

2023-24 MHSAA BASKETBALL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023, 9:30 a.m. – East Lansing

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrea Cabana, Chelsea
Gabe Frisbie, Bay City
Keith Guy, Muskegon
Garnett Kohler, Yale
Paris McCarthy, Romulus
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Mike Mohn, Delton
Brian Samulski, Northville
Scott Stine, Ypsilanti
Matt Summer, Adrian

Adam Verseput, South Haven
Dan Young, Plymouth (BCAM)
Cody Zink (Guest/MATS)

MEMBER ABSENT

Kris Ernst, Fowler

MHSAA STAFF

Andy Frushour
Will McKoy
Tricia Wieferich (Recorder)

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am. After the welcome and introductions, the committee reviewed its responsibility and relationship to the Representative Council. The committee also reviewed minutes from the 2022-2 Basketball Rules committee meeting.

The committee discussed the new NFHS basketball rules changes and how those rules have been embraced within the state versus other parts of the country. The committee was provided participation data and discussed the downward trend in basketball participation and the role local schools, and the MHSAA, play in helping turn the trend. The length of the JH/MS basketball season and structure of basketball programs, in conjunction with the effectiveness of the 5-quarter allowance & cooperative agreements, were discussed as possible strategies to increase basketball participation.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan (BCAM) explained the 2021-23, 35-second shot clock experiments to the committee. The committee received tournament details and post-contest survey results gathered from participating schools and game officials. BCAM favors MHSAA implementing the 35-second shot clock because they believe it would prepare basketball players for the college game and improve the flow of the current high school game and the overall spectator experience. MHSAA staff presented the results of the last three update meeting surveys, in addition to the shot clock data collected at the 2023 basketball Semifinals and Finals, which show that member schools do not favor implementing a 35-second shot clock.

The committee also discussed the need to seed the entire District in lieu of the lack of support for Regional seeding as proposed by BCAM at last year's meeting. The committee believes that seeding the entire District tournament would reward the better teams and provide the bracket with a more competitive balance while ensuring that the best two teams would not meet until the District Finals.

The committee discussed the update meeting survey results regarding the potential expansion to 5 divisions in basketball and the three options available if expansion occurred. While there was substantive discussion, no recommendations came forth from the committee.

RECOMMENDATION TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Seed the entire District tournament using the current MPR system to determine seeding. (13-0)