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## 2023 Cross Country Edition

### From the ATOM President

Dave McPhail

### Reflections on Preventative Officiating

In my years of experience as an official, one of the best lessons I've learned is that we need to balance our enforcement of the rules with some well-placed instruction. While we are not there to coach athletes, we can be educators while also being enforcers.



Penalties on the Track are quite a bit different than those in other sports.

Two minutes in the penalty box; a five-yard penalty and replay the down; one of 5 personal fouls before being removed from the game. None of those minor penalties exist in our sport. When we make a call in a running event, it usually involves disqualification from that event. In some instances, in a Regional or State Final, one call can literally end an athlete's career.

Being preventative keeps athletes in the competition. It is also a great way to build rapport with athletes and coaches and earn their respect. Not all athletes or even coaches know the rules. Coaches may be new to the sport or inexperienced with certain rules, but it is the athletes who are penalized. If we can prevent this from happening, we should make reasonable efforts to do so.

With rule changes over the past several years, we have a lot less to focus on when it comes to uniforms, jewelry, adornments, watches, and other non-competition related items than we did in the past, so we can be more focused on competition related prevention.

There is quite a bit of prevention that can be done regarding the start of the race. If you see any movement or twitching at the start, call them up quickly. If there is a lot of movement before the gun, instead of a false start, fire a recall and bring them back with a warning, "Be steady after the "Set" command". They will usually be much steadier the second time. At certain levels, especially early in the season, I can sometimes find an outside element to blame for a false start, such as a ransom noise nearby. Rather than disqualify an athlete, instead of making a wishy-washy comment like "that was close but I'll

let it go this time”, I might give a general warning to the athletes and spectators nearby, “We need quiet for the start please!”

Preventative Officiating can be a time benefit to you as the official as well. For example, while working a middle school meet and starting the first of 15 heats of the 100, when you see a young athlete going through a series of acrobatics before settling into the blocks, it might be a good idea to call everyone up from that heat and instruct all subsequent heats on how to set blocks and quickly enter the blocks without delay or extra movements, rather than wait for athletes in subsequent heats to follow the same pattern. Sometimes a little time invested in education can go a long way in saving time in the long run.

Be preventative on your own behalf. Be prepared to defend your call or non-call. Anticipate possible questions from coaches. When an overzealous coach accosts you claiming an opposing team’s runner took 3 steps on the inside line around a curve, a good reply might be “I saw him step on the line but from my perspective I could not clearly see that he stepped on or over the line 3 consecutive steps, so I gave him the benefit of the doubt and issued a warning.” That type of response shows that not only were you paying attention, but you also have a firm grasp of the rules. I liken that to the NFL rule on challenges. If you don’t have indisputable visual evidence, the call on the field stands. Similarly, if you can’t clearly see an infraction, you don’t make the call. In this case a warning seems more appropriate.

*“... Track and Field officials play a key role as educators, not just enforcers of rules. Helping kids get out of the “holes they dig for themselves” by being a preventative problem solver for student-athletes on rules they may not know, rules they don’t understand, or rules that they unintentionally violate is a hallmark of what great officials do each contest for kids.”*

- **Cody Ingles, MHSAA**

Preventative measures are not always verbal. In a Regional or Final meet, as a further preventative measure, it would be helpful to place cones all around the inside of the track to give the athletes a visual reminder not to step on or over the inside line around the curve or hand off the baton in the 4x400 or 4x800 inside of lane 1 in the exchange zone. It’s also a good preventative practice to set up cones around the first turn to separate the forward waterfall alley before the cut-in point.

You can find opportunities for preventative instructions in every event. A good official can usually spot an unsure athlete before a problem ensues. When you see athletes lined up in an unusual position in the sprint relay exchange zone, it doesn’t hurt to clarify the zone rules and markings. In the High Jump or Pole Vault, it is good practice to give a warning or heads up when the time clock is running down, rather than just waiting for a time violation. These are just a few examples. The amount of instructing we do can vary based on athletes ages and experience levels, as well as the type of meet and point in the season, but every meet and each individual event provides an opportunity to be preventative.

Our longtime rules guru and now retired MHSAA Assistant Director Nate Hampton emphasized keeping the kids in the meet whenever possible and when in doubt, giving the benefit of the doubt. Nate’s successor, Cody Ingles, MHSAA Senior Assistant Director has a like-minded point of view. Cody states, “Great Cross Country and Track and Field officials play a key role as educators, not just enforcers of rules. Helping kids get out of the holes they dig for themselves by being a preventative problem solver for student-athletes on rules they may not know, rules they don’t understand, or rules that they unintentionally violate is a hallmark of what great officials do each contest for kids.” He continues, “Two of the greatest roles that an official has include acting proactively as a preventative official and an enforcer of the agreed upon rules of competition.”

I couldn’t agree more.

# ATOM Clinic Preview

Charles Parker, 1<sup>st</sup> VP

Hello ATOM members,

This is a quick reminder to sign up for the 2024 ATOM Clinic. A lot of useful information will be given to help you understand why our job as an official is important.

I've been a starter for 51 years and an ATOM member for 30 years. Over the past 25 years, I've attended the ATOM Clinic. The information and fellowship with other starters has been priceless.

So don't miss out, sign up now for a day of learning more about ATOM and how your organization works for you.

See you all Saturday, February 3, 2024, at Doherty Hotel Clare, MI.

Charles E. Parker  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
2024 Clinic Chair



Join us at the 2024 ATOM Clinic for awards, fellowship, and officiating education!



## MHSAA Finals Reports: Upper Peninsula

NOTE: The following stories are excerpted from MHSAA.com. We are seeking an official to write the Upper Peninsula cross country and Track and Field finals reports. Please contact Dave McPhail at [dmcphail83@hotmail.com](mailto:dmcphail83@hotmail.com).

### **Marquette Boys Win 5th-Straight Finals, Jeffers & Dollar Bay Run Title Streaks to 3**

Division 1 - The Marquette boys continued their hold on the Upper Peninsula Division 1 cross country title here Saturday, scoring a meet-record 22 points. Marquette, which placed seven among the top nine runners, was crowned champion for the fifth-straight time. Sault Ste. Marie was next with 64 points and Houghton was third at 74. "We're happy with the state record, and the girls tying the state record," said senior Cullen Papin, who placed 10<sup>th</sup>, noting Marquette's girls championship as well. "We had some guys really step up. This is a great day for Marquette. It's great to see the hard work pay off. There was definitely special motivation with this being my last high school cross country meet. We went 4-for-4 during my high school career, which is special for me."

Division 2 - Painesdale Jeffers claimed its third straight Finals championship with 48 points, followed by Rudyard with 66 and Munising with 105. "Overall, it was a great day," Jeffers coach Sam Kilpela said. "Our fifth runner was up in the air. We've had two freshmen battling for that. We knew it wasn't a given. Rudyard ran well today. The boys are excited for next year already."

Division 3 - It was also a three-peat for Dollar Bay, which captured the D3 crown with 54 points, followed by Eben Junction Superior Central with 78 and Stephenson with 104. "The Copper Mountain Conference did real well," Dollar Bay coach Matt Zimmer said. "It's a tough conference to run in, and we just kept getting better all year long."

Full story (John Vrancic, MHSAA)::

<https://www.mhsaa.com/sports/boys-cross-country/stories/marquette-boys-win-5th-straight-finals-jeffers-dollar-bay-run>



Photo Credit: MHSAA

### **Sophomore Pair Clinch 1st Finals Titles, Korpi Wins 3rd to Cap Ishpeming Career**

Division 1 - Marquette, as expected, retained its D1 title by tying the UPD1 Finals scoring record with 23 points, followed by Houghton with 53 and Sault Ste. Marie with 92. Led by sophomore individual champion Ella Fure, the team placed five in the top 11. Fure was clocked at 19:24.6, followed by junior teammate Monet Argeropoulos in 19:30.2. "I'm definitely happy. I was faster than in the GNC (Great Northern Conference) meet," Fure said. "I was a little nervous about my time. I was running with Monet, and she told me to take off with a quarter-mile to go. I was about 17 seconds off my PR. The weather was nice. It was about the perfect temperature (near 50)."



Photo Credit: MHSAA

Division 2 - Ishpeming senior Lola Korpi ran the fourth-best time in U.P. Division 2 Finals history at a personal-best 19:04.8, clinching her third individual championship in her final race for the Hematites. "I ran about 20:18 here last year and was trying to beat that," she said. "That was amazing. It feels like I'm on top of the world right now." "I'm also proud of my sister. Laynie ran real well. I was thinking to myself 'leave it all here.' I'm not as sad as others because I know I'll be running in college. Plus, I still have track to look forward to next spring." Hancock gained its third straight team title with 38 points, followed by Munising with 71 and Ironwood with 93.

Division 3 - Pickford's Talya Schreiber is a first-year high school cross country runner. The Pickford sophomore placed an exclamation point at the end of her season, setting the Upper Peninsula Division 3 Finals record by covering the 3.1-mile course in 18 minutes, 49.2 seconds here Saturday. "That's nine seconds off my PR (personal record)," she said. "I wanted to go out hard because it gave me a cushion to work



with. "This has definitely been a real good learning experience. I dealt with some illness last summer (2022). I needed a lot of rest and had to get back into running very slowly. It's disappointing I didn't get to do anything in my freshman year, but I'm definitely happy to be back." Chassell was crowned champion for the first time in four years by edging Newberry 52-54. Third-place Stephenson scored 58 points.

Full story (John Vrancic, MHSAA): <https://www.mhsaa.com/sports/girls-cross-country/stories/sophomore-pair-clinch-1st-finals-titles-korpi-wins-3rd-cap>

## MHSAA Finals Reports: Lower Peninsula

### Rudy Godefriedt

Note: I realize that after writing over twenty of these that they start to repeat several items. I apologize for that but it seems that every year is exciting in it's own way and some of the same ingredients make it that way.

I would once again like to start by saying THANK YOU to the MHSAA and assistant director CODY INGLIS for hosting another successful state finals meet. Cody again worked diligently with MIS and the state finals committee, as always to put together an efficient, exciting and thrilling meet. After a couple of years of anticipation, dealing with a pandemic and what not, it was fantastic to watch the Cross Country athletes of our state traverse over an excellent course at the Michigan International Speedway. The course was in the best shape that I have seen it and drove it. The officials' association (ATOM) extends a great deal of gratitude to all that were involved and made it possible.

This year the course conditions were once again excellent and held up all day. We did continue the change that we initiated in 2021 from regionals in qualification to the finals that once again increased our numbers to a total of 2024 athletes for the day in eight different races. Spectators on the course were amazing and with the addition of a couple more marshals in what we considered trouble areas last year were very well behaved and complying with meet regulations and policies. We also had supporters and fans in the grandstands and thousands in the infield. The fans in a few popular spots on the course and at the awards presentation were fantastic. The final tally of paid attendance was 10,234 but that number doesn't include all of the attendees in the suites that were all sold out this year.

The lower Peninsula Cross Country State Finls were held for the twenty-eighth consecutive year at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn. All twenty-eight years of MIS hosting this meet, the course has remained similar enough to compare times for all twenty-eight years. The course was in very good condition and could be considered the best ever to my recollection. It ran very fast and those of us that expected that were not disappointed. The normal wind that seems to be present most years at MIS was not present. The footing was firm and smooth. The final 1000 meters of this course are still deceiving and unless the athletes are mentally prepared for it, many struggle



Photo Credit: Brian Germain



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on this stretch. Temperatures were excellent for racing and the lack of wind made for a very pleasing finish stretch that saw our state’s best athletes excel. Overall, considering the course held up for eight races in one day, it has to be considered one of the best years ever and surely another success. The starting line was spacious and handled the 250+ athletes each race sufficiently. The finish line was also efficient and handled very well. Several athletes continue to want to go to the ground right after crossing the timing pads but our marshals, trainers and officials once again took diligence and paid close attention to keeping everything safe and efficient. The course once again had a few tweaks that worked well. The exit from the finish chute and paddock areas were repeated from last year worked in the way we had envisioned. Although the MIS venue and the course gets criticized as not being spectator friendly, it must be the only venue that I can think of that is able to handle this wonderful Cross Country spectacle. I believe it is the largest high school cross country meet in the nation. Talking to several athletes after their races, the sentiment was positive and a few that have run here previously said the “best ever”. The Cross Country athletes enjoyed a course with no repeats and remarked that it was great to see and hear all the spectators on the course. A recent area of criticism is the finish area but from one who works cross country meets two or three times a week, I can tell you that the finish area is the one that several fans abuse and cause difficulty at. Over enthusiastic parents, teammates, grandparents with cameras and so on often cause interference and make visibility difficult for the timers and scorers.

The overall evaluation of the meet was again positive and overwhelmingly appreciative towards the folks at MIS. All tickets sold to enter the grounds and grandstands were e-tickets from GoFan. The e-tickets had to be purchased on the MHSAA website and continues to be an efficient way to attend the meet and avoid having to stand in lines.

Programs for this fall were once again produced and I hope they were enjoyed by all that purchased one. The program is a very popular item and keepsake from the 2023 finals but as I stated a year ago our society is getting used to printing what they want from on line information. The programs are the responsibility of Rob Kaminski from the MHSAA and he continues to do an excellent job with that task. I was told that they were sold out this year and that is great.

The media coverage continues to get better and better and they were evident on the course during the races, they get live results and live streaming during all races and they are up to date all the way through the meet. The monster truck with video stream of the live streaming was once again a huge hit and I heard numerous positive comments on that wonderful addition. Carey Hammel from Shepherd was in control and in charge of the live streaming, it was great. The awards ceremonies are always a hit with tremendous attendance. The awards announcer Scott Hubbard does an excellent job and always has information above and beyond just announcing place and time. Assisting Scott with giving the awards to the athletes was Fred Smith from Bangor and Meg Seng from Ann Arbor Greenhills, two members of the MHSAA Representative Council. The Michigan Room was used for awards preparation along with being the coaches’ room for packet pick up and information. The MHSAA is in control of packet pick up and providing



information and the personnel from Parma Western Public Schools were in charge of organizing the awards area. They all did a super job.

The course is set up by an excellent crew of MIS workers and then refined by a local group of coaches and enthusiasts the week of the meet. The parts of the course that had millings along with black dirt covering all paved areas give the athletes a different feel as they race as does the texture of the grass during the last 1000 meters. The millings seemed to be the most ever and that was a bonus. The course is well marked and supervised. There are a few strategic areas where the spectators are fabulous and present in very large numbers. It seemed that the spectators numbered more and more each year in certain areas that they have learned to be good viewpoints. We discovered last year that a few fans were a bit too enthusiastic which brought attention to the organizing committee that these areas need one or two extra marshals. They were present there this year and it worked really well.

The public address system was once again under the auspices of the “Sound Doctor” along with MIS staff. This adds a great deal to the meet and was much appreciated. The on-course announcing was broadcast over the MIS PA system and we received numerous compliments on that addition. I believe it relieves some of the stress for those that remain in the grandstands. In the lead cart on the course is track and field/cross country guru Jeff Hollobaugh providing updates, including leaders, split times, team scores and several other interesting facts about the athletes competing. The spotter working with Jeff was Katy Hollobaugh (yes Jeff’s daughter). This is a good place for me to interject that Jeff has co-authored and authored books on the Michigan history of Track and Field going back to 1895 and updated through 2019. Unfortunately we never had a track season in 2020. His Cross Country history is a fantastic book of information for any enthusiast and goes from 1921 – 2020. Jeff along with his duties at Managing Editor of Track and Field News started producing a weekly publication called “Michtrack”. With continued support it can keep athletes, officials, coaches and enthusiasts informed and entertained.

There was also a great deal of information coming from the Champions Club where the press box announcer George Tilt and his spotter, wife Sandy were housed. They provided up to date scoring and split times as well and then announced the top 30 athletes in each race as well as the top teams. Information for the announcers came directly from the scoring and timing station at the finish line. Everything seemed to operate fluently and we receive more and more positive comments on the announcing every year. There will always be some areas in the speedway that are difficult to hear but it’s just an issue of the venue that is hard to deal with. We have also made a concerted effort to provide live scoring during the meet and immediately at the conclusion of a race. This is an area where we’ve had difficulty but this year’s timing and scoring crew from Superior Timing did another fantastic job. We also had a video screen at the finish line area showing runners finishing and posting names of individuals and teams along with scores and times. The goal last year and once again this year was to have all race results as accurate as possible and it happened again this year. The increased number of competitors in each race did not affect the fluency of the results and we are all thankful and very appreciative. The responsibility of this area was Don Passenger along with the Superior Timing crew of Sam Graci Sr. and Sam Graci Jr. I hope that coaches and athletes are as thankful for the work they do as the ATOM officials are for it.

The folks at MIS work hand in hand with the MHSAA to coordinate parking, entrance and exit methods and that gets revised every year so that challenging areas can be worked on and made better. The officials were able to park their vehicles close to their work area and this eliminated the need for actual cars and vehicles on the course during the races and that was GREAT. Due to some early confusion, parking for officials was again confusing but we will once again clarify what is needed and it should be revised and corrected for 2024.

Packet pick-up was under the direction of the MHSAA, it was very efficient and was available on Friday from 12:00 – 5:30 p.m. On Saturday it was only available for two divisions at a time. The Superior Timing (Sam Sr. and Sam Jr. Graci) crew recorded every finish for further review if and when necessary. They were assisted by Michigan Cross Country and Michiana timing coordinator Don Passenger. The bib numbers have two strips on the back of the bib that are picked up by the computer readers at the mile, two mile, three mile and 5,000 meter finish line. They also wore a bib number on their backs and those did not have transponders on them. The B-tags do not need to be returned and are a keepsake for the athletes. Who knows how often they will have a chance to compete in a meet of this proportion and stature.



The race results are posted for coaches on the MHSAA website as well as a few other websites. That is what is used for viewing and possible appeal. The twenty minutes wait after posting before the results become official is not a long time but for meet efficiency needs to be adhered to. For the past several years live results have been available on devices such as phones so that coaches and spectators can instantly see the UNOFFICIAL results. Close to the finish line there is a video screen that displays the finishers and their times when they cross the timing pads. This type of technology continues to get better and better and I look for even more changes in the future. Souvenir apparel sales took place for the sixth year right at MIS in two or three locations. For those that are not able to purchase these on site, EA Graphics also offers on line purchasing possibilities.

The registered officials and marshals working the finals consisted of over 50 highly qualified individuals. One of the main reasons the meet runs as well as it does is due to the individuals working the meet every year and knowing what to do and how to do it. Cross country management has some intricacies different than other sports and having the same “crew” together every year is a tremendous benefit. The overall direction of the meet was under the management of MHSAA Assistant Director Cody Inglis. The designated meet manager is Brad Buter from Jackson who is an ATOM member.

There were three individuals working on results posting. Our referee in this area was Erika Raffin with help from marshal Dar Devereaux.

For announcing we had two individuals in the lead cart (Jeff and Katy Hollobaugh) and one other announcer providing information, updates and computer related items in the press box (George and Sandy Tilt). For the first year we had live streaming for all races and I will view these when I get a chance so that I can evaluate that aspect as well (the live streaming crew from the cart as well as the Championship Club were; Carey Hammel, coordinator along with the crew consisting of Mason Cross, BJ Tomanek, Taylor Priest, Haley Hegenauer, Alex Vander Starre and Wyatt LeClear. The officials / marshals room was manned by two individuals. Working the finish line were several trainers and several marshals. On the course we had several marshals in what is considered critical areas. We also had a marshal in the coaches’ check-in room working with one registered official there as well. For the second time we used mostly registered officials as we knew we had a very successful meet in 2022. This made for fewer bodies on the course but it still worked well. As I mentioned previously, we did discover a few problem areas last year and fixed those for 2023. Marshals that were used were attired in their orange jackets so they could be identified. The registered officials that worked as marshals wore their official attire which helps tremendously. Official marshal in the coaches room was Dar Devereaux along with Laura Robert from the MHSAA office and Karen Leinaar, a former member of the MHSAA representative council and current member of ATOM. We also used marshals at the two mile with Greg Bishop and Rodney Johnson from Monroe. On the turn two crossover was Rich Vitale, at the 1.5 mile point was Doug Thering and by the sign shop we had Marty Lynn, all acting as marshals. A very important area and one identified last year that needed improving was the bottom of turn 3 all the way to pit row. There we had Jason Frasle, John Goebel and Denny Whitehead.



A crew that needs to be mentioned as well as applauded are the individuals that worked on the course pre meet as well as during the meet and then helping in the finish area/chute for every race. They are Pete Norman, Becky Norman, John Brown, Tom Gunnels and Gary Childs. Additional help on the course was provided by Brad Buter, Nate Pyle, Dennis Whitehead, Anthony McGee and Alan Ganshorn. Volunteer help at the finish area came from Tony McGee and Alan Ganshorn as well the Napoleon cross country team. The ladies taking care of the officials’ room for the second year, and did a great job in organization of radios, pay checks, lanyards, lunches and everything else that makes our lives as officials much easier. They are Ellen Godefroidt, Lorenda Jonas and Molly Jonas.

The registered officials and their job assignments at the finals included starters: Ozzie Hashley (head), Geri Jackson, Ray Drysdale and Bertha Smiley. Referees were: Rudy Godefroidt (head), Kathy Hutfilz (trouble shooter), Jim Cleverley (start line), Mike Raffin (finish line), Marty Crane (finish chute), David Putz (on course at the mile and mile clock), Erika - Yuvan, Myles Cleverley, Nick Marshal, Paul Matson, Jim Loria and Jonathan Flott. The course umpires were: Eldon Dean, Dan Bentschneider, Bob Fulcher and Keith Jones. Serving as our meet monitor was Doug Kelly (I need to point out that Doug with assistance from Mike, once again did a phenomenal job with the athletes that were having difficulty getting across the finish line for health reasons). Doug is also the go to official for early notifications of possible infractions and issues that need to be dealt with. A key and important position indeed.

This venue at MIS is one that has proven to be a showcase for cross country. I believe that the partnership between the MHSAA and MIS is a fantastic working partnership and will hopefully continue for many years to come

**Meet Highlights**

*Division IV:* Girls Champions Whitmore Lake – 78  
 Runner-ups Johannesburg-Lewiston – 112  
 Individual Champion – Aiden Harrand, Buckley – 17:18.9, NEW DIVISION COURSE RECORD  
 Individual Runner-up – Kylie Livingston, Whitmore Lake – 17:44.7

*Division III:* Girls Champions Jackson Lumen Christi – 140  
 Runner-ups Traverse City St. Francis – 177  
 Individual Champion – Jessica Jazwinski – 18:08.9  
 Individual Runner-up – Madison Osterberg, Jackson Lumen Christi – 17:49.5

*Division IV:* Boys Champions Hillsdale Academy – 129  
 Runner-ups Holland Calvary Christian – 199  
 Individual Champion – Tyler Lenn – Marine City Cardinal Moomey – 15:49.0  
 Individual runner-up – Owen Patton – Vestaburg – 16:01.0

*Division III:* Boys Champions Traverse City St. Francis – 113  
 Runner-ups St. Louis – 175  
 Individual Champion – Collin Farmer – Pewamo- Westphalia – 15:39.1  
 Individual Runner-up – August Rohde, Reed City = 15:51.9

*Division II:* Girls Champions GR Christian – 112  
 Runner-ups Otsego – 131  
 Individual Champion – Emily Torres, GR CatholicCentral – 17:31.4  
 Individual Runner-up – Gail Vaikutis – 17:33.6

*Division I:* Girls Champions Romeo – 65  
 Runner-ups Ann Arbor Pioneer – 126  
 Individual Champion – Rachel Forsyth – Ann Arbor Pioneer – 16:28.5, NEW DIVISION AND OVERALL COURSE RECORD

*Division II:* Boys Champions FHE Ada Forest Hills Eastern – 134  
 Runner-ups Pinckney – 156  
 Individual Champion – TJ Hansen – Freeland – 14:52.8 NEW DIVISION COURSE RECORD  
 runner-up – Solomon Kwartowitz – Cranbrook Kingswood – 15:03.3

*Division I:* Boys Champions Northville – 128  
 Runner-ups – Brighton – 141  
 Individual Champion – Seth Norder – Grand Haven –14:54.3  
 Individual Runner-up – Thomas Westphal – New Baltimore Anchor Bay – 14:57.9



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Sizes: XS - 4XL

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- 100% M-Tek™ nylon shell • Drawcord hood • Two-way zipper with snap closure storm flap • Interior vertical pocket • Adjustable cuffs with hook and loop closures
- Drop tail hem with drawcord and toggle for adjustability
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Our fully seam-sealed, waterproof pant coordinates with the (AM-LJ3/AM-MJ3) Waterproof Jacket for head-to-toe weather protection. Folds into a convenient carry pouch for easy, compact storage.

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- Drawstring carry pouch included.



AM-USSJ  
Sizes: XS - 4XL

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A Soft Shell Jacket with a water-resistant shell joins a breathable mesh liner giving this jacket transitional, all-season versatility with plenty of stretch for movement.

- 100% polyester knit shell bonded to a water-resistant film insert and a 100% polyester mesh interior • 1000MM fabric waterproof rating
- 1000G/M2 fabric breathability rating • Reverse coil zipper
- Elastic binding at cuffs • Open hem with adjustable locking drawcord



AM-MP5  
Sizes: SM - 4XL

**ITEM #AM - MP5** **ITEM #AM - LP5(Ladies)**  
\$31.00 (XS-XL) • \$33.00 (2XL)  
• \$35.00 (3XL)

- 100% Polyester wicking knit polo.
- Contrast color self fabric collar.
- Contrast color raglan sleeves.
- Boxed-stitch placket.
- Three matching buttons with cross stitch.



AM-LP5  
Sizes: XS - 3XL

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## 2024 ATOM Clinic

It's not too early to mark your calendars for the ATOM Clinic

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We look forward to seeing you there! (See registration form on page 11)



Your Executive Committee can't wait to see everyone at the annual ATOM Clinic in beautiful Clare, MI!



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February 2-3 2024 Doherty Hotel  
 For rooms call (877)236-4378 or (989)386-3441  
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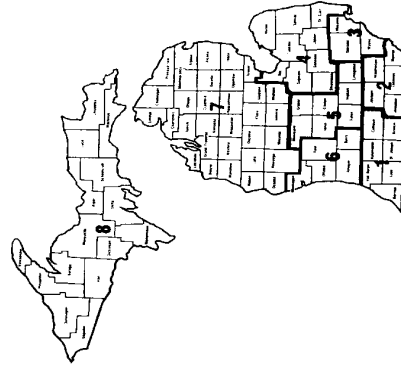
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Name	ATOM Zone #
Preferred Email	MHSAA ID #

Description	FEE: Before Jan	Post Marked After Jan 1	Amount Submitted
2024 Clinic	\$ 55.00	\$60.00	\$

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2024 Membership	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$
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