



# Quick Bits

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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DIRECTORY UPDATES

**Wibaux** - has added Softball and will co-op with Dawson.

**Reed Point/Rapelje** - new mascot "Renegades" when they co-op in Football, Volleyball, Basketball and Track.

### NON-VOTING SCHOOLS LISTED

As requested by the MOA Regional Directors and approved by the MHSA Executive Board, the MHSA and MOA publications will publish a list of schools which do not submit ballots for tournaments officials. Below are the schools that did not return ballots, returned them unsigned, or were late for selection of volleyball tournament officials.

Belfry	Big Sandy
Billings Central	Box Elder
Carter County	Custer
Geyser	Harlem
Hays-Lodgepole	Heart Butte
Helena High	Missoula Big Sky
Missoula Hellgate	Nashua
Northern Cheyenne	Park (Livingston)
St. Ignatius	St. Regis
Shields Valley	Superior
Terry	Troy
Victor	White Sulphur Springs

## TRACK AND FIELD

### TRACK & FIELD RULES BOOKS

Enclosed are two (2) track and field rules books. Please see that one (1) book is given to each of your head coaches (boys and girls). Additional copies may be purchased from the MHSA office.

### TROPHIES AND AWARDS REMINDER

Because of questions received in the MHSA office concerning conference trophies, the following information from the *MHSA Handbook* is offered:

1. Conference trophies are given in football only (they are considered district or divisional trophies).
2. In other sports, if a conference would like to award a trophy (first place only) for its conference champion it must be ordered through the MHSA office and must be paid for by the conference. The MHSA office staff does not automatically order conference trophies because some conferences don't choose to award them.

3. Trophies that are awarded by MHSA rule will be awarded to both schools if the activity is cooperatively sponsored, but the office will need to know which school was presented the trophy at the tournament. Also, if there is a co-op conference champion or if a conference has co-champions the conference still needs to order those trophies through MHSA and pay for both.

## ANNUAL MEETING

### ANNUAL MEETING PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN REVISED

The 2007 Annual Meeting proposals were initially sent to schools in the December *Activity News* mailing. A proposal from Whitefish High School was inadvertently omitted from that mailing, but a copy of that proposal was subsequently mailed to schools later in the month.

An updated copy of the complete, updated proposals is available on the MHSA website at [www.mhsa.org](http://www.mhsa.org). Refer to proposal #17 to view the information from Whitefish High School.

Administrators are reminded to bring their copies of the proposals to the Annual Meeting. If you have questions or if you need additional information please feel free to contact the MHSA office.

### STAFF TO PRESENT WORKSHOPS AT ANNUAL MEETING

MHSA staff members will again present the mandatory eligibility/equity workshop in conjunction with the coming Annual Meeting. The workshop is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Sunday, January 14, 2007, at the Holiday Inn Grand in Billings.

Also being offered is the Sportsmanship Workshop, a requirement for member schools. The content provides information and resources for improving and promoting good sporting behavior in member schools' activities programs. Components of the Sportsmanship Workshop include background information, new rules and regulations, promotions, rewards and recognition, and hazing information. This presentation will be held on Sunday, January 14th at 3:30 p.m.

## BASKETBALL

### PRE-GAME WARM-UPS

National Federation rules state that in pre-game warm-ups teams are not to run through or disrupt the opponent's pre-game warm-up. Teams may only run or jog on their half of the floor and they cannot run under the basket of the opposing team when entering the floor or any time during warm-ups. If a team goes to their locker room during the pre-game warm-up or is late coming onto the floor at half time, the other team may not use that team's half of the floor to warm up. The game officials will penalize any violation of this regulation as an unsporting act administering a technical foul to the offending team member(s) or to the offending team.



## **NOISEMAKERS**

By MHSA rules, noisemakers are prohibited at indoor events (MHSA Handbook, page 51, J). Also basketball rule 1-18 prohibits noisemakers at any basketball contest and also prohibits music or sound effects to be played during a live ball. Cooperation between officials and game administration is essential to address these situations. Thundersticks are considered artificial noisemakers and are prohibited at indoor MHSA contests.

## **CLARIFICATION ON MEGAPHONES**

Megaphones **may** be used by **CHEERLEADERS** to magnify the words to an appropriate cheer or chant. They may not be passed up to the crowd, nor can they be banged on the floor or bleachers. Cheerleaders should also not bang their hands against the megaphones.

## **WRESTLING**

### **WRESTLING REMINDER**

Remember the growth allowance that was added to the *MHSA Handbook* last year. A one-pound growth allowance will be added to each weight class on January 1st and an additional one-pound growth allowance will be added to each weight class on February 1st. If you have any questions on the application of this rule change, please contact the MHSA office.

### **STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

The State All-Class Wrestling Tournament is set for February 9-10, 2007, at the MetraPark in Billings.

Wrestling coaches and administrators of wrestling programs are reminded that student athletes will weigh-in the first day of the State All-Class Wrestling Tournament. There will be no weigh-ins on Thursday before the tournament, but MetraPark will be open for practice from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on that day. Scales will be available for weight checks.

The schedule will be sent to coaches and principals prior to the state tournament.

## **SPIRIT**

### **CLASS A, B, C**

Please inform your spirit coach and your booster club that each school is limited to placing approximately 128 square feet of signage only at state basketball tournaments. For example, 128 square feet of signage could mean four 4 x 12 signs; three 3 x 16 signs; three 6 x 8 signs or a combination of the above as long as the approximate total is not over 128 square feet. Tournament managers will be apprised of this regulation through the tournament managers' bulletin.

### **CLASS AA**

Each Class AA qualifying team attending the combined State AA Boys' and Girls' State Tournament in Billings will be allowed to place only two signs.

This is being done in an attempt to give the same opportunities to place signs to all of the schools attending a tournament. Many times schools who had early games took up much of the sign space and those schools who played later games did not have appropriate space.

## **SPEECH**

### **SPEECH AND DRAMA SEASON COMING TO A CLOSE**

Schools participating in speech and drama will finalize their seasons in January. The sites for state tournaments are as follows:

Class AA - Flathead High School (Kalispell) - Mark Dennehy, Tournament Manager

Class A - MSU Billings - Tracy Scott, Billings Central High School, Tournament Manager

Class B-C - U of M-Missoula - Matt Stergios, Loyola Sacred Heart High School, Tournament Manager (see enclosed information)

All State tournaments will be held on January 26, 2007. If you need additional information about these events, please feel free to contact the MHSA office at 406-442-6010 or the specific tournament managers.

## **AIM HIGHER**

**REMINDER** - we still have many open spots for schools who would like to attend the Aim Higher workshop on January 30th at the Lutheran Center in Scobey. Please contact the MHSA office immediately if you are interested.

## **ENCLOSURES**

Two (2) Track and Field Rules Books  
Track and Field Rules Memo  
Pole Vaulters' Weight Verification Form  
Pole Vault Competitors' Event Verification Form  
2007 Track and Field Rules Changes  
Pole Vault Education and Certification Programs  
February Calendar  
2007 Class B-C State Speech & Drama Information

