



**Montana High School Association  
Sportsmanship Program  
Requirements and By-Laws**

# Mandatory requirement

## Section (28) **IN-SERVICE CLINIC REQUIREMENT**

Member schools are required to have an on site administrator and/or athletic/activities director who have attended and completed an in-service clinic on sportsmanship. On-site personnel are required to complete a renewal every five years. Initial compliance with this requirement must be completed by the end of the 2006-07 school year.

## **By-Law**

### **ARTICLE VI**

#### **Crowd Control**

INTRODUCTORY NOTE: One of the prime functions of interscholastic competition is to foster the traits of good sportsmanship. The MHSAA strongly urges local officials to stress to their athletes, student bodies and fans the importance of sportsmanship during all Association Contests, and to make them aware of MHSAA rules, policies and by-laws concerning crowd control.

The Montana High School Association recognizes the primary obligation incumbent upon the administrators of member schools to control their students, staff members and fans at all Association Contests.

When a violation of the principles of good sportsmanship occurs so as to endanger the personal safety of any individuals involved, hinder the normal progress of an Association Contest or create situations that may lead to restriction or discontinuance of interscholastic competition, the Executive Board of the Montana High School Association shall contact the administration of the school(s) involved to discuss the situation and attempt to cooperatively formulate a solution to the problem.

If the violation is flagrant or the situation persists, the Executive Board shall have the power to invoke penalties upon the member school(s). The penalties that may be imposed against the school may consist of those listed in Article VIII of these ByLaws. (See Rules and Regulations, Sportsmanship Guidelines and Crowd Control sections.)