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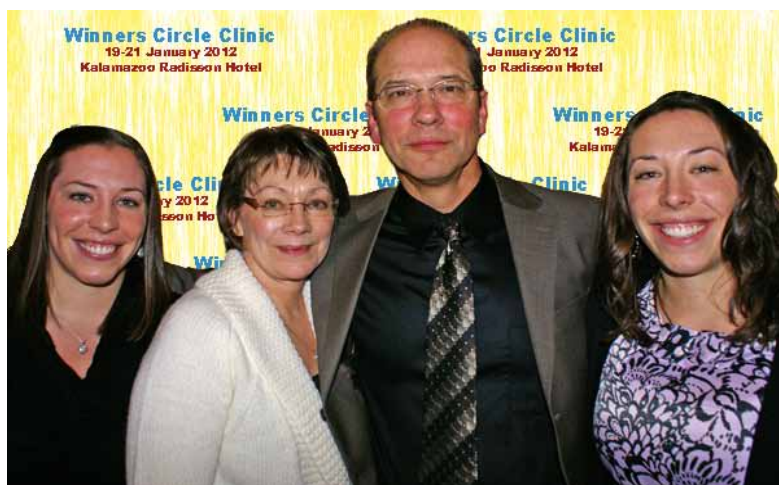
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March 2012

MHSFCA Top Award for 2012

Al Slamer, Holt Crowley Award Winner

by Larry Sellars, Crowley Award Chair



Crowley Award Winner Al Slamer and his family, daughter, Kristin (at left), wife Maureen and daughter, Sarah (at right) after the clinic dinner and awards program.

Have fun, play hard, be dedicated to doing your very best;" These were the challenges put forth to his athletes by the late Jim Crowley, in whose memory the MHSFCA presents this award. Coach Crowley guided the football fortunes of Jackson St. John, which eventually became part of merging several small Catholic schools into Jackson Lumen Christi HS in the 1960's. Coach Crowley led his Titan football teams to state titles in 1977 and 1979, and then was tragically shot to death in his own driveway during a robbery in January of 1980 at the age of 45. As is our 2012 recipient, Coach Crowley was a dedicated family man and committed not only to his family, church, team and school but also to making his community a better place in which to live.

Jim Crowley was a good football coach and a valuable member of the MHSFCA. We remember that and recognize his contributions to football in Michigan with our annual award in his name.

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MHSFCA Meetings & Important Dates

Hall of Fame Induction

Sheraton Hotel, Ann Arbor
24 March 2012

Steering Committee Meeting

Sheraton Hotel, Ann Arbor
25 March 2012

College Prep FB Camps

West Michigan • GVSU
6 May, 2012
East Michigan • Pontiac
13 May, 2012

Board of Directors Summer Meeting

Soaring Eagle Resort Hotel
Mt. Pleasant, MI
29 June 2012

All Star Awards Banquet

Soaring Eagle Resort Hotel
Mt. Pleasant, MI
29 June 2012

32nd Annual All Star Game

Kelly Shorts Stadium, CMU
30 June 2012

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at

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30 June 2012**

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Even number Regions elected in even years.
Odd number Regions elected in odd years.

*A tie in Region 18 voting has been resolved by recognizing three directors in Region 18 for the next term, ending with the 2014 election.

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Al Slamer, Battle Creek Central, '07
Dave Larkin, Jenison '08
Brad Grayvold, Norway '09
Steve Wilson, Frutport '10
Jack Wallace, Fowlerville '11

NOTES

College Prep Camps

Encourage your athletes *and their parents* to attend one of the two MHSFCA sponsored College Prep FB Camps in May. If you attended the panel discussion at the Kalamazoo Clinic (the one that got all the press), you heard each of the panelists declare that the only "combine" stats college coaches trust are those stats that were generated on college campuses at camps sponsored by the colleges hosting the event. *They do not consider stats published by commercial enterprises.* The MHSFCA College Prep Camps will be run by coaches from Michigan's colleges and are designed to optimize the athletes' performance when they do attend college camps *where their performance will be noted by college coaches* later this year.

Concussions!

What We Need to Know

Be sure to read the update on concussion legislation and education in Michigan. Take note of the research on helmets and mouthguards that indicates that neither device provides protection against concussions, nor do they decrease the severity of concussions. See page 8.

February 13 Leadership Conference

225 coaches and athletes representing over 40 high schools attended the second annual MHSFCA / MHSAA Team Leadership Conference on Monday, February 13th at the Lexington Hotel in Lansing. The conferees were challenged to develop a "leadership game plan" for the upcoming season under the theme of *Lessons in Leadership*. Group sessions focused on building strong leadership skills by providing opportunities for student-athletes to demonstrate their ability to lead their teammates in specific situations.

A cooperative event between the MHSFCA and the MHSAA, the content of the conference was provided by Dr. Larry Lauer, Director of Coaching Education and Development at the Institute for the Study of Youth Sports at MSU and grad students from the institute.



Larry Lauer conducted the coaches session and coordinated athletes' training sessions.

NEWSLETTER

Encourages Contributors

Over the past years several of Michigan's best coaches have sent materials for the Newsletter. We encourage you to join that group.

*Deadline for Submissions
for May Newsletter
— April 15 —*

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MHSCA Hall of Fame

Criteria for application: Only persons who have coached and/or directed a secondary school athletic program for 25 years or more and actively coached in Michigan for a minimum of 10 years are eligible for the Hall of Fame. The applicant must have been a member of the Association (MHSCA), in good standing and an active member of the Association two years prior to induction into the Hall of Fame.

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Games/Scrimmages Needed

The postings below are from the board at the Kalamazoo Winners Circle Clinic (Jan 2012).

**For the most current data on
Games and Jobs check
MHSFCA.com**

Scrimmage Bedford	Reeths Puffer Renaissance JV Bedford (2013) Lansing Catholic	Week 7 Ferndale Hopkins
Week 1 Farmington Harrison Muskegon Almont Cadillac Renaissance V & JV Ogemaw Heights Plymouth	Week 3 Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard Tawas Area Renaissance JV	Week 8 Mendon Manistee Lansing Catholic
Week 2 DeLaSalle Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard Grand Rapids Christian Detroit Catholic Central	Week 4 Avondale Romulus Week 5 Week 6 DeLaSalle	Week 9 DeLaSalle Almont Detroit Community Hartland Evart Hopkins Lansing Catholic

Adrenaline/MHSFCA Community Service Reading Award 2012 Winners • Kingston & Fenton

The Community Service Reading Award is a community service project in which student athletes serve as role models to elementary students. Student-athletes are matched with elementary teachers and their students. The high school football players then attend the elementary classroom during one class period per week, at least during the football season and read to the students.

The MHSFCA presents a grant to the elementary school/s that participated in the project. The grant is to be used to purchase books to expand student access to reading materials.

Adrenaline has agreed to fund two \$500 Community Service Reading awards in conjunction with the MHSFCA. To be considered for these two awards submit the materials listed below to Grant Fanning by December 1.

Nominations due by December 1

Include:

- Name, school affiliation, phone and address of nominee
- Formal letter of recommendation from a participating school administrator
- Detailed explanation of your project.

Send to

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STATE of the MHSFCA 2012

Doug Bess, President MHSFCA
Battle Creek Central



This year the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association celebrates its 40th year of existence. 2012 finds the association in very good financial condition and a membership of around 2200. Our present condition is the result of the hard work of past officers and board of directors. Their efforts have been rewarded as our association has served as a model for other coaching associations across our state. As originally planned, the primary goal of the MHSFCA is to promote football in the state of Michigan. We do this in several ways throughout the year. Following are a few examples of this:

The annual MHSFCA Clinic held in January: This year will mark the second year of the clinic being held in Kalamazoo at

the Radisson Hotel. Our clinic has grown into one of the best in the Midwest as we have a great variety of topics and outstanding coaches whom our members can choose to listen to. It has become a valuable learning weekend as well as a chance for coaches to catch up with old teammates, coaching mates, and rivals. It serves as a kickoff for the clinic season and also allows us the opportunity to recognize our state and regional coaches of the year as well the Jim Crowley Memorial Award, the Steve Spicer Team Leadership award, Honorary Membership award and Fraser Community Service award recipients.

Leadership Conference: The association moved the Leadership Conference last year from All Star weekend to a Monday in mid February with great results. This marks the second year that the conference has been held in February. The conference allows for member schools to send six people to the conference which is held during the school day and allows for our athletes to return in time for their winter sports practices. Athletes and coaches spend the day learning ways to increase their leadership abilities.

The Hall of Fame induction ceremony and banquet: This event held in March and in Ann Arbor allows us to honor around 15 Michigan high school coaches who have coached for a minimum of 20 years or reached 100 victories. These well deserving coaches have compiled a great record of developing the young men of our state into responsible adults through the use of football.

All Star Weekend: This year the All Star Game will enjoy its second year at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant. This is a busy time of the year for the Association as the teams are in town for the entire week leading up to the game which will be held on Saturday June 30. There is a Board of Directors meeting held on Friday in which much committee work is done. Friday night is the banquet for the players, coaches, and their families. This year the coaching staffs have been increased from six to eight coaches per staff. At half-time of the game the MHSFCA competitive scholarships and the Terry Rose Memorial Scholarship recipients are presented with their awards.

The competitive season: The fall is full of the association's members striving to do their best to give their teams a chance to be very successful during the season. Everyone is trying to win a championship. The MHSFCA was instrumental in the adoption of the playoff system to determine true state champions in 1975. We continue to be involved with the ever changing playoffs and will be a voice for the coaches of our state. Our meeting in Clare following the state championships allow for voting for Coaches of the Year and Hall of Fame selections, along with the Jim Crowley Award recipient.

New this year the association is working on what we are calling the **Emergency Equipment Grant**. This is a grant that the association is going to give out to schools that are in great need of some funding in order to keep their football program going. This program goes right with our original mission of promoting the game of football in our state. The association is also keenly aware of the growing problem of scheduling of games with making the playoffs causing some good programs difficulties in getting games. We will continue to keep "our eye on the ball" so to say and represent the coaches in any discussions that will involve the changing of the playoff system.

This gives you an idea of what the MHSFCA does and I thank all of you that are members. If you are not a member, please consider joining. Remember our mission is to promote high school football and your membership can open the door to many opportunities for you and your players.



2012 Jim Crowley Award • Al Slamer, Holt

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Al Slamer, a native of Wayne, Michigan, begins his fifth year in 2012 as the Head Football Coach at Holt HS. As a player, he was a four year starter at Eastern Michigan University, a captain as a senior and ranks 20th in tackles all time. He has a Bachelors Degree in Education from EMU and a Masters Degree in Educational Leadership from Western Michigan University. Al teaches Physical Education and serves as the Department Chair for the Physical Education Department at Holt HS.

Coach Slamer will be starting his 34th year as a high school football coach in 2012 and 26th year as a head coach. Al was the Head Football Coach at Battle Creek Central for 21 years where he won the most games of any coach in the 120 year history of Bearcat Football. During his career, Al has compiled a record of 156-86 with 11 trips to the playoffs and two undefeated seasons. Coach Slamer's teams have been consistently state ranked including this past year's Holt Ram squad. His 2009 team earned a trip to the semi-finals after beating the #1 ranked team in the state in the regional finals. Al has been named *Detroit News* State Coach of the Year, Regional Coach of the Year (6 times), Conference Coach of the Year, *Battle Creek Enquirer* Coach of the Year, *Lansing State Journal* Coach of the Year and Detroit Lions Coach of the Week. He has served as a Regional Director, Clinic Chair and President of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association. During his coaching tenure, more than 100 of his players have gone on to play college football (including five from this year's senior class). Recently, Coach Slamer was inducted into the MHSFCA Hall of Fame.

Al has taught both Physical Education and Special Education during his 34 years as a teacher in Michigan and Indiana. He has been married to Maureen (a Director of Professional Development with the Calhoun Intermediate School District) for 32 years. He is the proud dad of twin daughters, 2007 graduates of Albion College. Kristin is a high school teacher and head volleyball coach at Kalamazoo Loy Norrix and Sarah is an Assistant director of Counseling at Starr Commonwealth.

As a young head coach in 1989, Coach Slamer first became involved with the MHSFCA as a Regional Director. Dick Fodor, then the Clinic Chair, asked for a little help that year with the clinic. Thus began an almost 25 year commitment to the clinic, the lifeblood of the 2,000 member MHSFCA. What began as a small affair in Battle Creek has turned into a three day football immersion experience for



Key members of Al Slamer's Winners Circle Clinic Committee over the last 25 years, Doug Bess and Dick Bush, flank the 2012 Crowley Award winner.

1,500 coaches with almost 70 football presentations from high school, college and professional coaches from many parts of the country. Al's vision, as the long time clinic chair, has been to make this the best clinic experience in the country. It is a clinic for high school coaches, by high school coaches.

Coach Slamer's basic philosophy is to keep a positive perspective on football and to use football as a vehicle to offer life lessons for the young men who play this great game. Commitment, positive attitude, teamwork and community service are integral parts of Al's football teams. The game is much more than just wins and losses. The point of the game is to help young men to become better sons, husbands, dads and community leaders. Coach Slamer believes that this is the true measure of success for the coach - the lifetime influence on all those he works with.

Al is honored to be a member of this organization and is grateful for the unselfish mentorship he has received from many of the members of the MHSFCA.

Previous Crowley Award Recipients

David Driscoll '81
Jackson Parkside
Donald Lessner '82
Riverview
Ron Holland '83
North Farmington
Harley Pierce '85
Sturgis
Jack Castignola '86
Trenton
Tom Fagan '87
Ypsilanti
Elmer Engle '88
Bay City
Tom Moshimer '89
Plymouth Salem
Bob Wyman '90
Kalamazoo
Roger Chiaverini '91
Holland

Walt Braun '92
Marysville
Jim Ooley '93
Traverse City
Dan Lauer '94
Benton Harbor
Larry Rueger '95
Fruitport/Mona Shores
"Ike" Muhlenkamp '96
St. Joseph
Pete Coll '97
Center Line
"Woody" Thomas '98
Detroit Central
Jeff Smith '99
East Lansing
Jack Schugars '00
Muskegon Oakridge
Larry Merx '01
Ann Arbor Huron

Dave Woodcock '02
Jenison
John Herrington '03
Farmington Harrison
Albert Fracassa '04
Birmingham Brother Rice
James Reynolds '05
Martin Luther King II
Keith Froelich '06
Okemos
Bob Knight '07
Portage Central
Richard Fodor '08
Bridgman
Bob Scheloske '09
South Lyon
Richard Harris '10
Harrison
Chuck Ritter '11
Ann Arbor Pioneer

2012 Hall of Fame Induction

Ann Arbor Sheraton • 6:30 pm • 24 March 2012

Join us for the 2011 MHSFCA Hall of Fame induction ceremony. The 7:30 pm induction will follow dinner at 6:30 pm and include words from our guest speaker, Brady Hoke, from the University of Michigan. The induction ceremony will take place at the Sheraton in Ann Arbor on Saturday, March 24. 14 coaches with a minimum 20 years coaching or 100 wins will be inducted. (See back page of this newsletter for ticket order form.)

2012 Inductees

Tim Baechler

Canton

Years Coached: 23

Record: 173 wins, 67 losses, 0 ties

Schools: Onsted, White Pigeon, Hudson, Dexter, Canton

Notable Accomplishments: Class C Coach of the Year, 1993 (AP); Lenawee County Coach of the Year, 1993 (Adrian Telegram); Regional Coach of the Year, 1993, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010 (MHSFCA); East All Star Head Coach, 2006 (MHSFCA); Clinic Speaker (Glazier, Nike, University of Michigan)

Current: Canton

Phil Bareis

Chelsea

Years Coached: 20

Record: 122 wins, 50 losses, 5 ties

Schools: Clinton, Chelsea

Current: Retired 1994

Paul Davis

Potterville

Years Coached: 33

Record: 175 wins, 119 losses, 1 tie

Schools: Godwin Heights, Charlotte, Potterville

Notable Accomplishments: Coach of the Year, 1990 (MHSFCA, *Lansing State Journal*, Downtown Coaches Club); Class D Coach of the Year, 2001 & 2002 (AP, *Lansing State Journal*); Class C Coach of the Year, 2005 (*Lansing State Journal*)

Current: Potterville

Pat Egan

Yale

Years Coached: 27

Record: 119 wins, 115 losses

Schools: Marine City Holy Cross, Capac, St. Clair, Yale

Notable Accomplishments: National Single Wing Symposium Speaker, 1997

Current: Retired 2005

James E. Galvin

East Grand Rapids

Years Coached: 47

Record: 269 wins, 172 losses, 12 ties

Schools: Grand Rapids Central, Hudsonville, Sparta, Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills, Traverse City Central, East Grand Rapids

Notable Accomplishments: Class B Regional Coach of the Year, 1986, 1987; Coach of the Year 1987 (AP, MHSFCA); State Champions, 1987, 2010

Current: East Grand Rapids

Tom Holden

Fruitport

Years Coached: 40

Record: 269 wins, 134 losses, 4 ties

Schools: Fruitport, Spring Lake, Montague, Grandville, Grand Haven, Muskegon Orchard View, Whitehall

Notable Accomplishments: A/B Coach of the Year, 1970 (Muskegon Chronicle); All State Board, 1970 (Free Press)

Current: Whitehall

Scott Troy McNitt

Clinton

Years Coached: 27

Record: 152 wins, 109 losses, 1 tie

Schools: Clinton

Notable Accomplishments: Lenawee County Coach of the Year, 1988, 1990, 1995, 2007 (*Adrian Telegram*); Regional Coach of the Year, 1988, 1990, 1995, 1999 (*Ann Arbor News*); Regional Coach of the Year, 1990, 2009 (MHSFCA); Coach of the Week, 2009 (Detroit Lions).

Current: Clinton

Robert D. (Bob) Newvine

Macomb Dakota

Years Coached: 33

Record: 210 wins, 116 losses, 1 tie

Schools: Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart, Saginaw Arthur Hill, Saginaw Eisenhower, Grosse Pointe University Liggett, Algonquin MS, Chippewa Valley, Macomb Dakota

Notable Accomplishments: State Champs Division 1, 2001 & 2007; State Champs Division 2, 2006

Current: Macomb Dakota

Glen Noble

Hopkins

Years Coached: 27

Record: 196 wins, 71 losses, 6 ties

Schools: Hopkins

Notable Accomplishments: Assistant Coach of the Year, 1998 (MHSFCA)

Current: Hopkins

Terry M. Powers

Royal Oak Kimball

Years Coached: 35

Record: 186 wins, 134 losses, 0 ties

Schools: Kalamazoo Central, Detroit Catholic Central, Royal Oak Kimball, Royal Oak HS, Royal Oak MS

Notable Accomplishments: Coach of the Year, 1994, 1995, 2001, 2006 (MHSFCA); North Coach of the Year, 1994 (*Detroit News*), Coach of the Year, 2006 (*Detroit Free Press*); Coach of the Year, 1994 & 2001 (*Royal Oak Tribune*);

Current: Royal Oak Middle School

Matt Prisk

Traverse City West

Years Coached: 26

Record: 173 wins, 72 losses, 1 tie

Schools: North Farmington, Houghton Lake, Traverse City West

Notable Accomplishments: Class B Regional Coach of the Year, 1994 (MHSFCA), Jackpine Conference Coach of the Year, 1994; Class A Regional Coach of the Year, 2004 (MHSFCA); Detroit Lions Coach of the Week, 2004; Coach of the Year, 2004 (Traverse City Record Eagle); Steve Spicer Leadership Award, 1998, 1999, 2001 (MHSFCA); All SZtar Coach, 2003 (MHSFCA); Regional Director, 1995-2007 (MHSFCA)

Current: Retired in 2007

Joe Reddinger

North Dickinson

Years Coached: 35

Record: 236 wins, 116 losses

Schools: North Dickinson

Notable Accomplishments: 17 Conference Championships; 21 years straight playoff qualifiers; State Finalist, 1998 (MHSAA); Coach of the Year 11 times (Wolverine Conference); Coach of the Year 4 times (Mid Eastern Conference); UP Coach of the Year 4 times; Regional Coach of the Year 11 times (MHSFCA); State Coach of the Year, 2001 (MHSFCA); Class D Coach of the Year, 2002 (AP); Coach of the Week, 2008 (Detroit Lions); UP Sports Hall of Fame, 2006

Current: North Dickinson

Scot Shaw

Three Rivers

Years Coached: 25

Record: 189 wins, 66 losses

Schools: Three Rivers, Grandville

Notable Accomplishments: Seven times Coach of the Year (Wolverine Conference); Eight times Regional Coach of the Year (MHSFCA); State Coach of the Year, 2003 (MHSFCA); Coach of the Year, 2003 (Detroit Lions and Detroit Free Press)

Current: Hope College

Joe Zomerlei

South Christian

Years Coached: 36

Record: 221 wins, 127 losses, 11 ties

Schools: Caledonia, South Christian, Hopkins

Notable Accomplishments: Class B Assistant Coach of the Year (MHSFCA); State Playoff Runners-up, South Christian, 1984, 1986 & 1999; State Champions, South Christian, 2002

Current: Retired in 2010

An Update On Concussions and the Student Athlete

from Amy Teddy, Director of Education for Michigan NeuroSport
Injury Prevention Program Manager at Mott Children's Hospital



1) Legislation:

A year ago 13 states across the U.S. had established some level of a "concussion law" for student athletes. At the time of the 2012 Kalamazoo Clinic there were 33 states, up by 20 from the same time last year. One of the main reasons for this legislative movement is due to the NFL. In February 2011 the NFL announced an effort to create youth "concussion laws" in every state. Each of these laws are required to have three components for NFL endorsement and support:

1. Inform and educate youth athletes, their parents and guardians and require them to sign a concussion information form
2. Removal of a youth athlete who appears to have suffered a concussion from play or practice at the time of the suspected concussion
3. Require a youth athlete to be cleared by a licensed health care professional trained in the evaluation & management of concussions before returning to play or practice.

As many coaches are aware, **MHSAA already has a model concussion policy in place.** MHSAA policy includes: Any athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as LOC, headache, dizziness, confusion, or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from the contest and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate healthcare professional (must be an MD or DO - must be in writing - may not be in same day - sanctions include athlete ineligibility, forfeiture, program probation, etc.)

Last March MI HB 4396 was introduced by bill sponsor Rep. Hooker. Due to some language concerns in the initial draft, the bill did not move any further. Since March 2011, a comprehensive group of sports, health and brain injury professionals around Michigan have teamed up to make recommendations to Rep. Hooker. The new language will involve a more comprehensive approach to "any such program that uses a public facility," outlines a qualified healthcare provider for return to play clearance and involves annual education for coaches, which will include Michigan NeuroSport free online training courses. (found at: www.MichiganNeuroSport.com)

The updated bill is expected to face little, if any, resistance and we anticipate it will be signed into law by Spring 2012 for implementation this Fall. Please stay tuned for further updates.

2) Concussion Reducing Products:

This past Fall, Dr. Kutcher (Director of Michigan NeuroSport) testified before the U.S. Senate about the marketing strategies involving equipment. Specifically the concern over products being marketed as "concussion reducing" or "concussion proof." It is important to note that the role of the helmet is to prevent skull fractures. **Helmets do not have the ability to slow down the contents of the skull. As such mouthguards are designed to prevent dental trauma, not concussions.** Many products provide a false sense of security for athletes and they may be more likely to engage in rougher play. This is equally as concerning in the efforts to reduce risk of concussion.

Dr. Kutcher and his Senate testimony was recently featured on ESPN Outside the Lines : <http://espn.go.com/video/clip?id=7502903> *also of interest: <http://espn.go.com/video/clip?id=7508171>

3) Concussion Education Programs

Over the past year Michigan NeuroSport has created 3 FREE

online concussion education programs for: 1) Youth Coaches 2) High School Coaches 3) Parents. These short programs also feature a variety of downloadable resources including: Concussion Fact Sheet, BRAIN Protocol for safe return to play, Concussion Pledge form for parents, athletes and coaches and a Report to Parent form. These materials and training will cover the expected mandatory training and education requirements in the upcoming "Concussion Law."

These online education programs have been nationally endorsed by the American Academy of Neurology, National Rehabilitation Information Center, American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance (AAHPERD) and American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM), just to name a few.

The trainings focus on the philosophy that "it takes a team to keep concussions on the sidelines." We believe that everyone, coaches, staff, athletic trainers, parents, athletes and officials are a part of the solution to reducing the risk of concussion and preventing long-term disability. Our training also focuses on the Concussion Action Plan:

- 1) RECOGNIZE the signs and symptoms
- 2) REMOVE athlete from play
- 3) REPORT to the parent/coaching staff/medical provider
- 4) RECOVER completely before returning to play

To learn more, visit: www.MichiganNeuroSport.com (or like us on Facebook!)

4) Baseline Testing

There has been a lot of buzz around the use of Baseline Testing. Here are a few facts to keep in mind.

Baseline Testing:

- completed PRE-season (when athlete is healthy)
- used for comparison, after the injury
- NEVER used to diagnose
- always combined with physical exam (baseline testing should function as an extension of the physical exam to assist the physician)
- distractions and motivation influence results

We continue to hear reports of athletes taken to the locker room for a baseline test to clear the athlete for return to play. This would be an inappropriate use of the baseline test and jeopardize the health and safety of your athlete. The results of the baseline test should always be done as a complement to a physical exam by a physician.

The United States Marine Corps Semper Fi Coach Award

The United States Marine Corps and Glazier Football Clinics believe there is a clear parallel between the high school football coach who develops student-athletes and the Marine Corps which develops Elite Warriors and quality citizens.

The intent behind the Semper Fi Coach Award is to recognize a high school football coach who exemplifies the Marine Corps motto: Semper Fidelis — Always Faithful — and who models the Marine Corps leadership values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment. A Semper Fi Coach is not defined by winning records or championship titles, but rather as a man who creates a legacy of intentional leadership.

It is our pleasure to honor a coach who has built a lasting tradition through his selfless commitment to his team and his community. Keith Stephens has been coaching high school football for almost 40 years. Since then he has accumulated over 100 wins as a head football coach.

He began his coaching career in 1973 at Oak Park High School. He later coached at Southfield and Pontiac high schools. Ten years later, Coach Stephens made his way back to Oak Park to become head football coach for the next twenty-three years. 2012 will be his third year as head coach at Dearborn Robichaud High School. When Coach Stephens first came to Robichaud, over 15 players were consistently ineligible. But, in only two seasons, he and his staff have shown tremendous dedication to the development of their athletes in the classroom in addition to on the football field. Only two Robichaud players are currently ineligible and Coach Stephens led the Bulldogs to the playoffs for the first time in seven years.

Coach Stephens is retired from teaching but in addition to his football duties he is 1st Vice President of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association and spends much of his time mentoring young men in the Waterford Mott School District.



Keith Stephens was presented with the Semper Fi Award at the Glazier Detroit Clinic in Novi by Marine Corps Captain Grant Moody.

When asked what he enjoys most about football, Coach Stephens said, "The most fulfilling part of being a coach to me is helping young men make good decisions and teaching them to be respectable adults that give back to their community. Knowing that I am an example to these young men and being apart of their lives makes all the difference."

Anyone who spends time with Coach Stephens knows that he loves coaching football, and he is a man who has given back to the community and invests in developing the character of his players, both on and off the field. He is a Maker of Men, a Winner of Battles, and a Developer of Quality Citizens.

*The Marine Corps will also present the Semper Fi Coach Award to Tommie Elliott, Grand Rapids Union, at the Grand Rapids Glazier Clinic. Look for more on that presentation in the May Newsletter.

2012 Spring University & College Practice Schedules

Call or email the schools to determine practice schedules before making visitation plans.

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Alma.....	(989) 463-7281	Michigan Technological University.....	(906) 487-2985
Central Michigan University.....	(989) 774-3896	Northern Michigan University	(906) 227-2039
Concordia University Ann Arbor	(734) 995-7450	Northwood University	(989) 837-4107
Eastern Michigan University.....	(734) 487-2160	Olivet.....	(269) 749-4183
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Grand Valley State University.....	(616) 331-3170	University of Michigan.....	(734) 763-4422
Hillsdale College	(517) 607-3133	Wayne State University	(989) 964-7315
Hope.....	(616) 395-7070	Western Michigan University.....	(269) 387-8620

Winners Circle Clinic in Kalamazoo By All Accounts A Great Success

by Al Slamer, Clinic Chair, Holt HS

The 40th Annual MHSFCA Football Clinic was held at the Kalamazoo Radisson on January 19-January 21, 2012. The Radisson is one of the finest facilities in the midwest. Nearly 1500 coaches attended presentations by almost 70 different coaches and staffs. This years' Clinic was truly a celebration of Michigan High School and College Football!

Thursday Night was "College Night" as Greg Mattison, Defensive Coordinator of the Sugar Bowl Champion University of Michigan and Dan Rouschar, Offensive Coordinator of Legends Division Champion and Bowl Winner Michigan State University kicked off the clinic detailing their methods to success. Mike Denbrock from Notre Dame, Al Borges from the University of Michigan, Dave Cohen from Western Michigan University and Tom Burpee from Eastern Michigan University also spoke Thursday evening making this a real Division 1 night.

Friday is always our busiest day as speakers begin at 8:30 am and conclude at 10 pm that evening. Friday is a mix of college Head Coaches, assistant coaches and many fine high school coaches. Head coaches Mark Dantonio of Michigan State University, Paul Winters of Division 2 finalist Wayne State University, Ron English MAC Coach of the Year from Eastern Michigan University and Bill Cubit of Western Michigan University all presented on Friday. Brady Hoke from the University of Michigan was in Houston as he was a finalist for the Bear Bryant Award but flew back to Michigan to speak at our Awards Banquet on Friday evening.

Some clinic highlights were Ron Stolski, who has more wins then any other coach in the history of Minnesota High School Football. The entire Michigan State staff spoke on each of their position groupings. The University of Michigan staff presented both in the morning and afternoon. Central Michigan and Eastern Michigan also spoke in the afternoon. Division 2 Powers Grand Valley State, Northwood, Ferris State and Saginaw Valley were also part of this great lineup.

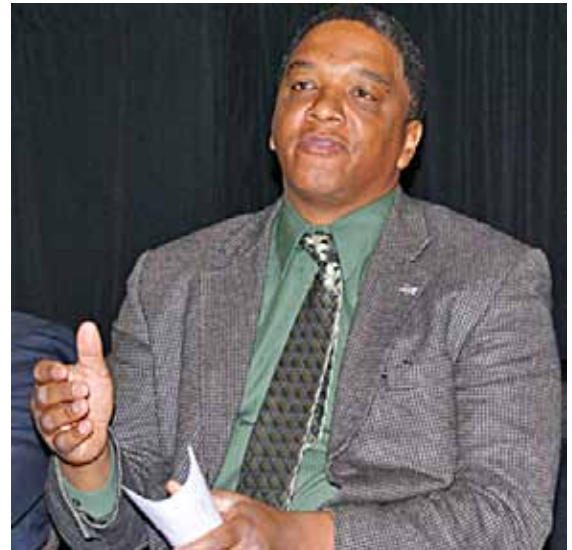
The real power of this clinic, however, are the presentations by high school coaches. Individual Coaches and staffs presented on the Spread, the Wing-T, Power Football, Multiple Defensive Schemes, the kicking game, developing team leadership. 8 man football, fundamentals, schemes and using technology. The panel discussion by coaches from Lowell, Brother Rice, East Grand Rapids and Farmington Hills Harrison was a real highlight for many of our coaches.

Friday night has two parts. One is our annual Awards Banquet which is truly a first class affair that honors the great coaches in Michigan and their accomplishments. The second part of the evening has presentations from State Champion Coaches, Hall of Fame Coaches and Final Four Coaches. To top off the evening the Coaches Social in the ballroom attracted a huge crowd. Football, renewing old friendships, establishing new contacts, good food and drink. It doesn't get much better then that!!!

Saturday morning concluded the clinic with speakers in multiple rooms with very specific subjects. This is a great time to really pursue the details of particular topics.

I hope all coaches who attended really got something that could help their programs. Thanks to our EXHIBITORS who continue their long time support of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association.

We will see you next year in Kalamazoo! Good Luck to everyone in 2012.



(Top) Paul Winters, Wayne State University, Division 2 National Runners-Up, and (Middle) Jim Lyle, Sienna Heights University (NAIA) were participants in the Recruiting Panel Discussion on Friday morning. Bottom: Ron Stolski, Brainerd, MN, The "winningest coach in Minnesota HS history."

Kalamazoo Clinic Banquet Provides the Venue for Many of the MHSFCA's Most Important Awards

2011 State Coaches of the Year



Division 1
THOMAS WILCHER
Cass Tech



Division 2
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Lowell



Division 3
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Mt. Pleasant



Division 4
JOHN SHILLITO
Zeeland West



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JOHN SCHWARTZ
Mendon



Division 9
TIM BRABANT
Carsonville-Port Sanilac

Not Pictured: Division 7, Brad Weber, Pewamo-Westphalia

Head Coaches Remind your staff!

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Steve Spicer Leadership Awards

2012 Recipients

From Dave Lawrence, Leadership Chair

Not pictured: Eric Redmond/Steve Polizzie, Monroe



Jerry Angers
Glen Lake



Matt Bird
Grand Ledge



Scott Farley
Leslie



Scott Murray
Garden City

The Steve Spicer Memorial Team Leadership Award was inaugurated in 1999 by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association. The award honors high schools throughout the State of Michigan who exemplify the legacy left to us by Steve Spicer, the former head football at Fowler High School who was an outstanding coach, teacher, husband, father and community leader before his untimely battle with cancer took him from us. Steve who is a member of our Football Coaches Hall of Fame, had an outstanding coaching record along with capturing a state football championship while at Fowler. More importantly however is the fact that he was a great role model for the players he coached and the students he taught.

Maple City Glen Lake High School, Jerry Angers

The Lakers were involved in 6 major projects highlighted by helping raise over \$20,000.00 for Bethany Christian Adoption Services, \$5,500.00 for their local library and Adopting a Family for Christmas program.

Grand Ledge High School, Matt Bird

The Comets were involved in 3 major events which included Fallen Hero Night, Santa's Helpers and their Elementary Reading program. During their Fallen Hero Night witnessed by an overflow crowd the team honored 43 fallen soldiers and their families who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country by not only playing for each soldier on game night, but also doing research on each one and addressing the team on the life of each service man or woman.

Leslie High School coached by Scott Farley

The Blackhawks were involved in 3 programs highlighted by their Pink Hawk Project that raised over \$20,000.00 in starting a program to support members of the Leslie community that are active in cancer treatment.

Garden City High School, Scott Murray

The Cougars were involved in 7 different programs in their community that included providing food and meals to needy individuals and families, helping administer their communities Relay for Life and their weekly Elementary School Reading program.

Monroe High School, Eric Redmond/Steve Polizzie

The Trojans require every player in their program to complete 10 hours of community service and are involved in 3 different service projects that included Monroe Relay for Life which the team helped in raising over \$370,000.00 for cancer research, The "Now I Lay Me Down To Sleep" program, which provided over a year's worth of beds for needy area children and their elementary reading/mentoring program.



Honorary Membership

Nominated by their school's head coach, Honorary Memberships are given to recognize long term service to the football program in any support role: announcer, chain gang, time keeper, manager, team doctor, and others are eligible.

To nominate contact: Roger Bearss, 8780 Dean Dr., Millington, MI 48746
roger.bearss@mcsdistrict.com



Mr. Scott Allen • Centreville

For the last 30 plus years Mr. Allen has been involved with the youth of Centreville HS. During that time Mr. Allen has been a bus driver for the school district and has kept track of the clock and score board for basketball, volleyball, football wrestling, baseball, softball and track. After each football game he also helps pick up the field.



Mr. Bill Durow • East China

Over 25 years ago Mr. Durow became the score board operator at East China Stadium and has been doing so since the stadium opened. Mr. Durow has kept score and time for both Marine City and St. Clair HS. During that time Mr. Durow has never missed a game. In fact, during that time Mr. Durow has never missed a day of school in his 31 years as a teacher.



Mr. Walt Kujawa & Mr. Rolland 'Hud' Harmer (not pictured) • Yale

These two gentlemen have over 40 years of service rendered to the home field of the Yale Bulldogs. The two of them work together and share the responsibility for the upkeep of Yale City Park where the football field has been located since the 1940's. The Yale field is a natural grass field which has the best look, condition and footing of any natural grass field anywhere. They were fortunate enough to play on this very same field back in the 60's. Both men are very proud of their field and are known in the community as the "Turf Heroes".



Mr. Fred Shaw • St. Clair

For over 45 years Fred Shaw has been involved with his community and the youth who participate in athletic programs. From 1967 through 1979 Mr.

Shaw helped coach football. In 1979 Mr. Shaw became the official varsity football announcer and continues to this day. During that time Mr. Shaw has never missed the announcing of a St. Clair varsity football game. Mr. Shaw is the longest tenured announcer in the Blue Water Area.

Fran Herrington Woman of the Year Award

The Fran Herrington Award is presented annually to recognize two women who have contributed to promoting high school football in their community and in the state of Michigan.

Submit nominations for the 2011 award by phone or email to: Steve Robb, Milan HS (734) 439-5060 • robbs@milanareaschools.org



Holly Wilson,
Fruitport

*Not pictured, Linda Davis
Johannesburg-Lewiston*

In the last 20 years that Steve Wilson has been head coach at Fruitport, Holly has taken on the role of "Mrs. Coach" and has truly been the heart of the Trojan Football Program. She is loved and respected by the players and their parents. She is at every game, supporting the coach and all of her adopted sons. She is the team's biggest fan and by far one of the loudest supporters.

Holly is part of everything that goes on around the football team. She helps run the concession stand at all home football games. She calls parents to set up workers for each game. Holly goes in before the game starts to help get things set up, then goes up into the stands for the first half. She'll return at half-time and works during the rush. At the end of the game, she goes back into the concession stand to help clean up. There are many nights where Steve gets home before she does. She also works every single junior varsity and freshmen home game.

Holly also helps with team fundraisers. One of Fruitport's biggest fundraisers is the sale of coupon cards. Holly comes in before practice and collects money, keeps track of all the cards sold and counts money for deposits. Holly also helps to run the golf scramble every summer.

For several years, the team held its camp at the high school where all their meals taken at the school. Holly organized all meals and was there at 5:30 in the morning to serve breakfast, at noon for lunch, at 6:00 for dinner and again at 8:30 with snacks. Whenever they travel any distance, Holly organizes the parents to provide meals and snacks. At the end of the season, Holly calls moms to help decorate the hall for the awards banquet.

While doing all this, Holly has a full time job as a teacher consultant of autism for the Muskegon Area ISD. She shows the same compassion for her job as she does for helping the football program.

Holly has been married to Steve Wilson for 32 years. They have two children, Melissa, age 26, and Philip age 24. Both kids have followed in their mother's foot steps and become special education teachers.

Football Rules: Knowing the Big Differences between Friday night and TV Games on Saturday and Sunday

By Mark Uyl, Assistant Director MHSAA

**As part of the product of the newly formed MHSFCA/Football Officials Communication Committee, the MHSAA's Mark Uyl has agreed to provide regular articles relating to rules interpretation.*

Not a Friday night goes by when a conversation, discussion or even argument takes place between a coach and official regarding football rules. Many times, the argument centers around a play or ruling that one of the individuals had seen recently on TV during an NFL or college game. The high school football rule book has some very distinct differences from what we see on TV during the weekend, and it is important for everybody to know these key differences.

Many high school officials feel frustration when a call is made properly under Friday night rules yet that official has to communicate with an angry coach who is convinced that it was the wrong call because he had seen that same play on TV and that was not what was called. This scenario happens week after week, and hopefully the following information can better highlight some of the key differences between high school rules and professional / college rules, which are quite similar when compared to Friday night rules.

The passing game has grown tremendously over the past decade at the high school level, and this will serve as our discussion starting point. We often see a quarterback under duress, attempting to avoid the sack when he throws the ball away. Under HS rules, there is no such thing as a "tackle box". The quarterback may attempt to throw the ball away but he must throw the ball in an area where an eligible receiver is positioned. It makes no difference whether or not the quarterback is inside, or outside of, the pocket. There is no distance requirement of where the ball must reach, either. Simply put, if a quarterback throws the ball away to an area where no eligible receiver is positioned, you have a foul for intentional grounding. When watching a pro or college game on TV, the rule is that as long as the quarterback is outside the tackle box and the ball reaches the line of scrimmage extended, no foul can occur for intentional grounding. It is important to note that if the QB is hit while he is throwing the ball, and the force of the hit either deflects the ball or prevents the pass from going in the intended direction, there cannot be a foul for intentional grounding. This last point is true under all three rule codes (HS, NCAA and NFL).

Staying with the passing game, pass interference rules are often discussed and argued. Not a Friday night goes when a flag is thrown for pass interference when somebody in the stadium doesn't start screaming that the ball was uncatchable and there should be no foul. Some of these advanced individuals even start giving the signal for an uncatchable ball by waving a hand above the head! At the high school level, there is no such thing as pass interference being disregarded because a pass was uncatchable. Simply put, if pass interference takes place it is a foul regardless of whether or not the ball is deemed catchable. The only exception could be if the ball is thrown completely to the other side of the field away from the illegal contact. The foul for defensive pass interference is 15 yards from the previous spot (half the distance could apply if the ball was snapped inside the 30 yard line) and this is one of the few fouls under high school rules that also carries an automatic first down (more on this in the following paragraph). A pass interference foul will never be a "spot foul" where the ball would be placed at the spot of the infraction as it can be at the pro and college levels. Finally, offensive pass interference has the most severe penalty in all of high school football. Offensive pass interference is a 15 yard penalty from the previous spot and also carries a loss of down provision, as well.

Speaking of first downs, one of the most misunderstood penalty enforcements on Friday night deals with what is, and what is not, an automatic first down. Under high school rules, only five defensive fouls include an automatic first down for the offense: 1) pass interference; 2) roughing the passer; 3) roughing the kicker; 4) roughing the holder; and 5) roughing the long snapper. In professional and college football, all defensive personal fouls against the defense carry an automatic first down. This is not the case under high school rules.

Finally, some information about the third team on the field is important to note. High school football continues to be officiated by five officials who consist of the referee (white hat) who is positioned to the QB's throwing arm side in the offensive backfield. The referee is the leader of the crew and is often the point of contact for the head coach. The referee has responsibility for the QB, along with assisting the umpire with interior line play and other players positioned within the backfield. The umpire is positioned behind the defensive line and linebackers who has responsibility for the interior offensive lineman at the snap, and then observes blocking action at the point of attack. The sideline officials are the head linesman and the line judge. The head linesman takes a position opposite the press box and often works the sideline with the visiting team and the line to gain equipment (chains). The line judge works the press box side of the field which often hosts the home team bench. Both of these wing officials are responsible for the neutral zone at the snap, and then move to ruling on forward progress of all runners. The sideline officials also have responsibility for blocks in front of wide running plays, and also have keys and reads in covering the passing game. Last but not least, the back judge is positioned in the middle of the field approximately 20 yard behind the defense. He is responsible for keeping the :25 second play clock and counts the defense before each play. His first key is action on the tight end, and then moves back into deep coverage on all passing plays. The back judge also has a great deal of responsibility on all kicking game plays, as well.

Thanks for your time and attention as we've tried to provide some more information about high school rule differences and how the game is officiated at the high school level. In the next issue, we will return to discuss some more rule differences in the kicking game and overtime from what you see on TV during college and professional football.

The Multi-Formation No-Huddle Offense

Andy Patterson, Offensive Coordinator
Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School

The Multi-Formation No-Huddle philosophy derives from the many years of learning, studying and communicating the game of football from various pro, college, and quality high school coaches over the past 20+ years of my coaching career.

WHAT? Simply as the title suggests. Chances are if there's a formation that's ever been run, we've - at the very least - attempted to line up and run a play out of it. The no-huddle aspect is what we typically strive to run each game. Tempos of the no-huddle vary.

WHY:

1. *Opportunity to get more players involved in the offense/ Competitive Advantage* - More kids will come out for football if they feel there's a realistic chance they'll get onto the field and feel they're contributing towards the outcome of the game. Higher participation allows for an opportunity to platoon, which may allow the no-huddle tempo to fatigue your opponent.
 2. *Allows our offense to dictate what type of tempo we want to run.*
 3. *Puts pressure on defenses* - Well-prepared defensive coaches are sure to be sound vs. all formations they may see in a given game. By using many of them, we feel our opponent will spend less time practicing football activities that week, and more time simply lining up. This can also result in opponents thinking more and instinctively playing football less, thus doubt may creep in.
 4. *Allows an offense to still utilize their "bread and butter" plays* - Based on personnel each season, we still have a handful of plays we like to hang our hat on. We just try to run those plays out of as many combinations formation-wise as possible.
1. *Huddle* - Standard 11-man huddle with packages changing each play.
 2. *Knight* - No-huddle in which we're shuffling packages in each play. We want to get in a smooth, fast, under-control rhythm.
 3. *Hot* - No-huddle high tempo with no substitutions. Formations may change and we will typically have 6-8 different plays.
 4. *Huddle-Wait* - Standard 11 man huddle with packages being shuffled in. QB gets line to go down in stance with 10 seconds left on the play-clock. Ball should be snapped between 1-2 seconds remaining.

We typically will like to be in 'Knight'. Game-situation, and opponent generally are the main factors which determine our mode.

Following each play, anyone and everyone who might be in a package will look at the designated coach who verbalizes and signals the next package. Those players hustle in, also verbalizing and signaling the package during the process.

Once all 11 players are within the hashes the QB verbalizes a set of numbers. The players will then refer to their armbands which, based on the QB information presented, tells them what play we are running along with the snap-count. This pattern repeats itself. We have the ability to change tempos within a drive. We do this by simply alerting our sidelines and they will relay the message to the field.

This system is a general offensive philosophy that has worked well for myself over the years, and over the past decade has helped our Lahser program have a tremendous amount of success. I have been fortunate to work with great kids and coaches with an outstanding work ethic that have executed our offenses over the years. It is constantly evolving as the game of football changes. Please note, there are many more details and repetitive teachings which must occur prior to its successful use on the football field.

HOW:

In a given week, we typically install 18-28 different formations. Early in the season, we generally are in the low end of that range. As the mistakes lessen and the kids become more comfortable, the number grows as the season moves along.

As for personnel, we do not label players such as X, Y, Z, etc., rather we give each formation a title and place the players where we want. At Lahser, we leave it up to each position coach to dictate who is in and where. These packages may or may not change each week. It is imperative that each position has a back up and they must all practice at that position each week. We allow an extensive amount of time for our WR's to drill this on their own.

In a game, prior to each drive, the QB is told which 'mode' we will be in. We always huddle prior to play 1. The 'modes' are as follows:





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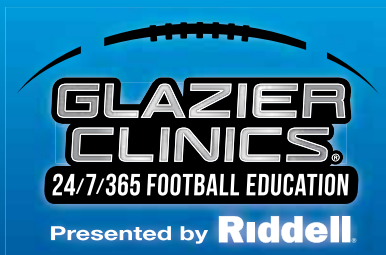
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Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Educational Scholarship for First Year Students Application

**Deadline
1 March**

*Please read all instructions BEFORE
completing BOTH pages of this form.*

Only one applicant per school will be considered

MHSFCA Scholarship

The Michigan High School Football Coaches Scholarship is intended to reward personal excellence in school and community. Students involved in a football program may apply for this scholarship. The scholarship has a monetary value of \$500. To be considered for this scholarship your head football coach must be a member of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association. Applicants receive consideration for the scholarship on the basis of: 1. Academic excellence, 2. ACT scores, 3. Demonstrated service to school, community and church, 4. Evidenced leadership ability, 5. Citizenship.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

In order to be considered for a scholarship, a candidate must:

- Be a student involved in the football program as a player, cheer-leader, manager, trainer or statistician.
- Be a student in the graduating class of a high school, who is a citizen of the United States of America and resident of the State of Michigan.
- Have outstanding personal character and behavior as a leader in their high school community.
- Be a student of outstanding merit, who shows an appreciation of the value of education and is willing to work to achieve success.
- Rank in the upper one quarter of their class and have test scores (American College Test, ACT) that indicate academic success.
- Have on record a letter of acceptance from an accredited college or university.

What are the Policies of the MHSFCA Scholarship Program?

- Must be enrolled as a full time student in an accredited college or university.
- Scholarships are for one year only and are not renewable.
- The following merit standards will be used:
Scholarship and Testing 350 points
Leadership & Character 400 points

How Does A Candidate Apply?

- Obtain a Standard MHSFCA Scholarship Application Form, available from the MHSFCA Scholarship Chair. In addition to the application form, the following are essential in the order indicated:
 - Statement of not more than 300 words prepared by the candidate summarizing school and out-of-school activities, accomplishments and a statement of the applicant's objective for further education.
 - A transcript of the student's high school educational record from ninth grade through the first semester of their senior year, including class rank, total number of students in their senior class, grade point average, and ACT scores.
 - A comprehensive letter of recommendation covering leadership, character and scholarship from at least three people.

When Must Application be Submitted?

All Applications must be submitted to the MHSFCA Scholarship Committee before March 1 of their senior year.

Candidates will be advised of the decision of the Scholarship Committee before May 1.

Mail to: Kelly Luplow
Scholarship Chair
11921 S. Cornwell
Clare, MI 48617-9680

Personal Information

Name:

Last First Middle

Social Sec. No. _____

Home Address:

Street

City State Zip

Gender M ☐ F ☐ Phone (_____) _____

Date of Birth:

Month/Year Birthplace _____

Fathers Name:

Last First Middle

Father's Occupation _____

Mother's Name:

Last First Middle

Mother's Occupation _____

High School/s Attended (Most recent first:

Name City/State Dates Attended

Name City/State Dates Attended

Current:

Principal _____

Counselor _____

Football Coach _____

Local Newspaper _____

Course of study you are considering:

☐ Arts/Science ☐ Engineering ☐ Business
☐ Technical Training ☐ Education

Intended Major _____

Intended Occupation or Profession _____



Michigan High School Football Coaches Association

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Application (page 2)

Activities, Honors, Awards, Service

List the extracurricular activities in which you have engaged and positions held. (Athletics, debate, drama, music, publications, student council, *etc.*)

Honors and awards received for Scholarship Achievement (National Honor Society, other honor societies, National Merit Recognition, Science Fair Awards, *etc.*)

Service to school, community, church, *etc.*

This Section To Be Completed By School Counselor

Important Data: This information may be made available to the applicant upon request

1. Applicant Rank in class of students.
2. Applicant's high school GPA
3. This student will graduate (has graduated) /
4. ACT Score
- Month/Year
- (This is a request for descriptive information, not a recommendation.)

5. A transcript must be mailed with this application.

6.

Signature of school official

Title

Date

Telephone

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School Where Last Coached _____

Total Years Football Coaching _____

Qualifications • You must meet all FOUR!

1. Coached football for twenty years at any level.
2. Previously a MHSFCA Member.
3. Retired from coaching.
4. Pay a one-time fee of \$100

Send to: Bob Rowe
PO Box 98, Taylor, MI 48180

Lifetime Membership Fee \$100

MHSFCA Membership Benefits

Did you know that:

One of the benefits of MHSFCA membership is liability insurance through the MHSCA and NOCAD.



GENERAL LIABILITY PROGRAM

Coverage is provided to your State Association and Members through the Commercial General Liability Policy issued to the National Organization of Coaches Association Directors.

CARRIER

Lexington Insurance Company
("A" A.M. Best)

POLICY PERIOD

August 1 - July 31

LIMITS OF INSURANCE

\$1,000,000	Each Occurrence
\$1,000,000	General Aggregate
\$1,000,000	Products/Completed Operations
\$1,000,000	Personal & Advertising Injury
\$ 50,000	Fire Damage
Excluded	Medical Payments
Educators Protection Plus (classroom coverage)	

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF COACHES
ASSOCIATION DIRECTORS



CAMP COVERAGE

Today, most coaches are involved in some type of sports camps. Coverages such as General Liability and Accident Medical for your participants are available to all member coaches through your State Associations master policies. Please note that our current General Liability Program follows all members while working at camps and/or conducting their own personal camp.

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE & PARTICIPANT ACCIDENT

- If you have a camp and require proof of insurance certificates are at no additional charge.
- If you have a camp and require a certificate of insurance naming an Additional Insured the cost is \$150.00.
- Participant/Accident Coverage must be in place for all participants prior to the issuance of a certificate of insurance naming an Additional Insured.
- Certificates of Insurance and Participant/Accident request forms are available through your State Association or online at www.LoomisLapann.com

For any additional information
please contact your
State Association office
or

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24 March 2012 • Ann Arbor Sheraton, 3200 Boardwalk Dr., Ann Arbor, MI

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Mr. Gandalf Church
Ticket Chairman
Hall of Fame Banquet
1223 Hillcrest
St. Joseph, MI 49085
269-983-0865 (H)

Guest Speaker: Brady Hoke - Head Coach, The University of Michigan
Purpose: To honor 14 outstanding high school football coaches
When: Saturday, March 24, 2012
Where: Four Points Sheraton, 3200 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor, MI
Time: Cocktails: 5:30 p.m. • Dinner: 6:30 p.m. • Program: 7:30 p.m.
Price: \$35 per Ticket

Number of Tickets _____ x \$35.00 = _____

Name _____

Final date for pre-sale tickets:
Friday, March 16

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM • 2012-2013

****Membership is now available online at MHSFCA****

Or send to: Mr. Bob Rowe, Membership Chairman
P.O. Box 98
Taylor, MI 48180

☐ Joint MHSFCA / MHSCA / NHSCA (\$25) ☐ No longer coaching

Name _____

School _____

School Address (Street) _____

School Address (City, St. Zip) _____

Position _____ Total Years Coaching _____

Home Address (Street) _____

Home Address (City, St. ZIP+4) _____

Phone (H) _____

E-mail _____ Date _____

Membership runs September - August

MHSFCA Clinic Registration includes membership starting the following September.
MHSCA / NOCAD insurance coverage coincides with your membership term.

AFCA

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AFCA.com

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MHSFCA.com

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