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November 22, 2022

**TO: MHSA 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 21, 2022. Following is a synopsis of the major items:

1. The Board reviewed reports regarding recently held state events in cross country, football, golf, soccer, volleyball and all-state band, orchestra and chorus. The Board and MHSA Staff appreciate those involved in the well-organized and successful events.
2. The preliminary budget for 2023-2024 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 2024-25 Calendar. [2024--25 Calendar link](#)
5. The Board approved combining music districts 12 and 13 into one district for the 2023-24 school year.
6. The Board approved moving the 2023 Class A State Tennis Tournament from Polson and Ronan to Missoula.
7. The Board placed the inaugural 2023 MHSA State Baseball Tournament in Butte.

The Executive Board took the following actions regarding realignment:

8. The Board allowed Westby / Grenora High School to move to Class C Six-Player Football
9. The Board approved moving Wibaux County High School to participate in Eight-Player Football:
10. The Board moved Joliet High School from Eight-Player Football to the Class B Football Division.



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Because of the number of appeals in Class B, Eight-Player, and Class C Six-Player Football, the Board will review and take final action on football realignment proposals at our January Board meeting in Missoula.

11. The Board approved the proposed realignment for basketball and track and field for the Class C Southern Division. Approved realignment attached. [2023-24 Southern C Realignment](#)
12. The Board approved the proposed realignment for Class A in all sports. Approved realignment attached. [2023-24 Class A Realignment](#)
13. The Board approved the Eastern C – District 2C and 3C Basketball and Track and Field Realignment Request. Approved realignment attached. [2023-24 Eastern C Realignment](#)

The Board took the following action, for which schools are given a 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.

14. The Executive Board approved the following recommendations from the MHSA Athletic Committee:

Volleyball

- The Board approved the recommendation to return to the NFHS rule 1-2-4 on having a pre-match conference and coin flip.
 - The Board reviewed the practice of switching benches next season and will continue to gather more data before a final decision is made.
15. The Board approved a change to qualifying procedures for the Class C Southern Divisional track meet. From the district meets in the 4C, 5C and 6 C, the top two placers qualify for divisionals and then the next 4 best overall times/distances/heights will qualify.

The MHSA Annual Meeting will be held on January 16, 2023 at the Holiday Inn Downtown in Missoula. The Executive Board will meet on January 14 and after the conclusion of the MHSA Annual Meeting.

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