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Gentlemen:

Thanks for taking the time to come up and visit me with regard to the upcoming MITCA Winter Track Program. I would like to take this opportunity to review our meeting and summarize the outcome.

First, we want to remember to change the word "equipment" to "uniform or wearing apparel" in the MITCA information intended for athletes. Secondly, it is important to remember that there is no restriction regarding the equipment that may be used by a Track athlete in any competition or practice, in fact, it may be school property. The third item is that coaches should be reminded that they will not officiate if they have more than three athletes participating in any out of season meet.

We discussed the starting date for spring sports which this year is February 27, 1989. We wanted to remind all that any events which occur on February 27th or after will have to be counted as a scrimmage, one of the eighteen allowable meets, or one of the two individual outside events. Your effort to remind coaches of this will be greatly appreciated and will aid in the administration of this particular rule.

I hope our explanation of the three player rule was satisfactory to you. If you wish to prepare a series of questions to which we may offer answers that will be circulated to your membership, we will be glad to do so. Simply make your list of questions as complete as possible and send it to me with two or three weeks time to respond.

I think one of the best items to come out of our meeting was the fact that MITCA is going to prepare possible training and conditioning activities that are permitted within the MHSAA rules and are valid pre-season experiences for track athletes. I will await your printed material to critique and return to you sometime in December to allow you to prepare it for your January MITCA clinic.

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Finally, if MITCA or either of you individually are interested in proposing the study of the addition of an indoor track program to the list of MHSAA activities, I will gladly receive your written request and present it to the Track Committee which next meets in January of 1989. It is my vision that a committee of this nature would want to spread its meetings over a two year period so as to consider all of the possible issues that might be presented and to study how indoor programs have been run in other states. There is no need to rush, but to simply consider the concept and report to the committee as soon as a valid study as been completed.

Again, thank you for taking the time to discuss high school Track & Field. I hope that, as time goes on, we can continue to meet in order to clarify issues that will surface. It is my opinion that our continued meetings will go a great distance to improve cooperation and understanding that the MITCA program and the MHSAA need to nurture in order to advance together in the best interest of high school Track & Field in Michigan.

Sincerely,

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