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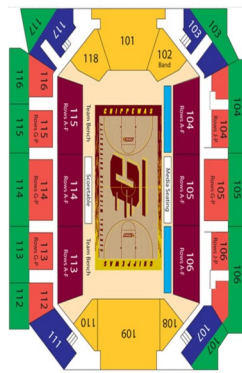
## February 2016

### Points of Interests

- Board of Director & Executive Committee Spring Board Meeting: 3-13-16 @ 12:00 P.M. Site: Ramada Lansing Hotel and Conference center 7501 W Saginaw Hwy, Lansing, MI 48917
- Multi-Sport Athlete Award Due Date: 4-15-16

## Wrestling Team States Move to Larger Venue

After twenty-seven years at the Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek, the MHSAA has decided to move the team state wrestling tournament to MgGuirk Arena on the campus of Central Michigan University.

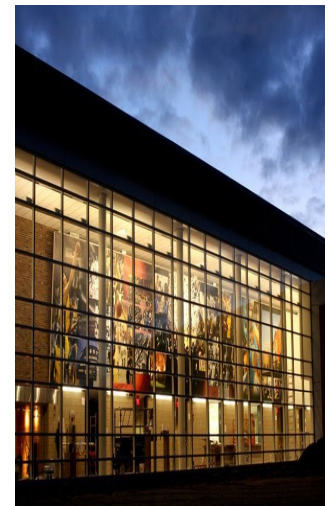


The move provides an improved team state experience for everyone involved.

Kellogg Arena was becoming too small to accommodate the needs of the teams and fans. The MgGuirk Arena enhances the team experience with more space for weigh-ins, larger warm up areas, locker room facilities and ample mat space for competition. There is also an area for teams to eat and relax between rounds. In addition, fans will have over 4800 seats to choose from.

MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts said. "The decision to move from Battle Creek was not an easy one. However, we be-

lieve Central Michigan University offers us a fantastic opportunity to continue growing one of our most popular championship events."



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Few coaches who were in attendance at the first Tennis Workshop back in 1977 were thinking about a 40-year venture, one that would span two generations. Indeed, some of the coaches who were at this year's event weren't even born in 1977. All we knew at the time was that we were impressed. Some of us were experienced coaches and accomplished players, yet we left with an abundance of information and, more to the point, excitement at the prospect of using what we had learned. Few knew that this experience would be re-

## An Era Ends for the Tennis

peated the next 39 years. Thanks to Bob Wood and Gary Bodenmiller it was. Year after year we looked forward with anticipation for the workshop brochure to arrive in the mail to see who Bob and Gary had lined up for that year. They did not disappoint as some of the speakers included top players in the world (Chris Evert, Arthur Ashe, Jack Kramer, to name a few), top clinician with worldwide reputations (Vic Braden, Clarence Mabry, Dennis VanderMeer, Peter Burwash, Jorge Capestany and

more), outstanding college coaches and legends of Michigan High School tennis. All of the above is the result of the vision, strong will, and organizational skills of Bob and Gary. Although the two certainly had help, including that of their spouses, they were the driving force behind the event. Together they started something that would span more years and would have more of an impact on coaches and players in the state of Michigan than they could ever have imagined on that Friday evening in 1977.

## Two MHSCA members to become newest inductees into the NHSACA Hall of Fame

Jim Bennett, a retired math teacher, and head coach for the boys' & girls golf teams at Grosse Ile High School will be inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association, H a l l o f F a m e .

Bennett has coached for 40 years and earned many accolades, including winning the Huron League 17 times, being named the Michigan High School Coach of the Year in twice, and League or Region Coach of the Year several times.

In 2009 & 2016, he was named finalist by the National High School Athletic Coach Association and was the National Federation of High Schools Coach of the Year in 2012. Coach Bennett is a members of two Halls of Fame the MIGCA Hall of Fame 2005, and the MHSCA Hall of Fame 2006

Bennett has guided the golf program since 1974 to 21 undefeated league championships. Among his teams' post-season accomplishments are 19 MHSAA Regional Championships and 23 teams qualifying for the MHSAA State Finals, with three state runner-up titles in 2001, 2005 and 2010, and 13 MHSAA State Championships, five in the boys' program and eight in the girls' program.



Coach Jim Bennett



Coach Jerry Lasceski

Jerry Lasceski spent 44 years working as a teacher and Track & Field & Cross Country with athletes at the Akron-Fairgrove High School, his home away from home. Lasceski began 41 years of teaching "anything business-related" at Akron-Fairgrove in 1965 and began coaching track the same year.

During his time at Akron-Fairgrove, Lasceski took his boys track team to Class D state championships in 1978 and 1993, and earned state runner-up finishes in 1968 and 1983. The Vikings racked up 12 conference championships and six regional crowns. Lasceski started the Vikings' cross country program in 1970 and his teams accomplished many honors the boys cross country team to had a state runner-up finish in 1977 and a state championship in 1978 while his girls program was state runner-up three times and won the 1991 state title.

The Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Famer, was named the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association's Coach of the Year for both boys track and boys cross country in 1978. He received the award again in 1991. Jerry has also served MITCA as its treasurer since 2002.

The National High School Athletic Coaches Association the professional organization of school coaches and athletic directors, (NHSACA) will selected one of eight national finalists for Coach of the Year. The award will be presented June 25th-29th at the Galt House, in Louisville, Kentucky, at the NHSACA Annual Conference in which over 500 coaches and athletic directors will participate.

## Associations Clinic Updates 2016 & 2017

Cross Country: November , 17, 18, 19, 2016– Site: Mt. Pleasant

Football :January 20, 2017 – East Lansing

Golf: November– Bath

Soccer: February – WMU

Swimming: September 16-Battle Creek

Tennis; February 5-Troy

Volleyball: July 31-Battle Creek

Basketball: October 22 Lansing

Bowling : N/A

Competitive Cheer: October-Lansing

Gymnastics : N/A

Ice Hockey: July

Skiing: N/A

Wrestling: November-Romulus

Baseball: January 15-Mt. Pleasant

Lacrosse: June @ Det. Country Day

Softball: January 28, 2017-Lansing

Track & Field: February 4-Lansing

MIAAA: March 18- Traverse City

## MHSCA COACHING RECOGNITION for 15/20/25/30/35/40/45/50 Years

The candidate must have distinguished himself/herself with good coaching ethics and promoted good sportsmanship throughout his/her coaching career. \*The AD or principal's signature confirms this. Ten (10) years of coaching outside of Michigan may be applied to the application. Coaching at any level may be applied as long as it is a school sponsored interscholastic sport. To receive a general coaching certificate the candidate must have been coaching at least one sport per year at any level for the requested number of years. To receive specific certificates for a single sport the candidate must qualify for the specified number of years in that sport. This can be at any level. You cannot however count more than one level or season for a sport in

any one year. For example, coaching both boys and girls basketball during the same school year counts as "1" year; coaching both 7th grade boys and JV boys during the same school year counts as "1" year. Up to three (3) years may be included for active duty military service which delayed or interrupted an applicant's coaching career. Awards for 30 years and more (plaque) will have the sports that the candidate coached listed on the plaque. The coach will be presented only one award for each level of service after 30 years.

For more information go to [www.mhsca.org](http://www.mhsca.org) or contact Mike Jolly at E-mail to: [dlsathletics@aol.com](mailto:dlsathletics@aol.com)

## 2016-17 MHSCA Calendar of Events

MHSAA President's Meeting: Monday, **January, 26, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.** Site-MHSAA Office

MHSCA Hall of Fame Selection Meeting: Tuesday, **February 9, 2016 @ 9:30 a.m.** Site-MHSAA Office

MHSCA Spring Meeting: Sunday, **March 13, 2016 @ 12:00 P.M.** Site: Ramada Inn, Lansing - Saginaw Hwy.

NHSACA Annual Convention: **June 27-29, 2016 @** Louisville, KY

MHSCA/NFHS & NHSACA COTY Nominations Due: **July 1, 2016**

Fall Board of Directors Meeting: Sunday, **September 18, 2016 @ 9:30 A.M.** CMU - Bovee Center

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony: Sunday, **September 18, 2016 @ 12:00 P.M.** CMU - Bovee Center

Winter Board Meeting: Sunday, **November 13, 2016 @ 9:30 A.M.** Lansing Area

Coach of the Year Ceremony: Sunday **November 13, 2016 @ 12:00 P.M.** Lansing Area

Gatorade Delivery: **May 2017, @ TBA**

## Application online now for The Rich Tompkins Multi-Sport Athlete Award

The MHSCA Board of Directors recognized Rich Tompkins (1946-2015), former Executive Director, for his service to high school athletics by naming the multi-sport athlete award in his name.

Each school in the state can nominate one boy and one girl from their school for the MHSCA Rich Tompkins Multi-Sport Athlete Award. The only requirement for the athlete is that they must have participated in a least 3 sports for all four years of

high school. Information will be sent out through the help of the MIAAA to all AD's in the state.

Nominations are due by April 15th and must be submitted by the school's principal or AD. Each of the nominees are evaluated on the basis of their athletic achievements (both individual and team), scholarship, leadership and service. The committee utilizes a rubric to rate the candidates.

All of the nominees receive a high quality certificate from the MHSCA in honor of being their school's honoree. Additionally, one boy and one girl from each of the four classes of schools (A, B, C, D) receive a plaque as the MHSCA State Multi-Sport Athlete of the Year.

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**MHS B.O.D. & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES CALENDAR**

\* *BOD & EXEC: 3-13-16 Spring Board Meeting & 11:30 A.M. Site: Ramada Lansing Hotel and Conference center 7501 W Saginaw Hwy, Lansing, MI 48917*

\* *Multi-Sport Athlete Award App*



## Michigan High School Coaches Association Insurance Program

The coaching profession has changed dramatically in the past 20 years and with that change comes more scrutiny, more expectations and more responsibilities. Coaches today must manage their sport and coaching duties are not relegated to athletics and Xs and Os. In reality, coaches are expected to deal with school policies/procedures, Booster clubs, parents, athletic trainers, facilities and equipment. In addition, coaches in most states are required and/or encouraged to become certified in emergency first aid and CPR.

By virtue of the position held, coaches have become increase

ingly more at risk of being involved in a lawsuit and proper insurance coverage is a necessity. As a member benefit of your coaches association, all members are covered for your coaching activities (including classroom coverage) by a Commercial General Liability Policy.

The policy limits are \$1,000,000 (per member) and the policy provides coverage to members from claims made by negligent acts accidentally committed resulting in bodily injury, personal and advertising injury or property damage to others. Members may also request certificates of insurance showing proof of in-

surance or naming an additional insured.

Participant Accident coverage for participants attending camps is also available to members by completing the proper request forms and forwarding them to Loomis & LaPann, Inc. for a quotation.

For a certificate of insurance form, participant accident request form, policy terms & conditions and camp coverage, please contact our insurance administrator: Loomis & LaPann, Inc. P.O. Box 2158 Glens Falls, NY 12801 800-566-6479 sports@loomislapann.com www.loomislapann.com