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### Executive Board

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Association Coaches,

On behalf of the Michigan High School Coaches Association I would like to say thank you for all the hard work that you have put into supporting your athletes during these difficult times.

As you may know the MHSAA has been working with the NFHS and the state of Michigan in developing a return to sports process to provide guidance to coaches and school districts on how to safely restart sports in Michigan.

I have been in contact with our NOCAD Liability Insurance agent, Greg Jolly, and he would like to pass on some basic information about coaches starting to work with their athletes in this COVID-19 period. He said that coaches should make sure that they follow all guidelines that have been mandated by state and local agencies and your school district to the letter when working with student athletes. Your individual school district should be providing you with guidelines that meet the necessary requirements. I would suggest that you get your districts guidelines in writing because as a coach you will be held accountable and open to liability if something were to happen.

### Executive Committees

**Rich Tompkins Multi-Sport**

**Athlete Award**

Larry Merx

**Service Award**

Mike Jolly

The NOCAD Insurance coverage is from August 1st – July 31st. If you were a paid member of your association during the 2019-2020 membership years and your association participates in the MHSOCA Insurance program, then you have liability coverage through July 31st. At the end of the membership year your association provides the MHSOCA a list of coaches and pays for their insurance for the current membership year.

### Member Associations

MIAAA: Athletic Directors

MHSBCA: Baseball

BCAM: Basketball

MHSIBCA: Bowling

CCCAM: Competitive Cheer

MHSFCA: Football

MIGCA: Golf

MHSGCJA: Gymnastics

MHSLCA: Men's Lacrosse

MWLCA: Women's Lacrosse

MHSSCA: Skiing

MHSSCA: Softball

MISCA: Swimming & Diving

MHSTeCA: Tennis

MITCA: Track & Field &  
Cross Country

MIVCA: Volleyball

MWA: Wrestling

If the coach is on the previous year's membership list then the MHSOCA pre-pays the insurance premium so that the coach has insurance coverage starting on August 1st. The coach is then expected to join the MWA during the membership year or the insurance coverage is withdrawn.

If a coach is not on the previous year's membership list, then that coach does not have insurance coverage until the date in which the coach pays membership dues to your association.

If you have any specific liability insurance questions, please feel free to contact Greg Jolly of Loomis & LaPann at 1-800-566-6479 or Karen Bollar at [kbollar@loomislapann.com](mailto:kbollar@loomislapann.com).

I hope that you stay safe and have a good summer,

Mark Holdren, MHSOCA Executive Director