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**TO: MHSА MEMBER SCHOOLS
MONTANA NEWS MEDIA**

FROM: BRIAN MICHELOTTI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: NOVEMBER EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTION

The Montana High School Association Executive Board conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on November 25, 2024. Following is a synopsis of the major items:

1. The Board reviewed reports regarding recently held state events in cross country, football, golf, soccer, and volleyball. The Board and MHSA Staff appreciate those involved in the well-organized and successful events.
2. The preliminary budget for 2025-2026 was reviewed and approved by the Board pending final approval by the membership in January.
3. The Board reviewed submitted proposals to be considered at the MHSA Annual Meeting in January by member schools.
4. The Board approved the 2026-27 Calendar. [2026-27 Calendar link](#)

The Executive Board took the following actions regarding realignment for football:

5. The Board approved the following schools to move classifications:
 - Powder River County - 8-player to 6-player
 - Hays-Lodgepole - 8-player to 6-player
 - Harlowton/Ryegate 6-player to 8-player
 - Powell County – 8-player to Class B – 11-player
6. After hearing appeals, the Board placed the following schools in a higher football classification. These schools will decide whether they will participate fully in the higher classification or opt to participate in the lower classification, but not be postseason eligible:
 - Arlee was placed in Class B 11-player football
 - Box Elder was placed in 8-player football
 - Centerville was placed in 8-player football
 - Joliet remained in Class B 11-player football
 - Shelby was placed in Class B 11-player football
 - Westby/Grenora was placed in 8-player football
7. Whitehall/Harrison will be moved from the Western to the Southern Conference in Class B 11-Player football.
8. The Board approved the proposed 4-division alignment for football for Class A Football. [Click here for the 2025-26 Class A Football Realignment](#)



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9. The Board approved the proposed realignment for Class C in basketball, track and field and volleyball. [Click here for the 2025-26 Class C realignment.](#) District realignment will be finalized at the 2025 MHSA Annual Meeting.

The Board took the following action, for which schools are given two-week notice. Finalization of the items will take place during the January board meeting after affected schools have had the opportunity to submit final comments.

1. The Board has approved the relocation of the MHSA office to a new site in Helena. This building will enable MHSA staff to host board and membership meetings in a central business district, ensuring ADA compliance and incorporating advanced technology. It will provide a dedicated space for staff to serve our membership effectively for many years to come.
2. The Board approved the baseball conferences for the 2025 baseball season. [Click here for the 2025 MHSA Baseball Conferences](#)
3. The Board approved moving the 6C District Basketball Tournament to a new date. The new dates will be February 27-March 1, 2025.
4. The Board approved Class B Golf qualifying criteria to revert to the same number of qualifying players and teams as last year. The change will be that in addition to the top four (4) teams that qualify, the top fifteen participants with the lowest score will also qualify.
5. The Board approved the following change to our Awards rule for Class C Girls Divisional Wrestling Awards: a Trophy will be awarded to the first, second, and third place teams as per General Rules for Awards (6).
6. The Board approved a change to the procedures for Football Realignment. Football divisions impacted by the reclassification rubric can present their conference alignment (if needed) at the Executive Board meeting on Saturday of the January meeting. Any schools that wish to appeal their conference alignment can appeal at the January meeting.
7. The Board approved a change to the 8-Player Football Playoff Financial Arrangements. Host sites will be allowed to retain up to \$1500 in itemized costs for postseason games.

The MHSA Annual Meeting will be held on January 20, 2025, at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center in Billings. The Executive Board will meet on January 18, after the conclusion of the MHSA Annual Meeting.

If you need additional information, please feel free to contact the MHSA office.