



## State High School Football Playoffs Set For Launching

In the spring of 1972 The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association was formed with the idea to improve football in the State of Michigan. One of the primary goals was to establish a State Football Play-Off. On March 12, 1975 the Michigan High School Athletic Association Representative Council voted to conduct a State High School Football Play-Off in Michigan; The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association wishes to thank the Michigan High School Principals and the Michigan High School Athletic Association for their vote of confidence in the Michigan High School Football Play-Off System.

### SEMI-FINAL GAMES & SITES

Class	Regions	Site
A	1 vs 2	Birmingham Seaholm
A	3 vs 4	Lansing Sexton
B	1 vs 2	Battle Creek Cen.
B	3 vs 4	Midland High
C	1 vs 2	Grand Rapids Houseman
Field		
C	3 vs 4	Mt. Pleasant
D	1 vs 2	Traverse City
D	3 vs 4	Lansing Waverly
FINAL GAMES & SITE		
D	11:00	Western Mich. Univ.
A	2:00	Western Mich. Univ.
C	11:00	Central Mich. Univ.
B	2:00	Central Mich. Univ.

Prior to the final games, the

Michigan High School Football Coaches Association is sponsoring a hospitality hour in Mt. Pleasant at the Riverwood Golf Course, 2½ miles out of Mt. Pleasant on Broomfield Rd., which is the same road the stadium is on. The time will be 8:00 Friday night, November 19, 1975. There is a fish buffet served from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. All you can eat for \$3.25. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided at a cash bar by the MHSFCA.

In Kalamazoo the MHSFCA Hospitality will be held at the Elks Country Club at 7:30 Friday night, November 19, 1975. The Elks is located at 5349 West Main St., just off Expressway 31. A cash bar will be provided.



### Michigan High School Football Coaches Association

### Annual Clinic

Jan. 23-24, 1976

### Hospitality Friday Night

Free Saturday Lunch  
To First 500 Registrants

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Troy Athens H.S.,  
Troy, Michigan  
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Michigan's  
Finest High School  
Football Coaches Speaking

### Mini-Sessions

• Clinic Fee Includes  
Association Membership

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# MHSFCA Board Spring Meeting Summary

The Michigan High School Football Coaches Associations' Board of Directors met March 14, 1975 at Kellogg Center in Lansing, Michigan. Following is a discussion of committee reports and items of business.

## CLINIC REPORT

The Clinic Committee reported that sites are being considered for the 1976, 4th annual, MHSFCA Clinic. The facility requirements for consideration of a site are (1) approximately a 1,200 seating capacity for clinic lectures, (2) a dining area seating 500, and (3) a facility capable of housing a hospitality session. We would like a site centrally located in the state, however, we will go where the facilities are available. The past three clinic sites have had perfect facilities and have all offered their facilities again.

## FINANCE REPORT

The financial report was given by Secretary Steve Sonoga. For the year 1974-75, the budget was \$7,450 for association expenses. The expenses for the year totaled \$8,000. The 1975-76 budget proposal is \$9,000; \$4,000 for the clinic, \$1,500 for public relations and newsletter costs, \$2,500 for association expenses such as mileage etc., \$450 for miscellaneous items, and \$450 for secretary-treasurer expenses. The net worth of the association for 1975 is \$8,290. There was discussion about placing some of the excess funds into an investment program in order to obtain a return on the money. There was also discussion

to investigate the contracting of a group life insurance program for members of the MHSFCA; thus, giving members an additional benefit for their \$2 membership fee. The final decision on these two matters will be decided at the July director's meeting.

## RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

The MHSFCA Board of Directors has given the Rules Committee the responsibility to exert a greater influence on possible changes in football rules by establishing closer relations with the football coaches selected to be members of the Michigan High School Athletic Associations' Rules Committee. It is intended to meet and brief the committee members on the mechanics of how rule changes are made. The MHSFCA Rules Committee is to establish a priority for rule changes. This will be accomplished primarily by the Annual Clinic Questionnaire results. In addition, the rules committee is interested in hearing from the membership concerning your feelings on present football rules. The rules committee needs response from you "Coach".

## 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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## Committees Report on Summer Meetings

The Board of Directors for the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association conducted the summer business meeting July 18-19, 1975 at the Cannon Hunting Lodge located near Baldwin, Michigan. The following is a summary of the business meeting.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Finance Committee accepted the approved audit by Markowski & Company. It recommended and received approval to deposit \$4,000 in one year certificate deposits in the bank. It recommended that the Association pay mileage for the summer meeting.

### RULES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) it was recommended that the MHSFCA Rules Committee continue to meet with the members of the MHSAA Rules Committee, so that MHSAA Rules Committee members are better organized.

(2) It was recommended the MHSFCA approach the MHSAA to have the State Rules Meeting held before the MHSAA Representative Council Meeting instead of after. If the MHSAA Rules Meeting were held first, then the representative council could vote on suggested changes within the year, rather than having to wait until later in the following year.

(3) It was recommended that the MHSFCA draw up a draft of rules that the association would like to see modified.

(4) Jim Krucki of the Rules Committee will draw up a survey questionnaire to send to the other state associations as to what they are doing to modify rules concerning — pre-season conditioning, scrimmages, spring practices, all star games, etc.

(5) It was recommended that the MHSFCA send a representative to the National Alliance Rules Meeting.

(6) Anyone with rule changes or new rules suggestions is encouraged to contact a rules committee member. Jim Ooley, Traverse City High; Al Quick, Midland Dow High; Jim Krucki, Grosse Pointe North; and Jim Crowley of Jackson Lumen Christi.

(7) It was recommended that a letter be sent to the MHSAA and Representative Council relating to the recent rule change limiting specialty practice during the summer, as a case of discrimination against Michigan High School Football.

### HONORARY COMMITTEE

The Honorary Committee requested criteria and suggestions for the establishment of a very selective "Outstanding Coaches Award". The committee is also accepting suggestions for the procedure to select "The Coach of the Year". The following were recommended for honorary membership in the MHSFCA: Bob Stoppert, Midland High; Earl Lancaster, St. Johns High; Jim O'Toole, Mellus Newspapers; and Jim DeLand, Benton Harbor-St. Joseph New Palatium.

## 'Coach of Year' Vote Is Slated

The 1975 coach of the year selection will swing into gear shortly. The region directors have been assigned to play-off regions. Each class has four play-off regions established by last years state basketball play-off. The regions are not geographic. Therefore, you must give careful consideration to coaches in your region when casting your ballot. Regional directors will mail out ballots the first week in November to all schools in their play-off region. Ballots should be returned to regional directors the 19th of November. The winners, "Coaches of the Year", will be announced at the annual clinic, January 23-24 at Troy Athens High School.

## Honorary Committee

The Honorary Committee has recognized Coach John Udvare of St. Clements in Center Line at a special banquet held in his behalf by past players and friends. Coach Udvare has been honored for being a dedicated and loyal assistant coach for some 25 years.

## Many, Many Thank Yous

The MHSFCA would especially like to thank Art Gillespie and his play-off committee of Dave Driscoll, Ron Holland, and Rick Jeric. These men studied researched, organized, and successfully promoted the Michigan High School Football Play-Off. The coaches, players, spectators and the game are deeply indebted to this committee for making an idea become reality.

### NEXT DIRECTORS MEETING

December 5, 1975

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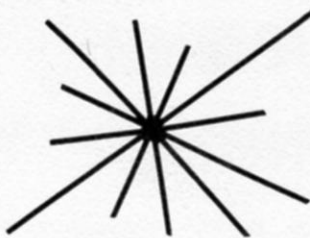
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## Some Facts On Football Safety



Many times football coaches are questioned as to the safety and dangers to a young man playing football. The National Federation of State High School Associations has printed an interesting and informative pamphlet called "Facts of Football Safety". The following is a summary of that pamphlet.

What about the claim that high school football is dangerous?

From the standpoint of fatalities, there are nine times fewer deaths of high school boys per hour of exposure on the football field than in automobiles. More over, there is a 1.1 ratio between the fatality of high school boys per hour of exposure in daily living and in football. Meaning a young man is as apt to be injured in an after school daily living activity as in football.

What are the chances of a boy being injured in football?

For every 100 participants there are fewer than 15 injuries requiring professional medical attention. When one considers the number of collisions in a season of football and between 85-

90 percent of the participants escape injury, it is a phenomenal record for safety. One television documentary reported there were 40,000 knee operations each year on high school football players. That is ridiculous. The fact is there are 0.25 knee injuries which includes sprains, and negative x-rays, not just operations for every 100 participants in football. That would make at most a national yearly total of 2,500 not 40,000.

Has there been an increase in high school football injuries?

No. The injury incident in Wisconsin for 1972 and 1973 were lower than any of the previous 13 years.

Is football the chief cause of spinal cord and head injuries?

No. The most common cause of paraplegia and quadriplegia and brain injury is motor vehicle accidents accounting for 30 to 40 percent of the cases another 4 percent was water sports. 1/2 of 1 percent was field and winter sports. Which happen to be the lowest incident of activities measured.

## Membership



You may have some question as to your membership status in the MHSFCA. If you attended the MHSFCA Clinic at Sexton High last January your membership is good until the clinic this year at Troy Athens High. MHSFCA membership is \$2.00. For a total of \$5.00 you can acquire joint membership in MHSFCA and MHSAA.

## "Sex"

Now that we have your attention and interest, the MHSFCA Newsletter would like to print some interest stories, or professional articles on some unique facet of the game that you do and would be willing to share with your colleagues. Get your name in print, coach. Send us some articles and we will try to print them. Send them to the Newsletter Editor.

## Thank You

The MHSFCA wants to thank the members of the Cannon River Hunter Club for the use of their facilities for the MHSFCA directors meeting July 26-27, 1975.

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