

**MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**January 13 and 15th, 2024**

**GranTree - Bozeman – 8:30 a.m.**  
**GranTree - Bozeman – After Annual Meeting**

**Revised AGENDA**

**Symbol Key (Confidential items are copied onto yellow paper)**

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

**A. Call to Order by President / Steve**

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

**C. Public Input Statement by President / Steve**

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**

- A**
1. Minutes
    - a) Regular Meeting – November 20, 2023

**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 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**

- ABD / TBD 1. Appeals
  - ABD a. Academic
  - ABD b. Semester
    - 1. Northern Cheyenne Student - DS - Tentative
  - c. Transfer
    - 1. Charlo Student - M.H. - 11 AM
    - 2. Hays Lodgepole Student - KB - 10:30 AM
  - d. Other
    - 1. Drummond Opposition to 8-Player Redistricting - Dean Phillips - 10:00 AM
    - 2. Columbia Falls Home School Student - IA
    - 3. Lodge Grass Student Forfeiture - SFD - 11:30 AM

**Monday – After Conclusion of Annual Meeting**

- 2. Forfeiture Rule / Varsity Requests
  - NC a. Volleyball Teams Affected
    - 1. Other school status reports / Kip
  - b. Football Teams Affected
    - 1. Lame Deer
    - 2. Gardiner
    - 3. Plenty Coups
    - 4. Northern Cheyenne
    - 5. Other school's status reports / Scott
  - NC c. Girls' Basketball Teams Affected
    - 1. Other school's status reports / Greta
  - NC d. Boys' Basketball Teams Affected
    - 1. Other school's status reports / Greta
  - e. Other Sports
- ABD 3. Delegations – Realignment Appeals
- ABD 4. Delegations – (Late Additions)

**F. Requests / Action Items**

- FYI / NC 1. MetraPark Online Ticket Fee Modification / Scott
- 2. Rules Review Committee Track and Field
- 3. Rules Review Committee - Tennis
- 4. Baseball Divisions - Scott
  - a. Baseball Play-offs - Scott

**G. Finances**

- A 1. Review and approval of bills paid November 1 to December 31/ Brian
- A 2. Review and approval of financial statement through December 31/ Brian
- FYI / TBD 3. General Office and Financial Overview / Brian
- FYI 4. Football Financial Summary
- FYI 5. Volleyball Financial Summary
  - a. State Volleyball Financial Report

FYI 6. Soccer Financial Summary

**H. Office Action / Brian**

FYI 1. Waivers of Transfer Rule – Hardships / Brian

FYI 2. Waivers of the Age Rule / Brian  
a. Nineteen-Year-Old Rule  
NC b. Fifteen-Year-Old Rule

FYI 3. Penalties Imposed / Brian

**I. Legal / Brian**

FYI 1. Legal Costs

NC 2. Legal Issues  
b. Semester Rule Cases

**J. Reports / Miscellaneous**

FYI 1. Winter Rules Clinic Reports / Staff

FYI/TBD 2. Ejections / Brian

FYI / NC 3. National Federation Winter Meeting (San Francisco) / Brian

FYI / NC 4. MHS A Hall of Fame Selection Discussion / Kip

FYI 5. MOA Meeting Report - Mike Bell or Amy

FYI 6. MHS A Leadership Committee Report - Fees - Brian

**K. Annual Meeting**

FYI / TBD 1. Activity Schedule / Kip and Brian

FYI / TBD 2. Credentials' (Board) Schedule / Kip

FYI / TBD 3. Meeting Agenda / Steve & Brian (Public Input Information)

FYI / TBD 4. Caucus Items /  
a. Additional Items?  
b. Assignments

FYI / NC 5. Assignment of Proposals and Budget Presentation (last agenda item) / Brian  
a. Assignment of Board Proposals for Presentation – None - Budget

FYI / NC 6. General – Resolutions' Committee Meeting / Brian & Steve

**L. Two Weeks Notice Final Action**

**Realignment**

A / NC 1. Eight-Player Football Placement & Alignment / Brian & Scott

- a) The Board approved the St Regis High School / Mullan, ID cooperative sponsorship and placed this team in the 8-player Western Division.
- b) The Board approved moving Twin Bridges to participate in 8-Player Football. Twin Bridges was placed in the South Division.
- c) The Board approved the proposed realignment for 8-Player Football to go from 5 divisions to 4 divisions in 2024-25.

**A / NC**

- 2. Class C Realignment –
  - d) The Board approved the proposed realignment for basketball, track and field and volleyball for the 13C and 14C districts.
  - e) The 13C and 14C will now consolidate to become the 13C in 2024-25.
  - f) The following schools will represent District 13C; Alberton, Charlo, Drummond, Granite, Hot Springs, Lincoln, Noxon, St. Regis, Seeley-Swan, Two Eagle River, Valley Christian, and Victor.

**Other Two-Week Notice Items**

**ABD**

- 3. Emergency Action Plan  
The Executive Board approved the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) template submitted by the MHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee. Schools must have an EAP for each venue where they practice or have contests. A form must be submitted to the MHSAA by July 15th of each school year to verify the completion of this requirement.

**ABD**

- 4. Track and Field  
The Board approved a change to qualifying procedures for the Class C Southern Divisional track meet. Last year in the 4C, 5C and 6C district meets, the top two places qualified for divisionals and then the next four best overall times/distances/heights also qualified. Beginning this year, the same procedures will be in place, but participants will also qualify for divisionals through divisional qualifying marks.

<b>M. Information for the Good of the Order</b>
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**FYI / TBD**

- 1. General Correspondence

<b>N. Assignment of Board &amp; Staff to Final Events</b>
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**FYI / TBD**

- 1. Assignments / Steve

<b>O. April Meeting Date</b>
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**FYI / NC**

- 1. April 22-23, 2024

<b>P. Other Items</b>
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**FYI**

- 1. 2025 Annual Meeting Site – Billings/ Kip

**FYI / NC**

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