (three or more) may be more likely to sustain a concussion and have a more complicated course of recovery.

Prevention

- The use of properly fitted equipment should be enforced. Studies have shown that properly fitted helmets can protect athletes against catastrophic head injuries and reduce the severity of cerebral concussions.
- All athletes involved in contact sports should be instructed on, and encouraged to perform, neck strengthening.
- Proper hitting technique must be taught and consequences for improper hitting technique must be clear and consistently enforced.
- Though there is no conclusive evidence, the use of mouth guards are thought to reduce the potential severity or frequency of concussions.

Symptoms

The signs of a concussion may exhibit one or several of the following symptoms: altered or varying levels of consciousness, balance problems, memory and concentration difficulties, irritability or personality changes and self-reported symptoms, such as headache, blurred/double vision, sensitivity to light and sound, ringing in the ears and nausea.

For athletes playing sports with a high risk of concussion, baseline cognitive testing is recommended. Baseline cognitive testing, such as the ImPACT program (see below), is the most reliable and validated method to diagnose and assist in treatment of concussions. Neurological examinations and neuroimaging techniques (e.g., CT and MRI of the brain) are insensitive in detecting common sports concussions.

Monitoring the severity, duration and progression of symptoms is vital. The duration of symptoms may help determine the severity of the concussion and it is possible that symptoms may appear or worsen over hours or days. Record the time of the concussion. Monitor vital signs, level of consciousness and other symptoms every 5 minutes after a concussion until the athlete's condition improves. The athlete should also be monitored over the next few days after the injury for the presence of delayed signs and symptoms and to assess recovery.

Care

Decisions regarding return to play after a concussion should be made in consultation with the athlete's physician, a neuropsychologist, your team's athletic trainer, the athlete and his or her family. For the safest outcome return to sport is based on clinical symptoms and neuropsychological testing.

There are many guidelines for the care of concussed athletes. The most

accepted guidelines recommend that athletes who display **any** symptoms (including headache) at rest or after exertion 15 minutes after the initial concussion should be disqualified from returning to participation on the day of the injury. The safest course of care is to disqualify all concussed athletes from participation until they have received neuropsychological testing and have been cleared by the athlete's physician in consultation with the neuropsychologist.

Athletes who experience loss of consciousness or amnesia should be disqualified from participating and referred to a physician.

An athlete with a suspected concussion should be instructed to avoid taking medications, unless they are prescribed by a physician.

ImPACT Program

As team physicians for the Detroit Tigers, Lions, and area high schools, Henry Ford is well known for its athletic medicine expertise.

To address the special needs of these athletes, Henry Ford has developed a Sports Concussion Safety Program that can be tailored to an individual player or an entire team at the high school, college or professional level. This program is the only one of its kind in the Metro Detroit area.

The Sports Concussion Safety Program begins with a baseline evaluation of three key cognitive functions (memory, reaction time,

and speed of thinking) and level of symptoms using innovative software known as ImPACT. In the event of a suspected concussion, the player is retested. These baseline and post-injury tests are used for diagnosis, treatment and to determine when it's safe for the player to return to the game. Testing is

fast and convenient and can be administered in a group setting at the school or training camp. The program has been used

at all levels of competitive athletics. Testing is also available online at www.henryford.com/concussion.

"ImPACT testing is the most sensitive technique to determine when one fully recovers from a concussion. This minimizes the risk of the player receiving a second concussion before recovering from the first" said Kenneth Podell, Ph.D., ABPN a neuropsychologist and director of the program.

Concussions can have wide-ranging injuries and effects, impacting scholastic and social relationships as well as athletic participation. These issues are managed by Dr. Podell, sports medicine physicians, and athletic trainers at Henry Ford. They work as a team to establish a diagnosis, treat related injuries (such as whiplash and migraine headaches), tailor a rehabilitation program, and decide upon return to play. Clinicians also conduct concussion research to look for new and improved ways of treating head injuries.

For more information or to schedule a same-day appointment for an evaluation, please call 313.876.2526, visit our Web site, www.henryford.com/concussion, or e-mail Dr. Podell at KPODELL1@HFHS.org.

Henry Ford Health System is a new year-round corporate partner of the MHSAA. HFHS will help promote health and safety issues to the student-athletes, coaches, parents and administrators at MHSAA member schools. ■



CENTER FOR ATHLETIC MEDICINE

PREVENTING & MANAGING SHOULDER PAIN IN SWIMMERS THROUGH PROPER TRAINING

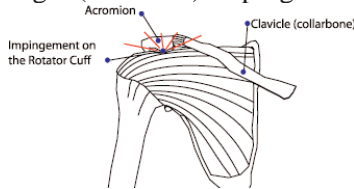
Swimming is one of the most popular sports today. It has many benefits including total body strengthening and cardiovascular conditioning. Swimming, however, leads to a high rate of shoulder overuse injuries. Fortunately, many of these injuries can be avoided with proper conditioning.

The road to overuse injuries begins early. It is very common for children to start competitive swimming at the age of five or six. The demands of swimming, high volume workouts and overhead strokes, combined with inadequate shoulder strength are the main contributors to shoulder pain. In a typical two hour pool session, the average, elite-level swimmer may swim 6,000-7,000 yards (3.5-4 miles). This is about 20-40 miles/week which is the aerobic equivalent to running 80-160 miles (**The Physician and Sportsmedicine, 33:9, Sept. 2005**). With this workload, it should be no surprise that shoulder pain is one of the leading injuries in competitive swimmers, and why the training program is crucial to prevent overuse injuries to the shoulder. The two most common shoulder injuries are (rotator cuff) tendonitis and shoulder instability ("loose" joint). Factors contributing to these injuries include: gender, swimming experience, (daily) training distance, stroke choice, mechanics, workout intensity, upper extremity (rotator cuff) and core strength, stretching technique, and the use of hand paddles.

Shoulder pain, frequently referred to as swimmers shoulder, is due to the selective strengthening of the anterior (front of the body) shoulder musculature and the internal rotators of the shoulder. When combined with the repetitive movements of the stroke, an imbalance in the dynamic stability of the joint can occur. This may lead to glenohumeral (shoulder joint) instability and/or impingement injuries (Fig.1). Impingement syndrome is caused by the compression of the tendons of the rotator cuff between a part of the shoulder blade and the head of the humerus. This condition is painful and can

become chronic and may lead to more weakening of the rotator cuff muscles. Comprehensive training programs that include both stretching and strengthening are crucial in swimmers of all ages.

Fig.1 (Shoulder) Impingement



Stretching programs in swimmers should be very individualized because most swimmers already have increased laxity/instability ("looseness") of the shoulder joint. The stretching should be done with one arm at a time and within the individual swimmer's tolerance and range of motion. Buddy stretching routines are discouraged. Stretching should be avoided for those swimmers with increased laxity (multi-directional), and a dynamic warm-up should be designed and implemented (Fig. 2).

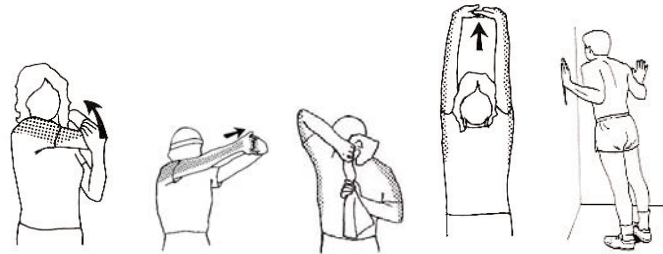
Strengthening programs should emphasize the scapular retractors, lower trapezius, the glenohumeral external rotators, and the core muscles (abdominals and low back). A program that encompasses these components will decrease the strength imbalances between the internal and external rotators of the shoulder and improve total body strength and control. (Fig. 3)

Although shoulder pain is often experienced by most competitive swimmers, early intervention of a comprehensive training program is the best treatment regime. Coaches and swimmers need to become familiar with these training techniques and recognize the multiple factors that may attribute to shoulder dysfunction. Proper training habits lead to healthier swimmers in the future.

For more information on conditioning for swimmers, please contact us at 313-972-4216 or visit our web site at www.henryford.com.

Static Stretches

- Hold each position for 20 sec. and repeat 3x



Dynamic Stretches

- Repeat 10 – 20x
- Control the movement



Fig. 2 Shoulder (Stretching) Exercises

Strengthening Exercises

- Repeat each exercise 10 – 15 x
- Do 3 sets of each
- Use good posture
- Keep the stomach muscles and butt muscles tight!

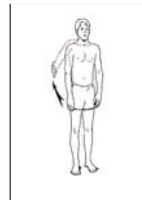
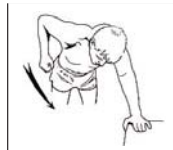
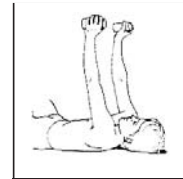
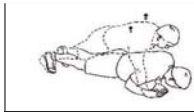


Fig. 3 Core/Upper back/Chest/Shoulder Strengthening Exercises

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WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO COACH?

"I'm not going to the track!"

The teenager threw herself to the floor and pounded her fists. "I had tacos and ice cream for lunch!" I told her we needed to do a hard workout of halves and quarters if we were going to be ready for the upcoming meet. "Noooo," she wailed, dreading the inevitable stomachache.

Managing volatile teenagers is something I've grown accustomed to as a running coach at an elite private high school for girls. It's part of the daily challenge of coaching in a high-pressure New Jersey suburb.

Since I took the job as head coach of the cross country team three years ago, and the occasional assistant coach for winter and spring track, I've often asked myself why I continue to do it. Coaching can be thankless – and that's before you take into account the paltry pay.

Parents are my biggest problem. While most are grateful and kind, a handful make my job truly difficult. One mother is convinced that her daughter is an Olympic contender and calls to ask that I give her tougher workouts. Another reports that her daughter is behind in her school assignments, and could she please miss the Saturday race? They don't share my belief that track should be neither a means to an end – like admission to a better college – nor a mere trifle to be abandoned when convenient. I wish they thought, as I do, that the purpose of high-school sports is to develop discipline and courage – a reservoir of strength to draw on throughout life.

Just as important, sports help kids build friendships that endure beyond a season.

The toughest adults to deal with are those who criticize my methods to my superiors rather than to me. On one particularly awful day, the school's athletic director told me that a mother I'd never met had called to excoriate me for the training advice I'd given her daughter.

Another phoned the principal to complain about my "motives" because I had suggested her troubled daughter leave the team.

These attacks were hard to take knowing that my own young children were home with a babysitter so that I could coach other people's daughters.

I took the job because I'm an accomplished runner, and I wanted to share my enthusiasm for the sport with young adults. As a married mother of three with multiple master's degrees and a great respect for education – who else reads *Moby-Dick* for pleasure? – I also imagined that I'd make a good role model. Silly me. Coaching requires so much more: a rich understanding of psychology, a facility with spreadsheets, a gift for oratory and an intuitive grasp of the unwritten laws that govern teenage relationships and state meets, neither of which I fully understand. Running was the least of it.

I want to assure the striver – the gentle soul who always goes out too fast, so eager is she to excel – that trying hard is the way to live, cool cliques be damned. And I'm here to show my own kids that sharing your talents with others is valuable, even when it's not easy.

Coaching also generates some unpleasant psychic side effects. One team included a gaggle of girls whose exclusionary ways rekindled my teenage insecurity. With adults, I'm confident and blissfully oblivious to poisonous cliques – perhaps because grown-ups are more adept at concealing disapproval. When teenage girls don't like you, they stare blankly when you address them, smirk when your jokes fail, and whisper "b----" when you deny their requests. Their contempt transports me, against my will, back to high school.

And yet I can't imagine when I won't want to coach anymore. Already I'm trying to recruit some of the girls for my cross country team in the fall. What is it that makes me come back for more?

I come back to watch my rising star – a girl who is beautiful yet untouched by vanity – achieve beyond everyone's hopes. I come back to remind the over-achiever that she is more than just a runner. I come back to signal the middle-of-the-packers that just doing this hard thing every day will bring immeasurable personal rewards.

I want to be here to tell the wounded fighter who suffered terrible personal loss and who treats every race like a test of courage that she will be OK. I want to assure the striver – the gentle soul who always goes out too fast, so eager is she to excel – that trying hard *is* the way to live, cool cliques be damned. And I'm here to show my own kids that sharing your talents with others is valuable, even when it's not easy.

I'm also here for me. In those brief moments after school, when I tell my team how far to run, how to stretch and what not to wear, I am reminded of my own younger self, struggling to find her way. I smile at the girls, we laugh at some small joke, and I send them off into the world. ■

– Linda Head Flanagan

*Flanagan is a coach in Summit, N.J.
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Michigan Schools AED Drill Week

November 13-17, 2006

The Michigan High School Athletic Association is joining the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation, the American Heart Association (AHA) Michigan Emergency Cardiovascular Care Program and various other Michigan School Associations to help promote Michigan Schools AED Drill Week Nov. 13-17, 2006.

This voluntary event promotes the practice of medical emergency response procedures involving a potential sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) patient; thereby improving safety, heightening AED Awareness, and helping to save lives.

Schools are encouraged to conduct a SCA simulation and response using a CPR manikin and an AED training device. Many fire departments, first responders, and CPR/AED instructors have been informed of this event and may volunteer to assist you. For more information, visit www.aeddrill.com.

This event will provide a great opportunity for school and community relations; serve as a benchmark for continued practice throughout the year; and give administrators an opportunity to improve programs before actual emergencies arise. **Most importantly, AED Drills improve the chances of saving the lives of students, teachers, administrators, and visitors who may suffer sudden cardiac arrest.**

Studies have shown that early 911, early CPR, early defibrillation and early advance life support can help save lives. AHA Publications and research emphasize the importance of routine AED practice drills and evaluations.

Over the past several years approximately 25 Michigan school age children have died from sudden cardiac arrest including Kimberly Anne Gillary, age 15, in April 2000 while playing water polo at Detroit area high school. Her family established a non profit 501(c)(3) Foundation (www.kimberlysgift.org) in her memory. Its mission is to place an AED in every Michigan high school and advocate cardiac screening and testing of all high school student athletes. To date, it has donated over 320 AEDs. ■

GILLETTE, WELTON EARN 2006-07 BUSH AWARD

Returning home to perform labors of love as teachers, coaches and administrator at their high school alma maters, **Janet Gillette** and **Wayne Welton** share the attributes which make them the recipients of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Allen W. Bush Award for 2006.

Each has served as teacher, coach and administrator during their tenures, Gillette at Comstock Park High School for 23 years, and Welton at Chelsea High School for 28 years. The two will be recognized at ceremonies during the month of September at their respective schools.

Al Bush served as executive director of the MHSAA for 10 years. The award honors individuals for past and continuing service to prep athletics as a coach, administrator, official, trainer, doctor or member of the media. The award was developed to bring recognition to men and women who are giving and serving without a lot of attention. This is the 15th year of the award, with the selections being made by the MHSAA's Representative Council.

"So many in education return to their alma matter, making their mark in adulthood as leaders at their old schools and in their communities after high school days where they were leaders as students and student-athletes – and this year's Bush Award recipients are models for all to emulate," said John E. "Jack" Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA. "Janet Gillette and Wayne Welton have made their high school days the best days of their lives as students and servant-leaders of students. We congratulate them on this award and wish them well in their further service to educational athletics."

Here are brief biographical sketches of the 2006 Bush Award recipients:

Janet Gillette – Since walking through the doors of Comstock Park High School as a student, Gillette has been involved in the school's athletic program as an athlete, coach or athletic administrator. She played four sports in high school, and returned to the school to begin coaching the girls tennis and softball teams while a junior



in college. Following college, Gillette became a teacher at Comstock Park in addition to her coaching duties – which also included volleyball and middle school basketball during her tenure -- and became the school's full-time athletic director in 1990.

Under Gillette's leadership, Comstock Park has served as the host to numerous MHSAA postseason tournaments, including 10 Lower Peninsula Track and Field Finals, and three Girls Competitive Cheer Finals. She has also been active with the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, serving as a presenter at numerous conferences and developing a coaches handbook.

She has been recognized has an inductee into the Comstock Park Athletic Hall of Fame; Regional Athletic Director of the Year by the MIAAA; Athletic Director of the Year by the Michigan Competitive Cheer Coaches Association and the West Michigan Basketball-Football Association, and the Comstock Park Employee of the Year in 2004.

In the community, Gillette has served as a coach in the Northwest Little League and has been active with the Alpine Baptist Church as an AWANA Director and a Sunday School teacher. She earned an Associate's Degree from Grand Rapids Community College in 1976, where she also played basketball and softball, and a Bachelor's Degree in physical education from Grand Valley State University in 1978.

Wayne Welton – A three-sport performer at Chelsea High School, Welton was the quarterback of the school's 1971 football team which finished 9-0 and claimed a mythical Class B title. He also played basketball and baseball. Following college, Welton returned to Chelsea to begin a career in educational athletics which has spanned nearly 30 years as a teacher, coach and administrator.



As a baseball coach, Welton's teams have won more than 650 games, compiled a .750 winning percentage, claimed 15 conference titles and an MHSAA Class B crown in 1991. In his 18 years as the school's athletic

director, he has been instrumental in the upgrading of Chelsea's athletic facilities to serve all students; authored one of the most comprehensive coaches handbooks in the state, and assembled a coaching staff composed of 95 percent faculty members – an astounding number.

Welton has been a leader in the area of sportsmanship initiatives, and has hosted Southeastern Conference Sportsmanship programs the past seven years. A true compliment to his leadership is that the school has received no negative official reports concerning Chelsea coaches during the past three

years.

A past president of the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association, he was inducted into that organization's Hall of Fame in 2005, named a Regional Coach of the Year on six occasions and statewide Coach of the Year in 1991. He is active in statewide and national athletic administrators associations, and in a variety of community activities. He earned his Bachelor's Degree from Central Michigan University in 1977, and his Master's Degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1983. ■

Kids, Sports & Drugs

A Conference on Steroid Education, Drug Prevention and Healthy Nutritional Alternatives

November 9, 2006 - Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit

Steroid facts & figures have been a hot topic in today's media, but what do we really know? Furthermore, what do our student-athletes know? The 2006 Kids, Sports & Drugs Conference aims to educate attendees about the detrimental effects of steroids, while also providing healthy alternatives for student-athletes, coaches, and administrators.

Please join us for an important discussion about these topics, as well as the award-winning ATLAS & ATHENA curriculum, on Nov. 9 in the Beurki Auditorium at **Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit**. The conference begins at 9 a.m. and will conclude at 2 p.m.

Featured speakers include:

- **Dr. Linn Goldberg and Dr. Diane Elliot** - Creators of the award-winning ATLAS & ATHENA curriculum designed specifically to assist student-athletes in making better decisions with drugs & alcohol, strength training and nutrition. Both doctors are industry experts on the topic of kids & steroids, have testified in congress and been featured in a number of national newspapers and television programs.
- **Dan Bonner** - A college basketball analyst for CBS and FOX Sports with a unique perspective on kids and steroids. Bonner is a former basketball captain at the University of Virginia, and a former college basketball coach. He has also coached girls basketball and girls soccer at the high school level, and has served as a booster club president
- **John E. "Jack" Roberts** - MHSAA Executive Director
- And others - Including a representative from *Sports Illustrated*.

The conference is open to all school administrators, coaches, trainers and all other community members who want to learn more about this topic. Registration is \$10 per person and includes lunch. Registration is capped at 300 participants.

The conference is the second part of the SI Schools grant program announced by *Sports Illustrated* earlier this spring. The first part of the program featured four Michigan high schools – Ironwood L.L. Wright, Mt. Pleasant, Macomb Lutheran North and Spring Lake – selected as SI Schools to receive ATLAS & ATHENA training and materials for 2006-07 valued at approximately \$25,000. Both of these initiatives are a part of the million dollar Champions Award grant given by *Sports Illustrated* to the group that created the ATLAS & ATHENA curriculum, the Center for Health Performance at Oregon Health and Science University.

Henry Ford Health System is a proud year-round corporate partner of the MHSAA, helping to highlight important health & safety information to member schools.

For more information, please contact Andy Frushour at the MHSAA office – afrushour@mhsaa.com or 517-332-5046. ■

MHSAA Offers Mini-Grants For Women in Sports Leadership Initiatives

Are you interested in providing professional development opportunities for students, coaches and administrators of girls sports programs? Are you a teacher or administrator organizing a leadership event for female-athletes within your school? Are you interested in encouraging young women to consider a profession or an occupation in sports related fields?

The MHSAA has earmarked funding in 2006-07 to assist in the development of programs for young women in sports leadership. Financial support is available to provide professional development opportunities and/or to create student leadership programs. Applications will be accepted and money will be distributed throughout the 2006-07 school year. Mini-grants of \$50 to \$500 are available.

To apply, fill out the application on the next page and submit it to the MHSAA. Or:

1. Visit the MHSAA Web site and click on administrator under the user section. Find the Women in Sports Leadership link under "In-services and Programs."
2. Download the application.
3. Send the application and appropriate documentation to the MHSAA (Allow 30 days for processing).

For more information, call Kathy Vrugink Westdorp, MHSAA Assistant Director at 517-332-5046 ■

MHSAA Approved Training for NEW Boys Lacrosse Officials

Boys Lacrosse Officials Training Clinic - choose one 6-hour program

Wednesdays: Nov. 8 & 15, 2006	Byron Center H.S.	6 -9 p.m.
Wednesdays: Nov. 8 & 15, 2006	Seaholm H.S., Birmingham	6-9 p.m.
Saturday: Jan. 27, 2007	MHSAA, East Lansing	9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Wednesdays: March 7 & 14, 2007	Byron Center H.S.	6-9 p.m.
Wednesdays: March 7 & 14, 2007	Seaholm H.S., Birmingham	6-9 p.m.

All clinics are approved by the MHSAA and presented in cooperation with the West Michigan Boys Lacrosse Officials Association & the Michigan Lacrosse Officials Association.

Clinic training fee includes rule book & training manual, \$25 payable to:
MHSAA
Attention Faye Verellen
1661 Ramblewood Drive
East Lansing, MI 48823

Go to the Officials Page of mhsaa.com to download a Registration Form

Girls Lacrosse Officials Training schedule coming soon

MINI-GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2006-07 WISL INITIATIVES

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION (School District, League, etc.)

Name of Organization: _____

ORGANIZATION CONTACT PERSON

Name: _____ Title: _____

Street: _____ City: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

INITIATIVE INFORMATION

Target Audience of Initiative: _____

Date(s) of Initiative: _____

Site(s) of Initiative: _____

PURPOSE/GOALS OF GRANT

Total Cost of Initiative: _____

Itemization of Major Expenses: _____

Total Revenue: _____

Itemization of Major Sources: _____

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION – Please attach an outline which provides the schedule, topics and resources.

Please return to:

Kathy Vrugink Westdorp, Assistant Director
Michigan High School Athletic Association
1661 Ramblewood Drive
East Lansing, MI 48823-7392
FAX: 517/332-4071

MHSAA Internet Broadcast Network Features Weekly Perspective & Sportsmanship Message

The Michigan High School Athletic Association launched its second season of programming in August on its Internet Broadcast Network – mhsaanetwork.com – with the weekly *MHSAA Perspective* and a sportsmanship message from the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan.

MHSAA Perspective is a weekly look at issues related to high school sports, which will run during the Fall and Winter sports seasons. The show is also picked up and aired weekly on a number of radio stations around the state which are members of the MHSAA Championship Radio Network.

Stations committed to airing *MHSAA Perspective* as of Sept. 14 are: Alma – WQBX-FM & WFYC-AM; Benton Harbor – WCNF-FM; Cadillac – WATT-AM; Caro – WKYO-AM & WIDL-FM; Cheboygan – WCBY-AM; Coldwater – WTVB-AM; East Lansing – WVFN-AM; Escanaba – WDBC-AM, WYKX-FM; WCHT-AM; Fenwick – WDLP-FM; Grand Rapids Area – MichiganSportsRadio.com; Grayling – WGRY-AM & WQON-FM; Greenville – WSCG-AM; Holland – WHTC-AM & WPNW-AM; Iron Mountain – WMIQ-AM/WZNL-FM; Iron River – WIKB AM & FM; Ironwood – WJMS-AM; Jackson – WKHM-AM & WIBM-AM; Manistique – WTIQ-AM; Midland – WMPX-AM; Mt. Pleasant – WCZY-FM & WMMI-AM; Muskegon – WLCS-FM; WVIB-FM; Sandusky – WMIC-AM & WTVG-FM; St. Ignace – WIDG-AM; St. Joseph – WHIT-AM & FM; WSJM-AM; and Tawas City – WKJC-FM.

Most stations will run *MHSAA Perspective* as part of their regularly scheduled high school broadcasts. Check you local listings for the exact times in your area.

The MHSAA Internet Broadcast Network Web site is also hosting a video aimed at coach-official relationships, which was shown at some preseason rules meeting. The two-minute video features BCAM director Tom Hursey and longtime Saginaw High School coach Marshall Thomas. The message encourages coaches to work with officials as they develop, to help retain those individuals in the avocation. A version of the same message, aimed at spectators, will debut later this Fall, and be distributed to television stations and cable outlets.

During the 2005-06 school year, the MHSAA Internet Broadcast Network carried the Finals of the following tournaments: Baseball, Lower Peninsula Cross Country, Football, Boys and Girls Lacrosse, Boys and Girls Soccer, Softball; as well as the Semifinals and Finals of the Boys and Girls Basketball, Ice Hockey, and Girls Volleyball tournaments. Over 52,000 people listened to championship events online.

The MHSAA Internet Broadcast Network is hosted by EZStream.com. A number of member schools utilized the services of EZStream to broadcast their own sporting events during 2005-06, and a number of new schools have already signed up for this year. For more information about EZStream, contact Craig Blanchard toll free at 1-800-866-510 or by e-mail at craig.blanchard@ezstream.com. ■

2006-07 MHSAA ADOPTIONS OF NATIONAL FEDERATION OPTIONS

Regulation II, Section 8 (A) states that schools shall adhere to the playing rules adopted by the Michigan High School Athletic Association. The source for playing rules for competition involving one or more member schools include the National Federation of State High School Associations for most sports, the MHSAA for alpine skiing and girls competitive cheer, the U.S. Bowling Congress, the U.S. Golf Association and the U.S. Tennis Association. Currently there are no adoptions or modifications of playing rules listed for alpine skiing, golf, or bowling. Schools and officials should consult Regulations II, Sections 8-10, Representative Council Policies in the back of the *Handbook*, the sport specific rule book, Participating School Tournament Information and Tournament Mangers Material for complete sports playing rule information.

BASEBALL and GIRLS SOFTBALL

I. Regulation Game

- A. A regulation called game where a winner cannot be determined, shall be counted as 1/2 game won and 1/2 lost for each team. (MHSAA allowed – requires league adoption)

II. Game Shortening Procedures

- A. The four options listed are the only permitted game-shortening procedures allowed for baseball and softball games at the varsity and subvarsity levels. (Schools, leagues or invitational tournament management shall determine which are to be utilized with prior mutual written consent): Item ‘1’ shall be observed for every game of the MHSAA Baseball and Girls Softball tournament series.
 - 1. Requires games to be terminated when there is a 15-run difference after three innings or a 10-run difference after five innings;
 - 2. Allow a team to discontinue play any time it trails by more than 15 runs;
 - 3. Establish shortened games of five or six innings in doubleheaders.
 - 4. Establish a time limit at the subvarsity level (1 hour, 45 minutes recommended if a time limit is used).

III. Courtesy Runner

- A. All provisions for the Courtesy Runner rule as published in the National Federation Baseball and Girls Softball Rules Book under “Suggested Speed-Up Rules”, Rule 10, are adopted for regular season and MHSAA tournaments.

IV. Double First Base

- A. During MHSAA Tournament contests, the double first base will not be used and must be manually removed.
- B. For regular-season games, use of the double first base is optional by mutual consent of competing teams or by league adoption. If not used, the double first base is not required to be removed.

V. Protests

- A. The MHSAA does NOT recognize protests of any playing rule, disqualification or ejection.

BASKETBALL

I. Point Differential Rule

- A. At all levels of play and in MHSAA tournaments, after the first half when one team has a lead of 40 points or more, a running clock shall be established. The clock shall revert to regular time schemes should the score be reduced to a 30-point lead or less. During any running clock mode, the clock shall be stopped as normal for all timeouts and between quarters; and for free throws during the last two (2) minutes of the game. By league or conference adoption the point differentials (both to establish a running clock and then resume normal timing) may be modified for junior high/middle school only.

II. Coaching Box

- A. A 14-foot coaching box for regular season and tournament games shall be used.

FOOTBALL

I. Pregame Coin Toss

- A. For regular season games, the pregame coin toss may be held on the field 20 minutes prior to kickoff games rather than 3 minutes prior. For tournament games, it is required that the coin toss be held 20 minutes prior to kickoff.

II. Point Differential Rule

- A. The running clock, 35-point margin rule shall be used for all football games, regular season and playoffs, varsity and subvarsity, high school and junior high/middle school. After the first half, any time the score differential reaches 35 points or more, the following changes, and only these changes, shall be made regarding rules determining when the clock will and will not be stopped. The clock shall run continuously except for the following situations when it will be stopped (**T I P S**):

1. Timeouts (charged to a team)
2. Intermission (between 3rd and 4th quarters, and after a score)
3. Penalty enforcement (whistle to ready-to-play)
4. Safety reasons (injuries, etc.)

Normal timing procedures shall resume if the point differential is reduced to less than 35 points.

NOTE: The use of this option does not preclude the use of Rule 3-1-3 which reads: "A period or periods may be shortened in any emergency by agreement of the opposing coaches and the referee. By mutual agreement of the opposing coaches and the referee any remaining periods may be shortened at any time or the game may be terminated."

III. Overtime

- A. The 10-yard-line overtime rule outlined in the National Federation Football Rules Book will be in effect for all varsity regular-season games and MHSAA Playoff games which end with scores tied at the end of regulation.

IV. 7th & 8th Grade (Length of Quarters)

- A. Games for 7th-and/or 8th-graders shall be played in eight-minute quarters. Games involving 9th-graders with 8th- and/or 7th-grade students may be played in 10-minute quarters.

V. Competition Against Non-school Teams

- A. Only subvarsity football teams may schedule games with non-school teams as is currently allowed in all other sports. Regulation II, Section 9 (D) requires senior high school varsity teams compete only against teams composed exclusively of high school students and representing high schools.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

I. Equipment and Specifications

- A. A vaulting table must be provided for all competitions. The height of the vaulting table shall be 100cm - 135 cm measured from the floor to the center top of the vaulting table.

II. Mechanics of Scoring

- A. Regular season and MHSAA tournament gymnastics shall use open scoring.
- B. An inquiry of an official's score is permitted within 10 minutes after all scores for that team have been recorded for that individual event (rather than 5 minutes). The MHSAA allows one free inquiry; thereafter an inquiry that does not result in a score correction is a deduction.

ICE HOCKEY

I. Goal Differential Rule

- A. The 8-goal differential rule is in effect for both the regular season and MHSAA Tournament: A running clock shall be used when a team leads by 8 or more goals during the first and second periods. After two periods of play or anytime during the third period, the game will be terminated when a team leads by 8 goals. During the first or second period when the score differential drops beneath 8 goals, regular time shall be reinstated until an 8 goal margin is reached. The rule is not optional nor shall it be modified.

II. Regular-Season Overtime Procedures

- A. For regular-season tournaments involving four or more teams played on days not followed by a school day (weekend tournament/holiday tournament), any number of overtime periods up to eight minutes in length each may be played to determine a winner. Local tournament management may elect to limit the number of overtimes played and break ties by statistical methods. This additional overtime provision will not apply to total-goals tournament formats.
- B. Regular-season single games are limited to one eight-minute overtime period, after which a game shall end as a tie if no goals are scored in the overtime period.
- C. Other on ice tiebreakers such as penalty shot shoot-outs or additional periods of 4-on-4 are not allowed in either regular-season single games or regular-season tournaments. Schools are not required to play overtime periods. In summary, regular-season tournaments when 4 or more teams are involved may use multiple overtime periods. Regular season games that are not part of tournaments are limited to one overtime period.

III. MHSAA Tournament Overtime Procedures

- A. During MHSAA Tournament contests, unlimited overtime periods not to exceed eight minutes in length will be used to determine a winner. Procedures for resurfacing are stated in the MHSAA hockey Participating School Tournament Information and Tournament Managers Manual.

IV. Tournament Netting Requirements

- A. All MHSAA ice hockey tournament facilities shall have protective netting behind the goal area, or restrict seating behind the goals.

V. Neck Guards

- A. The MHSAA has approved mandatory use of neck guards for all players, including goalies in both MHSAA regular-season games and MHSAA tournament games. Neck guards are to be worn properly during the game and also during pregame and between period warm-up time.

LACROSSE (Boys and Girls)

I. Suspended Games

- A. All MHSAA tournament games shall be resumed from the point of suspension whether continued on the original date or on a future date.

SOCCER (Boys and Girls)

I. Goal Differential Rule

- A. The 8-goal differential rule is in effect for the MHSAA Tournament and regular season varsity play. It is optional for leagues and schools to adopt for sub-varsity regular season competition. A game shall be terminated when a team is ahead by 8 goals or more anytime after the first half is completed. (Note: officials must be aware of this adoption by schools or leagues before the contest begins).

II. Overtime Procedures

- A. During the regular season, by league or conference adoption, teams MAY use two 15-minute sudden-victory overtime periods (no penalty kick shootouts). During all MHSAA tournament games, including the Finals, teams must use two 15 minute sudden-victory overtime periods and penalty kick shootouts to determine a winner to advance to the next tournament game.

III. Yellow Card

- A. A player who receives a yellow card (cautioned) is required to sit out 10 minutes.

IV. Uniforms (Caps)

- A. Players may wear soft and yielding ski caps during inclement weather. Caps must be alike in color.

V. Three Whistle Officiating

- A. Leagues and individual schools are allowed to use the three whistle officiating system.

SOFTBALL *See Baseball and Girls Softball*

SWIMMING & DIVING

I. Water Depth

- A. DEQ Regulation states a pool must have 79 inches of water in order to use starting platforms. (Pools with at least 60 inches of water have been grandfathered by the DEQ).

II. Step-Up starts will be used

III. Final Meet Qualifying

- A. At the MHSAA Final, all individuals who have met qualifying marks for the event may enter.

TENNIS - U.S. Tennis Association USTA

I. Scoring

- A. Schools may use no-ad scoring or play pro-sets or shorten the rest period between the second and third set.

II. Misconduct, Sportsmanship

- A. Cumulative Point Penalty System applies for all levels of the MHSAA Tournament.
- B. For unsportsmanlike conduct after a match is completed (Regional or Final), player is defaulted for the rest of the tournament and one point is subtracted from the team total.
- C. MHSAA Point Penalty System is: warning, point, default.

III. Rest Periods

- A. The continuous play rule has been eliminated; breaks occur at each odd game and does not allow a set break
- B. The rest period between second and third set is a maximum of five minutes. Coaching is allowed during every change over.

IV. Seeding

- A. At the Finals, up to six players (per flight) may be seeded.
- B. Seeds at the Regional and Final will be placed, therefore no coin flip is needed.

V. Uniforms

- A. The minimum uniform requirement is an unaltered shirt with sleeves, preferably in school colors or with school identification. (Exception: females may wear a sleeveless dress/shirt). Team shorts/skirts are required and shall be the same color. Penalty: Match will not start unless the individual/team has uniform on. Point penalty system for late-ness will be used.

TRACK & FIELD and CROSS COUNTRY

I. Uniforms, Attire, Adornments

- A. The only head attire that may be worn during competition will be a knit stocking cap, sweat band, ski band; or hood of a one piece uniform; all must be unadorned, single-colored cloth.
- B. Should the uniform jersey hang below the waistband of the shorts, jerseys must be tucked in.
- C. Except for traditional wedding bands, medical alert necklaces or bracelets and religious medals, jewelry is prohibited in all competition. This will include, but is not limited to watches, pierced earrings, barrettes made of hard plastic, leather, cloth, metal and plastic bracelets. Elasticized ponytail holders having metal parts are legal. Ponytail holders do not have to be a single color. Multiple ponytail holders do not have to be the same color.

Watches will not be worn in any competition.

- D. Ribbons worn to secure the hair do not have to be a solid color. If multiple ribbons are worn they do not have to be the same color.
- E. Sunglasses may be worn in competition only if they are prescription glasses, or prescribed by a physician.
- F. Competitors may not wear temporary body adornment (painted or fastened) during competition.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

I. Match Format

- A. The fourth or fifth game of a match may be played even after one team has won its third game.
- B. Modification of match format is permitted for competition other than varsity dual matches.

II. Libero position

- A. The libero position may be used. In 2006-07 schools will be experimenting to allow the libero to serve in one position in the serving order.

III. Warm-Up Time in MHSAA Tournament

- A. During the MHSAA Tournament pre match warm-up is 20 minutes. The first four minutes is shared time; the second four minutes is home team; the next four minutes is visitor; next four is home team; last four minutes is visitor.

WRESTLING

I. Home weigh-ins

- A. Home weigh-ins are permitted by mutual consent for all regular-season contests.

ATHLETIC SUPPLIES ORDER BLANK

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.**

MHSAA ATHLETIC SUPPLY ORDER FORM

Total No. of Packages

Officials Contracts (Form 6-C) (250 per package, limit 2 packages) _____

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

Physical Examination Cards (Form A) (100 per package) _____

Ship To: School _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Attention: _____

(Name)

(Title)

FALL RATINGS DUE DECEMBER 1, 2006

Officials ratings for varsity or subvarsity football, girls basketball, and boys soccer are due by Dec. 1, 2006. Ratings 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 subvarsity rating from one school for working more than one level of competition.

All ratings must be done online at mhsaa.com. Following are instructions:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ONLINE RATINGS

We are pleased to offer online ratings availability to our member high schools and junior high/middle schools. Athletic directors can now log on to password-protected sections of our Web site to submit officials ratings. Additionally, athletic directors have the option to assign passwords to their coaches to rate officials.

TO ACCESS THE ONLINE RATINGS SYSTEM:

1. Click on the ***School Login*** link in the lower left-hand side of the mhsaa.com home page
2. Enter your school ID and password to access the "MHSAA School Services" Web page.
3. Click the red ***Enter Officials Ratings*** link in the middle of the page. To learn how to enter ratings, click the Help link in the upper right-hand section of the "MHSAA Officials Ratings Center" Web page to access up to date instructions.

Athletic directors have the option to provide their coaches the ability to add officials ratings. Once logged on to the "MHSAA School Services" Web Page:

1. Click the ***Update Your Coaches' Information*** link.
2. Click the corresponding ***Edit*** link found in the right-hand column of the table row containing the sport you wish to select.
3. Check the box to allow the coach in the rated sport to enter ratings online.
4. Enter a password for the coach.
5. Re-enter the same password (to verify).
6. Notify your coach of her/his access. Coaches should use the two or three character sports code + the school ID for a login ID. For example, Brighton High School's Girls Basketball Coach would use GBB1016 for a login ID (GBB for girls basketball and 1016 for Brighton's school ID). For Baseball, BA1016 would be the login ID. The password assigned by the athletic director should then be used. Below is a list of prefixes for your school's sport codes.

Baseball-BA	Boys Basketball-BBB
Boys Lacrosse-BL	Boys Soccer-BSO
Football-FB	Girls Basketball-GBB
Girls Competitive Cheer-CC	Girls Lacrosse-GL
Girls Soccer-GSO	Ice Hockey-IH
Softball-SB	Volleyball-VB
Wrestling-WR	

Login instructions for coaches can be downloaded from the "MHSAA Officials Ratings Center" Web page. Coaches cannot approve online ratings. That responsibility remains with the athletic director. Once the ratings are entered by the coach, she/he can click on a link to notify the A.D. that they have submitted ratings for approval. If you have not provided a valid email address, please update your profile on our Web site to enable an efficient transfer of information.

OFFICIALS RATINGS

Schools are responsible for rating officials who officiate contests involving their teams in the sports (listed below) for which official ratings are maintained. Schools which fail to rate any official during the season shall be subject to the penalties outlined under Regulation V, Section 4. The following information shows a four year tracking of the ratings. The number of officials ratings submitted by schools and processed by the MHSAA since 1997-98 follow:

Sport	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
G. Basketball	33,677	32,447	31,238	31,229	30,231	30,084	29,827	31,954	32,399
Football	28,946	28,841	28,344	28,270	26,468	26,872	27,648	28,101	29,476
B. Soccer	7,604	7,498	7,648	7,529	8,350	8,405	8,435	9,241	10,182
B. Basketball	34,306	33,075	33,230	32,708	33,053	32,069	33,414	34,647	35,098
G. Volleyball	13,932	13,514	13,876	13,630	14,114	14,847	15,496	14,851	14,766
Wrestling	8,313	7,840	8,064	7,844	8,071	8,736	8,884	8,836	9,075
B. Ice Hockey	2,026	2,417	2,594	2,636	3,017	3,166	3,466	3,530	4,281
G. Soccer	5,420	5,889	5,746	6,149	6,559	6,660	6,620	7,546	8,517
Baseball	12,867	12,257	11,319	11,488	12,026	11,472	12,335	13,015	13,744
B. Lacrosse								491	809
G. Lacrosse								224	326
G. Softball	13,390	12,680	11,999	12,095	12,359	12,298	12,675	13,305	14,198
TOTAL	160,481	156,458	154,058	153,578	154,248	154,609	158,800	165,741	172,871

Sportsmanship Summits Scheduled for Fall

The MHSAA will once again hold its bi-annual Sportsmanship Summit in Fall 2006. The first three summit dates in Grand Rapids, Gaylord and Lansing target high school students, while the summit on Nov. 8 in Warren is geared to middle school and junior high student-athletes.

The high school Sportsmanship Summits feature hands-on and interactive breakout sessions – including one session developed by students and instructed by students – and a keynote message from MHSAA Executive Director Jack Roberts. At the end of the day, the delegation from each participating school will meet to develop a sportsmanship action plan to implement upon returning to school.

The Sportsmanship Summits will last from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and the cost is \$25 per participant. Lunch and a continental breakfast are included. Registration at each site is limited to the first 300 students and administrators. Schools are welcome to bring as many as 10 total representatives, including two administrators.

Sites and dates for high school students:

GRAND RAPIDS at the Crowne Plaza - Oct. 30

GAYLORD at the Otsego Club - Nov. 1

LANSING at the Sheraton Lansing - Nov. 6

Sites and dates for middle school/junior high students:

WARREN at DeCarlos Banquet Center - Nov. 8.



Reserve your spots today by mailing or faxing the registration form found on mhsaa.com. If you have any questions, contact Andy Frushour at the MHSAA office: afrushour@mhsaa.com or 517-332-5046.

REGULATIONS VIOLATED — BY SCHOOL

August 1, 2005 through July 31, 2006

Reg./ Sect.	Explanation	Sport	Penalty	Duration
I 1	7th grader participated in drills with high school team.	Softball	Censure/Sport	
	Middle school student practiced with high school team.	Softball	Censure/Sport	
I 2	Overage athlete participated.	Boys Basketball	Forfeit	4 V Games
	Overage athlete participated.	Boys Soccer	Forfeit	Multiple Games
I 3	No physical form on file.	Baseball	Forfeit	1 Game
I 4	Athlete participated in violation of maximum semesters of enrollment/competition.		Baseball	Forfeit 2 Games
I 6	Graduated athlete participated; JV	Baseball	Suspension/Coach	1 Year
I 7	Less than 20 credit hours previous semester.	Boys Track	Forfeit	2 Meets
	Less than 20 credit hours previous semester.	Boys Soccer	Forfeit	All Games
	Less than 20 credit hours previous semester.	Boys Basketball	Forfeit	1 Game
	Less than 20 credit hours previous semester.	Girls Soccer	Forfeit	1 JV Game
	Less than 20 credit hours previous semester.	Boys Tennis	Forfeit	2 Matches
	Less than 20 credit hours previous semester.	Boys Soccer	Forfeit	12 Games (2004); 18 Games (2005)
	Less than 20 credit hours previous semester.	Baseball	Forfeit	3 V Games
	Less than 20 credit hours previous semester.	Football	Forfeit	All V Games
	Less than 20 credit hours previous semester.	Boys Soccer	Forfeit	3 V Games
	I 8	Less than 20 credit hours current semester.	Boys Track	Forfeit
Current semester academic checks not being made (see I-7).		Football	Probation/School	Thru 11/23/06
I 9	No transfer form on file; athlete withheld from next 4 games.	Football	Forfeit	8 V Games
	Transfer.	Football	Forfeit	1 Game
	Incomplete move; student withheld from next 2 games.	Girls Basketball	Forfeit	2 Games
	Transfer.	Boys Basketball	Forfeit	14 V Games
	No transfer form on file.	Football	Forfeit	5 V Games
	Transfer.	Football	Forfeit	8 V Games
	Transfer.	Boys Basketball	Forfeit	7 Games
	Transfer.	Football	Forfeit	5 JV Games in 04-05
	Transfer.	Girls Cross Country	Forfeit	6 Meets
	Transfer; participated in 6 days of cross country competition while ineligible at another school.	Softball	Suspension/Ath.	Days of Competition

Reg./ Sect.	Explanation	Sport	Penalty	Duration
I 9	Transfer. Transfer.	Boys Track Football	Forfeit Forfeit	3 V Meets 4 JV Games in 04-05
	Transfer; coach suspended for season. Transfer.	Football Softball	Forfeit Forfeit	1 JV Game 12 JV Games
	Transfer.	Boys Track	Forfeit	All 2004-05 Meets
	Transfer.	Football	Forfeit	1 V Game
	Transfer.	Girls Swimming	Forfeit	1 Meet
	Transfer.	Girls Cross Country	Forfeit	2 Meets
	Transfer.	Volleyball	Forfeit	4 Days of 04-05 Seas.
	Transfer.	Football	Forfeit	1 V Game
I 10	Undue influence; coach may not coach 1 practice day in 06 season.	Football	Probation/Sport	Thru 06-07 Year
	Undue influence; coach may not coach 2006 Individual or Team District.	Wrestling	Probation/Sport	Thru 06-07 Year
I 12	Coach sold discounted shoes to players. Censure/Sport		Volleyball	
I 13	3 athletes played indoor soccer. Athlete played on club team. Athlete participated in outside competition. Athlete participated in in-line roller hockey competition. Athlete participated in city recreation games. Athlete participated in national team event. 2 athletes participated in non-school game. Athlete participated in non-school game. Athlete participated in inline roller hockey competition. Athlete participated in recreation tournament.	Girls Soccer Boys Soccer Baseball Ice Hockey Boys Basketball Girls Soccer Softball Boys Basketball Ice Hockey Volleyball	Suspension/Ath. Suspension/Ath. Suspension/Ath. Suspension/Ath. Suspension/Ath. Suspension/Ath. Suspension/Ath. Suspension/Ath. Suspension/Ath. Suspension/Ath.	3 Games 3 Games 3 Days of Competition 3 Games 3 .JV Games 3 Days of Competition 3 Games 3 Games 3 Games 3 Days of Competition
II 3	Booster club gave coach additional athletes out of season.	Boys Soccer	Probation/Sport	Thru 06-07 Year
II 7B	108 schools had a total of 130 violations for failure to rate officials 19 schools had multiple violations			
II 15	Intentionally allowed 2 athletes to enter more events than allowed. Athlete had not competed in 4 meets. Intentionally entered only 1 skier in competition.	Girls Track Girls Skiing Girls Skiing	Probation/Sport Forfeit Probation/ No Tournament	Until Coaches Attend CAP Regional Meet Thru 05-06 Year
V 2	Broke contract with another school because of overscheduling	Baseball	Probation/Sport	Thru 05-06 Year

Reg./ Sect.	Explanation	Sport	Penalty	Duration
V 3	AD removed teams from court.	Boys Basketball	Probation/School	Until admin. acknowledges awareness
	Coach removed team from competition; internal action taken.	Wrestling	Appearance Required	
V 3	Athlete participated while under next game suspension.	Wrestling	Forfeit	Multiple Matches
	Coach removed team from competition; inadequate explanation by school.	Wrestling	Probation/Sport	Until Coach Completes CAP
V 3A	School did not renew contracts with coaches involved.	Girls Basketball	Appearance Required	
V 3D	Athlete ejected for physically contacting an official.	Wrestling	Susp./Athlete	04-05 Tournament

OFFICIALS REPORTS SUMMARY FOR 2005-06 SCHOOL YEAR

CODE: P = Player C = Coach O = Other

Sport	Concern	Praise	P-Eject	C-Eject	O-Eject	Taunting
Baseball	119	12	77	34	6	1
Boys Basketball	119	11	71	35	4	0
Boys Lacrosse	36	0	27	5	0	1
Boys Soccer	219	17	183	14	4	0
Boys Swimming	1	0	1	0	0	0
Boys Track	2	0	1	0	0	0
Football	156	54	142	11	0	1
Girls Basketball	60	5	20	32	5	2
Girls Lacrosse	6	0	6	0	0	0
Girls Soccer	56	5	28	9	1	2
Girls Swimming	1	0	0	0	0	1
Girls Track	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ice Hockey	120	4	150	8	0	0
Softball	37	8	7	22	1	0
Volleyball	5	7	2	1	0	0
Wrestling	92	1	76	6	6	0

Distribution of Reports

Rpts./Concern	# of Schools	Rpts./Praise	# of Schools
1	492	1	99
2	162	2	11
3	50	3	1
4	7		
5	3		
6	1		
7	1		
8	1		

2005-06 OFFICIALS REPORTS LISTING

(Schools that received 3 or more negative Reports)

In accordance with the May 1996 Representative Council adoption of the "Comprehensive Sportsmanship Package" the names of schools that received three or more "concern" or "ejection" Officials Reports in the school year are listed in this report.

SCHOOL	CITY	NO. OF REPORTS
Garber HS	Essexville	8
Loy Norrix HS	Kalamazoo	8
Southgate Anderson HS	Southgate	8
Lincoln HS	Ypsilanti	8
Bedford HS	Temperance	7
Wyoming Park HS	Wyoming	7
Brother Rice HS	Bloomfield Hills	6
Walled Lake Northern HS	Commerce	6
Forest Hills Northern HS	Grand Rapids	6
Union HS	Grand Rapids	6
West Catholic HS	Grand Rapids	6
Everett HS	Lansing	6
Mattawan HS	Mattawan	6
Athens HS	Troy	6
Troy HS	Troy	6
Lakeland HS	White Lake	6
Berkley HS	Berkley	5
Woodhaven HS	Brownstown	5
Byron Center HS	Byron Center	5
Caro HS	Caro	5
Center Line HS	Center Line	5
Charlotte HS	Charlotte	5
Milford HS	Highland	5
Howell HS	Howell	5
Northwest HS	Jackson	5
Waverly HS	Lansing	5
Lincoln Park HS	Lincoln Park	5
Orchard View HS	Muskegon	5
Reeths-Puffer HS	Muskegon	5
Portage Central HS	Portage	5
Adams HS	Rochester	5
Arthur Hill HS	Saginaw	5
Saline HS	Saline	5
South Lyon HS	South Lyon	5
Walled Lake Central HS	Walled Lake	5
Roosevelt HS	Wyandotte	5
Huron HS	Ann Arbor	4
Pioneer HS	Ann Arbor	4
Wylie E Groves HS	Beverly Hills	4
Andover HS	Bloomfield Hills	4
Canton HS	Canton	4
Salem HS	Canton	4
Clio HS	Clio	4
Eau Claire HS	Eau Claire	4
Kearsley HS	Flint	4
Grand Ledge HS	Grand Ledge	4
Creston HS	Grand Rapids	4
Northview HS	Grand Rapids	4
Grosse Ile HS	Grosse Ile	4
L'Anse Creuse HS	Harrison Township	4
Hartland HS	Hartland	4
Jackson HS	Jackson	4
Jenison HS	Jenison	4
Kalamazoo Central HS	Kalamazoo	4

East Kentwood HS	Kentwood	4
Eastern HS	Lansing	4
JW Sexton HS	Lansing	4
Lapeer East HS	Lapeer	4
Lapeer West HS	Lapeer	4
Dakota HS	Macomb	4
Mancelona HS	Mancelona	4
Thornapple Kellogg HS	Middleville	4
HH Dow HS	Midland	4
St Mary Catholic Central HS	Monroe	4
Detroit Catholic Central HS	Novi	4
St Mary Preparatory HS	Orchard Lake	4
Plainwell HS	Plainwell	4
Riverview Community HS	Riverview	4
Roseville HS	Roseville	4
Royal Oak HS	Royal Oak	4
St Charles HS	St Charles	4
Lakeview HS	St Clair Shores	4
Trenton HS	Trenton	4
Adrian HS	Adrian	3
Bangor HS	Bangor	3
Harper Creek HS	Battle Creek	3
Detroit Country Day HS	Beverly Hills	3
Big Rapids HS	Big Rapids	3
Seaholm HS	Birmingham	3
Lahser HS	Bloomfield Hills	3
Buckley HS	Buckley	3
Burr Oak HS	Burr Oak	3
Centreville HS	Centreville	3
Clare HS	Clare	3
Clinton HS	Clinton	3
Coldwater HS	Coldwater	3
Corunna HS	Corunna	3
Fordson HS	Dearborn	3
Crestwood HS	Dearborn Heights	3
Delton Kellogg HS	Delton	3
Dexter HS	Dexter	3
Dowagiac Union HS	Dowagiac	3
Dundee HS	Dundee	3
East Lansing HS	East Lansing	3
Anchor Bay HS	Fair Haven	3
Harrison HS	Farmington Hills	3
Flint Southwestern HS	Flint	3
Fremont HS	Fremont	3
Gaylord HS	Gaylord	3
Grand Haven HS	Grand Haven	3
Forest Hills Central HS	Grand Rapids	3
Kenowa Hills HS	Grand Rapids	3
Grandville HS	Grandville	3
Grayling HS	Grayling	3
Haslett HS	Haslett	3
Hillsdale HS	Hillsdale	3
Holland HS	Holland	3
Hudsonville HS	Hudsonville	3
Comstock HS	Kalamazoo	3
Hackett Catholic Central HS	Kalamazoo	3
Franklin HS	Livonia	3
Lamphere HS	Madison Heights	3
Marshall HS	Marshall	3
Milan HS	Milan	3
Jefferson HS	Monroe	3
Napoleon HS	Napoleon	3

Huron HS	
Northville HS	
Novi HS	
Brandon HS	
Oscoda HS	
Pinckney HS	
Port Huron HS	
Port Huron Northern HS	
Romulus HS	
Rudyard HS	
St Johns HS	
Lakeshore HS	
Swartz Creek HS	
Utica HS	
Vicksburg HS	
Walled Lake Western HS	
Wayland Union HS	
West Bloomfield HS	
John Glenn HS	
White Cloud HS	
Willow Run HS	

New Boston	3
Northville	3
Novi	3
Ortonville	3
Oscoda	3
Pinckney	3
Port Huron	3
Port Huron	3
Romulus	3
Rudyard	3
St Johns	3
Stevensville	3
Swartz Creek	3
Utica	3
Vicksburg	3
Walled Lake	3
Wayland	3
West Bloomfield	3
Westland	3
White Cloud	3
Ypsilanti	3

2005-06 OFFICIALS VIOLATIONS

(From August 1, 2005 through July 31, 2006)

The following registered officials have violated officiating regulations as defined in the *Officials Guidebook*. Censure is a written reprimand. Probation results in MHSAA tournament opportunities being withheld or suspended by the MHSAA.

The MHSAA no longer publishes the names of officials who have been suspended for any reason. With schools and officials using the online directory, which is updated in "real time," individuals can easily identify those officials who are currently registered. This current technology eliminates the need for a separate list of officials not currently registered or those who have been suspended. When confirming an official's registration status, simply use the online directory. At the site of a contest, athletic administrators should also verify that the official is registered by checking the ID card of the official and by observing that the officiating uniform properly displays the current registration emblem.

NAME	CITY	VIOLATION	DURATION
Marc Bardoni	Ferndale	Unprof. Behavior	Probation Thru 3/17/07
Roger Bernheisel	Centreville	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 3/30/07
Gregory Blick	Eastpointe	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 7/18/07
Louis Calhoun	Detroit	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 4/6/07
Stanley Davis	Holland	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 12/16/06
Leroy Elizalde Jr	Flint	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 1/19/07
Michael Fenbert	Livonia	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 2/17/07
Sidney Hall	Madison Heights	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 1/19/07
Anthony Horton	Flint	Unprof. Behavior	Censure
Elliotte Love	Lansing	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 10/11/06
Michael McCabe	Grand Haven	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 2/17/07
Jason Panza	Monroe	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 10/13/06
Ronald Rowland	Allen Park	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 12/5/06
Steven Rush	Saginaw	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 10/13/06
Colleen Saldana	White Lake	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 3/17/07
Edward Sanders	Detroit	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 12/5/06
Eric Sharps	Redford	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 3/30/07
Arnold Thompson	Detroit	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 3/27/07
Robert Williams	Detroit	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 4/17/07
Trenaryl Zackery	Kalamazoo	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 1/23/07
Matt Zatkin	Holt	Worked Unreg.	Probation Thru 1/5/07

2006 REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY TOURNAMENTS

Friday or Saturday, October 27 or 28, 2006

No.	Div.	School	City	Manager
1	1	Comstock HS	Kalamazoo	Fredrick Smith
2	1	Vandercook Lake HS	Jackson	Tom Gass
3	1	Carson City-Crystal HS	Carson City	Chris Ervin
4	1	Adlai E Stevenson HS	Livonia	Lori Hyman
5	1	Huron HS	Ann Arbor	Kevin Behmer
6	1	Clarkston HS	Clarkston	Dan Fife
7	1	Holly HS	Holly	Deborah Van Kuiken
8	1	Marysville HS	Marysville	Terry Curley
9	1	Grosse Pointe South HS	Grosse Pointe	Brandon Slone
10	2	Comstock HS	Kalamazoo	Fredrick Smith
11	2	Haslett HS	Haslett	Jamie Gent
12	2	Huron HS	Ann Arbor	Kevin Behmer
13	2	Grand Valley State University	Allendale	Brad Wallace
14	2	Marysville HS	Marysville	Terry Curley
15	2	Chippewa Hills HS	Remus	Ronald Reardon
16	2	Clarkston HS	Clarkston	Dan Fife
17	2	Sparta HS	Sparta	Joseph Droski
18	2	Grosse Pointe South HS	Grosse Pointe	Brandon Slone
19	3	Benzie Central HS	Benzonia	Karen Leinaar
20	3	Comstock HS	Kalamazoo	Fredrick Smith
21	3	Carson City-Crystal HS	Carson City	Chris Ervin
22	3	Holly HS	Holly	Deborah Van Kuiken
23	3	Sparta HS	Sparta	Joseph Droski
24	3	Vandercook Lake HS	Jackson	Tom Gass
25	3	Huron HS	Ann Arbor	Kevin Behmer
26	3	Marysville HS	Marysville	Terry Curley
27	3	Bad Axe HS	Bad Axe	Ron Johnston
28	4	Ellsworth Community HS	Ellsworth	Matt Peters
29	4	Benzie Central HS	Benzonia	Karen Leinaar
30	4	Carson City-Crystal HS	Carson City	Chris Ervin
31	4	Haslett HS	Haslett	Jamie Gent
32	4	Bad Axe HS	Bad Axe	Ron Johnston
33	4	Gobles HS	Gobles	Chris Miller
34	4	Comstock HS	Kalamazoo	Fredrick Smith
35	4	Vandercook Lake HS	Jackson	Tom Gass
36	4	Holly HS	Holly	Deborah Van Kuiken

2006 L.P. FINAL CROSS COUNTRY MEET HOST

Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006

At Michigan International Speedway, Brooklyn

Divisions	Host School	City	Manager
All	Jackson Northwest	Jackson	Rich Kimball

2006 U.P. FINAL CROSS COUNTRY MEET HOST

Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006

Michigan Technological University Trails, Houghton

Divisions	Host School	City	Manager
All	Houghton	Houghton	Bruce Horsch

2006 GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING

(See Web site for additional information)

1. Entry information and procedures will be posted on the MHSAA Web site in mid-October. The entry deadline is 9 a.m., Monday, Nov. 13 at Noon.
2. The entry material must be electronically sent to the designated administrator. Late entries will not be accepted without payment of the \$50 late fee.
3. Starting time for both Swimming Preliminaries and Finals is 12 noon.
4. Overnight accommodations are the responsibility of the participating individuals/schools.
5. Regional diving is Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006. Final Meets are Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17-18, 2006.

2006-07 BOYS & GIRLS QUALIFYING TIMES

EVENT	GIRLS D1	GIRLS D2	BOYS D1	BOYS D2
200 MED. RELAY	1:57.09	1:59.09	1:44.79	1:45.79
200 FREESTYLE	2:02.59	2:03.49	1:49.59	1:51.99
200 IND. MEDLEY	2:18.09	2:23.39	2:04.09	2:12.39
50 FREESTYLE	:25.59	:25.99	:22.99	:23.49
100 BUTTERFLY	1:02.79	1:04.19	:55.99	:58.29
100 FREESTYLE	:55.69	:56.49	:50.69	:51.79
500 FREESTYLE	5:25.89	5:35.69	4:57.89	5:10.29
200 FREE RELAY	1:44.59	1:45.69	1:31.99	1:34.19
100 BACKSTROKE	1:04.29	1:05.29	:57.69	1:00.49
100 BREASTSTROKE	1:10.39	1:12.09	1:04.19	1:06.29
400 FREE RELAY	3:49.29	3:53.59	3:23.29	3:30.89

2006 GIRLS DIVING QUALIFICATION SITES (Tuesday, November 14, 2006)

Region	Division	Host School	City	Manager
1	1	Pioneer	Ann Arbor	Denny Hill
2	1	L'Anse Creuse North	L'Anse Creuse	Mike Owensby
3	1	East Kentwood	East Kentwood	Cathy Stevens
4	2	Andover	Bloomfield Hills	R.J. Guizzetti
5	2	Haslett	Haslett	Jamie Gent
6	2	East Grand Rapids	East Grand Rapids	Scott Robertson

LOWER PENINSULA GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING FINAL SITES (Friday-Saturday, November 17-18, 2006)

Class	Site	City	Manager
1	Oakland University	Rochester	Peter Hovland
2	Eastern Michigan University	Ypsilanti	Peter Linn

DIVING QUALIFICATION

Regional Diving

To qualify for entry in the diving qualification meet, a diver must have:

- 1) placed ahead of all divers from opposing schools in actual dual varsity meet competition during the season in at least five (5) meets
- 2) in a league or conference meet or in a season-ending varsity invitational (if a school doesn't belong to a league), as many people may qualify to the qualification meet as there are schools participating in the diving event. (In other words, an eight team league which has six schools participating in the diving event of the league meet, may qualify six (6) to the MHSAA Qualification Meet. If only four (4) schools are participating, then only four may qualify.)

- 3) a conference may add a qualifying spot (to Regional) equal to the number of returning Final Meet finalists in that conference.

The divers who qualify to the qualification meet must be included on the entry form e-mailed to the final meet manager (Nov. 13, 2006). In addition, **the coach must fax to the Regional Diving manager by noon Monday, a list of divers whom have qualified** and a complete diving sheet for each qualified diver.

Warmups at any qualification meet will not be permitted before 3 p.m. on the Tuesday of the meet. If weather conditions are questionable, call the host site to see if the competition will go on as scheduled.

(Note: All entries, Simming and Diving, are due Monday, Nov. 13 at Noon.)

GUIDELINES FOR A UNIFORM FORWARD START

To perform the Step-Up Start, the following procedure will take place.

In all swimming races (exception: Backstroke and Medley Relay races), the referee will give a preliminary signal by whistle to notify the swimmers to line up behind or beside their respective starting platforms. The referee may give brief instructions deemed necessary. The referee then shall turn control of the competitors over to the starter. The starter shall verbally direct the swimmers to "step up" at which time each swimmer shall step onto his or her starting platform and shall stand in any position on the platform, without excessive noise or movement.

The starter may give brief instructions deemed necessary.

Upon the starter's verbal command, "Take Your Mark", each swimmer, with no unnecessary noise or movement, shall immediately assume a motionless position with at least one foot on the front edge of the starting platform. When the starter sees that the swimmers are motionless, the starter shall start the race.

In swimming meets where only one official is on deck, that person shall assume the role of both referee and starter when beginning any swimming race.

Finals Program Information Forms Online

The MHSAA would like to emphasize that schools reaching the Regional levels of tournaments will no longer be provided hard copy of the program information forms for the souvenir programs at MHSAA Finals in select sports. The forms are available on the specific sport pages of the MHSAA Web site – mhsaa.com – under Forms/Resources.

Schools advancing past the Regional round of the Fall MHSAA tournaments listed below are required to electronically submit Finals program information and a team photograph by the following deadlines:

Boys Soccer: Monday, Oct. 30 – Football: Tuesday, Nov. 14 – Girls Basketball: Friday, Nov. 24

Contact Rob Kaminski at the MHSAA with questions: 517-332-5046

2006 GIRLS TENNIS TOURNAMENTS

Regional and Final Sites

All schools listed on the Regional page of the MHSAA Web site are assumed to be in the tournament unless an Opt-Out form is submitted to the MHSAA by Sept. 27.

The Regional manager will contact schools assigned to their Region and advise them of the date and location of the seeding meeting and the need for entry materials. Coaches should make every attempt to attend and participate at the seeding meeting. The entry materials that are required by said deadline include the eligibility list, team lineup and player information sheets. The player information sheets must be complete, accurate and legible. Note: Once an entry is received by the manager, the lineup is set. Changes cannot be made but substitutions are allowed within the body of rules. For additional information on tennis refer to the Tennis Coaches Manual and the Tennis General Information Bulletin.

LOCATIONS OF 2006 LOWER PENINSULA GIRLS REGIONAL TENNIS TOURNAMENTS (October 12 or 13, 2006)

No.	Div.	School	City	Manager
1	1	TBD		
2	1	Holt HS	Holt	Rick Schmidt
3	1	Huron HS	Ann Arbor	Gordon Boettcher
4	1	Novi HS	Novi	Curt Ellis
5	1	Grosse Pointe South HS	Grosse Pointe	Matt Outlaw
6	1	Port Huron Northern HS	Port Huron	Gregg Wagner
7	1	Rochester HS	Rochester Hills	Randy Mikula
8	1	Heritage HS	Saginaw	Bob Quinn
9	2	Loy Norrix HS	Kalamazoo	Andrew Laboe
10	2	Allen Park HS	Allen Park	Bill Riggs
11	2	Crestwood HS	Dearborn Heights	Pete Marabeas
12	2	Mercy HS	Farmington Hills	Nancy Malinowski
13	2	Lahser HS	Bloomfield Hills	Mike Cowdrey
14	2	Flushing HS	Flushing	Rich Burdis
15	2	Okemos HS	Okemos	Keith Froelich
16	2	Forest Hills Central HS	Grand Rapids	Clark Udell
17	3	Allegan HS	Allegan	Gary Ellis
18	3	Three Rivers HS	Three Rivers	Hal Stofer
19	3	Grosse Ile HS	Grosse Ile	John Shade
20	3	Cranbrook Kingswood HS	Bloomfield Hills	Tim Yockey
21	3	Mt Clemens HS	Mt Clemens	Don Wiswell
22	3	Haslett HS	Haslett	Jamie Gent
23	3	Christian HS	Grand Rapids	Dick Vander Kamp
24	3	Spring Lake HS	Spring Lake	Charlie Bassett
25	4	Buchanan HS	Buchanan	Steve Bender
26	4	Battle Creek Area	Battle Creek	Jim Cummins
27	4	Detroit Country Day HS	Beverly Hills	Dan Mac Lean
28	4	Portland HS	Portland	Kevin Veale
29	4	Almont HS	Almont	Dean Sousanis
30	4	Bullock Creek HS	Midland	Tim O'Rourke
31	4	Comstock Park HS	Comstock Park	Janet Gillette
32	4	Ferris State University	Big Rapids	Tom Daglis

2006 Lower Peninsula Girls Tennis Finals – Oct. 20-21

Div.	School	City	Manager
1	Midland Community Tennis Ctr	Midland	Wendy Franz
2	Michigan State University	East Lansing	Gordon Boetcher
3	Gainey Courts	Grand Rapids	Jim Cummins
4	Kalamazoo College	Kalamazoo	Jim Van Zandt

Upper Peninsula Girls Tennis Final – Oct. 5

Div.	School	City	Manager
1	Marquette	Marquette	Mark Mattson
2	Iron Mountain	Iron Mountain	Tom Johnson

TENNIS CONCERNS

1. **THE TENNIS COACHES MANUAL** as well as the USTA Rules of Tennis are the rules publications to be used at all high school matches. The manual is on the MHSAA Web site. Please download for all coaches and athletic administrators.
2. **PLACEMENT OF PLAYERS.** The best player on the team *must* play number one singles. The remaining players whom are designated as singles players must be in ranked order, i.e. No. 2 better than No. 3, No. 3 better than No. 4. The doubles team must be ranked according to the ability of the two players as a team, not as individuals. The best doubles team must play No. 1 doubles, the next best must play No. 2, etc.
3. The first- and second-place teams from each Regional advance to the Finals. A team may advance as an additional qualifier if 18 points are earned (10 points in a draw of eight).
4. **UNIFORM.** First and foremost, the uniform must be school approved. Shirt and shorts/skirts or a tennis dress are required. The minimum requirement for a team shirt is an unaltered shirt with sleeves, preferably in school colors or with school identification. Each individual must wear such shirts throughout the match. If a player changes shirts, he/she must have another tennis team shirt to wear. (Females may wear a sleeveless top if it is tailored by the manufacturer to be sleeveless. Tank tops or tops/dresses which are “cut in” similar to a tank top (racer back) are permitted with school approval.) Players shall not wear undergarments or tights, which extend below the skirt/short. (Exception: Compression shorts which are unadorned and of a single color) *Team shorts/skirts are required. The team short/skirt must be the same color for all individuals and an appropriate style for tennis.*
Penalty: If a student-athlete does not have the school team uniform on, the USTA point penalty system for lateness will be used. (After 15 minutes, the player will be defaulted.)
5. **RULE MODIFICATIONS**
 - a. The USTA continuous play rule was eliminated.
 - b. The rest period between the second and third set is five minutes.
 - c. The Point Penalty System has been modified to: warning, point, default.

2006 BOYS L.P. REGIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENTS

October 12, 13 or 14, 2006

No.	Division	School	City	Manager
1	1	Grandville HS	Grandville	Brian Parsons
2	1	Flushing HS	Flushing	Rich Burdis
3	1	Utica Ford II HS	Sterling Heights	Chet Boss
4	1	Brighton HS	Brighton	John Thompson
5	1	Saline HS	Saline	Scot Graden
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6	2	Mt Pleasant HS	Mt Pleasant	Jim Conway
7	2	Cedar Springs HS	Cedar Springs	Pete Bush
8	2	Vicksburg HS	Vicksburg	Michael Roy
9	2	Oxford HS	Oxford	Pat Ball
10	2	TBD		
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11	3	Big Rapids HS	Big Rapids	Renee Kent
12	3	Dowagiac Union HS	Dowagiac	Greg Younger
13	3	Onsted HS	Onsted	Mark Turnbull
14	3	Ovid-Elsie HS	Elsie	Rex Peckens
15	3	Frankenmuth HS	Frankenmuth	Tim Croel
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16	4	Harbor Springs HS	Harbor Springs	Randy Bingham
17	4	Hart HS	Hart	John Butler
18	4	Brown City HS	Brown City	Tony Burton
19	4	St Philip Catholic Central HS	Battle Creek	Terry Newton
20	4	Hudson Area HS	Hudson	Tom Durbin

2006 BOYS L.P. FINAL GOLF TOURNAMENTS

October 20-21, 2006

Division	Course	Course City	Manager
Division 1	Eagle Crest	Eastern Michigan U.	Jim Bennett
Division 2	Forest Akers East	Michigan State U.	Dave Hutton
Division 3	Forest Akers West	Michigan State U.	Dave Hutton
Division 4	The Meadows	Grand Valley State U.	Paul Sternburgh

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2006 BOYS SOCCER TOURNAMENTS

DIVISION 1

Regional 1st Round
Oct. 24-26

Regional Finals
Nov. 27 or 28

Semifinals
Nov. 1

Finals
Nov. 4

Alpena Dist. 16

Flushing Dist. 15

Lake Orion Dist. 14

West Bloomfield Dist. 11

Utica Ford II Dist. 13

Anchor Bay Dist. 12

Fraser Dist. 10

Berkley Dist. 9

Wayne Memorial Dist. 8

Walled Lake Western Dist. 7

South Lyon Dist. 6

Temperance Bedford Dist. 5

Holly Dist. 4

Kalamazoo Loy Norrix Dist. 3

GR Forest Hills Central Dist. 2

Holland West Ottawa Dist. 1

Region 4
at
Saginaw Heritage

Region 3
at
Troy Athens

Region 2
at
Saline

Region 1
at
Portage Northern

Semifinal
at
Rochester Hills
Stoney Creek

Semifinal
at
Jackson

Finals
at
Troy HS
2:30 p.m.

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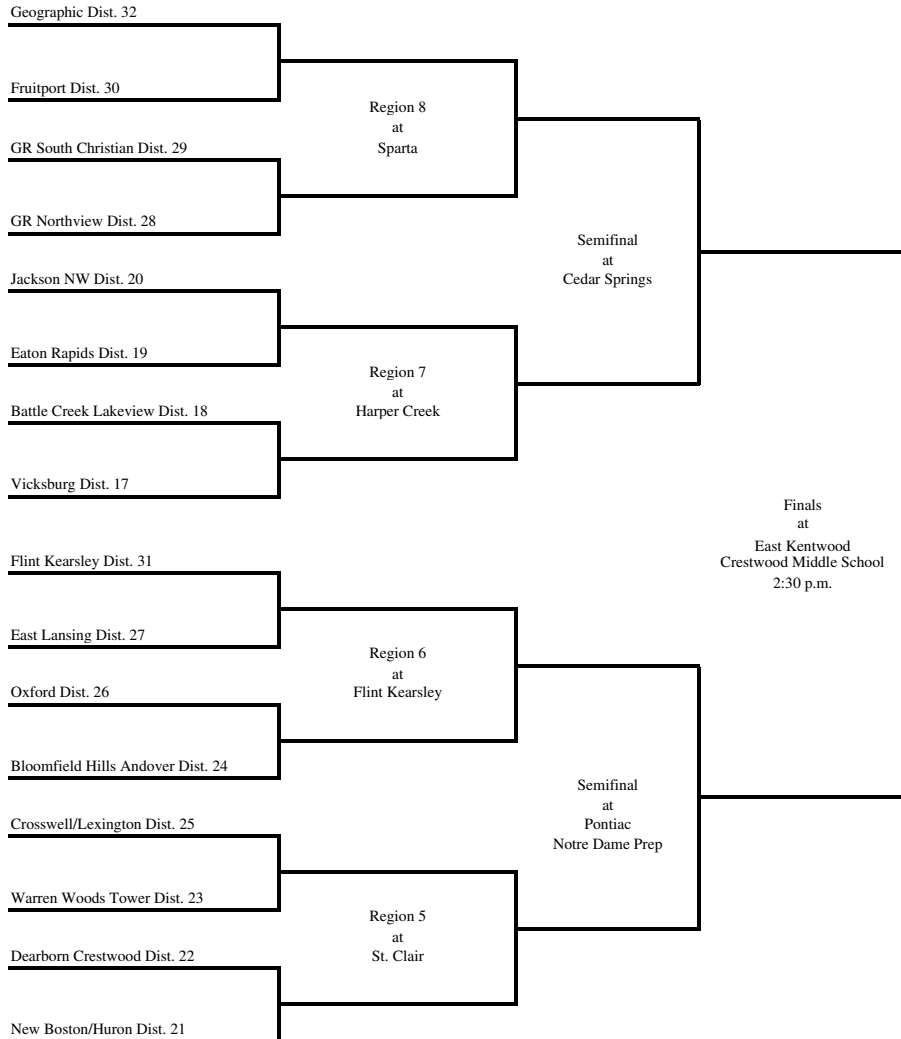
DIVISION 2

Regional 1st Round
Oct. 24-26

Regional Finals
Nov. 27 or 28

Semifinals
Nov. 1

Finals
Nov. 4



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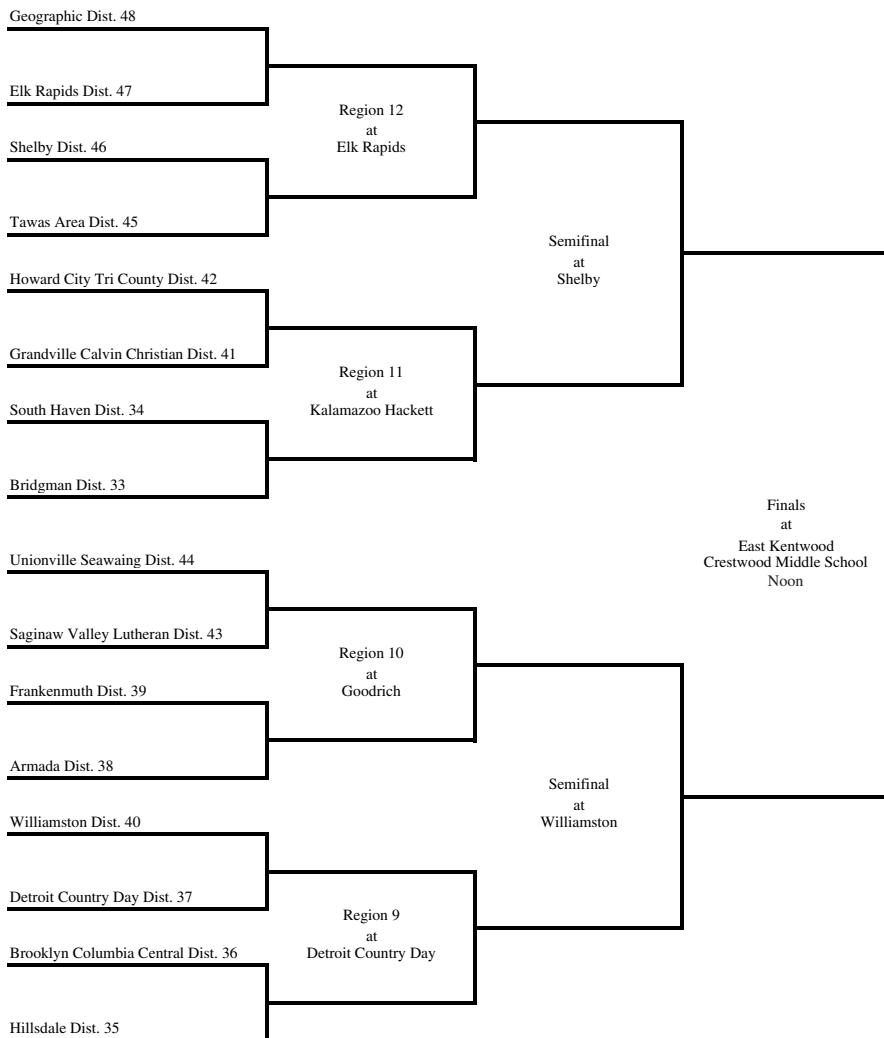
DIVISION 3

Regional 1st Round
Oct. 24-26

Regional Finals
Nov. 27 or 28

Semifinals
Nov. 1

Finals
Nov. 4



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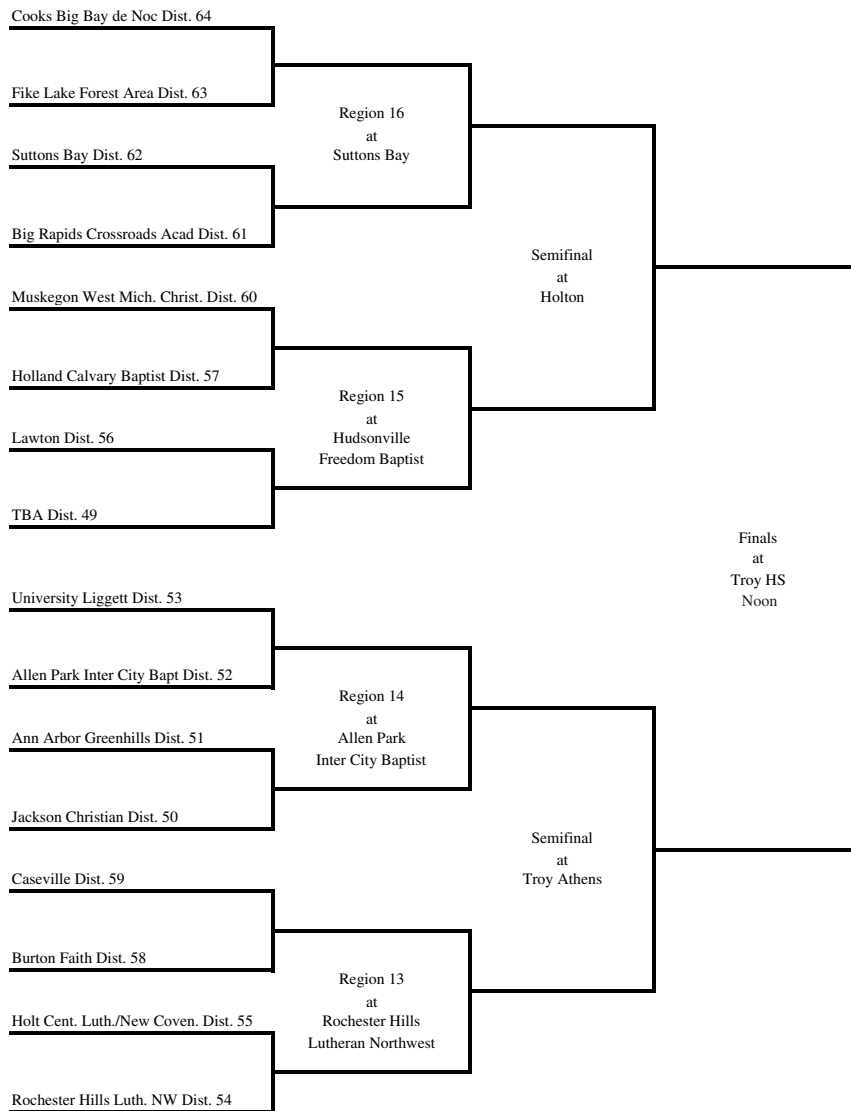
DIVISION 4

Regional 1st Round
Oct. 24-26

Regional Finals
Nov. 27 or 28

Semifinals
Nov. 1

Finals
Nov. 4



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