

**MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**January 14, 2023**

**Holiday Inn Downtown Missoula, Board Room – 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 / Jim H**

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

**C. Public Input Statement by President / Jim H**

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.

**D. Approval of Board Minutes**

- A**
1. Minutes
    - a) Zoom Meeting – November 17, 2022
    - b) Regular Meeting – November 21, 2022
    - b) Zoom Meeting – December 13, 2022

**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.

- ABD / TBD**
2. Appeals
    - a. Academic
    - b. Semester
    - c. Transfer
    - d. Other
      - 1 – 8:45 am - Coop – Drummond / Granite Football Coop Appeal
      - 2 - 10:00 am - AA Softball Scheduling - Sid Debarathy and Bea Kaleva
      - 3 - 11:00 am - MOA Misconduct and MHSAA Director Hearing - Mike Creedon
        - a. Billings Pool Complaint
        - b. Brian Michelotti Complaint
      - 4 - 11:30 am - MOA Report - Joel Fuhrmann

**Monday – After Conclusion of Annual Meeting**

- 3. Forfeiture Rule / Varsity Requests
    - a. Volleyball Teams Affected
      - 1. ?
      - 2. Other school status reports / Kip
    - b. Football Teams Affected
      - 1. Lincoln
      - 2. Alberton
      - 3. Hays Lodgepole
      - 4. Lame Deer – remaining JV for 2023
      - 6. Northern Cheyenne
      - 7. Plenty Coups
    - 8. Other school's status reports / Scott
    - c. Girls' Basketball Teams Affected
      - 1. ?
      - 2. Other school's status reports / Greta
    - d. Boys' Basketball Teams Affected
      - 1. ?
      - 2. Other school's status reports / Greta
    - f. Other Sports
- 4. Delegations – Realignment Appeals
  - 5. Delegations – (Late Additions)
    - a.

***F. Finances***

- 6. Review and approval of bills paid November 1 to December 31/ Brian
- 7. Review and approval of financial statement through December 31/ Brian
- 8. General Office and Financial Overview / Brian
- 9. Football Financial Summary
- 10. Volleyball Financial Summary
  - a. State Volleyball Financial Report
- 11. Soccer Financial Summary

***G. Office Action / Brian***

- 12. Waivers of Transfer Rule – Hardships / Brian
- 13. Waivers of the Age Rule / Brian
  - a. Nineteen-Year-Old Rule
  - b. Fifteen-Year-Old Rule
- 14. Penalties Imposed / Brian

***H. Legal / Brian***

- 15. Legal Costs

- NC 16. Legal Issues  
 a. Soccer officials, Volleyball Official and AA Softball

**I. Requests / Miscellaneous**

- FYI 17. Winter Rules Clinic Reports / Staff
- FYI/TBD 18. Ejections / Brian
- FYI / NC 19. National Federation Winter Meeting (Ft Lauderdale) / Brian
- FYI / NC 20. MHSAA Student Advisory Committee Update – Student Selections / Hannah and Amy
21. Awards  
 a) Girls Wrestling Awards  
 b) Baseball Awards
22. Squad Rule - In season rule regarding # of players playing club.
23. Volleyball - Switch sides or not?

**J. Annual Meeting**

- FYI / TBD 24. Activity Schedule / Kip and Brian
- FYI / TBD 25. Credentials' (Board) Schedule / Kip
- FYI / TBD 26. Meeting Agenda / Jim H & Brian (Public Input Information)
- FYI / TBD 27. Caucus Items /  
 a. Additional Items?  
 b. Assignments
- FYI / NC 28. Assignment of Proposals and Budget Presentation (last agenda item) / Brian  
 a. Assignment of Board Proposals for Presentation – None - Budget
- FYI / NC 29. General – Resolutions' Committee Meeting / Brian & Jim H

**K. Two Weeks Notice Final Action**

**Realignment**

- A / NC 30. Six Player Football Placement & Alignment / Brian & Scott  
 a) Including new placements (Brockton, Plevna, Terry and Westby/Grenora),  
 Realignment (CJI and Great Falls Central) and teams approved to remain
- A / NC 31. Eight-Player Football Placement & Alignment / Brian & Scott  
 a) Including new placements (Manhattan Christian and Wibaux and teams approved to remain)
- A / NC 32. Class B Realignment / Brian & Scott  
 a) Football – Whitehall / Harrison to the West  
 b) Golf Realignment  
 c) Basketball, Volleyball and Track & Field realignment
- A / NC 33. Class A Realignment – Bigfork / Brian & Scott

**A** 34. Class C Eastern Division Realignment – Volleyball – Savage to 3C / Kip

**Other Two-Week Notice Items**

**ABD** 35. Volleyball  
a) The Board approved the recommendation to return to the NFHS rule 1-2-4 on having a pre-match conference and coin flip.

36. Track and Field  
a) Class C Southern Divisional track - From the district meets in the 4C, 5C and 6 C, the top two placers qualify for divisional and then the next 4 best overall times/distances/heights will qualify.

**NC** 37. Wrestling / Scott  
a) Payment of Boys and Girls Wrestling Tournaments  
b) Also Decide on retroactive or immediate implementation

***M. Information for the Good of the Order***

**FYI / TBD** 38. General Correspondence  
a.

***N. Assignment of Board & Staff to Final Events***

**FYI / TBD** 39. Assignments / Jim H

***O. April Meeting Date***

**FYI / NC** 40. April 17-18, 2023

***P. Other Items***

**FYI** 41. 2024 Annual Meeting Site – Bozeman / Kip

**FYI / NC** 42. Request for Calendar Change - Mike Richards Powder River Co. / Brian