



Montana High School Association

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**TO: MHPA MEMBER SCHOOLS
MEMBERS OF MONTANA'S NEWS MEDIA**

FROM: MARK BECKMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTION

The Montana High School Association Executive Board conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on November 22, 2010. Following is a synopsis of the major items:

1. The Board reviewed reports from the MHSA Athletic Committee and four other ad-hoc committees that were appointed by the Board this fall to study various issues including competitive cheer, fifth classification and review of MHSA eligibility rules.
2. The Board reviewed reports regarding recently held state events in cross country, golf, football, soccer, volleyball and All-State Band, Orchestra and Chorus. The Executive Board and MHSA staff appreciate the personnel and the venues that hosted and administered these extremely successful events.
3. The preliminary budget for 2011-2012 was reviewed and approved by the Board pending final approval by the membership in January.
4. The Board approved the calendar for 2012-2013.
5. Effective in 2011-2012, final action was taken to reclassify the following schools and to assign them to the district/division as indicated:
 - Darby High School (currently Class B) will move to Class C. They are assigned to District 13C for basketball and track and field, to District 9C for volleyball, to the Western Division for eight-player football and to the Class C Division for boys' and girls' cross country.
 - Superior High School (currently Class B) will move to Class C. They are assigned to District 14C for basketball and track and field and to District 10C for volleyball. They are assigned to the Western Division for eight-player football, and the Class C division for boys' and girls' golf.
 - Cascade High School (currently Class B) will move to Class C. They are assigned to District 8C in basketball and track and field and to District 7C for volleyball. They are assigned to the Northern Division for eight-player football, and to the Class C division for girls' cross country.
 - Manhattan Christian High School (currently Class B) will move to Class C. They are assigned to District 11/12C for basketball and track and field and to District 8C for volleyball. They are assigned to the Class C division for boys' and girls' golf and boys' and girls' cross country.
 - Valley Christian High School (currently Class B) will move to Class C. They are assigned to District 13C in basketball and track and field, to District 9C for volleyball, to Class A-B-C Southern Division for soccer and to the Southwest Division for girls' tennis and to the West Division for boys' tennis.

- Ronan High School (currently Class A) will move to Class B. They are assigned to District 6B in basketball, volleyball, football and track and field, to the Western Division in Class B-C softball, wrestling and boys' and girls' tennis, to Division 3 in boys' and girls' golf and to the Class B division for boys' and girls' cross country.
- Joliet High School (currently Class C) will move to Class B. They are assigned to District 4B in basketball, volleyball, football and track and field and to the Class B division for boys' and girls' cross country.
- The following schools met the enrollment guidelines to change classifications but petitioned the Board to remain in their current classification:
 - Billings Central High School and Butte Central High School will remain in Class A.
 - Lodge Grass High School will remain in Class B.

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

6. Effective in 2011-2012, the Board approved the recommendation of the Class C Northern Volleyball Division to move CJI High School from District 6C West to District 6C East pending two week notice.
7. Effective in 2011-2012, the Board approved the recommended realignment proposal submitted by a committee from the Class B Conference. Following is the tentative realignment for Class B pending two-week notice.

- District 1B:** Choteau, Conrad, Cut Bank, Fairfield, Rocky Boy and Shelby
- District 2B:** Glasgow, Harlem, Malta, Plentywood, Poplar and Wolf Point
- District 3B:** Baker, Colstrip, Forsyth, Lame Deer, Lodge Grass, and Powder River
- District 4B:** Columbus, Huntley Project, Joliet, Red Lodge, Roundup, and Shepherd
- District 5B:** Broadwater Co., Jefferson Co., Manhattan, Sweet Grass, Three Forks and Whitehall
- District 6B:** Florence Carlton, Loyola Sacred Heart, Powell Co., Ronan and St. Ignatius
- District 7B:** Bigfork, Lincoln Co., Plains, Thompson Falls and Troy

8. Effective in 2011-2012, the Board approved the recommended realignment proposal submitted by the Class A Conference. Following is the tentative realignment for Class A pending two-week notice.

- Northwest:** Columbia Falls, Frenchtown, Libby, Polson and Whitefish
- Southwest:** Anaconda, Beaverhead Co., Butte Central, Corvallis, Hamilton, and Stevensville
- Central:** Belgrade, Browning, Fergus, Havre and Park
- Eastern:** Billings Central, Custer Co., Dawson Co., Hardin, Laurel, and Sidney

9. Effective in 2011-2012, Lone Peak High School, Hot Springs High School, and Two Eagle River High School were approved for competition in six-player football and were assigned to the Western Division pending two-week notice.

10. Effective in 2011-2012, the Board approved the realignment proposal for Class C six-player football. Following is the tentative realignment for six-player football pending two-week notice.

- Western:** Alberton, Hot Springs, Lima, Lone Peak, St. Regis, Two Eagle River and West Yellowstone
- Eastern:** Carter Co., Frazer**, Garfield Co., Hysham, Lambert/Richey, Rosebud, Savage and Terry
- Southern:** Bridger, Custer/Melstone, Denton, Fromberg/Roberts, Grass Range/Winnett, Reed Point/Rapelje and Roy/Winifred
- Northern:** Augusta, Big Sandy, Box Elder**, Geraldine, Highwood, Heart Butte, North Star, Stanford/Geyser and Valier

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11. Effective in 2011-2012, Great Falls Central Catholic High School was reassigned from six-player football to the eight-player football league. They will be assigned to the Northern Division pending two-week notice.
12. The Board approved amending the language for state tournament tickets prices in basketball, volleyball, wrestling, swimming, softball and Class AA soccer as follows: ~~Each classification may determine the ticket prices for its respective state tournaments. If the classification chooses not to or no decision is reached then the following ticket prices as established by the MHSAA Executive Board will be used for all boys' and girls' state tournaments.~~ **The following ticket prices as established by the MHSAA Executive Board will be used for all state tournaments:** (There was no change to established ticket prices).

Also, the Board approved the following change to the Football Section, I-General Rules and Regulations, item (22) on page 122 as follows: (22) ~~Each district and division in each classification shall determine their own ticket prices for each playoff game. Each classification may determine the ticket prices for their respective state championship games. If they choose not to or no decision is reached, then.~~ The following minimum ticket prices as established by the MHSAA Executive Board will be used for all **post season playoffs and** state championship games.

(There was no change to the established ticket prices)

13. The Board approved the following amendment to Golf, I – General Rules and Regulations, Section (16) on page 138 of the current MHSAA Handbook on page 138 of the current MHSAA Handbook: (7)Twelve (12) ~~meets~~ **dates of competition** shall be the maximum number for schools **per individual golfer** excluding association sponsored tournaments. **A two-day tournament counts as two days of competition towards the season limitation.**
14. The Executive Board approved the following recommendations from the Athletic Committee pending two week notice to schools and final action in January.

Track / Field and Cross Country:

- a) To require that athletes meet a qualifying time in at least one regular season cross country meet prior to participation in the State Cross Country Meet. The recommended qualifying times are as follows: Boys – 30.00 minutes or faster; Girls – 35.00 minutes or faster
- b) To amend in the Track and Field Section of the MHSAA Handbook, II-District and Divisional Meets, #6 as follows: Divisional track and field meets may be conducted on two days, provided the meet does not start before 2:00 p.m. on the first day and that the requirements for limitations on the number of events remain the same as for one day meet. Exception: if multiple track and field divisions are participating at the same meet site, the starting time may be adjusted to begin at 4:00 **12:00** p.m. on the first day of the meet.
- c) Add to the Track & Field section of the MHSAA Handbook for all district, divisional and state meets: At all post season meets, warm-ups for throwing events must be conducted in the following manner:
 - a. When athletes participate in a general warm-up the day prior to competition, each athlete will be allowed only one implement/attempt at a time.
 - b. During the general warm-up immediately prior to each event, each athlete will be allowed only one implement/attempt at a time

Softball:

To amend Article I—GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS, #2c on page 157 as follows? Using a maximum time limit of 1 1/2 hours can end games played at invitational tournaments. The game can be called if there is five minutes or less before the maximum time limit **or officials should not start a new inning after 1 hour and 20 minutes of play, except if a tie exists where NFHS Softball Rules for tiebreaking would be followed.**

Crowd Control:

To amend the "Crowd Control at MHS A Contests" section of the MHS A Handbook, page 53, letter J. addressing noise makers as follows: The use of bells, air horns, whistles, wooden blocks and other noise makers during indoor Association contests is prohibited. At indoor contests bands may only play before the start of a contest, during intermissions, between periods (quarters) and during a time out. They may not play during "live ball." At outdoor contests ~~band directors should use discretion when determining the appropriate times to play.~~ **the use of electronic and air amplified devices by spectators is prohibited. At all outdoor contests bands will not be allowed to play during "live ball".**

Final action was taken on the following items from previous meetings:

Final approval was given regarding Class AA Track and Field Qualifying Procedures as approved during the September meeting.

If you need additional information, please feel free to contact the MHS A office.

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