



July 2012

MCJA Summer Newsletter

NEWS from the out-going President

Be the best you can be is somewhat of an overused phrase, or is it? As an official, you must be the best you can be every competition, for every team in every round. This takes considerable energy and training. The training can be informal or formal. Formal training will occur this summer and fall at the MCJA training sessions. Informal training occurs every time you officiate. The creativity of the routines is increasing. When you think you know all the rules, a team will show you something that will test your judging skills. This requires panel judges as well as safety officials to put their knowledge to the test, but the knowledge fellow officials bring to each event is increasing as well, making this task a little easier. The knowledge gleaned from other officials is invaluable. As the summer season draws near, it's time to sit back, relax and train so that we can not only be the best officials we can be, but we can bring extra knowledge to the judging table.

Have a great summer!
Cindy

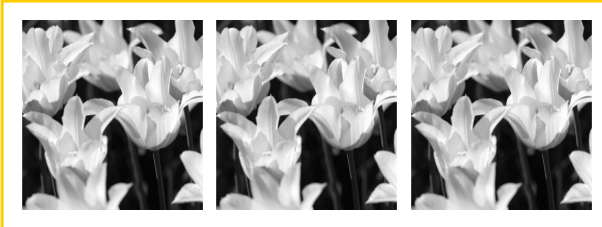
U. P. Training

Munising High School

Thursday August 23

10:00 am-2:30 pm

Register on line at mcjacheer.com



Save the Date!

Fall Conference

Saturday November 3rd

Lansing Center

(Friday night live rules meeting)

*Registration available online at mcjacheer.com



SUMMER TRAINING

“Geared toward the Novice Official, but all are welcome!”

August 18th, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Detroit-Nov

2700 Sheraton Drive

Novi, Michigan 48377

*There are rooms available for Friday night. \$82 per room, two double beds.

1-866-599-6674

9:00 am-Noon Sessions

Noon-1:00 pm Lunch (provided)

1:00-3:30 pm Sessions

\$25 Registration fee (Helps cover costs for facilities, lunch and supplies-training is free.)

Register @ mcjacheer.com

A thumbdrive will be provided with all hand outs

*Bring a laptop



News from the President

“A leader is best when people barely know he exists, not so good when people obey and acclaim him, worse when they despise him. But of a good leader who talks little when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: We did it ourselves.” —Lao-Tzu

MCJA will continue to focus on training and communication. We hope to keep you as up to date as possible throughout the off-season as well as during the competitive season. We are working closely with CCCAM to help align our organizations direction and values. We hope to have conversation and dialogue that moves us in the direction of interpreting and examining the rules and manual using the same terminology and definitions. It is going to be another great year supporting you, the official, while gaining and sharing as much insight, collaboratively.

Cheers to you!

Stacy

Some schools are now requiring officials to register through “refpay”.

This is a new system for Athletic Administrators.



MENTORING

This was my first year judging. I was able to mentor safety for quite a few competitions. It was a great learning experience. My mentor answered all of my questions as I thought of them and made sure I knew my role as a safety judge. I was also able to meet other judges in my area. Overall, I am very glad I mentored this year because it provided me with a lot of opportunities and a great way to learn all the ins and outs of safety judging. If I decide to learn panel I would definitely want to mentor again.

Thanks for all the help this season,

Jessica Hurlbut



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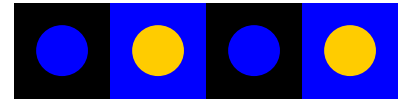
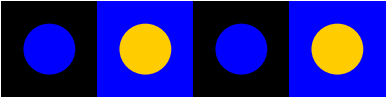
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Mentor Spotlight: **April Hooker**

MCJA would like to give a huge shout out to all the judges that serve as mentors each season to our new officials! Mentoring builds confidence, skills and relationships...all which enhance the officiating experience! If you see great mentoring while out officiating, please let us know, perhaps you are witnessing our next Mentor Spotlight!

April is a safety judge who went beyond the call of a mentor this year. She opened her schedule up and assisted a new safety official several times in the season. April was asked to show a new official “the ropes”, and that is exactly what she did. She helped build confidence, skills and relationships for a new official, exactly the plan of MCJA mentoring! April has 8 years of officiating experience and 10 years of coaching experience.

“My mentor answered all of my questions as I thought of them and made sure I knew my role as a safety official.” ~Jessica

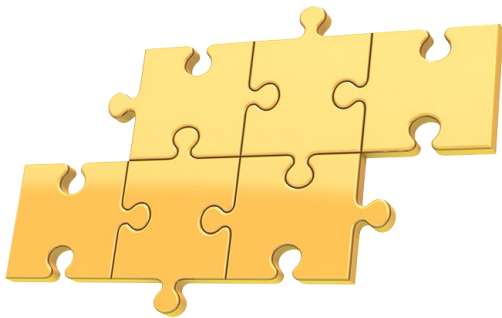
MCJA asked April to give advice to new officials and to new mentors

Advice for **new officials**...mentor a couple of times to get into the rhythm of how the meets are run. Be prepared. Tab your book so you have information at your fingertips. The hardest part sometimes is when you know a rule but can't find the rule to show a coach.

Advice for **new mentors**...Don't feel like you have to know it all to volunteer as a mentor. My mentee came up with a couple of good questions I had never thought of before and I told her that was a good question and one I hadn't come across and that before I gave her an answer I wanted to confirm with some other judges first. I think new judges keep us veterans on our toes because they see things with fresh eyes.

April is a great example for new safety officials! When she is not judging, she is a stay at home mom to Ethan, 9 and Sydney, 7. She also works part-time as a Promoter for the Body by Vi 90-Day Challenge. “The Challenge is helping me reach my health goals and I love that I can help others reach their goals,” April told us. Whenever she has free time (which isn't often with 2 kids and their after school activities), April enjoys reading, teaching their dog Dakota tricks, and just hanging out with family and friends.

LINKS



LMCCOA

October 23, 2012 at Grandville HS, 6:30 p.m.

November 11, 2012 at MCHIC Cheer Gym in Kentwood, time tbd

December 13, 2012 at Grandville HS, 6:30 p.m.

January 8, 2013 at Grandville HS, 6:30 p.m.

January 26, 2013 at East Kentwood HS, LMCCOA Scholarship Invite, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please volunteer!

February 21, 2013 at Grandville HS, 6:30 p.m.

March 14, 2013 Place tbd, 6:30 p.m. End of season meeting/potluck.

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