



# ATHLETICS & TRANSPORTATION

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**The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by more than 1,500 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition.**

**No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools.**

**Member schools which enforce these rules are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments, which attract more than 1.4 million spectators each year.**

## A FEW NUMBERS

**300,000+**

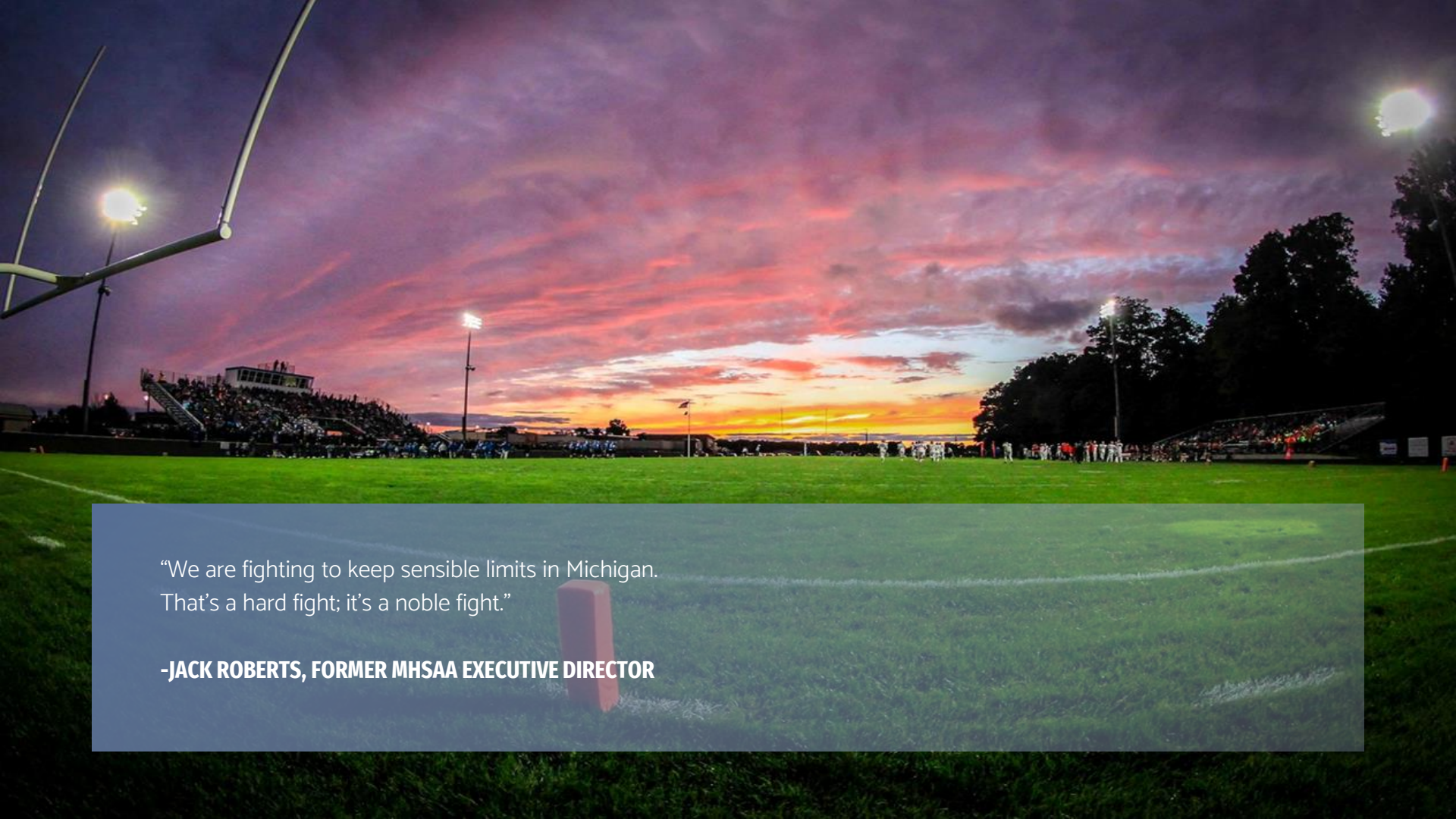
STUDENT PARTICIPANTS

**750**

MEMBER HIGH SCHOOLS

**23**

FULL-TIME STAFF



“We are fighting to keep sensible limits in Michigan.  
That’s a hard fight; it’s a noble fight.”

**-JACK ROBERTS, FORMER MHSAA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



# MHSAA TRAVEL RULE

- Travel inside the **GREEN** footprint has no mileage limit if all participating teams are from the footprint.
  - Otherwise, all teams are limited to 300 miles
- No pre-approval needed if event involves only MHSAA-member schools and schools from one other state.



# MHSAA TRAVEL RULE

- Outside the footprint, all participating teams limited to 300 miles.
- If attending an event that has a team from outside of Michigan, all teams must be school teams and in good standing with their state association and the NFHS.



# MHSAA TRAVEL RULE

- Out-of-state practices that are more than 300 miles require a travel request form be submitted and approved by the MHSAA at least 30 days in advance.
- Spring sports may scrimmage at these events (from maximum four for the season) and only against other MHSAA-member schools.





# MHSAA SEASONS, DEFINED



## IN-SEASON

Regular-season and post-season events, scheduled during MHSAA prescribed season (fall/winter/spring).


## OUT-OF-SEASON

During the school year, but entirely outside of the MHSAA-prescribed sport season.




## SUMMER

The period of time between the Monday after Memorial Day and July 31.



The Council approved the use of school transportation for summer activity for those districts wishing to use school vehicles owned or leased by the school district or those operated by any entity with which the district contracts to provide transportation services effective Monday, June 6, 2022.

Summer transportation funds must be from school-approved activities of booster clubs, school teams, student groups and community, civic or service groups (**no general school operating funds**). Note that this change only deals with summer transportation as all other summer limitations (no use of school owned and issued competition warmups and/or uniforms, for example) remain in place. The “window” for summer transportation use should your district allow this is from June 6-July 31, 2022.



# SUMMER TRANSPORTATION



Must be funded from school-approved activities of booster clubs, school teams, student groups and community, civic or service groups.

This includes the use of busses, vans and other vehicles owned or leased by the school district or operated by any entity with which the district contracts to provide transportation services.

# SUMMER TRANSPORTATION



Summer, for school sports =

Monday after Memorial Day thru July 31



## CATASTROPHIC INSURANCE

Among the no-cost-to-schools benefits of MHSAA membership is the Catastrophic Accident Medical Insurance Policy which pays up to \$1,000,000 for medical expenses left unpaid by other insurance after a deductible of \$25,000 per claim in paid medical expenses has been met.

All students enrolled in grades 6 through 12 at MHSAA member schools who are eligible under MHSAA rules and participating in practices or competition in sports under the MHSAA's jurisdiction are covered by this policy for injuries related to their athletic participation.



## 1. Who is covered?

**Eligible** student athletes are covered while traveling directly to and from a scheduled event as a representative of the school while traveling in transportation sponsored by the school, and while participating in season in an allowed activity under the direct supervision of a full-time school employee or coach designated by the school acting within the scope of his/her coaching duties in those sports for which the MHSAA provides a tournament series.

*See Page 108 of the MHSAA Handbook*

## 2. Who is NOT covered?

**Student-athletes ineligible under MHSAA Regulations are not covered.**

- Students who are ineligible under local school rules but would be eligible under MHSAA rules would be covered if they were allowed to practice with their school team.
- Students who are otherwise eligible but are suspended from contests under Regulation V, Section 3 (contest disqualifications) would be covered if they were to continue practicing with the school team.

### 3. What is the coverage, exactly?

It will pay up to \$1,000,000 in medical expenses **after a deductible of \$25,000 in paid medical expenses per claim has been met.**

The MHSAA arranged program will then pay medical expenses above the \$25,000 deductible left unpaid by the parents' or official's insurance or any other sources such as school purchased insurance.

## 4. Why is this important?

The **elimination of No-Fault Auto Insurance** in Michigan has made this coverage even more important for our member schools who choose to offer extracurricular transportation. We are monitoring how that change will affect outcomes for those that receive benefits.

# RESOURCE REVIEW



## MHSAA *HANDBOOK*

Every rule/regulation for member schools; provided in hard copy and online to school administrators annually.

## MHSAA.com

Health & Safety page,  
Schools > Administrators,  
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