



Newsletter

Winner's Circle Clinic - Bigger and Better in 2020



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by Jerry Rabideau, Clinic Chair

The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association cordially invites you and your staff to the 48th Annual Clinic in Lansing, Michigan. Our clinic will begin Thursday Evening January 16 and continue through Saturday early afternoon January 18, 2020.

The clinic, known as the 'Winner's Circle', has grown into one of the largest attended football clinics in the midwest!. Each year that Lansing has hosted, our attendance has grown significantly with in state and out of state football coaches and staff. Our 48th clinic promises to be even bigger and better this year.

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Important Dates**

Leadership Conference

February 10, 2020

Radisson in Lansing

Winners Circle Clinic

January 16-18, 2020

Radisson in Lansing

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at MHSFCA.com

**Board of Directors
Fall Meeting**

December 5-6, 2019

Hotel Indigo
Traverse City

**New Regional Director
Election**

January 2020

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**Ford Field
Championship
Games Hospitality**

MHSFCA Members Stop by the
MHSFCA hospitality room at
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Saturday contests!

*See page 4 for new changes to the
hospitality room.*

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Winner's Circle Clinic - Bigger and Better in 2020

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Our clinic committee strives to bring the best speakers from our state and country to share the latest trends and information about high school and youth football. Speakers include the greatest and most successful coaches from the high school and colleges ranks. Equally important we bring in expert speakers to share information about the safety of our game and how you as a coach can promote and keep our game safe.

Michigan State University Head Football Coach Mark Dantonio along with University of Michigan Head Football Coach Jim Harbaugh will be our featured speakers for 2020.

Please consider our staff registration rate which proves to be more affordable and easier to registrar. Please visit our website at www.mhsfca.com and take advantage of this rate and get as many of your coaches involved, including your youth staff. I strongly encourage you to consider bringing your whole staff including your youth coaches to this clinic. This is a great opportunity for all head coaches to bring your staff together and hold your own mini meetings building the foundation of your program. More importantly you can build comaraderie with your group and meet hundreds of other colleagues doing the same. Lansing is a great environment and this clinic is top notch with information for all.

8 Man Football? Get ready because our clinic will be more packed this year with information than any year we have ever had!

Our sessions and breakouts are always packed with information that can help your game. We include speak-

ers that discuss offense, defense, special teams, in season and out of season training, safety, and much more. Our clinic staff ensures that every facet of the game is covered at our clinic.

Major highlights about this year's clinic include:

- Featured Speakers University of Michigan Head Football Coach Jim Harbaugh and Michigan State University Head Football Coach Mark Dantonio
- 6 sessions of live/interactive demonstration of football drills in Exhibit A that includes Rogers equipment, Active high school head coaches and players in full Addix gear up 3 from last year
- Affordable staff rates
- Updates of speakers shared on line at www.mhsfca.com and twitter
- Awards Banquet featuring honored guests and recipients
- In state and out of state College recruiting coaches
- Expanded Saturday format for all levels of coaches
- "MHSFCA Coaches" All State Team and Dream Team recognition banquet
- Huge number of vendors for all your team needs
- Clinic Staff Rates:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Fee</u>	
A	\$630.00	(7 or more coaches)
B	\$540.00	(6 or more coaches)
C	\$450.00	(5 or more coaches)
D	\$270.00	(3 or more coaches)
8-man	\$270.00	(3 or more coaches)

Big Changes To Ford Field MHSFCA Hospitality Room at State Finals

MHSFCA will continue to make the 7th Floor Hospitality Room available to association members during the state finals at Ford Field. New this year will be the opportunity to purchase meal tickets for a buffet lunch and/or dinner in the Hospitality Room on both Friday and Saturday of Finals Weekend. Meal tickets will cost \$10 each and be available for pre-purchase online or onsite, while they

last. Beat high concession costs, while enjoying fellowship with coaches from across the state! Be on the lookout for an email with a link to online pre-sale meal tickets!

(Members can still use hospitality room without purchasing Meal Tickets.)

All Region/All State/Dream Team 2019

by Jason Mensing, Whiteford

Starting this fall we will have all Head Coaches who are members of the MHSFCA, nominate and vote on All Region, All State, and Dream Teams. Our long term goal is to establish steps to develop the best representation of High School Football players in the state of Michigan. For this to happen we need to have the participation of all of our experts, our Head Coaches in the state.

The first thing we need YOU to do is nominate any worthy All-Region players from your team. [Click Here](#) for a nomination form.

- All Nominations must be submitted by Head Coaches that are MHSFCA Members, if you are not you may pay your membership dues to allow you to have your players receive this recognition.

- All Nominations are due on Selection Sunday, October 27th

- All Head Coaches in your Region that are members of the MHSFCA, as chosen by the MHSAA on Selection Sunday will vote for your All Region Team, you will be given a ballot on the week of the State Regional Championships to make your selections that week.

- All Region players then will be placed on the ballot for the Divisional All State Team, Divisions will be based on the MHSAA tournament cut lines chosen on Selection Sunday. This Ballot will be sent out to all Head Coaches who are members of the MHSFCA on November 23rd.

WHAT'S UP WITH THE MHSFCA?

by Scott Farley, Executive Director

Winners' Circle Clinic

(January 16-18) at the Lansing Center: One of the premier coaches' education opportunities in the nation! Our association's premier event returns to Lansing. HS and college coaches from across Michigan and beyond teach on a variety of topics of interest to any high school football coach. Clinic chair Jerry Rabideau has an informative article in this edition of the newsletter, giving you the low down on this year's clinic.

Youth Football Summit:

Our association is joining forces with USA Football and the MHSAA to bring youth football leaders from across the state to discuss the future of youth football (and all football) in Michigan. We will meet at the MHSAA offices in Lansing on Sunday, January 19 to start the process of working together to keep football vibrant into the future.

Unsigned Senior Recruiting Showcase:

We will host our first ever Unsigned Senior Showcase on Saturday, February 8 at Birmingham Detroit Country Day. A great opportunity for unsigned seniors to show their skills and desire to play college football. Showcase chairman Rob Zimmerman has a great article in this newsletter. Be on the lookout for details and registration info!

Recruiting Fairs:

Once again, the MHSFCA is sponsoring numerous college recruiting fairs at high schools across the state. It's an amazing opportunity for your players and their parents (as well as you, Coach!) to meet with MANY college coaches from across the Midwest, all in one spot on the same night. Look for the schedule of recruiting fairs in this newsletter!

New Playoff Format Begins in 2020:

The Strength of Schedule playoff format begins in the 2020. This was a cooperative effort between MHSFCA, MHSAA and the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators' Association for the purpose of reducing scheduling issues that currently plague schools of all sizes across the state. See details of the SOS plan at the MHSAA.

All Star Game Changes On The Horizon:

The East-West All Star game (sponsored by MHSFCA and the D Zone) will take on a new look moving forward. Be on the lookout for information on this soon! All Star Chairman Jim Sparks contributed a recap of the 2019 game in this newsletter.

Award Nominations • Due by November 15

Hall of Fame

100 Career Wins
and/or 20 Years Coaching!

If you are aware of deserving Michigan High School Football Coaches who meet either of these two criteria and are not yet members of the MHSFCA Hall of Fame nominate them now. Don't assume someone else has taken the initiative!

To nominate a coach for membership in the Hall of Fame a letter is required. It must be received by Jack Carlson, MHSFCA Historian, before November 15 so that the nomination can be confirmed and considered at the Fall Board of Directors Meeting.

Send nominations to:

Jack Carlson
MHSFCA Historian
2195 Lakeridge Drive
Holland, MI 49423

Assistant Coach of Year

The award for Assistant Coach of the Year includes a category for a coach who has been a head coach, then returned to an assistant position in order to stay active in the sport. A nomination form, available at MHSFCA.com points out the requirement of ten years experience as an assistant. Due November 15.

Nominees MUST BE MEMBERS of the MHSFCA!

Send nominations to:

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Steve Spicer Leadership

The Steve Spicer Memorial Team Leadership Award honors high schools throughout the State of Michigan who exemplify the legacy left to us by Steve Spicer, the former head football coach at Fowler High School. Steve was an outstanding coach, teacher, husband, father and community leader before his untimely battle with cancer took him from us. Steve, a member of our Football Coaches Hall of Fame, had an outstanding coaching record along with capturing a state football title while at Fowler. He was a great role model for the players he coached and the students he taught.

Send nominations to:

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Leadership Chair
6675 Wheeler Rd.
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Jim Crowley

The Jim Crowley Award is given in memory of the late, former head coach at Jackson Lumen Christi High School, a great coach and dedicated family man who was tragically killed at the height of his career. The award honors individuals who have made special contributions to the game of football and the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association.

If you would like to nominate an individual for this most prestigious award, please send a letter of nomination.

Send nominations to:

Larry Sellers
4380 Ridgemoor Dr.
Traverse City, MI 49684

Fran Herrington Woman of the Year

The Fran Herrington Award is presented in the memory of the late wife of John Herrington (Farmington Hills Harrison). Fran was a tremendous part of their football program and school community who gave tirelessly of her time and energy. She helped in creating a successful football program in her community, and she also worked on a number of projects for the MHSFCA. This award is presented annually to honor those women who have contributed their time, energy and expertise in promoting high school football in their community and the state of Michigan. This award is presented at the MHSFCA clinic in January.

Send nominations to:

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**Also At
MHSFCA.com**

**Alliance Award
Nomination**

Scholarship Application

Honorary Membership

**Community Service
Reading Award**

MHSFCA Recruiting Nights

by Marcus Dukes, Recruiting Chair

Take advantage of the MHSFCA Recruiting Nights to help your athletes, their parents and college recruiters find a match that fits. Recruiting Nights give you the opportunity to get to know one another - in a relaxed atmosphere - minus the inherent in the school day.

MHSFCA College Recruiting Nights provide opportunities for you to network with college coaches and to open opportunities for your student-athletes to continue their education and athletic career. Some of the opportunities you uncover at the Recruiting Night will be programs at schools that neither you nor your athlete had previously considered. We invite you and/or a member of your coaching staff to attend one or more of our Recruiting Nights in locations across the state. The agenda will start with Coaches session (5:30-6:30) during which you will have access to college coaches from Michigan and around the mid-west. Host high schools will provide a table for you to meet with and exchange materials and information with college coaches. *Bring copies of player profiles, transcripts and Hudl/video/links with you!

Your prospects and their parents are encouraged to attend at (6:30-7:30) Following your block with the college coaches, your athletes, their parents and you will have

time to meet with the college recruiters.

There is no charge for you or your athletes to attend the Recruiting Night events. This is a benefit of your membership in the MHSFCA. If you are not a current member, please complete the online membership form at MHSFCA.com.

To help us plan facilities, please contact Marcus Dukes to let him know which Recruiting Night/s you plan to attend and give us a rough estimate of how many of your prospects you will ask to attend:

Marcus Dukes: marcus.dukes@csredhawks.org or msk-bdukes@yahoo.com 313-623-0860

This years locations will be:

- | | |
|------|---------------------------------|
| 12/2 | Grandville High School |
| 12/3 | Dearborn Edsel Ford High School |
| 12/4 | Jackson High School |

Local colleges/Universities will be in attendance along with schools from surrounding states.

Youth Football Position Statement

courtesy MHSAA

Over the past several months, the MHSAA has partnered with the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA), the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association (MHSFCA) and the Michigan Athletic Trainers Society (MATS) to develop a group position statement on youth football. For our game to grow and remain strong at the high school level, all four organizations strongly believe an improved perspective is necessary at the youth level in communities across our state. The number of kids currently playing youth football is a concern to all of us, and a culture change is needed at the youth level to reverse this negative participation trend.

The MHSAA position statement, along with contact information and additional resources for all four supporting organizations is on the next page. We are hoping that local schools and districts can use this document in working with your local youth football programs,

leadership and parent volunteers in bringing more sanity back to this level. While we understand that most member schools have no direct control or authority over non-school youth football programs, we hope that this document can provide sound direction and leadership in making the football experience at the youth level more positive. Because many non-school youth programs partner with MHSAA member schools for the use of facilities, we urge schools to lead the local dialogue with their youth programs and perhaps consider extending facility use to programs that are philosophically aligned with this position statement.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact the MHSAA.

Again, our sincere thanks to the MIAAA, MHSFCA and MATS for their partnership in this first effort to improve the youth football culture and continue to grow the game of football in Michigan.



Michigan Consensus Statement & Beliefs for Youth Football

Preamble:

The above organizations recognize and appreciate the efforts of youth football coaches and program volunteers throughout the state of Michigan. Providing a positive football experience prior to high school is optimal for the young people that play this great game. The delivery of that positive experience with the right philosophy behind the introduction of age-appropriate skill development is at the core of a quality program. The Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA), Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA), Michigan High School Football Coaches Association (MHSFCA) and Michigan Athletic Trainers Society (MATS) all agree on the following core principles that should be part of all youth football programs in Michigan.

Core Principles:

- Youth football should start no earlier than mid-August and should conclude prior to Nov. 1 of each year. No youth football program should have a longer season than any varsity or subvarsity high school program.
- Flag football programs are strongly encouraged for all children in grades K-4 with beginning tackle or modified tackle programs being introduced to students no earlier than in grades 5 and 6.
- No youth football early season practice (before the first game) should exceed more than two hours in length with a maximum of four practices per week, and teams should never practice more than once per day. In-season practice (a week of practice that includes a game) sessions should be reduced to a maximum of three practices per week with no practice session exceeding more than two hours in length.
- All youth practices should focus on motor and fundamental skill development. All players should learn multiple positions on offense and defense and should be given the opportunity to play those positions during games prior to grade 7.
- Youth football programs should adopt contact limitations that are patterned after the MHSAA Football Practice Policies. This includes the following guidelines using these two definitions:
 - Collision Contact: Contact that is at game speed, executing full tackles at a competitive pace, taking players to the ground.
 - Thud: Full speed, contact above the waist only, with no player being taken to the ground. Each player is responsible to ensure that a teammate with whom he engages is not taken to the ground. There is no winner or loser, predetermined or otherwise. Coaches are not grading physical domination in thud. Teammates are merely trying to give each other a simulation of full-speed game action. Thud is not collision contact and is an alternative to live/full contact and is not limited by the time limitations below.

➤ Early Season Practice- Before First Contest:

Collision contact is limited to no more than 2 hours in a week (Monday-Sunday). Inter-squad scrimmages will calculate collision contact based on ½ of the total time (2-hour scrimmage = 1 hour of collision contact).

In-Season (Game Week):

A maximum of 45 minutes of **collision contact** is allowed during an in-season week (Monday-Sunday).

- Youth football should be viewed as developmental in all ways and teams should be limited to a maximum of eight (8) games in the fall season including any type of culminating event(s).
- Youth football coaches should be strongly encouraged to pursue educational opportunities through the MHSAA's Coaches Advancement Program (CAP) and online learning through the National Federation and USA Football coaching education programs.
- All youth football programs shall use coaches who have passed all required background checks, have completed the Michigan Concussion Law requirements, been educated in the participation philosophy and skill development of youth football, and have been trained in basic first aid for the safety of all participants.
- Youth football programs should have adopted emergency action plans and should have medical support personnel available when possible. Contact the MHSAA for emergency plan resources.
- Youth football programs using school facilities should be able to provide adequate insurance coverage to reduce the potential for increased liability.

Closing Thought:

The ultimate goal is to build cooperation between MHSAA member schools and local youth football programs to grow the game of football in our state and enhance the experience of young people, families, schools and communities. Leaders in high school sports, such as football coaches and administrators, should help influence youth football programs within their communities to adopt these principles and put them into practice for the wellbeing of all participants. Member schools should consider only extending their facilities and cooperation to programs that follow these core principles.

Resources / Additional Information:

MHSAA - www.mhsaa.com

MIAAA - www.miaaa.com

MATS - www.MichiganATSociety.org

MHSFCA - www.mhsfca.com

MHSFCA First Annual Senior Showcase

by Rob Zimmerman, DeWitt

On Saturday February 8, 2020 the MHSFCA will be hosting the first annual Senior Showcase at Detroit Country Day High School. This event will be part of the highly successful National Football Foundation Showcase Series with events also being held in Georgia, Texas, California and the Carolina's.

The MHSFCA Senior Showcase is a MHSAA endorsed one-day event for high school seniors that have not signed to display their skills to Division II, III, and NAIA football programs. The event will be organized and managed by the MHSFCA and area high school football coaches. Players will showcase their skills during a series of tests and drills that will best display each player's talent at their respective positions. Following the activities, players and colleges/universities will meet to discuss scholarship and financial aid opportunities for the participating athletes. Admission will be restricted to the athletes, participating coaches and volunteers, visiting high school and college/university coaches and/or administrators, and the media.

Student athletes from across Michigan will register online prior to the Showcase. They must be a graduating high school senior and have not accepted a scholarship offer from a Division I football program. In addition, there will be academic qualifications that will have to be met in order to participate.

All Division II, III, and NAIA athletic directors and head football coaches are invited to attend. There will be ample time for coaches to view the athletes in drills and to talk to them individually about their respective football programs.

*Additional information regarding the Showcase and registration will be sent to all MHSFCA members in December.

MHSFCA President's Letter

Fellow Coaches,

As we head into the final month of the regular season, I just want to encourage you to continue to do what you can for the young people with whom you are fortunate to work. Some of you are having tremendous seasons and are probably hoping to play another month beyond this one, and some of you are struggling right now both on and off the field.

One thing I think we can all do a better job of is taking care of the other guys in our association. Competition is great and it can bring out the best in us; however, sometimes it isn't always great. Understand that each job in each community is unique. What a coach goes through in their daily situation is likely far different than what you go through. Please respect the profession. Do your best to encourage one another and be empathetic to those you come in contact with. There are only so many coaches out

there; let us do our best to build up one another, encourage one another, and be there in times when support is needed.

Best of luck on the remainder of your season and continue to use the game of football to make better husbands, fathers, and community members for years to come. You may not see the fruits of your labor yet, but you will in due time. Keep fighting the good fight.

Yours in Football,

Andrew Pratley
Head Football Coach
St. Joseph High School
MHSFCA President

M.H.S.F.C.A. HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACHES HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

Please take time to nominate a coach for the M.H.S.F.C.A. HALL OF FAME.

Criteria for consideration to the Hall of Fame:

Years Coaching & Won/Loss Record are important considerations

Minimum of 20 years coaching,

At any level related to High School Football, in the State of Michigan.

(Junior High, Middle School, Freshmen, Junior Varsity, Varsity)

Or

100 wins as a Varsity Head Coach

For NOMINATION FORM:

Please go to the M.H.S.F.C.A. website:

mhsfca.com

And click on

HALL OF FAME/ABOUT THE HALL/NOMINATION FORM

A short letter of recommendation would also be appreciated.

MHSFCA Hall of Fame Memorial

On behalf of the entire Michigan High school Football Coaches Association, Board of Directors and members of our association, we honor the memory of the MHSFCA Hall of Fame inductees listed below. Their love of the game and love of coaching helped build programs, helped boys become men, and taught valuable life lessons both on and off the field. We commend their sacrifice, commitment and dedication to the game of football.

- David Woodcock, Jenison, HOF Class of 1986. Passed on January 4, 2018.
- George Barcheski, East Grand Rapids, HOF Class of 1986. Passed on March 17, 2018.
- Carl Foster, Onkama, HOF Class of 1995. Passed on August 22, 2018.
- Duane "Dewey" Lane, Wakefield, HOF Class of 1988. Passed on September 29, 2018.
- Bob Blacquiere, Grand Rapids South Christian, HOF Class of 2013. Passed on October 5, 2018.
- Robert Wyman, Kalamazoo Christian, HOF Class of 1987. Passed on October 27, 2018.
- Ken Faust, Albion, HOF Class of 1982. One of the original Association members who help create the MHSFCA. Passed on December 7, 2018.
- Lee Hall, Alpena, HOF Class of 2005. Passed on December 21, 2018.
- Richard "Dick" Stephens, Parma Western, HOF Class of 1987. Passed on October 17, 2019.

If you know of a Hall of Fame coach who has passed away, please email the information listed below to cindy.farley@lesliek12.net and it will be added to this memorial.

•Name •School •Year inducted to Hall of Fame •Date passed

Michigan High School Coaches Association (MHSCA) Inductees

Len Perkins

A graduate of Indiana State and Central Michigan Universities, Len played football and baseball at ISU.

He coached baseball as a Grad assistant at Central. His high school coaching career started in 1965 and included stints at Greensburg (Indiana), Anchor Bay, and Macomb College. He has coached baseball, football, Basketball, softball and has been an Athletic Director. As AD he started the bowling and Ice Hockey programs at Anchor Bay. Len has amassed over fifty years of coaching in Macomb County.

Known for his intensive competitiveness and incredibly friendly attitude, Len Perkins was described in his nomination letters as an "Old Timer" who has continued to "teach life's lessons" and successfully adapted to societies changes over his five decades long career.



Jack Brown

Jack started coaching football at Battle Creek St. Philips in 1968. His entire coaching career was at St. Philip's. His teams accumulated 152 wins and won State Championships in 1975 and 1985.

Jack was first nominated for the MHSCA Hall of Fame in 2001, at that time he had recorded 33 years coaching football. He was nominated by the mayor of Battle Creek, the pastor at St. Philip's, the football coach, the athletic director and the school principal. All of whom extolled his patience, helpfulness, intensity and respect both for his players and of his players for him.

Jack Brown was inducted into the MHSFCA Hall of Fame in 2002. (Accepting the award for Jack, who is deceased, was his wife Mary.)



Michigan High School Coaches Association (MHSCA) Inductees

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Mark Thomas

A graduate of Northern Michigan University where he played football. Coached at Harbor Beach, South Lyon and is currently at Brighton.

Mark Thomas has been actively involved in coaching, including football and baseball, for 41 years. Because of his coaching success, as well as his outstanding community service.

Mark coached varsity baseball for 23 years, but is most noted for his varsity football coaching success. He has coached football for 41 years. In football, his record includes over 250 wins. Mark has been an active member of the MHSFCA, serving as a Regional Director since 2005. He hosted Michigan's testing site for the National Athletic Testing program. Has earned multiple honors from the MHSFCA, some numerous times. He was an East All Star Coach, a Regional Coach of the Year and a State Coach of the Year. He has won the Steve Spicer

Leadership Award for his team's community service and the Adrenaline Reading Award where-in varsity athletes visit elementary classrooms read to kids and provide a positive role model. He is now the chair of the Chair Reading Award Committee. Mark was inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2013.

Mark has been the South Lyon Junior League President in charge of summer baseball and softball. He is an active member of his local Knights of Columbus through which he raises money for special needs students. He also started Victory Day, a one day football camp for special needs students - from those cognitively impaired to those wheelchair bound. Mark also initiated the Red Out football game in 2009. South Lyon was the first team in the nation to host such a game. Similar to the Pink Out games for breast cancer, the Red Out game benefits the American Heart Association.





Key HS Football Rule Differences from NCAA/NFL Rules

by Mark Uyl, MHSAA Executive Director

- Most HS games are officiated by five officials: referee (white hat), umpire (behind the defensive front 7), head linesman (sideline with chains), line judge (sideline on press box side) and back judge (deep behind defense). In 2019, all Semifinal and Final games will be worked by 7 officials, adding a side judge and field judge. Some regular season games will also use 7 officials.
 - There is no such thing as a “tackle box” under HS rules. A QB attempting to throw the ball away must do so with an eligible receiver in the general area. Just because the QB is out of the pocket and the ball reaches the line of scrimmage does not eliminate the QB from being flagged for intentional grounding.
 - There is no such thing as an “uncatchable” ball under HS rules in light of pass interference. If there is illegal contact, whether or not the ball was catchable, it is a foul. For pass interference, there must be contact for a foul to occur; face-guarding with no contact is no longer a foul.
 - On extra point plays, if the defense gains possession, the try is over. The defense cannot return the ball for 2 points. Also, if the holder is to throw and flip the ball to another play on an extra point play, he must rise so that his knee is off the ground.
 - On a free kick (kick off), the kicking team may not gain possession on a “pooch” kick off where the ball is popped up directly into the air and first touched/caught in the air by a member of the kicking team. For the kicking team to recover the ball, it must first be touched by R or must first touch the ground (and travel 10 yards) to be legally recovered by K. An onside one-bounce “pop-up” kick that is driven directly into the ground and bounds high into the air is also illegal.
 - The only fouls that result in automatic first downs are as follows: roughing the passer, roughing the kicker, roughing the snapper and roughing the holder. **IN GENERAL, PERSONAL FOULS DO NOT RESULT IN AUTOMATIC FIRST DOWNS UNDER HS RULES!** Remember that defensive pass interference does not result in an automatic first down....only a 15 yard (or half the distance) penalty.
 - Punts and field goal attempts are treated the same way under HS rules....if a long field goal attempt comes up short and goes out of bounds at the 10 yard line, the defense gets possession of the ball, 1st and 10 at the 10 yard line.
 - Under HS rules, whenever a kick (kickoff, punt or FG) breaks the plane of the goal line, the ball is dead immediately. No kick of any kind can be returned once the ball breaks the plane of the goal line.
 - Like NFL and NCAA rules, the HS game has a “horse collar” foul (15 yard penalty). The runner must be pulled down backwards or to one side for there to be a foul.
 - For a completed catch, one foot must be inbounds by a player who is in firm control of the ball. The one foot must physically come down in bounds....there is no “force out” rule where the officials can award a catch if they believed the receiver would have come down inbounds if they had not been forced out of bounds.
 - Know that HS football has a targeting rule. Any player guilty of a targeting foul can also be ejected if the act is judged to be flagrant. Targeting under HS rules does not require an automatic ejection; officials determine whether or not the act was flagrant.
- Overtime Procedures:
- Following regulation, a 3:00 minute intermission will take place.
 - Each team gets 1 timeout per OT....no carry-over from the 2nd half or previous OT periods.
 - Once the 3:00 expires, the coin toss is conducted at midfield. The winner of the toss has three options: offense first, defense first, or end of the field. The loser of the toss has the remaining options.
 - To start each OT, the offensive team will ALWAYS start out first and goal to go. The starting point will be the 10 yard line unless moved from a penalty on the previous play in regulation or earlier OT period. If the ball has been moved by penalty, it is still first and GOAL TO GO.
 - If the defense gains possession at any time, the ball becomes dead immediately. The defense may not return the ball for a score.

Key HS Football Rule Differences from NCAA/NFL Rules

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- There will be only 1 coin toss. If additional OT periods are needed, then the loser of the coin toss to start OT will have the three options for all even OT periods (2nd OT, 4th OT, etc).
- If additional OT periods are needed, there is a 2 minute intermission between those periods in which the options are given to the appropriate teams.
- No try for point will be attempted if the winner of the game has been determined.
- A team can get a first down via an automatic first down foul by the defense (roughing fouls, for example).
- At no time is the offense required to go for 2 points.... different than the NCAA rule.

35-Point Running Clock Rule:

- If one team is ahead by 35 points or more (35 during

the second half, the clock will run continuously except:

- 1) During a timeout .
 - 2) During an injury.
 - 3) To administer a penalty.
 - 4) After a score.
- If during the second half the point differential is reduced to less than 35 points, we revert back to normal timing procedures.

50+-Point Running Clock Rule:

- If one team is ahead by 50 points or more during the second half, the clock will run continuously except during an injury timeout. If the point differential is reduced under 50, timing reverts back to the timing rules when the lead is 35-49 points.

High School Squads Practicing Like Pros

article courtesy of Practice Like Pros and The Washington Post

From *The Washington Post*...

Ramapo didn't tackle to the ground at all during practices last season. "What I think has happened, in pro football, in college football and in high school football, is this is for us to have a safer game," said Archie Manning, the former NFL quarterback and father of two more who now serves as the National Football Foundation's chairman. "You get a group of high school coaches together ... [and] it's really just hard for them to object to it. They want what's best for their kids. They want what's best for the game. It's going to help the game..."

The 57-year-old Drew Gibbs, who has coached 18 years at Ramapo, was a catalyst for the move. Members of the New Jersey Football Coaches Association gathered in the defensive linemen room at Rutgers' football facility in December, arguing the merits of the proposed change and whether the new limit should be 15 or 30 minutes. Gibbs, who just two weeks earlier had led Ramapo to a 13-0 record — the first in state history — cut through the commotion.

"We didn't tackle players to the ground once in practice all last season," he said as he stood before the men. "It worked out pretty well for us."



Ramapo had only two players suffer concussions last season, according to Gibbs. He considered that as much of a success as the 13 wins.

It's part of Gibbs's plan to get the most out of his players during games.

"If you don't feed the dog all week," Gibbs said, "he's hungry on Friday nights."

To read The Washington Post story, [click here](#).



Michigan High School Football Coach of the Week

courtesy of Detroit Lions Football Education / Coach of the Week

Each week throughout the 2019 nine-week high school football regular season, one coach that best demonstrates success on and off the field, develops players' character, discipline, and football skill in addition to emphasizing player health and safety in their program, will be recognized for his commitment to the team, school, and community. The winner is selected by a panel of high school football media members—Mick McCabe (Detroit Free Press), Hugh Bernreuter (Saginaw News), Bret Bakita (WOOD Radio 106.9 FM, ESPN 96.1 FM-Fox 17/Grand Rapids), James Cook (Traverse City Record-Eagle) and Scott DeCamp (MLive-Muskegon Chronicle).

This season's program will award \$22,000 to aid in the development and promotion of high school football in the state of Michigan, thanks to contributions from the Detroit Lions, the NFL Foundation, presenting partner, Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan and associate partner, Gatorade.

Each winning coach during the regular season will receive a \$2,000 donation to his school's football program and a Gatorade performance package, compliments of Gatorade. At the conclusion of the 2019 Michigan High School Football season, the Lions will also select the High School Football Coach of the Year. This season's Coach of the Year will receive a \$4,000 donation to his school's football program, in addition to the Gatorade performance package. All winners will receive a certificate signed by Lions' head coach Matt Patricia and National Football League (NFL) commissioner Roger Goodell, a personal-

ized game ball as well as acknowledgement at the Detroit Lions vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers game on December 15.

Currently in its' 23rd year, the Detroit Lions High School Coach of the Week program has awarded \$433,000 to high school football programs throughout the state of Michigan. For more information on the Detroit Lions High School Coach of the Week program, contact Chris Fritzsching, Lions' Director of Football Education, at 313-262-2248.

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About the NFL Foundation: The National Football League Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of those touched by the game of football – from players at all levels to communities across the country. The NFL Foundation represents the 32 NFL clubs and supports the health and safety of athletes, youth football, and the communities which support our game.

Week 1 - Pat Collins, Montague

Detroit, MI—The Detroit Lions have named Pat Collins of Montague High School the week one recipient of the 2019 Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan High School Football Coach of the Week Program. Collins' Montague Wildcats kicked off their 2019 season with a 42-0 victory over Reed City. Currently, Montague is ranked #2 in Division 5. Collins, a Montague High School alumnus and also Montague's Athletic Director, is in his 16th season as head coach at Montague. Last year, the Wildcats were

the Division 6 state runner up, losing to Jackson Lumen Christi 42-28. Collins led Montague to back to back state championships in 2008 & 2009, while also having won 5 West Michigan Conference titles, 10 district titles and 6 regional titles. His career record is 138-42 (76.7%). On Friday, September 6, the Wildcats travel to Mason County Central to take on the Spartans in a West Michigan Conference battle.

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Week 2 - Brendan Flaherty, Birmingham Groves

Detroit, MI—The Detroit Lions have named Brendan Flaherty of Birmingham Groves High School the week two recipient of the 2019 Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan High School Football Coach of the Week Program. Flaherty's Falcons defeated the number one ranked team in Division 1, West Bloomfield 24-17 on September 6. Birmingham Groves is 2-0 and currently ranked #3 in Division 2.

Flaherty is in his 26th year of coaching and his 19th season as head coach at Groves. Twice in the last three

seasons, Groves advanced to the Division 2 semifinals, having lost last year to Division 2 State Champion Warren De La Salle. Flaherty's career record is 105-80 (56.8%) with 10 state playoff appearances. On Friday, September 13, Birmingham Groves hosts the Rochester Falcons in an Oakland Activities Association Conference-White Division battle.

Week 3 - Eric Stiegel, Grandville

Detroit, MI—The Detroit Lions have named Eric Stiegel of Grandville High School the week three recipient of the 2019 Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan High School Football Coach of the Week Program. Stiegel's Bulldogs defeated previously undefeated Grand Rapids Forest Hill Central, 32-29 to improve to 3-0. Grandville is currently ranked #4 in Division 1.

Stiegel is in 16th year of coaching, his 10th season as head coach and currently in his 6th season at Grand-

ville. As a head coach at Taylor Truman, he took over a program that was 1-8 and proceeded to go 17-5 his last two seasons with two playoff berths. At Grandville, Stiegel inherited a team with 7 consecutive losing seasons and has led the Bulldogs to the MHSAA playoffs 4 of the last 5 years. Stiegel's career record is 52-39 with 6 state playoff appearances. On Friday, September 20, Grandville travels to Grand Haven to take on the Buccaneers in a Ottawa-Kent Conference Red Division battle.

Week 4 - Randy Cole, Grass Lake

Detroit, MI—The Detroit Lions have named Randy Cole of Grass Lake High School the week four recipient of the 2019 Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan High School Football Coach of the Week Program. On September 20, Cole's Warriors defeated Hanover-Horton 52-13 to improve to 4-0. Grass Lake is currently ranked #4 in Division 6.

Cole is in his 37th season of coaching at Grass Lake and in his 20th year as head coach. He has compiled a

career record is 147-60 (71%) with 15 state playoff appearances. During Cole's tenure, the Warriors have won or tied for the Cascades Conference Championship seven times, made the playoffs 13 of the last 14 years, have reached the regional finals five times and the MHSAA Division 7 State Finals in 2006. On Friday, September 27, the defending Cascades Conference champion Warriors will host conference rival Michigan Center, a team that knocked them out of the playoffs in a 2018 pre-district game.

Week 5 - Jimmie Macon, Detroit Central

Detroit, MI—The Detroit Lions have named Jimmie Macon of Detroit Central High School the week five recipient of the 2019 Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan High School Football Coach of the Week Program. On September 27, Macon's Trail Blazers defeated Detroit Henry Ford 27-26 for their fourth straight victory to improve to 4-1.

Macon is in his 28th season of coaching, and in his 7th season as a head coach; six of those years being

head coach at Detroit Central during two different stints (2011-14 and 2018-current). He has led the Trail Blazers to the MHSAA State Playoffs 3 times, including last season when they lost in a Division 7 pre-district game vs. Riverview Gabriel Richard. This week, Detroit Central will receive a forfeit victory as Detroit Douglass has not fielded a football team this season.

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Week 6 - Jerry Angers

Detroit, MI—The Detroit Lions have named Jerry Angers of Maple City Glen Lake High School the week six recipient of the 2019 Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan High School Football Coach of the Week Program. On October 4, Angers' Lakers defeated Elk Rapids 59-7 to improve to 6-0. Currently, Maple City Glen Lake is ranked #1 in Division 6.

Angers is in his 11th season as head coach at Maple City Glen Lake and has led the Lakers to the MHSAA State

Playoffs in eight seasons, including reaching the Division 6 State Championship in 2016. His career record is 68-41 (62.4%). Prior to his current role, Angers was a long-time defensive coordinator at Traverse City West High School. This Friday, in a battle of unbeaten, the Lakers will travel to Kingsley to take on the Stags, who are ranked #3 in Division 5.

Week 7 - Aaron Seiser, Beaverton

Detroit, MI—The Detroit Lions have named Aaron Seiser of Beaverton High School the week seven recipient of the 2019 Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan High School Football Coach of the Week Program. On October 11, the Beavers defeated Jack Pine Conference rival and then undefeated Clare Pioneers 20-0, ending a 28-game losing streak to Clare and improving to 7-0. Currently, Beaverton is ranked #8 in Division 7.

Seiser is in his 8th season as head coach at Beaverton, having taken over in 2012 for a program that went 0-9 the

year prior. This season will be the 4th consecutive season Seiser has led the Beavers to the MHSAA State Playoffs. Seiser's prior head coaching stops were at Houghton Lake for 3 seasons and Gladwin for 2 seasons. His career record is 73-49 (59.8%). This Friday, Beaverton travels to Gladwin to take on the Flying G's for a chance to win the Jack Pine Conference outright for the first time since 1989.

Week 8 - Marc Cisco, Byron Center

Detroit, MI—The Detroit Lions have named Marc Cisco of Byron Center High School the week eight recipient of the 2019 Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan High School Football Coach of the Week Program. On October 18, the Bulldogs defeated the Division 5 defending state champion and OK-Green Conference rival Hudsonville Unity Christian 33-20 to improve to 8-0. Currently, Byron Center is ranked #3 in Division 3. This Friday, Byron Center will look to go 9-0 in the regular season for the first time in school history as they travel to 1-7 Holland to take on the Dutch.

Currently, Cisco is in his 26th season of coaching and his 11th season as head coach at Byron Center. He has led

the Bulldogs to the MHSAA State Playoffs in 7 seasons. Cisco was also head coach at Battle Creek Lakeview for 5 seasons. Cisco has been an assistant at Nebraska Wesleyan University, Battle Creek Lakeview, Byron Center and East Kentwood. Cisco's career record is 92-64 (59.0%).

Cisco's selection marks the first time in the 23-year history of the Detroit Lions High School Football Coach of the Week program that a father and son have won the award. Marc Cisco Sr. of Monroe Jefferson won the Coach of the Week Award after a 75-56 shootout victory over Grosse Ile in Week 3 of the 2010 season.



National Football Foundation Proudly Announces First-Ever Team of Distinction

courtesy National Football Foundation

IRVING, Texas (June 5, 2019) - From a pool of 3,500 scholar-athletes, the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF) announced today the 81 members of the 2019 NFF Team of Distinction. As part of its mission to promote the scholar-athlete ideal, the initiative allows the NFF to honor the top high school scholar-athletes from around the country and the NFF Chapter Network as the best and the brightest at the local level.

The members of the team all played their final high school season during the 2018-19 school year. As part of the award, all of the honorees will be part of a permanent digital display at the Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta.

Criteria to make the team include but are not limited to academic achievement, athletic accolades and community involvement. Each chapter is limited to one honoree, distinguishing them as the top scholar-athlete from all the high schools covered by the chapter.

This initiative allows us to shine a national spotlight on some of the most deserving high school student-athletes honored at the local level by our expansive Chapter Network," said NFF Chairman Archie Manning. "This honor is one of the most prestigious national awards that a high school player can receive, and it really brings into focus the phenomenal work that our chapters do in identifying the most outstanding young leaders in their communities. We would like to congratulate all 81 honorees, holding them out as examples for future generations to emulate."

Since 1959, the NFF Chapters have played an integral role in supporting and promoting the game of football at the amateur level while honoring the top scholar-athletes in their local areas. With 120 chapters and more than 12,000



National Football Foundation

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members, the NFF Chapter Network impacts more than 500,000 student-athletes at 5,000 high schools across the country each year. The centerpiece of the Chapter Network's efforts are the annual chapter awards banquets, which recognize more than 3,500 of the nation's top scholar-athletes and distribute more than \$1 million in scholarships.

2019 NFF Team of Distinction Notes

- 81 Honorees
- 35 States Represented
- 4.0 Average GPA
- 71 Team Captains
- 15 Valedictorians
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