



Montana High School Association

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TO: MHSА MEMBER SCHOOLS
FROM: MARK BECKMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
RE: EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTION

The Montana High School Association Executive Board conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on September 27, 2010. Following is a synopsis of the major items:

1. The Board reviewed reports regarding state championships held in the spring including track and field, softball, tennis, golf and state solo and ensemble festivals. The Executive Board and MHSA staff appreciate the managers and the venue personnel that administered and hosted these extremely successful events.
2. The Board reviewed the financial reports from State Solo and Ensemble Festivals and State Track and Field Meets.
3. The Board heard a report on the two year pilot program relating to the use of qualifying standards for the State Class AA Track and Field Meet.
4. The Board approved the Auditor's Report for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.
5. The Board moved the wrestling events from MetraPark in Billings to the following venues to be held on the established dates of February 11-12, 2011:

Class AA – CM Russell High School (Great Falls)
Class A – Butte Civic Center
Class B-C – Hamilton High School

For further information on these events, please visit the MHSA website at www.mhsa.org

6. The Board approved that tournament managers for MHSA post-season events must complete the tournament manager online workshop for that sport once every five years. The requirement is sport specific.

In addition, the Board took the following action, for which schools are given two weeks notice. Finalization of the following item will take place during the November meeting of the Executive Board after affected schools have the opportunity to submit final comments.

7. The Board approved the Class AA Conference's request to make permanent qualifying standards for the Class AA State Track and Field Meet after a two-year pilot program. The proposed procedures and standards are attached.

Other Information:

OFFICE STAFF TO PRESENT AT MCEL WORKSHOPS

8. The MHSA office staff will be conducting an equity/eligibility workshop at the MCEL Conference being held in Billings on October 20-22, 2010. The workshop is presented in accordance with MHSA Rules and Regulations which stipulate that the MHSA will provide clinics in eligibility and transfer rules and gender equity in athletics. Attendees must be present for the entire two-part session to receive credit for attendance. The schedule for this year's workshop is:

Thursday, October 21st

*Eligibility & Equity Workshop (2 part session):
2:15 – 4:45 p.m. – Billings Hotel Room 109

Mark Beckman, Executive Director, will present a detailed segment on eligibility rules with which all Montana high schools must comply. Compliance with MHSA by-laws, rules and regulations will be summarized, and there will be ample opportunity for questions.

Joanne Austin, Associate Director, will review gender equity regulations as found in the Ridgeway Settlement Agreement. Basic gender equity principles and recent developments in equity will be discussed. The target audience is anyone who has administrative authority in member high schools: superintendents, principals, and activities/athletic directors. Title IX coordinators are also encouraged to attend.

MHSA member schools are required to have an administrator on staff who has attended an Eligibility and Equity Workshop within the last five years. Many schools are due for renewal this year. If you have any questions about your school's attendance at these required clinics, please contact Jo Austin at the MHSA office.

As always, if there are any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact the MHSA office.

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