

MCJA Fall 2014

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News from the President



Recruit! Recruit!

The MHSAA continually seeks platforms on which to give officials their due. It's an avocation, not a career, and the majority of the MHSAA's officials take on officiating in their spare time.

MHSAA has launched 'Be the Referee' spots state-wide. This is not only to give officials props, but also to attract new officials.

MCJA is placing emphasis on that same pathway by challenging each of us to recruit someone new this season or lure someone back who has left us. By taking time to mentor a novice official, you share your own experiences, foster relationships and build

teamwork.

It is with great excitement that we pass on our knowledge and share tips on what has worked for us, while more importantly, what has not.

Need help or guidance? You can contact the MCJA Mentoring Director, Jane Plaisted.

Invite a friend to train with you at the MCJA Fall Conference, November 1st at Mason High School.

Mentoring is fun and gives you a chance to hone your own skills, dig deeper into the manual and test your own knowledge of the sport.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the MCJA Fall Conference and mat-side this season!

Cheers to you,

Stacy

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What's Your Call?

A varsity team performs four extended heel stretches with the flyers holding arms.

This is illegal since a bracer in an extension position cannot brace a one-legged extension (OLE). See page 45 of rule book.

A flyer performs a braced suspended forward roll landing on the cheering surface.

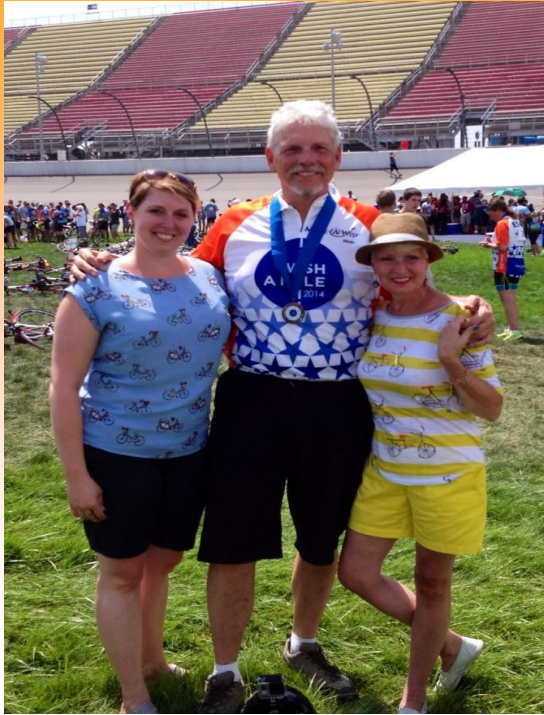
This is illegal since the flyer may not dismount directly to the cheering surface. See page 64 of the rule book.

In round 2 all team members perform a connected back-handspring back tuck.

This is illegal since skills in round 2 skills must be performed independently and a 22 point penalty would be assessed. See page 22 and 69.

Submitted by Cindy Tyzo

#officialspotting



Have you ever been outside a cheer setting and randomly bump into a member of the officiating crew? For me, that moment of recognition of that familiar face brings on extreme happiness! Hugs, smiles, how are you are exchanged (sometimes inside jokes). Spotting a friendly official outside of cheer meets can truly brighten your day.

After running into fellow cheer judge and MCJA board member, Sheila Brownlee this summer at the Wish a Mile bike race,

it got me thinking. Does this happen to others? Are you giggling with happiness at the grocery store, a Zumba class or school function with an official out of season? If so, share those moments with us for upcoming newsletters. MCJA is filled with fun members and we want to see you off the mat. The next time you run in to a fellow official outside of officiating, grab a snapshot, selfie, etc. and send it to mcja.info@gmail.com. Join in on #officialspotting!

Submitted by Jill Lansky



So You Got a New Book...

So your new cheer manual has arrived and you are jumping for joy. Thoughts of a new cheer season rush through your head and you can not wait for your first judging assignment of the season. But let's hold up a minute. Now is the time to get that new manual user friendly.

Take the time now to get your book in a format that will work you for the next two years.

First thing you will want to do is write your name and your official's number on the cover. Heaven forbid you leave your book behind somewhere; you will surely want it returned to you.

Many officials have found that having your manual put into a spiral format

works really well. Office Max and Kinko's will do this for you. Having them laminates the front and back covers will help the longevity of your book as well. Think about what phone numbers you may want handy as well, perhaps Kathy Westdorp phone and email, your assigner's number, your local officials group etc.

When you go to your rules meeting take your book with you. Bring a highlighter and highlight the areas of concern. Go through your book page by page and make tabs or use paper chips to mark those pages that you will refer to often. When you get updates or clarifications from MHSAA add them into your book on the appreciate pages so you do not have to look all over them. Formalizer

yourself with your new manual so that you will know where to find what you need when you need it.

GOOD LUCK in the new competitive cheer season and enjoy the experience !!

Submitted by Sheila Brownlee

MCJA Fall Conference

MCJA is looking forward to seeing so many of you this weekend at the MCJA Fall Conference. With so many interesting sessions, it is surely a conference you won't want to miss!

"Oops, there it is!", "Roll with it" and "Word on the Street Stunts" - you just to mention a few!

See you in Mason on November 1st!

Visit mcjacheer.com for highlights and to see who will be our next Official of the year!



Need a White Shirt that stays white, washes up well and looks good too?

Our own Bonnie Koenig may be able to help!



She is offering a White shirt option. To obtain more information you can contact

Bonnie at:
bbkoenig@gmail.com

Bonnie will also have these for sale at the Fall Conference on Saturday, November 1st at Mason High School.

The Stamina Long Sleeve waffle knit polo is constructed of 6.3 oz. 100% polyester, and features Tri-Mountain UltraCool[®] moisture wicking technology. Accented with a narrow 6-button placket, self-fabric collar and square bottom with side

vents. Ribbed cuffs and khaki contrast piping along inner back neck.

Additionally, she will have a black cardigan wrap sweater.

100% soft Supima Cotton Shawl style collar and tagless neck label for comfort. Asymmetrical front hem for a flattering appearance. Length extends to mid-hip. Double needle stitching for durability.

She will be offering these at \$35.00 and \$35.50, respectively.





Officials needed

Hopefully you have been seeing emails for Officials Needed. Each request contains a contact for that specific competition. Please remember to contact that person listed, not the MCJA email. It's natural to hit reply, but take that extra moment to message the contact for that event.



Thank you!

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MHSAA Rules Meetings



The MHSAA online Rules Meeting is now available. Sign in to your Officials page and complete the meeting requirement.

There are additional LIVE rules meeting

opportunities as well. Saturday November 1st, there will be a live meeting held at the MCJA Fall Conference, 3-4 pm, at Mason High School.

Later that same evening at the Crowne Plaza in Lansing, there will be another LIVE rules meeting option 6-7 pm.

One last LIVE meeting option will be at the MHSAA Building on November 17th.

Remember that your officiating schedule is due by December 4th!!

