

**MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**Helena Public Schools Administration Building**  
**1325 Poplar St, Helena, MT 59601**  
**September 9, 2024**  
**8:30 am**  
**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) Conference Call/Zoom – June 6, 2024
- b) Regular Meeting – June 20, 2024

**A**

**E. Delegations / Appeals**

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 a 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 part of the underlying purpose of the rule involved.

**General Delegations Schedule**

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| 1) Appeals   | ABD / TBD |
| a) Academic  | ABD       |
| b) Semester  | ABD       |
| c) Transfer  |           |
| 1) Bainville Appeal -- Student HS -- <b>10:00 am (tentative)</b> | ABD       |
| 2) Ennis Appeal -- Student RR -- <b>10:20 am</b>                 | ABD       |
| 3) Ennis Appeal -- Student JM -- <b>10:40 am</b>                 | ABD       |
| 4) Ennis Appeal -- Student DM -- <b>11:00 am</b>                 | ABD       |
| 5) Ennis Appeal -- Student TM -- <b>11:00 am</b>                 | ABD       |
| d) Other   |           |
| 2) Delegations – Co-op Enrollment Exceeds Classification appeals |           |
| a) Columbus / Park City / Absarokee Softball – <b>1:00 pm</b>    | ABD       |
| b) East Helena / Jefferson Softball -- <b>1:10 pm</b>            | ABD       |
| c) Twin Bridges / Sheridan Girls' Basketball – <b>1:20 pm</b>    | ABD       |
| 3) Delegations – Other   |           |
| a) E-Sports – <b>11:30 am</b>                                    |           |
| 1) Committee Report  |           |
| 2) Game offering Discussion                                      | ABD       |

<b>F. Requests</b>	<b>All are ABD</b>
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- 1) Tennis –Class B State
- 2) Music – Amy
  - a) 2024-25 Handbook Approval
- 3) State Event Bids – Scott
  - a) State A Tennis
- 4) Speech and Drama Update / Amy
  - a) 2024-25 Handbook Approval
- 5) Softball – Bat Testing All Classes / Amy
- 6) Wrestling – Ticket Prices for 3-day Tournament / Scott
- 7) Baseball – Legion Language / Scott
- 8) Southern C Divisional Basketball Tournament – move from Feb 26-March 1 to March 5-8

<b>G. Finances</b>
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| 1) Review and Approval of Bills Paid from April 1 – August 31, 2024 / Brian/Jenise | <b>A</b>       |
| 2) Review and Approval of Financial Statement as of August 31, 2024 / Brian/Jenise | <b>A</b>       |
| 3) General Office Overview / Brian   | <b>FYI/TBD</b> |
| 4) Review Corporate Sponsorships / Brian / Ryan                                    | <b>FYI/TBD</b> |

<b>H. Office Action / Brian</b>
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| 1) Waivers of Transfer Rule – Hardships / Brian | <b>FYI</b>      |
| 2) Waivers of the Age Rule / Brian - None       | <b>FYI / NC</b> |
| a) Nineteen-Year-Old Rule                       |                 |
| 3) Penalties Imposed / Brian - None             | <b>FYI</b>      |
| 4) Fines and Fees / Brian                       | <b>FYI</b>      |

**I. Legal / Brian**

- 1) Legal Costs **FYI**
- 2) Legal Issues **FYI / NC**
  - a) NFHS Legal Meeting - Brian April
  - b) OCR Complaint – Softball Update

**J. Reports / Miscellaneous**

- 1) State Spring Tournaments / Meets **FYI**
  - a) State Baseball – Aric and Scott
  - b) State Tennis – Class AA, - Greta; Class A – Aric and Greta; Class B-C – Joe and Greta
  - c) State Golf – Class B- John and Brian, State C – Joe and Brian
  - d) State Softball – Class AA – Jenise and Amy, State A – Amy & Brian, State B-C – Amy & Brian
  - e) State Track – Class AA -C – Kara, Krystal and Kip, State A-B - John and Scott
- 2) Schools removed from Sport Rules and Regulations in Handbook - Online – Staff **FYI/NC**
- 3) National Federation Summer Meeting – Boston / John, Kara and Staff **FYI/NC**
- 4) MCA Clinic, Spirit and MHS A Committee Meetings – Great Falls and Zoom **FYI/NC**
- 5) Section 7-8 Meeting / Whitefish – September 15-17 = All **FYI/NC**
- 6) Ejections / Brian -None **FYI/NC**
- 7) Online Clinic Reports (FB, CC, GO, SO, VB, SP) / Staff **FYI**
- 8) MOA Update - Officials Numbers **FYI**
- 9) Emerging Sport Report for Flag Football **FYI**
  - a) Girls Flag Football Schedule and Rules for the season
  - b) Committee
- 10) NFHS Network Reimbursement Discussion and Direction / Scott **FYI/TBD**
- 11) 2024-25 AIM Higher Dates / Scott **FYI**
- 12) Co-op Update – Greta **FYI**
  - a) Current Co-ops with New Form
  - b) 3-year agreement on Multi-District agreements
  - c) Hard Deadlines?

**K. General**

- 1) MHS A Committee Appointments / Kip
- 2) November Discussion Issues
  - a) Realignment for 2025-26 school year
  - b) Football Reclassification
  - c) Annual Meeting Proposals (Possible)
    - i) NIL
    - ii) Charter School Revision
    - iii) Home School / Residency
    - iv) 5<sup>th</sup> Official MHS A Executive Board Meeting
  - d) Annual Meeting Vote and Nominations for American Indian Representative on Board

**L. Assignment to Fall Activities**

1) Fall and Early Winter event assignments / John

FYI / NC

M. <b><i>Other Items</i></b>
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1) For Your Information

- a) MHSAs Annual Meeting Discussion / Billings
- b) Future 2024-25 MHSAs Executive Board Meeting Dates:
  - i) November 25-26, 2024 - Helena
  - ii) January 18-20, 2024 – Billings
  - iii) April 28-29, 2024 - Helena