



CAPITAL AREA ACTIVITIES CONFERENCE

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COMPILATION OF SUMMER 2020 MEETINGS

OVERVIEW: The Athletic Directors of the CAAC met continuously throughout the summer on an almost weekly basis as a response to the COVID-19 virus. The following is a compilation of those meetings.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. The CAAC supports the formation of the Central Michigan Swim Officials Association CMSOA. The following fee structure was adopted by the CAAC.
Dual Meets: 2 officials (recommended) \$70.00 each

- 1 official \$110.00
- CAAC Conf Meets 4 officials \$225.00 each
- Diving Additional \$50.00

School Hosted Invitationals \$150.00 each

Diving Additional negotiable

Athletic Directors will submit schedules to CMSOA Assignors Dana Kirk and Ryan Chorpensing and notify them of any changes.

2. Competitive Cheer Meet Schedule

Scholarship Meet December 18, 2020 at Fowlerville

Division Meets January 20, 2021 Hosts: LCHS and Grand Ledge

February 3, 2021 Hosts: Eaton Rapids and Mason

3. League Dues will remain at \$3,000 per School.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The COVID-19 virus was the dominant and frequently the only topic of the various Zoom meetings during the summer. The summer began with our focus was how to begin summer workouts keeping the safety of coaches and student athletes as the primary focus of all decision making. All schools agreed to keep the recommendations for return to play guidelines established by the NFHS and MHSAA

in collaboration with the CDC. Schools vary on the implementation and documentation of health checks as athletes and coaches arrive for workouts. Coaches are working to keep groups together to contain potential transmission and facilitate tracing.

The CAAC will continue to monitor and seek direction from the NFHS and the MHSAA. Concern is mounting on the schedule and potential delay or cancellation of fall sports.

The Athletic Directors directed Commissioner Hunt to send a letter to MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl expressing support and a compilation of consistent themes discussed in our meetings. They include;

- Sports should be played in traditional season if possible.
- Any sports that can be played with reasonable assurance of safety should be.
- We do not support an all or nothing approach
- Delaying seasons is preferable to moving sports season i.e. fall sports in the
- spring. We understand that may result in abbreviated seasons and extend
- into the summer.

Some of our member schools have experienced COVID-19 cases and have decided to discontinue summer voluntary workouts. Other schools have discontinued voluntary workouts in selected sports while others continue to meet.

The balance of the summer was waiting, then re-acting to information from the MHSAA and Governor Whitmer's office. As the mid-Michigan area remains in Phase 4 of the Governors reopening plan, it prohibits the use of indoor facilities. Volleyball and Girls Swimming and Diving are limited to outdoor courts and pools or dryland training.

July 29, 2020- The MHSAA Representative Council approved a phase in approach to fall sports. Significant points are:

- Practices begin on posted dates
- All scrimmages are cancelled
- No football pads until August 17, helmets only
- Tournament participants limits and sites
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August 14, 2020-The MHSAA Representative Council announced the suspension of football for fall of 2020 and planning for a spring 2021 season. All other fall sports are moving forward subject to Phase 4 restrictions.

Some of our member school districts have opted to eliminate either all or moderate risk sports. This has caused the adjustment of sports schedules. All remaining schools playing volleyball, boys soccer and girls swimming will play a single round robin schedule. There will be separate division championships and All-conference selection is yet to be determined.

Schools will be responsible to coordinate their schedules with appropriate assignors to that sport.

The group will continue Zoom meetings as needed. Next Meeting will be August 26 at 9:30 a.m.