

Always  
believe that  
something  
wonderful is  
about to  
happen.

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# Newsletter MCJA



## 2013 Official's Award Banquet

At the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Official Awards and Alumni Banquet on May 4. Each year the MHSAA recognizes awards officials for 20 years, 30 years, 40 years, 45 years and 50 years of officiating.

Mark Uyl, Assistant Director introduced each sports program, complimenting officials for their dedication to their sport. Six were honored for 50 years of officiating. MHSAA Cheer Officials were awarded 20-year plaques for officiating Competitive Cheer.

This coincides with the 20-year duration of the sport of MHSAA Competitive Cheer. Those receiving awards were: Gloria Berger, Marilyn Bowker, Sheila Brownlee, Candace Cox, Jackie DeJonge, Renee Dicristofaro, Katherine DiMeglio, Lynette Dooley, Dianne Elliott, Kathy Felty, Dee Hammond, Judi Holland, Patricia Jaksa, Bobbe Johnson, Julie Jones, Kim Kaye, Karla Koviak, Barbara Laird, Janette Luttenberger, Mary Milke, Amanda Pelukas, Carolyn Peters, Marty Shean, Kathy Showers, Joyce Smith, Stacy Smith, Janis Stahr, and Cindy Tyzo.



Attendees were inspired by speaker John Tripolett on the topic of 'What You Must Have To Be An Official'.

One must be passionate for officiating. One must be able to concentrate, focus, and be consistent.

One must understand what someone is saying without saying anything. One must have respect for the game, players, and fellow officials if you don't you won't get respect. One must not do it just for the money. When you make a questionable call, one must be ready to deal with the controversy. How you deal with it defines you as a person.

One must have fun, it is a game. Don't lose perspective.

Cheer officials enjoyed the reception and socializing with other officials, guests, and family members. Many cameras and cell phones helped record the event. Cheer people felt proud to be there realizing that we are a part of a group that is passionate about their sport and dedicated to providing excellent officiating for Michigan's young people.

Submitted by Marilyn Bowker



**A Junior High team performs a double based extension with a heel stretch flair, a front and back spotter are present. Legal or illegal?**

This is an illegal stunt since the Junior High may only perform a cupie or double braced liberty flair at the extension level with a front and back spotter. See page 84 of the Cheer Manual.

**A Flyer in an elevator transitions down to a face down flatback with the two original bases and two additional catchers. Legal or Illegal?**

This is a legal transition since the flyer in a vertical position, the elevator, transitioned to a horizontal face down position between at least two bases and at least two catchers. See page 58 of the rule book and additional clarification insert.

## What's Your Call?

**A flyer initiates an inverted exit from a double based face down flatback position with a head and shoulder spotter. Legal or Illegal?**

This is a legal inverted exit since the exit shall begin from a double based, below should level, cradle or horizontal position (parallel to the floor) only. See page 68 of the rule book and additional clarification insert.

**A competitor is on the floor in a face down push up position as another competitor back handsprings over the competitor in the push up position. Legal or Illegal?**

This is illegal since tumbling, rolling or flipping over or under a stunt or a competitor is illegal. See page 49 of the rule book.

**A flyer in a shoulder stand completes a backward suspended roll with both hands in contact with the bases. Legal or Illegal?**

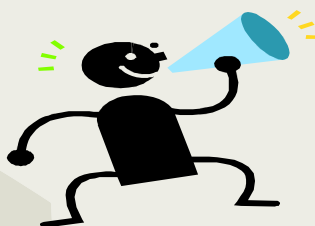
This is illegal since backward suspended rolls are illegal except in a braced

pyramid. See page 63 or the rule book and additional clarification insert.

**A flyer is lowered to a suspended split position from an elevator with two bases and the back spotter supporting the thighs with a front post holding the hands of the flyer.**

**Legal or Illegal?**

This is legal since lowering a flyer from an elevator to a suspended split position requires four bases that support the thighs and lower legs of the flyer as she is being lowered. Once the flyer is in the suspended splits position, the flyer must have both her hands in contact with the bases. The front post should be considered one of the four bases. See page 64 of the rule book and additional clarification insert.



## What's up with our Members?

Janelle Holland received her Masters degree in the Art of Teaching from Aquinas College on May 4. She plans to continue teaching second grade at Kellogg Elementary School with the Gull Lake School District.

~Judi Holland

Our daughter, Cassy, got married to a wonderful young man named Brandon Dreffs on April 27 at Addison Oaks in their beautiful outside gardens.

~Gaye TenBrink

Hello! On April 21st I gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Lacy Gloria Goliday. She was welcomed by her big sister Gabrielle who is 2 years old. My husband Herb and I are so happy and blessed with our two girls! Girl power!

~Tiffany Goliday

My oldest son got married June 12. We spent 7 days in Tulum, Mexico for the wedding and vacation. Yahoo, bring on the grandbabies!

~Marcy Moore



**Join us at the  
NASO Official's  
Summit  
in Grand Rapids  
July 27th**

**Be part of history July 27, 2013, in Grand Rapids.**





# MCJA 2012-2013: A Year in Review

## Coaches vs. Cancer: Benefitting the American Cancer Society

Coaches vs. Cancer is a nationwide collaboration between the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches. The initiative leverages the personal experiences, community leadership, and professional excellence of coaches nationwide to create a world with less cancer and more birthdays. Coaches vs. Cancer helps increase cancer awareness and promote healthy living among students, faculty and staff, fans, and the community at large through year-round awareness efforts, fundraising activities, and advocacy programs. Since 1993, coaches have raised \$85 million to support the American Cancer Society's fight against cancer.

Norm Stewart, former head coach of the University of Missouri's men's basketball program, cancer survivor, and member of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, provided the vision and inspiration for the Coaches vs. Cancer concept. He started the program by challenging fans to pledge a dollar amount for every three-point shot made by his team during the season. The concept has evolved into a nationwide effort uniting college and high school coaches, fans, players, and communities across the country to fight cancer.

The effort has expanded to all sports and all levels engaging all willing coaches to join the movement. Here in Michigan we had over 200 coaches participate last year raising over \$200,000 in the fight against cancer. The Competitive Cheer Coaches Association signed on as a partner joining the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan, The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association and The Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association by pledging to encourage their membership to get involved by hosting a game at their school. We are hoping to raise over \$300,000 this year and continue to focus on creating a world with MORE birthdays and less cancer!!

Respectfully Submitted by Beth Campbell

During the 2012-2013 year, MCJA put a genuine focus on communication and collaboration. The main emphasis was to keep members as up to date as possible throughout the off-season as well as during the competitive season. MCJA worked closely with local regional official associations as well as CCCAM to help align our organizations direction and values. The conversation and dialogue was kept alive to help move us in the direction of interpreting and examining the rules and manual using the same terminology and definitions.

MCJA used technology to communicate with all stakeholders. Social media, web-site and email were used extensively to share information as it was available and updated. MCJA invited members of CCCAM, GLO and LMCCOA to share in every newsletter views, ideas and thoughts. MCJA offered and shared its MHSAA liaison with all local official associations. MCJA will work closely with CCCAM to provide an MCJA Board member as a CCCAM liaison. During summer 2012, over 30 novice officials were trained. Over 20 new officials were mentored during the competitive season, officially, by seasoned

officials. Through more undefined resources, many other officials were also mentored. MCJA shared its mentoring system with local regional official association who are building a local mentoring program. Mentoring will continue to be the focus for 2013-2014 while working closely with CCCAM to offer mentoring opportunities during the CCCAM Scholarship meets. During fall 2012, MCJA trained over 100 officials at its Fall Conference, ran in conjunction with CCCAM's fall summit. MCJA also provided CCCAM members with its round by round training. MCJA planned an officials training for UP officials too.

As the 20 year anniversary approaches for the beginning of Girls Competitive Cheer as a sport in Michigan, many officials were recognized for their 20 years as an MHSAA official. MCJA is sponsoring 'Officiate Michigan Day' in July 2013, will offer sport specific sessions and host a small hospitality room in lieu of its normal summer training opportunity. MCJA had a voice represented on every MHSAA Competitive Cheer Committee available for the 2012-2013 year.



## MCJA Fall Conference

**SAVE  
the  
DATE!!**

**Saturday  
October 26,  
2013  
@  
Mason High  
School  
8:30-4:00**





## ROAD TRIP

Everyone knows doing something with a buddy is much more fun than doing it alone and judging is no exception so grab a buddy and yell – “Road Trip”!!

There are many advantages to judging as a team. First off, if you can find someone who lives close enough that you can share driving to and from competitions the obvious advantages are right in front of you. Splitting the cost of gas, helping each other with directions and simply the safety of having someone with you are all positives. Then there is the bonus of your drive time chit chat, double bonus. A great buddy can even help you out when you’re not at the same event. After I totaled my van driving to regionals I was able to contact my buddy and she took over contacting the site director and the other judges for me while I figured out a way to get a another car and get myself to the competition. With my buddy in place I was able to get to the school a bit shaken, bumped and bruised but on time.

The biggest advantage of the judging buddy system is working with someone as a team, particularly with safety judges. After working together even for a short time you can become very comfortable with your partner and therefore more effective on the floor. Although most safety judges work out who is doing what ahead of time, with your buddy in place, that part of the judging is a given and you will automatically take responsibility for your part of the team.

Once you have a buddy contact your local assigner and ask whenever possible that you be placed with your buddy. This will also help out your assigner when they are setting schedules for the coming year.

Good luck with your buddy. I am sure you will love it.

Sheila Brownlee





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