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Commissioners Update

I hope everyone is ready for a great holiday season. Winter sports and activities are off to a great start and we are excited to have the gyms packed with fans cheering on our amazing student-athletes across the state.

Last year, Montana implemented the shot clock in basketball and this was arguably the largest change to high school basketball since the three point line was added in the 1987-88 school year. The implementation went extremely well which can be credited to our school administrators and MOA officials across the state. At my meeting with other states they are amazed with this accomplishment as they have scheduled their implementation for multiple years. Thanks to everyone for their efforts.

Recruitment and Retention

Attached you will find the toolkit for recruitment and retention strategies, developed from the feedback at the NFHS Officials Consortium in April, the subsequent sectional meetings, and the one-on-one follow-up meetings. We were fortunate to have one of our own, Jay Lemelin, MOA official and Regional Director in Billings, as a major part of this committee. This document contains the barriers to recruitment and retention of officials, as well as the strategies for improvement in each area.

Rules Interpreters – We are starting our second year of winter sports with our MHSAs assigned rule interpreter in each sport. Here are our key personnel for our sports:

- Football – Travis Huntsinger – MOA Official from Bozeman and the MHSAs Staff Liaison is Scott Wilson (swilson@mhsa.org)
- Volleyball – Laura Sundheim – MOA Official from Hardin and the MHSAs Staff Liaison is Kip Ryan (kryan@mhsa.org).

- Soccer – Scott Lockwood – MOA official from Helena and the MHSAs Staff Liaison is Brian Michelotti (bmichelotti@mhsa.org).
- Basketball – Rob Tesch – MOA official from Billings and the MHSAs Staff Liaison is Greta Buehler (gbuehler@mhsa.org).
- Wrestling - Jo Sol – MOA Official from Missoula and the MHSAs Staff Liaison is Scott Wilson (swilson@mhsa.org)
- Baseball - Craig Struble – MOA Official from Helena and the MHSAs Staff Liaison is Scott Wilson (swilson@mhsa.org)
- Softball - Rock Rayl - MOA Official from Great Falls and the MHSAs Staff Liaison is Amy Bartels (abartels@mhsa.org)

This process worked very well last year and again this fall. We have been able to add great information to our memos and our rules interpreters have provided excellent leadership in their sports. The rules interpreters will serve a 4-year term with the option to renew at the end of that.

MOA / MHSAs Leadership Committee

This committee was formed to strengthen relationships between the MOA and MHSAs. The committee is made up of key MHSAs and MOA members and we are having our next Leadership committee meeting in December.

This committee did an outstanding job working collaboratively to solve some of the complicated challenges with schools and officials. Includes issues such as the recruitment and retention of officials, officials pay, assignments, and many other topics. A guiding document for many of these concerns/solutions are mentioned in the NFHS Recruitment and Retention article that is attached to this publication.

We understand we have lots of work to do and are excited about working together to solve our challenges across our

great state! If you have suggestions for topics for this committee, please contact the MHSA office.

NFHS Network

Continuing in partnership, the MHSA and the NFHS Network are excited to build on the success of the past eight school years of high school postseason broadcasts. Again this year, this excellent option is included in each official's NFHS membership. For a small fee that was included in registration this year, each official now has full access to watch all games broadcast on the NFHS Network. The NFHS Network will video stream live most all MHSA regular season games (Varsity and JV), MHSA postseason games, and MHSA state championship games/meets in numerous sports throughout the entire year. A NFHS subscription is provided each year with your MOA dues. See the NFHS Network for Officials section located on the next page.

Volleyball Ballots

The MHSA Executive Board passed a rule for postseason volleyball, basketball and wrestling that if an MHSA school does not submit a postseason ballot, the school would be fined \$100. For the 2022 and also the 2023 volleyball seasons, we are excited to report that we received 100 % of the completed ballots back from our MHSA schools. We are receiving better information from schools to hire officials for the postseason.

Great things happen when administrators, coaches and officials work together. Let's keep this going for the rest of the school year.

We are looking forward to a great postseason. Give us a call if you have any questions.

Brian Michelotti, MOA Commissioner

MOVING

Update your demographic information on your Dragonfly account at www.max.dragonflyathletics.com. Most of the problems experienced by officials not receiving MOA information including books, clinic information, etc. can be avoided by ensuring that your information is current. If your information changes close to the season, please email the MOA office at abartels@mhsa.org to ensure that your information is correct.

Winter Exams Deadlines

Exams for all sports are administered exclusively online in your Dragonfly account. If you are registered to take the exam, watch for instructions to come prior to the testing.

NOTE: If you wish to take the upgrade exam you must notify the MHSA office, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the day the test opens. A request for an upgrade form is available on the MHSA website under the

forms section of the MOA tab. Please contact Amy Bartels with those requests. Upon receipt of your upgrade request, your name will automatically be added to the test list if everything is in order. If there is a problem with your request, we will contact you via email. Please remember that upgrading will be denied for a one-year period for **failure to:** 1) complete the required number of study clubs; 2) view rules clinics prior to the published deadline; 3) pay annual MOA dues 4) complete yearly concussion training prior to the published deadline or 5) receive a favorable evaluation from your regional evaluation committee.

Winter Rules Clinics Online

The MHSA/MOA rules clinics are again being provided in an online format. A detailed information sheet explaining the procedure for accessing these clinics is included with this newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact the MHSA office. Please note that rules clinics must be viewed no later than **November 30th, 2023** to satisfy your rules clinic requirement. You must upload your certificate of completion to your Dragonfly Account and *keep a copy as proof of your clinic attendance*. Failure to complete rules clinic(s) by the published deadline will result in a loss of rating and will render an official ineligible for postseason assignment.

Concussion Training

The online concussion course must be viewed **every year**, after June 1st, for an official to be eligible for the coming school year. **The deadline for viewing the course will coincide with the deadline for viewing the rules clinic for each sport, whether you will officiate by that date or not.** For officials who work more than one sport, you must complete the concussion course by the rules clinic deadline for your first sport of the year. The concussion course must be completed only once per school year, but it must be completed before officiating any high school scrimmage or game. The penalty for not completing the concussion clinic by the deadline will be immediate suspension from the MOA until proof of concussion training is produced. Also, as with rules clinic deadlines, *if you fail to complete concussion training prior to the published deadline, you will incur a loss of rating and loss of eligibility for postseason assignment. An MOA official, by Montana state law, cannot work any scrimmage or contest until the concussion clinic has been viewed.*

Reciprocity

Members of the MOA can join as members of the officials association in the bordering states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Idaho and/or Wyoming by paying dues of \$20.00 per sport to that/those particular state's organization. Dues must be paid before the official works a contest.

This five-state agreement entitles members of each respective organization to officiate in any state(s) in which they maintain membership.

Reciprocal arrangements with non-bordering states must be approved by the MOA office. The MOA office will communicate with the state that the official is coming from to ensure that the official is registered and in good standing.

For more information visit the MOA Registration Tab or the MHSA Handbook for Reciprocity Instructions or reach out to each individual state. MHSA website: www.mhsa.org.

NFHS Electronic Books

The MOA office began submitting official information to the NFHS on July 13, 2023 for officials to receive the electronic rules book. This consists of a submission of the official's email that is on each official's account. This is not the Dragonfly log in email, but the email that is in the official account. If their address is incorrect they may not receive an additional book as an electronic license is purchased for the email that was on their account when the list was submitted. The MOA office will continue to submit official information up until the postseason contest begins. Officials will need to watch junk folders. The MOA office will not update the email in accounts. Officials will need to log into Dragonfly and update information as needed.

Emails will come from one of the following NFHS emails:

noreply@nfhs.org or memberships@nfhs.org

NFHS Network for Officials

Registered and paid officials started receiving an email from Dana Pappas at the NFHS beginning June 27th, 2023 and every Friday after as registrations were received. Look for an email from Dana Pappas for your access codes, your account will not automatically update. This code will be emailed to the email you have updated in your Dragonfly account.

Reminder - Please make sure your contact information in your Dragonfly account is updated and accurate. If your contact information is not correct you will miss out on import information. Additional fees may be required to receive books to an updated email after the book release dates.

MOA - Officials Apparel

Visit the Purchase Officials website to purchase the "NEW MOA DYE SUBLIMATED SHIRTS".

Please click the following link for all new MOA apparel selections: purchaseofficials.com/collections/montana

Reporting Ejections

Officials in all sports must report, in writing, ejections of coaches, students and this year spectators. These reports must be submitted to the MOA office within 48 hours of the incident. If we do not receive the reports in the appropriate time frame, we cannot send the report to schools in a timely fashion. Reports that are delayed are in violation of MOA rules, so please submit them within 48 hours of the incident. They can be emailed to jcockhill@mhsa.org.

Ejection Process and Procedure

Please remember it is important, in most situations, to talk briefly with the other official or with other members of the crew about ejecting a participant. Sometimes this allows time to reflect on the situation and gather other viewpoints, if appropriate. It is vital to get the correct number, and name, if possible, of the player and to record that number. After you eject a participant (coach or player), use the proper reporting process per your sport's rules and execute the ejection. Remember to inform the coach whether or not the ejection was for unsporting conduct. Make sure you understand who can remain on the premises and those who cannot. If a spectator must be ejected from the premises, the official must first contact the contest administrator and **the administrator** must remove the spectator from the premises. Use law enforcement if appropriate and available.

It is never acceptable for the contest official, after a contest is finished, to review a tape or film of a game or get together post game and change or overrule an ejection after it is issued. Sport-specific and MHSA rules do not allow ejections to be overturned by game officials. It is also wise not to discuss your ejection with school personnel, parents or the media. Simply use the proper procedure in reporting and enforcing the ejection, report the ejection to the MHSA within 48 hours and direct any questions to the MHSA or your local regional director after the incident. Refrain from commentary on the MHSA ejection rule and how it applies to students or coaches or adding your opinion regarding the conduct that was displayed. We need only the simple facts of the ejection and a brief explanation of the incident.

Winter Sports Information

Basketball Information and Rules

Clarifications

A summary of the 2023-24 NFHS Basketball Rules Changes and Points of Emphasis is linked [here](#).

Wrestling Information and Rules

Clarifications

A summary of the 2023-24 NFHS Wrestling Rules Changes is linked [here](#).

The Points of Emphasis for the 2023-24 wrestling season are:

1. Uniform Decorum
2. Excessive Celebration
3. Default vs. Forfeit
4. Concealment of a Communicable Skin Condition

Process for Hiring Postseason Officials

Football

One question that is always asked when postseason play arrives is how officials are selected for the playoffs and state championship games. Here is how the selection process works for football.

The hiring of football officials for the post season playoffs is a collaborative effort between the MOA office and each of the eleven MOA regions. Coaches do not vote on these officials, but towards the end of the season, the MOA local pools verify availability and rank each official in their area. When the playoffs begin, the MOA office determines geographically which football officiating pool would be appropriate to cover each round of the playoffs. Then the MOA office receives recommendations from the MOA Regional Director or his designee about crew assignments for each game. After all of this input is gathered and evaluated, the MOA office assigns the most qualified and available officiating crews for all five classes of football games in Montana. This process has worked effectively in assigning well-qualified officiating crews for all classes for the past several years.

Basketball

Selection of officials for district, divisional and state basketball will be made by the MOA office by using a combination of the following: coaches' input (ballots), individual officials' pool ranking, and MOA office input. For a complete description of the selection process, please read the document linked [here](#).

Wrestling

The MOA office will send ballots to all member schools to select master officials for divisional and for state wrestling tournaments as per the Assignment General Policy. Selection of officials for divisional and state wrestling will be made by the MOA office by using a combination of the following: coaches' input (ballots), individual officials' pool ranking, and MOA office input. The MOA staff may consider reasonable geographic limitations when selecting officials. **Six (6)** officials are to be used for a divisional tournament which is determined by the respective number

of schools participating. For the state All-Class wrestling tournament, the top vote getter from each of the **Six (6)** divisions (all classes) will work the state All-Class wrestling tournament. In addition, **fourteen (14)** officials will be selected at large based on total votes. For the state All-Class wrestling tournament up to **twenty (20)** officials will be assigned.

Baseball & Softball

Selection of officials for divisional and state baseball and softball will be made by the MOA office by using a combination of the following: coaches' input (ballots), individual officials' pool ranking, and MOA office input. The MOA staff may consider reasonable geographic limitations when selecting officials.

Fall Sports Information

Fall Rules Clinic Attendance

The attendance for football, soccer and volleyball rules clinics was as follows:

FOOTBALL:

Total 1159
Officials 398
Coaches/Administrators 761

SOCCER:

Total 304
Officials 141
Coaches/Administrators 163

VOLLEYBALL:

Total 812
Officials 323
Coaches/Administrators 489

Postseason Officials – Fall 2023

Soccer

Class AA Girls

1st Round
Glacier vs Flathead Oct 17
Pete Metzmaker, Whitefish
Daniel Mildren, Bigfork
Jonathan Vander Ark, Kalispell
Shannon Stringer, Columbia Falls

Billings Skyview vs Billings West Oct 17
Chad Kriskovich, Billings
Harrison Hepp, Billings
Jeremy Lehnen, Billings
Kevin Baldwin, Billings

Great Falls vs Billings Senior Oct 17
Davis Almanza, Billings
Kevin Baldwin, Billings
Adam Nesheim, Billings
Michael Mayott, Billings

Helena Capital vs Helena Oct 17
Ryan McChesney, Boulder
Shannon Walker, Helena
Ryan Swenson, Helena
William Sullivan, East Helena

Quarter-Final
Flathead vs Bozeman Oct 21
Kyle Thompson, Belgrade
Scott Holton, Bozeman
Stephen Schultz, Bozeman
Gilmair Silva, Bozeman

Billings West vs Missoula Sentinel Oct 21
Jill Donahue, Missoula
Martin Lecholat, Missoula
Devin Jacaruso, Missoula

Billings Senior vs Missoula Hellgate Oct 20
Devin Harbour, Missoula
Adam Nesheim, Billings
Randy Harrison, Missoula

Helena vs Gallatin Oct 21
James Maxwell, Bozeman
Jack Dockery, Bozeman
Rick Gillis, Bozeman
William Schell, Bozeman

Semi-Final
Missoula Sentinel vs Bozeman Oct 24
Mike Hoxie, Helena
Edwin Pryor, Helena
Ryan McChesney, Boulder
Daniel Jankowski, Helena

Gallatin vs Missoula Hellgate Oct 24
Scott Warnell, Kalispell
Andy Gentry, Kalispell
Daniel Mildren, Bigfork
Pete Metzmaker, Whitefish

Championship
Bozeman vs. Missoula Hellgate Oct 31
Ryan Swenson, Helena
Randal Rake, Helena
William Sullivan, East Helena
Keith Noem, East Helena

Class AA Boys

1st Round
Helena vs Missoula Sentinel Oct 17
William Kye Nuttall, Missoula
Devin Harbour, Missoula
Brian Livdahl, Missoula,

Belgrade vs Gallatin Oct 17
Kyle Thompson, Belgrade
James Maxwell, Bozeman
Michael Steinmetz, Livingston
Jack Dockery, Bozeman

Great Falls vs Billings West Oct 17
Adam Nesheim, Billings
Jeremy Lehnen, Billings
Kylan Coghlan, Billings
Mark Weber, Billings

Big Sky vs Missoula Hellgate Oct 1
Martin Lecholat, Missoula
Jill Donahue, Missoula
Adam Nesheim, Billings

Quarter-Final
Missoula Sentinel vs Bozeman Oct 21
Michael Karl, Bozeman
Michael Steinmetz, Livingston
David Marshall, Bozeman
Jack Dockery, Bozeman

Gallatin vs Helena Capital Oct 20
Daniel Jankowski, Helena
Randal Rake, Helena
Edwin Pryor, Helena
Shannon Walker, Helena

Billings West vs Glacier Oct 20
Scott Warnell, Kalispell
Sam Boar, Kalispell
Pete Metzmaker, Whitefish
Ken Barkus, Kalispell

Missoula Hellgate vs Billings Senior Oct 20
Chad Kriskovich, Billings
Michael Mayott, Billings
Adam Nesheim, Billings
Mark Weber, Billings

Semi-Final
Gallatin vs Bozeman Oct 24
Chad Kriskovich, Billings
Davis Almanza, Billings
Michael Mayott, Billings
Mark Weber, Billings

Billings West vs Missoula Hellgate Oct 24
Pete Metzmaker, Whitefish
Andy Gentry, Kalispell
Scott Warnell, Kalispell
Daniel Mildren, Bigfork

Championship
Bozeman vs. Billings West Oct 31
Ryan McChesney, Boulder
Randal Rake, Helena
Edwin Pryor, Helena
Keith Noem, East Helena

Class A Girls

First Round

Corvallis vs Stevensville / Florence-Carlton Oct 9

William Kye Nuttall, Missoula

Adam Nesheim, Billings

Jeffrey Isherwood, Hamilton

Quarter-Final

Billings Central vs Whitefish Oct 14

Sam Boar, Kalispell

Scott Warnell, Kalispell

Pete Metzmaker, Whitefish

Stephen Boone, Whitefish

Columbia Falls vs Hamilton Oct 14

Brian Livdahl, Missoula

Raymond Leroux, Missoula

Devin Harbour, Missoula

Bigfork vs Laurel Oct 14

Bradley Harris, Billings

Harrison Hepp, Billings

Jeremy Lehnen, Billings

Mark Weber, Billings

Lockwood vs Stevensville Oct 14

Gary Stein, Missoula

Jeffrey Isherwood, Hamilton

Adam Nesheim, Billings

Semi-Final

Lockwood vs Whitefish Oct 21

Robert Riley, Kalispell

Andy Gentry, Kalispell

Daniel Mildren, Bigfork

Stephen Boone, Whitefish

Bigfork vs Columbia Falls Oct 21

Pete Metzmaker, Whitefish

Scott Warnell, Kalispell

Sam Boar, Kalispell

Shannon Stringer, Columbia Falls

Championship

Whitefish vs. Columbia Falls Oct 28

Andy Gentry, Kalispell

Scott Warnell, Kalispell

Daniel Mildren, Bigfork

Jeremy Nigon, Kalispell

Class A Boys

First Round

Stevensville vs Hamilton Oct 10

Gary Stein, Missoula

Raymond Leroux, Missoula

Brian Livdahl, Missoula

Quarter-Final

Park vs Whitefish Oct 14

Jeremy Nigon, Kalispell

Andy Gentry, Kalispell

Jonathan Vander Ark, Kalispell

Stephen Boone, Whitefish

Columbia Falls vs Corvallis Oct 14

Devin Harbour, Missoula

Raymond Leroux, Missoula

Brian Livdahl, Missoula

Polson vs Billings Central Oct 14

Chad Kriskovich, Billings

Darren Davis, Billings

Mikayla Myers, Billings

Mark Holle, Billings

Lone Peak vs Stevensville Oct 14

Adam Nesheim, Billings

Jeffrey Isherwood, Hamilton

Gary Stein, Missoula

Lone Peak vs Whitefish Oct 14

Andy Gentry, Kalispell

Daniel Mildren, Bigfork

Robert Riley, Kalispell

Stephen Boone, Whitefish

Semi-Final

Billings Central vs Corvallis Oct 21

Gary Stein, Missoula

Raymond Leroux, Missoula

Jeffrey Isherwood, Hamilton

Whitefish vs Billings Central Oct 21

Davis Almanza, Billings

Kevin Baldwin, Billings

Harrison Hepp, Billings

Michael Mayott, Billings

Championship

Whitefish vs. Columbia Falls Oct 28

Davis Almanza, Billings

Kevin Baldwin, Billings

Harrison Hepp, Billings

Michael Mayott, Billings

Football**6 – Player**1st Round

Stanford - Geyser - Denton vs Chester-Joplin-Inverness HS Oct 28

Randy Hofstad - Cut Bank

Rodney DeBruycker - Fort Benton

Walter Wilson - Sunburst

Lance Boyd - Great Falls

Shields Valley HS vs Medicine Lake - Froid Oct 28

Jeffrey Mead - Sidney

Chris Schoepp - Sidney

Gary Sinks- Sidney

Tyrel Graves- Sidney

Harlowton - Ryegate vs Bridger HS Oct 28

Rick Deady - Billings

Tommy Harrell - Billings

Eric Carlson - Billings

Kale Lemelin - Billings

Valier School vs Hot Springs HS Oct 28

Frank Votakpa - Libby
Edward Tabis - Libby
Sean Cheff - Ronan
Craig Schultz - Libby

Power-Dutton-Brady Titans vs Centerville HS Oct 28

Ben Jaques - Great Falls
Matt Stevens - Great Falls
Tony Gallagher - Great Falls
Tim Lightbourne - Great Falls

Savage HS vs West Yellowstone HS Oct 28

Jeffrey Davis - Big Timber
Jared Silvey - Belgrade
Chris Duncan - Belgrade
Spencer Sorensen - Belgrade

Westby - Grenora vs Big Sandy HS Oct 28

Dave Peterson - Havre - Havre
Brent Reber - Havre
Jerry Weigand - Dodson
Aaron Wittmer - Havre

Lincoln HS vs Custer - Hysham - Melstone Nov 4

Will Lambert - Billings
Sean Klatter - Billings
Michael Littleton - Billings
Art Logan - Billings

Quarter- Final

Medicine Lake - Froid vs Chester-Joplin-Inverness HS Nov 4

Dave Peterson - Havre
Brent Reber - Havre
Matt Kretchmer - Havre
Patrick Wirtzberger - Havre

Harlowton - Ryegate vs Hot Springs HS Nov 4

Frank Votakpa - Libby
Edward Tabis - Libby
Craig Schultz - Libby
Joe McElmurry - Libby

West Yellowstone HS vs Centerville HS Nov 4

Patrick Ryan - Great Falls
Don Olsen - Fort Shaw
Jack O'Connor - Helena
Arlo Fouts - Great Falls
Westby - Grenora ND vs Custer - Hysham Sat Nov 11
Vinson Gundlach - Miles City
Tony Shipp - Miles City
Craig Harding - Miles City
Bruce Shipp - Miles City

Semi-Final

Harlowton - Ryegate vs Medicine Lake - Froid Nov 11
Conrad Moline - Brockway
Mike Dryden - Glendive
Brian Kassner - Circle
Bill Robinson - Glendive

Centerville HS vs Custer - Hysham - Melstone Nov 18

Dana Bishop - Billings
Jason Hill - Laurel
David Olson - Billings
Greg Chappel - Fishtail

Championship

Centerville HS vs Medicine Lake - Froid Nov 18

Jeffrey Mead - Sidney
Eric Peterson - Wolf Point
Tyrel Graves - Sidney
Gary Sinks - Sidney
Jason Frederick - Poplar

8 – Player

1st Round

Granite - Drummond vs Arlee HS Oct 28

Wayne Wade - Missoula
Peter Hickse - Missoula
Shawn Cleveland - Missoula
Kenny Gonzalez - Hamilton
Kevin Noland - Missoula

Shelby HS vs Fairview HS Oct 28

Conrad Moline - Brockway
Brian Kassner - Circle
Tanner Schillinger - Terry
Bill Robinson - Glendive
Lee Hebel - Circle

Lone Peak HS vs Fort Benton HS Oct 28

Patrick Ryan - Great Falls
Don Olsen - Fort Shaw
Arlo Fouts - Great Falls
Tony Cooper - Belt
Kody Lambert - Great Falls

Superior HS vs Forsyth HS Oct 28

Vinson Gundlach - Miles City
Tony Shipp - Miles City
Jeff Lee - Miles City
Bruce Shipp - Miles City
Craig Harding - Miles City

Charlo HS vs Ennis HS Oct 28

Mike Richardson - Dillon
Artie Rittmann - Twin Bridges
Keith Ullery - Dillon
Scott McLaughlin - Butte
Dan Pilon - Dillon

Circle HS vs Carter County HS Oct 28

Paul Schwartz - Baker
Michael Schultz - Baker
Brock Collins - Baker
Greg Caron - Baker
Klint Flint - Baker

Wibaux HS vs Valley Christian School Oct 28
John Winston - Butte
Rick Rowling - Butte
Joe Ungaretti - Anaconda
Chris Snyder - Butte
Darrel Storey - Butte

Park City School District vs Belt School Nov 4
Robert Griffith - Great Falls
Ron Bowen - Lewistown
Jonathan Polich - Lewistown
Victor Feller - Lewistown
Jack O'Connor - Helena

Quarter Final
Fairview HS vs Arlee HS Nov 4
RJ Nelsen - Missoula
Jim Maunder - Kalispell
Richie Borden - Hamilton
Keith Kominek - Missoula
Max Stamper - Hamilton

Superior HS vs Fort Benton Schools Nov 4
James Duval - Havre
Eli Salapich - Havre
Aaron Wittmer - Havre
Jerry Weigand - Dodson
Jeremy Couch - Havre

Circle HS vs Ennis HS Nov 4
Will Ralph - Bozeman
Byron McKinney - Belgrade
Daniel Holland - Belgrade
Wynn Krauss - Bozeman
Ron Bibler - Big Sky

Wibaux HS vs Belt School Nov 11
Randy Hofstad - Cut Bank
Dale Taylor - Great Falls
Tony Gallagher - Great Falls
Josh Garner - Great Falls
Patrick Armstrong - Heart Butte

Semi- Final
Fort Benton Schools vs Fairview HS Nov 11
Stan Ozark - Glasgow
Tyler Partridge - Glasgow
Jon Bengochea - Glasgow
Derek Beadle - Glasgow
Doug Nistler - Glasgow

Ennis HS vs Belt School Nov 18
Jeff Farrington - Great Falls
Dale Taylor - Great Falls
Ben Jaques - Great Falls
Robert Griffith - Great Falls
Patrick Armstrong - Heart Butte

Championship
Fairview HS vs Belt School Nov 11
Robert Griffith - Great Falls
Rodney DeBruycker - Fort Benton
Patrick Ryan - Great Falls
Ben Jaques - Great Falls
Kody Lambert - Great Falls
Arlo Fouts - Great Falls

Class B

1st Round

Jefferson HS vs Glasgow Scotties Oct 28
Dan Schmidt - Poplar
Eric Peterson - Wolf Point
Brock Copenhaver - Wolf Point
Dean Nelson - Homestead
Jason Frederick - Poplar

Huntley Project HS vs Lincoln Co HS Oct 28
Michael Jones - Kalispell
Clay Naomi - Kalispell
Day Scovel - Kalispell
Michael Hodges - Kalispell
John Thompson - Columbia Falls

Conrad HS vs Manhattan HS Oct 28
Travis Huntsinger - Bozeman
Byron McKinney - Belgrade
Daniel Holland - Belgrade
Jim Maddock - Bozeman
Brandon Rehm - Bozeman

Loyola Sacred Heart HS vs Shepherd HS Oct 28
Dana Bishop - Billings
Chris Hertz - Billings
Patrick Scott - Billings
Clinton Core - Billings
Nathan Talafuse - Billings

Baker HS vs Florence-Carlton HS Oct 28
RJ Nelsen - Missoula
Steve Picard - Ronan
Casey Lang - Missoula
Max Stamper - Hamilton
Keith Kominek - Missoula

Cut Bank HS vs Columbus HS Oct 28
Jessie Nelson - Billings
Thomas Bonner - Billings
Greg Chappel - Fishtail
Cameron Bjornstad - Billings
Thomas Oberweiser - Billings

Thompson Falls HS vs Red Lodge HS Oct 28
Harold Olson - Billings
Jason Hill - Laurel
David Olson - Billings
Barry Cronk - Billings
Corby Freitag - Billings

Three Forks - Willow Creek vs Malta-Whitewater-Saco -Dodson
Nov 4
James Duval - Havre
Eli Salapich - Havre
Matt Kretchmer - Havre
Jeremy Couch - Havre
Brian Campbell - Rudyard

Quarter-Final
Jefferson HS vs Lincoln Co HS Nov 4
Dale McDaniel - Whitefish
Clay Naomi - Kalispell
Cal Ketchum - Kalispell
Brian Schmaus - Kalispell
Sean Cheff - Ronan - Ronan

Shepherd HS vs Manhattan HS Nov 4
Joe Rossman - Belgrade
Matthew Heckel - Bozeman
Jim Maddock - Bozeman
James Christ - Belgrade
Spencer Sorensen - Belgrade

Columbus HS vs Florence-Carleton HS Nov 4
Wayne Wade - Missoula
Peter Hickse - Missoula
Steven Bump - Victor
Kevin Noland - Missoula
Gordy Pace - Missoula

Three Forks - Willow Creek vs Red Lodge HS Nov 11
Will Lamber - Billings
Patrick Scott - Billings
Randy Stoos - Laurel
Art Logan - Billings
Kale Lemelin - Billings

Semi-Final
Jefferson HS vs Manhattan HS Nov 11
Travis Huntsinger - Bozeman
Joe Rossman - Belgrade
Wynn Krauss - Bozeman
Dugan Gravage - Bozeman
Michael Bell - Belgrade

Red Lodge HS vs Florence-Carleton HS Nov 18
Joel Fuhrmann - Charlo
Gered Allen - Lolo
RJ Nelsen - Missoula
Richie Borden - Hamilton
Max Stamper - Hamilton

Championship
Florence-Carleton HS vs Manhattan HS Nov 18
Jeffrey Davis - Big Timber
Joe Rossman - Belgrade
Daniel Holland - Belgrade
Spencer Sorensen - Belgrade
Will Ralph - Bozeman
Jim Maddock - Bozeman

Class A

1st Round
Whitefish HS vs Columbia Falls HS Oct 27
Brian Schmaus - Kalispell
Joseph Sullivan - Bigfork
Sean Cheff - Ronan - Ronan
Gary Cockerill - Kalispell
Cal Ketchum - Kalispell

Dawson HS vs Laurel HS Oct 27
Erin Claunch - Billings
Jeff Hereim - Billings
Randy Stoos - Laurel
Reggie Hague - Billings
Larry Schmitt - Billings

Lockwood HS vs Havre HS Oct 27
Stan Ozark - Glasgow
Tyler Partridge - Glasgow
Jon Bengochea - Glasgow
Derek Beadle - Glasgow
Doug Nistler - Glasgow

Bigfork HS vs Hamilton HS t Nov 4
Joel Fuhrmann - Charlo
Douglas McAlear - Polson
Paul Druyvestein - Missoula
Brandon Ihde - Missoula
Scott Marsh - Florence
Quarter-Final

Columbia Falls HS vs Billings Central Catholic HS Nov 4
Jim Gannon - Bozeman
Jared Silvey - Belgrade
Chris Duncan - Belgrade
Dennis Elgas - Manhattan
Brandon Rehm - Bozeman

Laurel HS vs Corvallis HS Nov 4
Gered Allen - Lolo
Steve Picard - Ronan
Brandon Ihde - Missoula
Kenny Gonzalez - Hamilton
Casey Lang - Missoula

Havre HS vs Beaverhead County HS Nov 4
Jon Kinzle - Butte
Todd Carver- Butte
Keaton Caprara - Butte
William Pat Ryan - Butte
Joe Ungaretti - Anaconda

Hamilton HS vs Fergus HS Nov 4
Harold Olson- Billings
Jeff Hereim - Billings
Michael Littleton - Billings
Cameron Bjornstad - Billings
Thomas Oberweiser - Billings

Semi-Final

Columbia Falls HS vs Corvallis HS Nov 10
Wayne Wade - Missoula
Douglas McAlear - Polson
Chris Anderson - Missoula
Gordy Pace - Missoula
Eric Obrigewitch - Missoula

Fergus HS vs Beaverhead County HS Nov 18

Darrel Storey- Butte
Rick Rowling - Butte
John O'Brien - Anaconda
Justin Dunbar - Butte
John Winston - Butte

Championship

Columbia Falls HS vs Beaverhead County HS Nov 18
Jon Kinzle - Butte
Todd Carver - Butte
William Pat Ryan - Butte
Keaton Caprara - Butte
Joe Ungaretti - Anaconda
Jack Hocking - Butte

Class AA

First Round

Sentinel HS vs Great Falls HS Oct 27
Curt Dallas - Helena
Derrick Hauer - East Helena
Scott McHugh - Helena
Kevin Higgins - Helena
Brian Lundin - Helena

Skyview HS vs Helena HS Oct 27

Terry Faulkner - Butte
Keaton Caprara - Butte
William Pat Ryan - Butte
John O'Brien - Anaconda
Justin Dunbar - Butte

Billings Sr HS vs Butte HS Oct 27

Chris Anderson - Missoula
Steven Bump - Victor
Gordy Pace - Missoula
Richie Borden - Hamilton
Eric Obrigewitch - Missoula

Missoula Big Sky vs Billings West HS Oct 27

Jim Gannon - Bozeman
Ryan Schmidt - Bozeman
Dugan Gravage - Bozeman
Michael Bell - Belgrade
Tim Friese - Manhattan

Quarter-Final

Sentinel HS vs Glacier HS Nov 3
Wayne Noem - Helena
Duane Cunningham - Helena
Joe Merrick - Helena
Kyle Davis - Helena
Brian Jacobson - Clancy

Helena HS vs Gallatin HS Nov 3

Larry Schmitt - Billings
Chris Hertz - Billings
Barry Cronk- Billings
Reggie Hague - Billings
Jay Lemelin - Billings

Butte HS vs Bozeman HS Nov 3

Joe Potoczny - Great Falls
Rodney DeBruycker - Fort Benton
Michael McCluskey - Livingston
Lance Boyd - Great Falls
Kody Lambert - Great Falls

Billings West HS vs Capital HS Nov 10

Chris Parson - Kalispell
Day Scovel - Kalispell
Michael Jones - Kalispell
Joseph Sullivan - Bigfork
John Thompson - Columbia Falls

Semi-Final

Gallatin HS vs Glacier HS Nov 10
Randolph Wilke - Helena
Curt Dallas - Helena
Shane Shaw - Helena
Kevin Higgins - Helena
Brian Lundin - Helena

Capital HS vs Bozeman HS Nov 1

Sean Cheff - Ronan - Ronan
Michael Jones - Kalispell
Brian Schmaus - Kalispell
Cal Ketchum - Kalispell
Dale McDaniel - Whitefish

Championship

Glacier HS vs Bozeman HS Nov 17
John Winston - Butte
Rick Rowling - Butte
John O'Brien - Anaconda
Darrel Storey - Butte
Justin Dunbar - Butte
Jack Hocking - Butte

Volleyball

2023 All-State Volleyball MSU- Bozeman

Class AA

Tyler Bowen, Missoula
Phil Leonardi, Hamilton
Pete Lathrop, Missoula
Jesse Moore, Billings
Rick Mari, Bozeman
Sherry Wardell, Billings

Class A

J. R. Iman, Hamilton
Traci Manseau, Lewistown
Kristy Schlimgen, Victor
Norma Stene, Billings
Marilyn Tobin, Butte
Alyce Yoakam-Leonardi, Hamilton

Class B

Gail Davis, Cut Bank
Jennifer Hall, Billings
Gail Hofstad, Cut Bank
Steve Picard, Ronan
Jerome Rangitsch, Billings
Deb Sension-Hall, Missoula

Class C

April McAuliffe, Miles City
Bonnie Jo Cook, Fort Benton
Jared Delaney, Park City
Noelle McDowell, Great Falls
Scott Pierce, Missoula
Katrina Werner-Johnson, Sidney

Western AA Divisional Butte High School

Tyler Bowen, Missoula
Philip Leonardi, Hamilton
Jackie Mckenna, Anaconda
Ricky Kjo, Kalispell
Kristy Schlimgen, Victor
Scott Wilkinson, Superior

Eastern AA Divisional Belgrade High School

Jennifer Hall, Billings
Robert Knebl, Bozeman
Jeremy Sauskojus, Bozeman
Rick Mari, Bozeman
Sherry Wardell, Billings
Adam Priquette, Manhattan

Western A Divisional Polson High School

Ashley Finnerty, Missoula
Cara Grewell, Missoula
Terry Orabona, Kalispell
Alyce Yoakam-Leonardi, Hamilton
Lisa Guy, Kalispell
Tim Evans, Missoula

Eastern A Divisional Lockwood High School

Traci Manseau, Lewistown
April Mcauliffe, Miles City
Sterling Sundheim, Lewistown
Martha Edgmond, Laurel
Norma Stene, Billings
Stacy Brensdal, Billings

Northern B Divisional Malta High School

Dale Janzen, Choteau
Michael Schultz, Cut Bank
Gail Hofstad, Cut Bank
Katie Heath, Havre
Sherrie Bawden, Sidney
Bill Hansell, Shelby

Southern B Divisional Columbus High School

Jesse Moore, Billings
Gomo Rosado, Colstrip
Jerome Rangitsch, Billings
Jared Delaney, Park City
Vernon Grimsrud, Clancy
Peggy Campbell, Big Timber

Western B Divisional Lincoln County High School

Steve Picard, Ronan
Joseph Mehrens, Anaconda
J.R. Iman, Hamilton
Pete Lathrop, Missoula
Scott Stowe, Missoula
Debra Sension-Hall, Missoula

District 1B Fairfield High School

Gail Davis, Cut Bank
Gail Hofstad, Cut Bank
Michael Schultz, Cut Bank
Bonnie Cook, Fort Benton
Dale Janzen, Choteau
Jennifer Simundic, Great Falls

District 2B Poplar High School

Nichole Gamas, Glasgow
Julia Kirkland, Nashua
Sherrie Bawden, Sidney
Jacob Damm, Fairview
Ashley Burgess, Glasgow

District 3B Huntley Project School

Roger Knows His Gun, Colstrip
Gomo Rosado, Colstrip
Patrick Sargent, Hardin
Laura Sundheim, Hardin
Martha Edgmond, Laurel

District 4B Roundup High School

Laury Sealey, Billings
Norma Stene, Billings
Sherry Wardell, Billings
Jared Delaney, Park City
Hunter Sickerson, Billings
Peggy Campbell, Big Timber

District 5B Manhattan High School

Vernon Grimsrud, Clancy
Leonard Mabbot, Whitehall
Britta Oliverson, Cardwell
Justin Grimsrud, Helena
Patsy Althof, Helena

District 6B Anaconda High School

J.R. Iman, Hamilton
Joseph Mehrens, Anaconda
Kendal Baldwin, Missoula
Philip Leonardi, Hamilton
Jackie Mckenna, Anaconda

District 7B Plains High School

Pete Lathrop, Missoula
Lisa Guy, Kalispell
Scott Stowe, Missoula
Alyce Yoakam-Leonardi, Hamilton
Randy Saunier, Kalispell

Northern C Divisional Great Falls Central High School
Noelle Mcdowell, Great Falls
Gail Davis, Cut Bank
Patty Devries, Chester
Lea Potoczny, Great Falls
Nicole Gardner, Great Falls
Bonnie Cook, Fort Benton

Southern C Divisional Bridger High School
Jennifer Nielson, Billings
Rachel Hiner, Billings
Kimberly Sorkness-Decock, Broadview
Kasidy Robbins, Billings
George Maruska, Lewistown
Jolene Ehlert, Winifred

Eastern C Divisional Sidney High School
Katrina Werner-Johnson, Sidney
Melissa Hannum, Bainville
Marnee Averette, Sidney
Rance Haralson, Sidney
Tim Robinson, Baker
Melody Haynes, Miles City

Western C Divisional Manhattan Christian High School
Kathy Eekhoff, Manhattan
Therese King, Livingston
Scott Pierce, Missoula
Dawn Willian, Missoula
Scott Donisthorpe, Missoula
Kendal Baldwin, Missoula

District 1C Plentywood High School
Joanna Horsburgh, Cartwright
Marnee Averette, Sidney
Tim Robinson, Baker
Katrina Werner-Johnson, Sidney
Melissa Hannum, Bainville
Connie Wittak, Flaxville

District 2C Dawson Community College
April Mcauliffe, Miles City
Melody Haynes, Miles City
Rance Haralson, Sidney
Cindy Gabbert, Glendive
Tracy Gabbert, Glendive
Marie Holler, Sidney

District 4C Absarokee High School
Jennifer Nielson, Billings
Kimberly Sorkness-Decock, Broadview
Loren Eder, Columbus
Rachel Hiner, Billings
Kasidy Robbins, Billings
Jennifer Hall, Billings

District 5C Stanford High School
Traci Manseau, Lewistown
George Maruska, Lewistown
Jolene Ehlert, Winifred
Donna Econom, Winifred
Sterling Sundheim, Lewistown

District 6C Belt High School
Gary Mengershausen, Cut Bank
Lea Potoczny, Great Falls
Nicole Gardner, Great Falls
Bill Hansell, Shelby
Charlie Brown, Fairfield

District 7C Fort Benton High School
Katie Heath, Havre
Patty Devries, Chester
Noelle Mcdowell, Great Falls
Melissa Oberquell, Havre
Tande Myers, Havre
Kelley Bushong, Great Falls

District 12C, Manhattan Christian High School
Kathy Eekhoff, Manhattan
Therese King, Livingston
Robert Knebel, Bozeman
Adam Priquette, Manhattan
Rick Mari, Bozeman
Jeremy Sauskojus, Bozeman

District 13C Valley Christian High School
Wendy Hansmann, Stevensville
Ashley Finnerty, Missoula
Tim Evans, Missoula
Cara Grewell, Missoula
Jeannann Lemelin, Missoula

District 14C Hot Springs High School
Scott Pierce, Missoula
Scott Wilkinson, Superior
Dawn Willian, Missoula
Steve Picard, Ronan
Scott Donisthorpe, Missoula