Memories • Lifetime Achievements
Notable Accomplishments
By Jack Carlson, MHSFCA Historian

The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association and The University of Michigan have worked hand in hand to host the Hall of Fame Induction and Banquet for over 30 years. The first induction took place in 1982 at a University of Michigan clinic with the inaugural class being the original board of directors. The 31st Annual Induction took place Saturday, March 23, 2013.

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33rd Annual East West All-Star Football Game

Grand Valley State University

22 June 2013 Kickoff 2:00 pm

For tickets see back page.
2013 Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction

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Once again, The Sheraton Ann Arbor provided an exceptional venue for this exceptional event. The ambiance in which all was presented, the excellent food that was enjoyed by all, the history of the association, and the heartfelt acceptance speeches by the inductees, once again, made for an evening of cherished memories for close to 400 in attendance.

In 1983, Head Coach Bo Schembechler introduced "Woody" Hayes as the guest speaker for the evening. Ara Parseghian, "Duffy" Daugherty, George Perles, Jim Harbaugh, and Herb Deromedi, all former head coaches at major universities have highlighted the evening. Recently, University of Michigan head football coaches, Bo Schembechler, Gary Moeller, Lloyd Carr, Rich Rodriguez, and Brady Hoke have given the main address.

This great tradition is a highlight to the many in attendance and this year was no exception. Coach Hoke was extremely proud to host this important event for the MHSFCA and High School Football in the State of Michigan. He related how one of his high school coaches had had a very influential part in his going into coaching. This being an evening about coaching and the influence coaching has on many young people, his address was extremely appropriate. Prior to the dinner a group picture of all inductees with Coach Hoke was taken. Along with his presence this was a highlight of the evening as many family and friends gathered to get that one special picture, something appreciated by all.

Executive Director Larry Merx began the evening by giving an overview of the importance of the association and highlighting the new and exciting Wall of Fame and the Virtual Hall of Fame, which are now displayed and available to all Michigan High School Football Fans. The Wall of Fame is prominently displayed at the University of Michigan Football Stadium, the Big House, and the Virtual Hall of Fame, is up and running on the MHSFCA website. (mhsfca.com)

Keith Stephens, from Southfield Lathrop High School, 2013 President of the MHSFCA, welcomed everyone to the Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction. “This evening we recognize an outstanding group of individuals. They have devoted a tremendous amount of time mentoring, coaching, and impacting the lives of hundreds of student athletes throughout their careers. Their contributions have touched many generations. Tonight we honor the legacy of these men by inducting these outstanding coaches into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame.”

Including this year’s inductees, the MHSFCA has inducted 672 of the finest high school football coaches in the state of Michigan into the Hall of Fame, and each induction has a personality all its own determined by the inductees and what they have to say.

They said:

Coach Tom Alward, Goodrich: There is no better opportunity to show young men what is important in this life.

Coach Richard Bell, Swan Valley: It has meant everything to me and my whole family... coaching became my passion.

Coach Bob Blaquire, Grand Rapids South Christian: Football has given me the opportunity to build relationships... enjoy the thrill of competition... It has given me back more than I can repay.

Coach David R. Duram, Hudsonville: I cannot imagine any other occupation that would have allowed me to deal with as many interesting people and unique situations.

Coach William Fritsma, Spring Lake: The love of football and the challenges it presents from game to game are great reasons to coach.

Coach Greg Ganfield, Romeo: Our real victories come in the form of the great husbands, fine parents, and successful citizens that our players move on to become.

Coach Kelly Luplow, Clare: There is not a better classroom than the football field... there is nothing better than Friday night lights in the fall.

Coach Bill McLellan, Elkton Pigeon Bay Port: Coaching has been a way of life for me and my family... I will cherish the memories forever.

Coach Jim Myers, Brandywine: Coaching football brings a sense of fulfillment that no other sport can match because of the total team effort it takes to succeed.

Coach Gary Schleif, Dearborn Edsel Ford: Coaching offers a chance to work with athletes striving for improvement, a chance to share in their enthusiasm.

Coach Ken Semelsberger, Detroit Servite/Port Huron: Watching young boys come into the program and leave as young men.

Coach Mark Thomas, South Lyon: Meeting so many great kids and their families... that means the most to me.

Coach Tim Travis, Unionville-Sebewaing: I apply the lessons learned through coaching football to my life and work every day.

Coach Mitchell Ulrich, Mendon: We should all feel fortunate to have football and coaching as a big part of our lives.

Over the years, many things remain constant. One constant is the dedication of the members of the association who take care of the many details that go into organizing, maintaining, and preparing for the evening. These are the members who, behind the scenes, give of their time and energy, with no thanks needed, to make this an exceptional evening for the inductees, their families and friends. Without them, this event would not be the extraordinary evening that it is.

Another constant is that the inductees are men of achievement and integrity, who give credit to their families, their players, their fellow coaches, and their communities for their success.

They recognized those, their families, who have made it possible for them to do what they love – coach football.

The 31st Annual MHSFCA Hall of Fame Induction and Banquet was once again a truly remarkable evening. Congratulations to the Inductees, The Class of 2013. The Best of the Best and the Finest of the Finest.

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“What’s that? Ah—Playoffs? Don’t talk about - Playoffs? You kidding me?! Playoffs?”

By Andrew Pratley, Ogemaw Heights
MHSFCA Playoff Committee

While this famous Jim Mora rant certainly fits at times with how often it seems our playoff system is brought up in discussions amongst coaches and athletic directors alike, it is the topic of discussion at this year’s MHSAA Representative Council meeting.

After several years, countless meetings and at least six different versions of this proposal, the MHSFCA and the MHSAA Football Committee have finally approved a new proposal that would change our current playoff system.

The new system, at its core is designed to alleviate scheduling issues that have arisen since the “6 win and in” system was implemented in 1999. While many coaches like the “6 and in” concept in theory, it has proven to be a major headache once even a small amount of success has been achieved. Simply put, people don’t want to play teams that they think they might lose to. I know very few coaches or athletic directors that don’t at least entertain the idea of trying to count to six when scheduling. This has caused excess travel, more out of state competition (out of country as well) and has even caused leagues to break up, all in the name of finding the magic 6.

The new proposal basically attacks this concept in a few ways, first and most importantly by addressing a new component that rewards you for playing people who are good. Basically you get the same amount of “bonus points” whether you win or you lose to a team. While we realize that everyone has their own proposal that will fix everything, i.e. everyone making it or adding opponents wins, regardless of whether or not Team A defeated the opponent. We encourage you to support the proposed changes and to contact Rep Council members to express your support.

The Representative Council will discuss this proposal at their May meeting.


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Differences between the Current Playoff System “Win 6 and In” and the Enhanced Strength of Schedule Playoff Proposal that will be before the MHSAA Representative Council in May.

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<td>On Selection Sunday, after the 256-team field has been determined.</td>
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| Points for a Win | Class A = 80 points | Div 1 = 88 points |
| Class B = 64 points | Div 2 = 80 points |
| Class C = 48 points | Div 3 = 72 points |
| Class D = 32 points | Div 4 = 64 points |

| Bonus Points For Opponents Wins & Losses | Team A gets more points (8) for each win by an opponent Team A defeats, and less points (1) for each win by an opponent Team A was defeated by. | Team A gets more points for each of its opponents wins, regardless of whether or not Team A defeated the opponent. |

| Bonus Point Multiplier | The multiplier is 8 or 1. | The multiplier changes depending on the size of each opponent: Div 1 = 12 points |
|-----------------------|-------------------------| Div 2 = 11 points |
|                       |                         | Div 3 = 10 points |
|                       |                         | Div 4 = 9 points |
|                       |                         | Div 5 = 8 points |
|                       |                         | Div 6 = 7 points |
|                       |                         | Div 7 = 6 points |
|                       |                         | Div 8 = 5 points |

| Out of State Teams | Placed into a Class based on enrollment | Placed into a Division based on enrollment |
Coach-To-Coach Mentoring Program

Ever had a question about how to do your job as a coach and not know where to turn for an answer? Need the name of an experienced coach who you could talk to in confidence about answering that question - or solving that problem? Experienced coaches who have a long standing relationship with the MHSFCA (Past Presidents, Regional Directors, Committee Members, etc.) have agreed to serve as volunteer mentors. If you have something you need help with, look over the list, contact one (or more) of the Coach-To-Coach volunteers. Each of the volunteers has several years of coaching experience. Get their advice. It’s free and confidential.

Find the list of Coach-To-Coach volunteers at MHSFCA.com under For Coaches

You must be a member of MHSFCA to access this service. Join at: http://www.mhsfca.com/?page_id=652

2013 MHSFCA Competitive Scholarships

The MHSFCA will award five scholarships for the 2013-2014 academic year. This is a change from previous years, when ten competitive scholarships have been awarded. In the past the scholarship amount has been $500. Starting with this year’s winners, the amount of the scholarship has been increased to $1000. The scholarships include one that is funded by MHSFCA partner, Adrenaline and one sponsored by the Michigan National Guard. The scholarships will be awarded at halftime of the All Star Football Game. Each recipient will be presented with a plaque proclaiming the award and a check for $1000 for post high school education.

Jordan Hessbrook • Ithaca High School
Andrew Trautman • Elk Rapids High School
Jared Hall • Michigan Center High School
Brok Lamorandier • Mattawan High School
Luke McVeigh • Lansing Catholic High School

Terry Rose Scholarship Winner
Eiyesha Stephens • Michigan State University
Father • Keith Stephens, Southfield Lathrop

Given in honor of former MHSFCA President and Clinic Committee Chair, the $1,000 Terry Rose Scholarship is determined by lottery. This year, the winning name was pulled by University of Michigan Coach, Brady Hoke, at the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in Ann Arbor. Eiyesha Stephens becomes, for the first time in the history of the award, a two-time winner. Eiyesha’s name was pulled from the hat at the 2012 Hall of Fame Induction by University of Michigan assistant coach, Greg Mattison.

All current MHSFCA members are eligible to submit the names of their children who are attending or will attend (in the next fall term) any post high school education/training. Names must be submitted to Scholarship Chair, Kelly Luplow, Clare High School, kelly@clare.k12.mi.us prior to the Hall of Fame induction (22 March 2014).
Rule Spotlight- Pass Interference

By Mark Uyl, Assistant Director, MHSAA

Pass interference is one of the most difficult plays in football. It seems that whenever any contact occurs on a pass play, you can guarantee that one sideline or the other will be yelling for a flag. Let’s take a few minutes and drill down into what is, and what is not, pass interference at the high school level. We will not cover the entire rule in this column but will focus on the rule and contact.

Pass interference rules come “off the table” for the remainder of the play and any player can catch the ball and advance.

For pass interference purposes, know that restrictions on offensive players begin at the snap. Restrictions on defensive players begin when the ball is in the air.

When teaching officials what contact constitutes a DPI or OPI foul, we start with two “indicators” that make a player suspect for committing a pass interference foul. The first is the “bite” indicator when a player bites on a move and then has to try and recover, such as when a receiver has the ball at his belt and a defensive player�s hands are on his belt, he frequently tries and grab the receiver as he goes by which can turn into pass interference. The second indicator is the “chase” situation where a player has been beaten by his opponent and that player is now in the chase mode. When these indicators are noticed, officials are taught to stay with the play and judge if the contact now fits into one of the seven categories of pass interference.

There are seven categories of pass interference. In other words, if the contact does not fit into one of these “bins”, you more than likely have incidental contact and no foul. Remember that the rule book states that unavoidable contact when two or more eligibles (offense or defense) are making a simultaneous, bona fide attempt to reach the pass (not looking back for the ball) and any player can catch the ball and advance.

Here are the seven categories of contact that are a foul:

1. Arm Bar: when the arms are used across the body restricting an opponent from moving to where he wants to go. The arm across the body is not enough; the arm must restrict movement of the opponent.

2. Holding: grasping an opponent (often an arm) which restricts him from being able to reach or attempt a catch of the pass.

3. Not Playing the Ball: the player is not making a bona fide attempt to reach the pass (not looking back for the ball) is quite common) and then contacts the opponent who restricts him from moving to where he wants to go or knocking him off his path to the ball.

4. Playing Through the Back: even if the player (defender in most cases) is making an effort to touch the ball, he cannot play through the back of the opponent and make contact before the receiver touches the ball. If so, you have a foul.

5. Hook and Twist: hooking one arm around the waist or shoulders of the receiver AND twisting him with that arm which restricts the receiver’s movement. The arm around the body is not enough - there must be a twist or a turn with this “off” arm while the other arm often swings in front of the player and moves the receiver.

6. Cutoff: even if a player is looking back for the ball, he cannot position himself to restrict or prevent an opponent from moving toward a pass. In other words, you cannot cut off a receiver with contact.

7. Face Guarding: unique to the HS game, a player cannot swing or wave his hands directly and in close proximity to an opponent’s face or eye area as the ball arrives. If so, you have a foul for face guarding even if no contact occurs.

In addition, we list three categories that tend to be specific to offensive pass interference fouls. Remember that OPI fouls can also fall into one of the seven categories.

1. Blocking downfield before the ball has been thrown (often a “pick” play).

2. Shoving or pushing off from a defender that causes separation (most common type of OPI).

3. Driving through a defender who has already established his position.

We hope this information has been useful to you and your program and you can incorporate some of these ideas and concepts when working with your offensive and defensive players.

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Help Us Defeat Tuberous Schlerosis!

7th Annual Tackling Ts Golf Classic
Saturday June 29th, 2013
Elmbrook Golf Club in beautiful Traverse City
Charity to Support 2013 Summer Camp for TS Kids

Like 2012, Tackling TS Charity will be cutting a check for $15,000 to ensure all children with TS can attend a summer camp in Cincinnati, Ohio free of charge. Although this genetic disorder makes life difficult for many, we hope that these special children can enjoy 2-3 days of camp. Thanks to all who have supported our cause through our events and thoughts/prayers.

Tacking TS will also be purchasing equipment to help a young girl (TS patient) with her development of fine and gross motor skills as well as an annual donation to the TS Alliance to help further research efforts.

What is Tuberous Sclerosis (TS)?
Tuberous sclerosis is a genetic disorder that causes tumors to form in many different organs, primarily in the brain, eyes, heart, kidney, skin and lungs. You will see it referred to both as tuberous sclerosis (TS) and tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC). The true prevalence of TS is unknown, but its incidence has recently been estimated to be 1 in 6,000 live births. This means approximately 50,000 individuals in the United States and more than 1 million worldwide have TSC. It occurs in both sexes and in all races and ethnic groups.

Tuberous sclerosis is characterized by lesions of the skin and central nervous system, tumor growth and seizures. The disease affects some people severely, while others are so mildly affected that it often goes undiagnosed. Some people with tuberous sclerosis experience developmental delay, mental retardation and autism.

Visit: www.tacklingts.org
or
Call: Kate Wooer at (231) 218-3469
Revealing the Process

The purpose of this Recruiting Position Paper is to bring focus and clarity to the high school football recruiting process. The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association and our State of Michigan College Coaches have joined together to educate our parents and student athletes. There are a number of commercial recruiting practices that do nothing to help students fulfill their dream of a college athletic career.

Areas of Concern:

1. Exposure: Exposure comes from your high school coach. College coaches want information they can trust. Performing on a college campus and against other prospects can reinforce a prospect's evaluation. All camp dates are on every website.
2. Private Recruiting Services: Paying a recruit−ing service for "exposure" or for help with the recruiting process does little to help in recruiting. The NCAA mandates and approves all recruiting services colleges can use. Most of these services are not accessible to the public. All of these services are free to the high school coach and student athletes. There is no harm in using "free" services, but make sure the services are NCAA approved. Most emails and "exposure" packets sent by services paid at the parents expense is considered "spam" and mostly sent to the trash.
3. Private Combines and Showcases: Results from combines most local, private "combines" or "showcases" are questionable. Inflated numbers, dishonest evaluations can hurt the high school coach's' future recruits. The role of the high school coach is to follow as well as possible issues regarding amateur status.
4. "AAU" model events: AAU coaches exist now in football and the trend is growing. The AAU model events are questionable. The AAU coach also forms a relationship with the high school coach. A number of colleges will only recruit the student athlete if he attended an AAU camp. National combines have more clout but are usually invitation only. The AAU has a very strict guideline that colleges need to follow as well as possible issues regarding amateur status.
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Important Aspects of Fulfilling the Dream of a Collegiate Athletic Career:

1. Understand the NCAA and NAIA Academic Eligibility rules before the high school athlete can become a student athlete. A number of colleges will only recruit student athletes that meet these guidelines. It is needed. For example, some D1 offers could be based on sophomore year. To become a D1 prospect, they will connect with you or your coach (given NCAA eligibility begins with the first semester report card in the 9th grade year). Students and parents need to calculate the student's academic eligibility begins with the first semester report card in the 9th grade year. All students and parents need to calculate the students NCAA CORE GPA every semester beginning with the 9th grade year. Only the first semester report card is the most important number in the recruiting process. The higher the GPA above a 3.0, the more athletic opportunities a student athlete may available.

The following Michigan Area Colleges and Universities have endorsed this position paper. (As of 1/21/2013)

Adrian College
Albion College
Alma College
Central Michigan University
Concordia University
Defiance College
Eastern Michigan University
Ferris State University
Grand Valley State University
Hillsdale College
Hope College
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To view the Full Qualified and Academic Redshirt sliding scales, please click here.

Full Qualifier: A college-bound student-athlete may receive athletics aid (scholarship), practice and compete in the first year of enrollment at the Division I college or university.

Academic Redshirt: A college-bound student-athlete may receive athletics aid (scholarship), practice and compete in the first year of enrollment and may practice in the first regular academic term (semester or quarter) but may NOT compete in the first year of enrollment. After the first term is complete, the college-bound student-athlete must be academically successful at his/her college or university to continue to practice for the rest of the year.

Nonqualified: A college-bound student-athlete cannot receive athletics aid (scholarship), cannot practice and cannot compete in the first year of enrollment.

Examples:

Q: A college-bound student-athlete completes nine core courses prior to the seventh semester of high school. What is the college-bound student-athlete's initial-eligibility status?
A: The college-bound student-athlete cannot be certified as a qualifier because only nine of the 10 required courses were completed prior to the seventh semester. He/she would be permitted to practice and receive aid (scholarship), provided he/she presents 16 core courses and meets the necessary core-course GPA and test score requirement at the time of graduation.

Q: A college-bound student-athlete completes 16 core courses in the required framework with a 2.50 core-course GPA and a 68 sum ACT. What is the college-bound student-athlete's initial-eligibility status?
A: The college-bound student-athlete is an academic redshirt. Under the new competition scale, a 68 sum ACT score requires a 2.925 core-course GPA. See sliding scale, please click here.

Q: A college-bound student-athlete completes 15 core courses with a 2.50 core-course GPA and an 829 SAT score (critical reading and math). What is the college-bound student-athlete's NCAA initial-eligibility status?
A: The college-bound student-athlete is a nonqualified because only 15 core courses were completed, not the required 16 core courses.

For additional information on these requirements, please visit www.eligibilitycenter.org.
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2:00 pm Kickoff • Saturday, 22 June

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