



# CAPITAL AREA ACTIVITIES CONFERENCE

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## CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES November 14, MHSAA Office – East Lansing

**Schools present:** Charlotte, East Lansing, Eaton Rapids, Fowlerville, Grand Ledge, Haslett, Holt, Ionia, Lansing Eastern, Lansing Everett, Lansing Sexton, Mason, Okemos, Portland, St. Johns, Waverly, Williamston. Absent – Lansing Catholic, DeWitt

President Jeff Dassance of Eaton Rapids called the meeting to order and chaired the discussions. October meeting minutes were approved. Commissioner Randy Allen reviewed the agenda.

### **Old business items were reviewed as follows:**

An update was given on recent communication with the CAAC baseball/softball officials assigner. He has agreed to assign for the 2019 season and accepted the expectations regarding communication, training, recruitment and evaluation established as priorities by the league.

Football assigner Mike Conlin appeared before the group for a review of the recently completed regular season. He strongly supported continued use of seven-person crews for CAAC varsity games. Schools were requested to submit their 2019 division schedules to the assigner. Basketball assigning for the 2018-20 season was also reviewed and a thorough explanation of the CAOA self-assigning process was given.

A brief review of CAAC Soccer Cup plans took place. The commissioner will prepare several alternate format models to consider with a follow-up meeting with AD's and coaches to take place prior to the spring season.

Conference expansion and potential new member schools were discussed. A recent communication with a potential member was shared. Information on the CAAC will be shared with the school and a meeting with administration to be held on an informal basis before any further overtures are made.

Other topics discussed were updates on bowling schedules, JV hockey status, lacrosse scheduling, game sheets, YTD financial revenue/expenses and awards certificate distribution.

### **New Business Items were reviewed as follows:**

A report on the recent multi-conference meeting in Grandville was given, most notably efforts on the part of the OK conference regarding girls/boys' basketball scheduling and prime time balance. No date was given on when they may change and/or obtain an OCR hearing on the matter. Also discussed at the meeting were football post game protocols and an update from the MHSAA that indicated changes in the football playoff procedures were a priority and would be taken up at the Representative Council level.

CAAC All-Conference policies were discussed with some suggestion that the number of honorees be lowered, especially those in individual sports. Further discussion and options will be on the December agenda with a possible committee to be appointed for review and modification.

Hosts and formats for the 2019 Division wrestling meets on Feb. 2 were confirmed as follows and to be communicated to the wrestling officials' assigner:

- Blue Division at Holt, bracketed
- Red Division at Lansing Eastern, round robin
- White Division at Ionia, round robin

Future meeting dates and conflicts were reviewed. It was agreed to meet Jan. 9, followed by a combined February/March meeting on Feb. 27 to avoid MHSAA and MIAAA conflicts. Locations TBA.

Other news business topics discussed were upperclassmen (Jr/Sr) students on JV teams as needed; MHSAA rules regarding unified sports programs and the Ltd. Team Membership rule; grade 7-8 football; a report on the CAAC Cheer Scholarship meet scheduled for Dec. 14 at DeWitt; and an MIAAA update on Region 7 topics and the March MIAAA Conference.

Athletic Directors were reminded that the Dec. 12 meeting is scheduled to be a combined meeting with school principals. The commissioner will work on a separate agenda for principals to discuss during the division meetings.

**Next Meeting – Wednesday, 9, a.m., December 12, MHSAA office, East Lansing**

***Note – Combined AD/principal meeting Dec. 12***