



Montana Officials Association

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TO: MOA OFFICIALS
FROM: MARK BECKMAN, MOA COMMISSIONER
RE: DUES INCREASE

As you are aware, each MOA official is enrolled in the NFOA (National Federation Officials Association) and Montana is a 100% state (all officials enrolled in the NFOA) and has been for many years. The NFOA provides liability and accident insurance to each official along with other membership perks.

The NFOA is raising those dues \$5.00 per official for next year and the main reason, aside from the fact that dues haven't been increased for quite some time, is to help fund a website for officials use through the NFHS technology partner, Arbiter Sports. This website will provide many beneficial resources to every member official including:

- Rules books, case books, and officials manuals online with immediate search capabilities for any rule reference
- The ability to test online
- The possibility of registering officials online
- High quality video on a variety of rule topics
- The ability for local pools to load video on the site and use the video(s) as training tools

The NCAA uses this company to provide web-based training programs and information to their officials and has been pleased with their performance to date.

After listening to various presentations regarding what the NFOA will provide with the dues increase, and receiving approval from both the MHSA Executive Board and the MOA Regional Directors, we will raise officials' dues \$5.00 per official this year to cover this membership and to keep Montana as a 100% state. This will be a "pilot program" and after one year, we will evaluate the program and see if our continued membership is warranted based on the resources that are actually provided. If we decide membership in the NFOA is no longer a benefit for MOA officials we will have to solicit insurance coverage from other vendors.

As a reminder, for the 2010-11 season, all MOA contest fees will increase once again and the dues increase mentioned above would be covered after officiating one varsity game or two sub varsity games.

In conclusion, please notice that the enclosed 2010-11 registration form reflects the \$5.00 increase for the first sport - \$65.00, and associate membership will increase to \$32.50 for the first sport. Dues for additional sports will remain at \$30.00 each.

Additional information regarding access to the website and all the resources available will be sent to each official enclosed in their sport specific packet.