

# Quick Bits

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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LIVE VIDEO STREAMING OF REGULAR SEASON CONTESTS

The MHSA continues to receive calls concerning the live video streaming of regular season events by schools without acquiring the necessary permission from the MHSA Executive Director. The relevant policy from the MHSA Handbook is listed below:

- C. *Commercial Broadcast, Telecast, Cybercast and Video Display:*
1. *All commercial broadcast, telecast, cybercast or video display of any regular or post-season event must be approved by the MHSA Executive Director. Rights and conditions (including fees) of live commercial broadcasts, telecasts, and/or cybercasts of regular and post season events will be specified through written consent of the MHSA.*
  2. *When granted authority for commercial broadcast, telecast, cybercast or video display of MHSA events, the commercial entity must comply with the conditions set forth by MHSA, including any safety, contractual, fiscal, or other concerns that apply. The MHSA will consider the promotion of both male and female activities when granting authority.*

With the technologies available video streaming seems like a wonderful way to provide access to those homebound or out of state fans. With the local school understanding that live video streams can have a negative effect on gate receipts especially for outdoor contests played during poor weather conditions, the reason for approval by the Executive Director is to assure that the promotion of both male and female activities is occurring and schools are not violating gender equity standards. For example, video streaming only football games would violate gender equity standards (Ridgeway and Title IX concerns). Also, besides the possible loss in revenue from gate receipts, the school may have to deal with concerns from parents of other programs questioning why their activity isn't being included (program equity not gender equity).

### POST SEASON EVENTS

Video streaming of post season events must also be approved by the Executive Director. I would review any proposal carefully examining gender equity, program equity and possible loss of revenues to schools before considering entering into the agreement. A few years ago the Wyoming High School Association reported a large loss of gate receipts for its boys' and girls' state basketball tournaments after video streaming live all games of those tournaments. Video streaming may seem like that wonderful idea but there are many factors that have to be considered and rules and regulations that must be followed before permission can be granted. If you have any questions regarding video streaming or any other MHSA media policy provision please contact me.

Mark Beckman,  
MHSA Executive Director

### MASTER BASKETBALL SCHEDULING

The open dates on the Master Basketball Schedule for girls and boys during the 2011-2012 school year are Dec. 2 - 3 and Dec. 5 - 10.

Master basketball scheduled games will be held during the following weeks: Dec. 12 - 17, Dec. 19 - 23, Jan. 2 - 7, Jan. 9 - 14, Jan. 16 - 21, Jan. 23 - 28, Jan. 30 - Feb. 4, and Feb. 6 - 11.



Requests for changes to the 2012-2013 schedule can be made to any committee member, Scott McDonald at the MHSA office, or they can be made when the committee as a whole meets immediately following the MHSA Annual Meeting in Billings in January.

### DIRECTORY UPDATES

Remember to check [mhsa.org](http://mhsa.org)'s news and announcements section for directory updates. Also, please call or e-mail Amanda Hazlett ([ahazlett@mhsa.org](mailto:ahazlett@mhsa.org)) with any updates or changes to your school's directory information.

### 2012 ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION

A registration form for the 2012 Annual Meeting to be held at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center in Billings on January 16, 2012 will be sent to schools in December.

The registration deadline is Friday, January 6, 2012.

### MHSA AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED

As in the past, the MHSA will honor deserving individuals at the Annual Meeting to be held in January. The MHSA Executive Board during their meeting on November 21 - 22 will consider the nominees for the following awards:

1. James C. Haugen Meritorious Service Award: Presented for "Outstanding Contributions to the MHSA Activities." This is the highest award given by the MHSA;
2. Service Citation Award: Presented for "Significant Contribution to the MHSA"; and
3. Mildred Adams Award: Presented to school support staff personnel who work with activities.

### SUBMIT ANNUAL MEETING PROPOSALS

If you plan to submit proposals for the 2012 Annual Meeting, please be advised of the following important dates:

1. Proposed changes by member schools for any of the Rules and Regulations of the *MHSA Handbook* (pages 39-58 and 79-281), must first be presented to the MHSA Executive Board at its **November 21-22 meeting**.
2. Schools may submit proposed changes in the By-Laws (pages 11-38) to the Executive Director by **December 1**. By-Law changes do not need to be presented first to the Executive Board, but it is helpful if all proposals are received before the Board Meeting.

No proposal can be presented from the floor that has not been received by the Executive Director by the deadline. Remember proposals must carry a fiscal note if there are financial implications to the Association, and proposals will be separated by the Resolution Committee to be considered by affected classifications.

We request that when writing proposals for the MHSA Annual Meeting you refer to the *MHSA Handbook*, Article IX, page 36. Please submit your proposal by using the proposal form posted at [www.mhsa.org](http://www.mhsa.org).

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

### NOVEMBER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Executive Board will be November 21-22, 2011, in Helena at the MHSa office. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, November 21, and will continue Tuesday if business has not been completed the previous day.

#### **Major Agenda Items for Executive Board Meeting:**

- 1) Adoption of proposed 2012-2013 budget.
- 2) Review of any proposals to be submitted to the membership at the Annual Meeting.
- 3) Plans for the MHSa Annual Meeting.
- 4) James C. Haugen Meritorious Service, Service Citation and Mildred Adams Awards.
- 5) Act on Rules and Regulations proposals from member schools.
- 6) Act on appeals/waivers.
- 7) Redistricting/ Realignment.

\* If anyone wishes to be on the agenda, they must contact the MHSa office at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.\*

## TOURNAMENTS

### TOURNAMENT MANAGERS

It is the responsibility of tournament managers to make sure that they report to the Montana High School Association office in Helena any incident or injury involving spectators and/or participants. Also, any property damage should be reported.

Please complete a facility or school district report form of these occurrences immediately following your tournament and fax the report to the MHSa office (442-8250) in the event that any type of litigation occurs following the injury or incident.

Because there is a claims made coverage deadline from the date of occurrence in which it has to be reported, all tournament managers should send this report as soon as possible following your event. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

## MUSIC

### MUSIC NOTES

If your school is hosting a district music festival in the spring and you are planning to move the dates of that event, please be advised that you must first contact the MHSa office. Only schools that have paid music dues are eligible for participation, and schools with paid music programs must ensure district music festival participation.

### MUSIC FESTIVAL DATES FOR 2011-2012

March 27	Festival for 9 – Large Groups
April 13 – 14	Festivals for 1, 2, 4, 10, 13
April 16	Festival for 9 – Solos and Ensembles
April 19 – 20	Festival for 6
April 20 – 21	Festivals for 5, 7, 8, 11, 12
May 4 – 5	Western State Festival – Helena
May 4 – 5	Eastern State Festival – Billings

### MUSIC BOOKLETS

The 2011-12 Music Booklets with current forms and audition material will be mailed to schools this month.

## ACADEMIC ALL-TEAM AWARD

### FALL ACTIVITY DEADLINE

MHSa/Army National Guard 2011 Fall Academic All Team Award Reporting Form deadline is January 4, 2012. To fax this form to the MHSa office, please use the fax number 442-8250.

## WRESTLING

### NEW MHSa SKIN LESION FORM

The NFHS Medical Advisory Committee has updated the skin lesion form for the 2011-12 Wrestling Season. Please disregard the forms used in previous years. Attached you will find a copy of the updated form which can also be found on the wrestling page of the MHSa web site at [www.mhsa.org](http://www.mhsa.org).

### WR#1 FORM CHANGES

In the past, the MHSa has made significant changes to the WR#1 weight certification form for wrestling and will no longer be sending multiple WR#1 cards to MHSa wrestling schools.

The WR#1 changes include a clarification to the form in regard to the certification weight. In the past, we had medical providers certify wrestlers at the lowest weight a participant could wrestle at during the season. We changed the form to have the medical provider certify wrestlers at the lowest weight class the wrestler could weigh in at during the season.

For example, there was confusion in the past when a wrestler was certified at 132 lbs. on whether he/she could qualify for the 130 lb. weight class because of the multiple days of competition allowance or the growth allowances. Now, wrestlers will be certified at the lowest weight class, so the above example will not be a problem. All other MHSa weight management rules will still apply for the entire season.

Also, other information has been added to the WR#1 form. Information about the MHSa weight management programs is now included on the form, along with fields for the wrestler's actual weight and height. The entry of the actual weight and height is only a recommendation, but we believe this could be very useful information.

Finally, we are only sending coaches one copy of this form. We will no longer distribute WR#1 cards, and each school will need to make copies of this form to certify all of their wrestlers. Also, this form, along with the WR#2 summary form, is available in electronic format on the wrestling page of the MHSa website for your convenience so you can print these forms, or you can enter information electronically.

If you have any questions or concerns please e-mail Brian Michelotti at [bmichelotti@mhsa.org](mailto:bmichelotti@mhsa.org) or call (406) 442-6010.

## SPIRIT

### REMINDER

If your school did not have cheerleaders for the fall season but will be fielding a spirit team for the winter season, make certain your coach completes the online spirit rules clinic by December 2, 2011.

## BASKETBALL

### BASKETBALL INFORMATION INCLUDED

Included in this publication is information concerning selection of basketball scorers and timers, instructions to and duties for scorers and timers, the MHSAA basketball mercy rule and the 2011-12 Basketball Rules Interpretations that should be provided to and reviewed with basketball coaches and personnel that will be your scorer and timer at basketball games.

### CLARIFICATION OF TEN DAYS OF BASKETBALL PRACTICE RULE

The Montana High School Association Executive Board shall establish the starting date for practices and the first allowable date when any contest can be played. No individual shall play in any Association basketball contest until he/she has a minimum of ten (10) days of basketball practice with at least one practice session per day on ten (10) different days (no practice permitted on Sundays) prior to the date of the first allowable game. **Warm-ups before a game cannot be used as a day of practice to meet the minimum of ten (10) days of basketball practice rule.**

## MHSA/MT FORD STORES SPOTLIGHT TEAM OF THE WEEK

### ANNOUNCING THE MHSA & MONTANA FORD STORES SPOTLIGHT TEAM OF THE WEEK AWARD

MHSA and Montana Ford Stores are excited to continue a very successful program as part of our partnership. The MHSA and Montana Ford Stores have developed the MHSA/Montana Ford Stores Spotlight Team of the Week, which will recognize Montana High School Association member school teams that have excelled by exhibiting any of the following characteristics:

- ❖ Outstanding community service.
- ❖ Championing local and/or national causes/initiatives.
- ❖ Courageous or visionary acts.
- ❖ Any other notable actions performed as a team outside the competitive arena.

Our goal is to recognize teams that go well above and beyond what is expected of them during practices and contests.

Teams can be nominated by completing the form which is included with this edition of Quick Bits. The form can also be found on the MHSA website at [www.mhsa.org](http://www.mhsa.org), and then proceed to the forms page. After the selection process, teams chosen will be sent an award the following week that can be presented in whatever manner they choose. Also a congratulatory letter from the MHSA office will be sent to each recipient. Montana Ford Stores personnel may be in attendance to present this prestigious award. We encourage all MHSA schools to nominate any deserving teams from your school.

## FUNDAMENTALS

### TIME TO REVIEW FUNDAMENTALS

As we close one season of athletics and begin another, the time is right to review the basics of MHSA rules. Fundamentals of MHSA Athletic Regulations, a comprehensive review of rules, guidelines and interpretations, is linked to this publication. After reading the attached, please feel free to contact Mark Beckman at [mbeckman@mhsa.org](mailto:mbeckman@mhsa.org) or 442-6010 with any questions you may have.

## ASTHMA MONTANA

Do you have students or athletes with asthma? Do you feel equipped to respond to their unique health needs? Do your coaches and

physical education teachers know how to respond to exercise induced asthma and ensure that athletes with this disease maximize their performance and stay in the game? To learn more about this common chronic disease and earn Office of Public Instruction renewal units, complete a FREE online training through the Montana Asthma Control Program. Separate trainings are presented for school staff and coaches. Coaches who complete the training receive a free clipboard with an exercise induced asthma protocol printed on the back. Those who complete the school staff training receive a free copy of the "Creating Asthma Friendly Schools in Montana" resource guide.

These trainings were developed by Montana Team Asthma, which is a collaboration between OPI, MTSBA, SAM, the Montana Association of School Nurses, and the Montana Asthma Control Program. For more information and to access the trainings, visit [www.asthamamontana.com](http://www.asthamamontana.com) and click on the "Schools and Coaches" tab. A link to this program has also been added to the sports medicine page on [www.mhsa.org](http://www.mhsa.org). If you have questions, please contact the Asthma Control Program at (406) 444-7304.

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## ATTACHMENTS

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