

MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Helena Public Schools Administration Building
1325 Poplar St, Helena, MT 59601
April 28th and 29th, 2025
8:30 a.m.

AGENDA

Symbol Key (Confidential items are copied onto yellow paper)

A	-	Action Item
ABD	-	Action at Board Discretion
NC	-	No Correspondence
TBD	-	To Be Distributed at Board Meeting
FYI	-	For Your Information (no discussion needed)

A. Call to Order by President / John

**B. Pledge of Allegiance / John
Revisions/Adoption of the Agenda / John and Brian**

C. Public Input Statement by President / John

The Montana High School Association follows the Montana Open Meeting Law. Anyone in attendance at this meeting may request to address the Executive Board by using the available forms. Please indicate the agenda item for which an audience with the Board is requested and submit the request to the chair.

We will now allow for public comment on non-agenda items. This board will listen to comments made about items of public concern, not any comments related to specific individuals, employees of MHSA, or students who participate in MHSA activities. We cannot take comments that violate any individual's right to privacy."

In order to preserve time, public comment will be limited to 3 minutes per individual. "If you plan on giving public comment, please identify yourself and spell your first and last name when you come up for comment.

D. Approval of Board Minutes

- 1) Minutes **A**
- a) Regular Meeting – January 18 & 20, 2025
 - b) Annual Meeting – January 20, 2025

E. Delegations / Appeals **All are ABD**

5.3 The Executive Board may authorize the Executive Director to make decisions as necessary for the proper operation of Association business. The Executive Board shall hear all appeals of decision by the Executive Director and may affirm, reverse or modify a decision of the Executive Director. On appeal, the Executive Board may, at its sole discretion, waive or modify the application of a rule in emergency or exceptional circumstances if it determines that the application of a rule as written would not substantially serve the intent or purpose of the rule. However, in no event may a rule be waived or modified by the Executive Board unless all of the following conditions are affirmatively shown to clearly exist:

- a. The emergency or exceptional circumstances were entirely beyond the control of the student, the student's parents or guardians, and, if relevant, the student's school; and
- b. The granting of relief will not prejudice the rights or opportunities of other students or other member schools; and
- c. The granting of relief will not violate any parts of the underlying purpose of the rule involved.

General Delegations Schedule

- 1) Appeals
 - a) Academic
 - 1) Gallatin High School – MK – 11:00 a.m.
 - b) Semester
 - 1) Gallatin High School – WF – 10:30 a.m.
 - c) Transfer
 - d) Other
- 2) Delegations – Reclassifications Appeals
- 3) Delegations – Other
 - a) MOA Joel Fuhrmann – 11:30 a.m.

F. Requests	All are ABD
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- 1) Class B District Basketball Date Change – All Districts 1- 7 / Greta
- 2) 2025-2026 Site Selection (still open) for State Events / Bid Subcommittee
 - a) State B-C Speech and Drama January 30 -31, 2026
 - b) State C Golf Date Change May 19 – 20, 2026
 - c) State All-Class Baseball May 28 -30, 2026
 - d) State A Tennis May 28 – 29, 2026
 - e) State B-C Tennis May 28 – 30, 2026
 - f) State A-C Track & Field Meet May 28 – 30, 2026
- 3) 2026-2027 Site Selection for State Events / Bid Subcommittee
- 4) MHSAA Annual Meeting
 - a) 2027 Placement / Scott and Kip
- 5) Wrestling Committee Action Items / Scott
 - a) MHSAA Wrestling Committee Proposals
 - b) Girls Wrestling Concerns and Update
- 6) Digital Ticketing – GoFan renewal and extension / Brian
- 7) MHSAA / MOA Logo – Copyright and Trademark Options / Brian and Ryan
 - a) 5518 Designs – Butte, MT
 - b) Joe Bosack & Co. - Plottsville, PA
- 8) NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching – Remove 5-year requirement / Brian
- 9) B / C Tennis
 - a) State Qualifier Proposal / Greta
 - b) Ten Point Tiebreaker in the Post Season / Greta
- 10) Scobey – Opheim Numbers / Brian
- 11) Speech Committee / Amy
 - a) Interstate Competition Proposal Approval
 - b) MFEA Handbook Approval
- 12) NFHS Network Steaming for Softball, Baseball and Soccer – No Pixellots / Scott
- 13) QuickBooks - Change Accounting Method of MHSAA from cash to accrual / Brian and Jenise
- 14) State Baseball Bracket Change Language for 2024-25 School Year / Scott
- 15) State A Softball Bracket Change Language for 2024-25 School Year / Amy

G. Finances

- 1) Review and Approval of Bills Paid from January 1 – March 31, 2025 / Brian/Jenise **A**
- 2) Review and Approval of Financial Statement as of March 31, 2025 / Brian/Jenise **A**
- 3) General Office Overview / Brian **FYI/TBD**
 - a) Insurance Update

- b) Staff
 - c) Policy Manual
 - d) Building Update
 - e) Technology Update
 - f) Sportsmanship Items
 - g) MOA
 - h) Miscellaneous
- 4) Basketball Financial Summary / Greta and Jenise **FYI**
 - 5) Wrestling Financial Summary / Scott and Jenise **FYI**
 - 6) Swimming Financial Report / Kip and Jenise **FYI**
 - 7) Annual Meeting Financial Report / Kip and Jenise **FYI**
 - 8) NFHS Network Financial Report and Distribution / Scott and Jenise **FYI**

H. Office Action / Brian

- 1) Waivers of Transfer Rule – Hardships / Brian **FYI**
- 2) Waivers of the Age Rule / Brian - None **FYI / NC**
 - a) Nineteen-Year-Old Rule
- 3) Penalties Imposed / Brian **FYI**

I. Legal / Brian

- 1) Legal Costs **FYI**
- 2) Legal Issues - NFHS Legal Meeting – Brian and Bea - April 15-16 **FYI / NC**

J. Reports / Miscellaneous

- 2) State Speech & Drama Meets / Amy **FYI**
 - a) AA – (Joe McElroy); A – (Krystal Zentner); B-C – (Jimmy Patelis)
- 3) State All-Class Wrestling Tournament / Scott (John Fitzgerald and Krystal Zentner) **FYI / NC**
- 4) State Swim Meet / Kip **FYI**
- 5) State Basketball Tournaments / Greta
 - a) AA (Dan) – A (Aric) – B (John and Joe) – C (Kara and Krystal) **FYI**
 - b) Changes – Clear Bag, Metal Detectors and “Suggestive Seating” / Greta **FYI**
- 6) Ejections / Amy **FYI**
 - a) Ejection Interpretation
- 7) Spring Sports Rules Clinics / Staff **FYI**
- 8) 2025-26 AIM Higher dates / Scott **FYI**
- 9) Audit Report / Brian and Jenise **ABD**
- 10) NFHS National Student Advisory Committee Appointment / Amy **FYI**
- 11) All Class Volleyball – Metra Information / Kip **FYI**
- 12) Corporate Sponsors / Brian and Ryan **FYI**
 - a) Ryan Update
 - b) Total Revenue for 2024-25 from Playfly
- 13) Out of Season Team Coaching Rule / Brian and Greta **FYI**
- 14) Competitive Equity Committee / Scott **FYI**
- 15) Emerging Sports **FYI**
 - a) Flag Football
 - b) Esports

K. MHS Standing Committee Appointments

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| 1) Staff Recommendations - Kip | FYI / TBD |
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L. <i>Reclassification of Schools – None in 2025</i>
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| 1) Reclassification | FYI |
| 2) Spring OPI Enrollment Numbers | |
| 3) Next reclassification cycle will be 2026-27 – Schools will be identified during this meeting and schools will have until November to consider realignments of district and divisions because of the reclassification changes. | |
| 4) Recommendations | |
| a) Class AA to A – none | |
| b) Class A to AA – none | |
| c) Class B to A – none | |
| d) Class A to B – | |
| e) Class C to B – | |
| f) Class B to C – | |

M. <i>Personnel & Negotiations</i>
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| 1) General Correspondence | A |
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N. <i>Board Reorganization</i>
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| 1) Election of New Officers | NC |
| a) President | |
| b) Vice-President | |
| 2) Seating of New President / John | NC |
| 3) Seating of New Board Members / John | NC |

O. <i>Assignment to Spring Activities</i>

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| 1) Spring events' – assignments / John | FYI / NC |
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P. <i>NFHS Meetings</i>

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| 1) NFHS Summer Meeting – Chicago – June 28 – July 1, 2025 | FYI / NC |
| 2) Section Meeting – Las Vegas – September 14-16, 2025 | FYI / NC |

Q. <i>2024-25 MHSAA Executive Board Meetings</i>	<i>All are ABD</i>
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| 1) September | |
| 2) November | |
| 3) January | |
| 4) April | |
| 5) June | |

R. <i>Other Items</i>

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| 1) | FYI |
| 2) | FYI / NC |