



Quick Bits

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGIONALIZED SCHEDULING

The open dates on the Regionalized Schedule for girls' and boys' basketball during the 2007-2008 school year are Nov 30-Dec 1 and Dec 3-8.

Regionalized games will be held during the following weeks: Dec 10-15, Dec 17-22, Jan 2-5, Jan 7-12, Jan 14-19, Jan 21-26, Jan 28-Feb 2, Feb 4-9.

Requests for changes to the 2008-2009 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 Great Falls in January.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Belt - New Coaches -Girls' Basketball - Jeff Graham; Girls' Golf - Karl Koontz; Wrestling - Turk Lords.

Chester J-I - Speech Coach - Toni Burnham.

Colstrip - Boys' & Girls' Golf Coach - Glen Godfrey.

Denton - Co-op in Speech & Drama with Hobson & Stanford.

Glacier - Correction for activities fax - 758-8619.

Lambert -Has added Chorus.

Lustre Christian - Main phone number 392-5735, no separate phone number for Heidi Yost, contact email - lchs@nemont.net.

Reed Point - Correction on contact email-radsit25@hotmail.com

Rosebud - New school contact - Trish Nicholson, AD.

2008 ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION ENCLOSED

Enclosed you will find a registration form for the 2008 Annual Meeting to be held at the **Heritage Inn in Great Falls on January 21, 2008.**

We encourage every school to preregister by returning the enclosed form. **These forms are mailed to the school contacts only.** Please list each person from your school who will be attending the meeting.

The registration deadline is Wednesday, January 2, 2008.

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 18-20 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 2008 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 39-55 and 79-272), must first be presented to the MHSA Executive Board at its **November 18-20 meeting.**
2. Schools may submit proposed changes in the By-Laws (pages 11-37) to the Executive Director by **December 1st.** By-Law changes do not need to be presented first to the Executive Board.

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, pages 35-36. Please submit your proposal on the enclosed form or use a similar format.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Executive Board will be November 18-20, 2007, in Helena at the MHSA office. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 18th, continuing into Monday and possibly Tuesday.

Major Agenda Items for Executive Board Meeting:

- 1) Adoption of proposed 2008-09 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 report these occurrences immediately following your tournament so that the proper forms can be sent to you to fill out 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 expedite this 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 MHSOA office.

MUSIC BOOKLETS

The 2007-08 Music Booklets with current forms and audition material will be mailed to schools this month.

ACADEMIC ALL-TEAM AWARD

MHSOA/Army National Guard 2007 Fall Academic All Team Award Reporting Form deadline is December 14, 2007. To fax this form to the MHSOA office, please use the fax number 406-442-8250. The MHSOA office fax number is incorrectly listed on the reporting form.

SPORTSMANSHIP CLINIC

The required MHSOA/U.S. Bank in-service clinic on sportsmanship is now available online at mhsa.org. Member schools are required to have an on site administrator and/or activities/athletic director view the clinic every five years but we encourage all coaches and administrators to view the valuable information provided in this clinic.

POSITIVE NOTE

It seems that the negative things that happen in our schools and communities get too much attention and very seldom are positive happenings recognized and celebrated. Enclosed is a letter from Wolf Point High School's principal Joe Paine recognizing a very positive happening that was a result from a negative situation. Thank you Joe for sharing this positive note!

WRESTLING

WRESTLING SCALES

Reminder: If you are concerned about your scales weighing true for your wrestling program, you can get them checked and certified by calling the State Bureau of Weights and Measures in Helena at 841-2240.

WEIGH-IN ADMINISTRATION

Enclosed with this publication is information on conducting weigh-ins at wrestling meets. MHSOA wrestling schools must follow National Federation rules for weigh-ins (Rule 4-5). Basically, the athletes must weigh-in shoulder-to-shoulder the same day as the meet. These changes will be discussed fully during the wrestling rules clinics offered online.

HANDBOOK CHANGES

Please note all wrestling changes that occurred in the *MHSOA Handbook* in 2007. See the enclosed memo.

Just a reminder - this year's clinics will once again be conducted online. See the rules clinic instruction sheet in last month's *Activity News*, or visit www.mhsa.org for more information.

SPIRIT

NFHS SPIRIT AWARDS

The NFHS Spirit Association's Coach and Contributor of the Year is a tremendous recognition program for worthy coaches and contributors. We urge you to take the opportunity to nominate active spirit coaches and contributors who have made significant, long-term contributions to the spirit programs in Montana.

Nominated active spirit coaches require NFHS Spirit Association membership in order to be considered. Nominees are evaluated on their years of service to their school and community by their spirit teams, special honors and achievements both individually and for their teams, and involvement in local, state and national professional organizations.

Nominated contributors are evaluated on length and type of service to interscholastic spirit groups, and special honors and achievements related to their work with and for spirit groups at the state and national level. The contributor award nominee cannot be a current high school spirit coach.

All nomination forms and photographs of each nominee are due in the MHSOA office by November 30, 2007. Nomination forms can be requested by calling Janie Holmes at the MHSOA office.

ENCLOSURES

Annual Meeting Registration Form
James C. Haugen Meritorious Service Award, Service Citation Award and Mildred Adams Award Form
Annual Meeting Proposal Form
Selection of Basketball Scorer and Timer
Instructions to and Duties for Basketball Scorer and Timer
2007-2008 Basketball Rules Interpretations
Information for Wrestling Meet Administrators
Handbook Changes for Wrestling
2007-2008 Wrestling Rules Interpretations
Out-of-Season Contest Guidelines
Wolf Point Letter
December Calendar