



Montana High School Association

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

On Saturday, January 14th and again on Monday, January 16th, the MHSA Executive Board conducted its regularly scheduled meeting and the following action was taken:

1. The Board took the following action, for which schools are given two-week notice. Finalization of the following items will take place during the April meeting of the MHSA Executive Board after affected schools have the opportunity to submit final comments:

Approved the following items pertaining to wrestling:

- a. Modified language governing the completion of WR#1 and WR#2 forms as follows:
 - WR#1 – Individual wrestler’s certification must now be completed within 34 calendar days (previously 30 calendar days) of the wrestler’s first practice).
 - WR#2 – Summary of each school’s wrestlers, which must be submitted to the MHSA office, must now be completed within 34 calendar days (previously 35 calendar days) of the first allowable practice.
 - b. For an athlete to be eligible to compete in post season competition he/she must weigh-in and wrestle in at least one contested event during the regular wrestling season.
2. Final action was taken on the following items from previous meetings:
 - In the Southern C Division, reduced the number of qualifiers from the district track and field meets to the divisional meet from six in each event to five in each event.
 - Six player football cooperative sponsorship applications deadline date change from February 1st of a given year to November 15th.
 - Acceptable formats for shortened games in basketball.
 3. Final action was taken on the following realignment items from previous meetings:
 - Effective in 2012-2013, the Board approved placing Custer High School in District 6C East for basketball and track and field.
 - Effective in 2012-2013, the Moore/Hobson/Judith Gap cooperative football team was approved for competition in six-player football and was assigned to the Southern Division.

4. Amended the 2012-2013 golf dates for Classes B and C as follows:
 - Class B divisional golf tournaments changed from allowable dates of May 6-11 (Monday to Saturday) to **May 11-18 (Saturday to Saturday, excluding Sunday)**. [There is no divisional golf competition in Class C.]
 - Classes B and C state golf tournaments changed from allowable dates of May 13-18 (Monday to Saturday) to **May 20-25 (Monday to Saturday, with typical competition dates on Tuesday and Wednesday)**.
5. Proposal Approved at the Annual Meeting:
 - The membership endorsed action by the MHSA Executive Board requiring that all major musical performing group members be enrolled in twenty hours per week and in attendance for ten hours per week in order to be eligible to participate at district music festivals.

6. The following awards were presented at the 2012 Annual Meeting:

MIAAA Gold Pass Award

Steve Crosby, Activities Director at Roundup High School

AIM Higher School Award

Butte High School

AIM Higher Contributor Awards

Connie Wittak, Scobey High School

NFHS Outstanding Music Educator for Montana

Nancy Murdock, formerly of Whitewater Schools

MHSA Service Citations

Trudi Downer, retired Speech/Debate/Drama Coach, Laurel High School

Karen Sanford Gall, former MHSA Executive Board member and current NFHS Executive Board member, Billings

Scott Wilson, Activities Director, Polson High School

MHSA James C. Haugen Meritorious Service Award

Duane Walker, Activities Director, Hardin

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

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