

Re: CC SURVEY & MHSAA response to loss of week  
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idea, Kevin. I encourage all of you to respond.  
I know the MITCA CC committee will be proposing some  
similar questions @ the clinic, but the more data we  
have on all of the various options, the better for our  
cause.

Once again, I have news directly from the source on  
the issue of the shortened season. This comes  
directly from NATE HAMPTON and is presented , in  
part, at his request.

Your voices (and those of your supt., ad's, principals,  
and parents) have been heard.

1. When the MHSAA track and field and cross country  
committee meets in January, the shortened season WILL  
be addressed. Since I am serving on that committee, I  
can give you double assurance that the topic, indeed,  
will be discussed thoroughly. We do need to ask Nate  
at the clinic to clarify if change can still occur  
after the Jan. meeting, since the Representative  
Council of MHSAA meets in Dec.

2. While the voices of your parents and fans have  
been heard and perhaps served a purpose, the flood of  
contacts from that source has/is posing some  
challenges at the MHSAA offices. Nate asks that we  
focus on school generated communications, since they  
are the member institutions of the MHSAA, and are the  
proper vehicles for change. Remember, as others have  
already noted, while most of us do not agree with the  
actions of last year's MHSAA T & F and CC Comm. or  
Nate's stewardship of the shortened season, he is ,BY  
FAR, our best director in my 24 years of coaching.  
Let's give him a chance to right the wrong that we  
perceive.

3. Thanks to Dave Foley and all the others that have  
helped lead this fight. It looks like there may be  
some light at the end of the tunnel.

4. Good luck to all participating this weekend.  
Perhaps I will see you at the meet (unlikely). If not,  
I hope to see most of you at the clinic

Kim Spalsbury

Grand Ledge Men's CC & T&F

--- Kevin Behmer <behmer@aaps.k12.mi.us wrote:

TO ALL MICHIGAN TRACK & CC EMAIL SUBSCRIBERS:

I would like to take a 'quick' survey of all of you. I think that even though the MHSAA has gone in a different direction we need to obtain some data on the opinions of coaches and athletes. Below are several questions and I hope you would answer them as honestly as you can! Feel free to post them directly to me as I dont know if we need to 'clutter up the mailing list' with all of our responses. There has probably been sufficient discussion on these topics to offer everyone enough opportunity to make informed decisions.

It is important to note that some of these questions may also appear on the MITCA clinic Questionnaire! I am not trying to circumvent the process only enhance it. I am wondering what the 'silent' members of our CC community think about the issues at hand.....

I will collect the data and have it available at the MITCA CC clinic for your perusal. I will also bring copies of all messages that get sent to validate what I collect. I will reply to each person who submits survey responses so that you may confirm that your data has been recieved.

In order to help manage the collation of this date, I only ask you all to please respond with your name, school, division and whether or not you coach men or women on the first 4 lines of your response.

Name: optional?  
School:  
Division:  
Men or Women:  
Position: coach athlete      AD   principal   fan  
other \_\_\_\_\_

if you are not replying to my original message, please put CC SURVEY in the subject line!

Most are Yes/No questions but please offer any explanations/rationale that you desire! Feel free to print this out and distribute it to your AD, league coaches, and other coaches who do not subscribe to our email listserve. We only ask that they follow the same submission requirements found above! Hard copies can be sent/faxed to me at the numbers found at the bottom of the survey

1. Are you in favor of having the individual race and the team race at the same site? If the answer to #1 is NO then you may skip to #5...

2. Are you in favor of having the TEAM competitors and the INDIVIDUAL competitors compete in the SAME RACE at the state championship?

3. Would you be in favor of having the individual and team race at the same location but on different weekends?

4. Would you be in favor of having separate individual and team races but at the same location on the same weekend (ex. Indiv Friday and Team Saturday)?

5. Are you in favor of having a ONE SITE INDIVIDUAL (all divisions) state championship meet?

6. Are you in favor of having a ONE SITE TEAM (all divisions) state championship meet?

7. Would you be in favor of having the individual and team race at separate locations but on the same weekend?

8. Would you be in favor of having the individual and team race at a separate location but on different weekends?

9. Should each division have a same site meet for its team and individual championships(similar to track and field)?

10. Should the UP continue to be separate or should we combine championships?

11. Can you suggest a school that would be willing to host a state meet?

12. Can you suggest a location that should be considered to host a state meet?

13. How many individual qualifiers should 'get out' from the regional meets in our current system?

14. Should we continue to utilize MIS as the location of the CC state meet(s)?

15. Are you in favor of shortening the CC season by one week?

16. If the state meet is going to be moved up, are you in favor of adding the lost week to the beginning of the season?

17. Would you be in favor of adding one week onto the length of the CURRENT season length?

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