



4th Annual MHSFCA Clinic

The biggest and best ever. That's how you sum up the Fourth Annual MHSFCA Clinic held January 24-25, 1976 at Troy Athens High School. There were 1300 football coaches in attendance. The Clinicians composed of Michigans finest high school football coaches did an outstanding job of presenting material. There was a well rounded selection of 20 major exhibitors. Friday nights hospitality at Pontiac Stadium turned out to be an enjoyable and interesting surprise. The United States Air Force is to be

commended for a significant contribution in sponsoring the free notebooks along with Rabbit Printing and Jones Sporting Goods of Grand Rapids.

Some coaches questioned the need for everyone to fill out an application form at the clinic registration even if they had pre-registered. The reason was to update current membership lists in the association by updating addresses, schools, and regions.

Next years Clinic, 1977, is tentatively set for Ann Arbor Pioneer High School.

High School Football Coaches Placement Service

Are you interested in a new football coaching position? The Michigan High School Football Association has established a placement service as another benefit to its members. There is no charge for the service. The clearing house for the service will be Coach Dave Driscoll of Jackson Parkside High School, Jackson, Michigan. You simply fill out an application form and mail it to Dave Driscoll. He will forward information to schools looking for football coaches. The school may then contact the applicants with credentials fitting the needs of the school. The services will also attempt to print a list of schools who desire to have their open football coaching positions advertised.

THANK YOU

The MHSFCA would like to thank Troy Athens High School for providing the facility for the MHSFCA Fourth Annual Football Coaches Clinic. Special thanks go to the Troy Board of Education, Mr. John B. McGregor, Troy Athens High School Pricipal, Chuck Winzer, football caoch and his staff and team for their contribution to clinic organization.



Jack Castignola, Trenton, was the Class A Coach, Bob LaPointe, Divine Child, was the Class B Coach, Tom Saylor, Hudson, was the Class C Coach. Richard Mettlach, Crystal Falls Forest Park, the Class D Coach was absent.

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Clinic Rules Questionnaire Results

In attempting to analyze the rules Questionnaire results from the Troy Clinic, the first consideration must be given to interest. There were 1300 football coaches at the Troy Clinic. 226 coaches responded by filling out a Rules Questionnaire. The MHSFCA is interested in affecting the rules governing high school football for the benefit of the game and equity of team play. In order to persuade the Michigan High School Athletic Association there is a need for revision in certain rules, the MHSFCA must show it represents the Michigan High School Football Coaches and that the high school football coaches feel strongly about a particular rules revision. It is questionable as to how the MHSAA would respond to a rules revision request from the MHSFCA with a response of 226 coaches and knowing there are approximately 750 high schools offering football in Michigan.

Nevertheless, the results of the questionnaire do show some interesting responses. It appears there is a strong support for extending team boxes, specifying the time of game official jurisdiction, maintaining the use of arm pads, and specifying the referee notify coaches of time outs left, 4 minutes before the end of the half.

1. Extending the team boxes between the 30 yardlines?

Yes 82% No 18%

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Newsletter

The Newsletter is the official publication of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association with the expressed aim of keeping the membership informed.

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ELECTION RESULTS

An election was held at the fourth Annual MHSFCA Clinic for the purpose of electing a new Executive Board of Officers and to elect Directors and Alternate Directors for the MHSFCA even numbered regions.

The Executive Board of Officers elections resulted in Ron Holland of Farmington being elected President, Ivan Mulhankamp of St. Joseph being elected First Vice President, Jeff Smith of East Lansing elected Second Vice President and Steve Sonaga of Jackson elected Secretary-Treasurer.

In the Regional Director elections for even numbered regions, region two had Don Lessner of Riverview and Ron Pascuzzi of Lincoln Park being newly elected Region four sees Al Fisher of B.C. Lakeview and Curt Evans, Homer, returning on re-election victories. In region six, Walt Brown, Marysville was re-elected and Don Weichert of L'Anse Creuse North being a newly elected alternate. Region eight has two new men elected. Dick Flynn, Lansing Eastern, Director and John Seckinger, Brighton, is the alternate. Region ten remains the same with Fred Rademacher, Flint Powers, and Dar Christiansen, Flint S.W. re-elected as director and alternate. Region twelve had a change with Dick Harris of Harrison being elected director and Jim Colville, Clare the alternate. Region fourteen saw Art Gillespie, Alpena re-elected director and Joe Veselenak, Rogers City the alternate. Region sixteen had a change with John Srolec elected director and Jerry Cvengros the alternate.

In addition, several appointments were made in the odd numbered regions. Ken Semelsberger, Detroit Servite, was appointed director in region one. Arnie Bessonon, Owen-Gage, was appointed alternate in region eleven. Roger Wood of Traverse City was appointed alternate in region fifteen.

4th Annual Clinic The Best

Several people commented the MHSFCA Clinic was the best. That could mean many things. However when you review the clinic highlights such as: the finest high school coaches in Michigan speaking, hospitality at Pontiac Stadium, free notebook, free luncheon, and a one year membership in the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association, all for \$8.00, it has to add up to one fair deal.



The Regional Coaches of the Year Award winners.



Bud Breed, the outgoing past president giving his farewell address.

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2. Specifying a kick which is caught by the receivers in the end zone remains alive and may be advanced?

Yes 60% No 40%

3. Providing the ball will be put in play from the spot of interception when defender running toward or parallel with his goal line intercepts a forward pass inside his 5 yard line and is thereafter downed in the end zone?

Yes 53% No 47%

4. Prohibiting the use of arm and/or hands pads except to protect obvious existing injury?

Yes 11% No 89%

5. Permitting the kicking team to advance a kick which is recovered following touching or muffing by R?

Yes 71% No 29%

6. Including an automatic first down as part of the penalty for roughing the kicker?

Yes 58% No 42%

7. Requiring both teams to use the ball provided by the home team except when either team wishes to use ball with 12 cross laces but meeting all other specifications?

Yes 15% No 85%

8. Specifying the referee must notify coaches of the number of charged time outs remaining for each team approximately 4 minutes before the end of each half?

Yes 85% No 15%

FLASH

The Blue Ribbon Committee has met and made its recommendation to the Michigan High School Athletic Associations Representative Council concerning the 1976 Michigan High School State Football Play off. The recommendation is to maintain the present playoff structure and mechanics for the 1976 playoff as was used for 1975. Some problems did surface in the first playoff. However, the approach was to see what problems surface again and then try to make corrections. Nevertheless, the committee has recommended several changes for the 1977 season. They recommended the season be moved up one week earlier for the 1977 season, which would have been difficult to institute in 1976. It was also recommended that a final quarter be added and 8 teams per class qualify for the 1977 playoff.



MHSFCA Committee Chairman conducting the general business meeting. Dave Driscoll, Historian; Art Gillette, Playoff; Fred Rademacher, Clinic; Jim Ooley, Rules; Steve Sonaga, Secretary; Bud Breed, President; Ron Holland, 1st Vice President; Ivan Muhlenkamp, 2nd Vice President; John Blackstock, Newsletter; Jack VerDuin, Honorary; Dick Comar, Public Relations.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

All of you that attended the fourth annual MHSFCA Clinic, had an opportunity to see the organizational, growth, development, and professionalism of your association. The Officers, Directors, and Alternates of your association have developed an association in the past four years that has adequately served and represented the Football Coaches of this state. The leadership that has been displayed by those men, both past and present, who have helped formulate the philosophy of this association is admirable. All of the hours that have been spent by the officers and directors, developing committees in the areas of Finance, Honorary Membership, Rules, Clinics, Public Relations, and Playoffs have helped establish unprecedented procedures for this association. The by-laws

that are a vital part of any organization, clearly define the role of its members, officers, and directors in transacting the business of the association.

To be president of an organization of this magnitude has to be a highlight of anyone's coaching career. To be personally involved with people who actively participate in promoting and shaping the destiny of football in our state has to be a worthwhile endeavor and task.

This association is the by-product of your involvement in High School Football. May its officers and directors be spokesmen and leaders for the majority of coaches in this state who are actively promoting and coaching the games of football.



1976 MHSFCA President Ron Holland, Farmington.

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION COACHING POSITION

APPLICATION FORM

Name.....
 Address.....
 City.....State.....
 Phone.....
 College (Undergrad) (Graduate).....
 Major.....Minor.....
 Subjects taught & years of experience in each:.....
 Coaching Experience (Sport & Level).....

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