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September 13, 2023

TO: MHS A MEMBER SCHOOLS

FROM: BRIAN MICHELOTTI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTION

The Montana High School Association Executive Board conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on September 11, 2023. The following is a synopsis of the major items:

1. The Board placed the three remaining open state tournament events for the 2023-24 school year. The following sites were approved:
 - Class A Tennis will be held in Kalispell on May 23-24, 2024.
 - Class B/C Tennis will be held in Missoula on May 23-25, 2024.
 - The State Baseball Tournament will be held in Missoula on May 16-18, 2024.
2. The Board approved the 2023-24 Music Handbook and the 2023-24 Speech and Debate Handbook.

The following item is being sent to member schools for a two-week notice period. These changes will be effective for 2023-24 (unless noted):

1. The MHSA Executive Board approved the following for **music**:
 - Ronan High School has been approved to move from District 2 to District 1
 - An additional member will be permitted to be on the music committee in 2024-25. This member would fill the role of representing diversity, equity, and inclusion.
 - Approved the change of the State Festival student entrance fees from \$15.00 to 20.00 for the 2023-24 school year.
 - Approved increasing the admission prices for spectators for All -State Music Concert from \$10.00 to \$15.00 beginning in 2024-25.
2. The Board approved a change to the MHSA Handbook for 2024-25. The MHSA will remove the names of schools participating in each sport and activity section of the handbook. This change will allow the MHSA office to distribute the handbooks significantly earlier in future years. The MHSA will provide other ways to distribute this information.
3. The Board removed the following sections from the 8-player and 6-player football sections of the MHSA Handbook, as they are no longer accurate or necessary:
 - ~~Class C Six-Player football will play an eight (8) week regular schedule. Playoffs will begin on the ninth week.~~
 - ~~Eight-Player football will play a nine (9) week regular season schedule. Playoffs will start on the tenth week.~~

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the MHSA office. If you have any comments on the two-week notice items, please send those to Brian Michelotti at bmichelotti@mhsa.org. Thank you.