

**MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD**  
**Holiday Inn Express – Helena**  
**November 22-23, 2021**  
**7:30 a.m.**  
**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>NA</b>	-	<b>No Action Needed</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 / Dinny**

**B. Pledge of Allegiance / Dinny**

**C. Revisions and Adoption of Agenda / Dinny & Mark**

**D. Public Input Statement by President Dinny**

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.

**E. Approval of Board Minutes**

- A**            1.        Approval of Board Minutes  
                  a) September 13, 2021

**F. 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**

**8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 1:00, 1:15, 1:30, 1:45, 2:00, 2:15, 2:30, 2:45, 3:00, 3:15,**  
**3:30, 3:45**

ABD

2. Appeals

**Monday**

- a) Semester Rule Appeals
  - 1) Twin Bridges High School Student - **9:30 a.m.**

**Monday**

- b) Academic Rule Appeals
  - 1) Twin Bridges High School Student - **9:30 a.m.**
  - 2) Missoula Hellgate High School Student – **10:00 a.m.**
  - 3) Bozeman High School – **8:00 a.m.**

**Monday**

- c) Transfer Rule Appeals
  - 1) Twin Bridges High School Student – Transfer and 15-day / **9:30 a.m.**
  - 2) Seeley-Swan High School Student – **3:45 p.m.**

ABD

3. Reclassification /Realignment Requests – Delegations

**Monday, 8:30 a.m.**

- a) Class C Southern Division Realignment Request / Mike Richards, AD, Powder River County

**Monday, 10:30 a.m.**

- b) Class B-C Tennis Realignment Request / John O’Dell, AD – Broadwater

**Monday, 11:00 a.m.**

- c) Eight Player Football Realignment Request / Ed Burke, AD – Sheridan and Matt Molyneaux, Principal – Chinook,

**Monday, 11:30 a.m.**

- d) Park High School Football Request / Class A to Class B / Nate Parseghian, AD

**Monday, 1:00 p.m.**

- e) Missoula Sentinel Follow Up – Recruiting Violation / Ryan Rettig, Principal and Brian Fortmann, AD

**Monday, 1:15 p.m.**

- f) Football Realignment Review and Requests / Mark & Brian - See Item #24

**G. Finances**

**A** 4. Review and approval of bills paid September 1 to October 31 / Mark

**A** 5. Review and approval of financial statement through October 31/ Mark

**FYI / TBD** 6. General Office and Financial Overview / Mark

**H. Office Action**

- FYI 7. Waivers of Transfer Rule – Hardships / Mark
- FYI 8. Waivers of the Age Rule (19 year and 15 year) / Mark
- FYI / NC 9. Petitions for Participation – Eighth Grade Students / Kip
- FYI 10. Penalties Imposed / Mark

<b><i>I. Reports</i></b>
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- FYI 11. State Tournaments / Meets
  - FYI a. State Cross Country / Doug & Kip
  - FYI b. State AA Golf/ Hannah & Brian.; State A Golf / Jim H, Doug & Scott
  - FYI / NC c. State Football
    - 1) AA – Doug & Brian
    - 2) A – Jim
    - 3) B – Dinny
    - 4) 8-Player – Scott
    - 5) C/6 – Mark / Hannah
  - FYI d. State Volleyball / Steve, Jim H, Kip & Mark
  - FYI e. State AA Soccer – Boys – Hellgate Asst, Principal / Girls – Mark Wahl  
State A Soccer – Boys – Scott / Girls – Jim H.
  - FYI / NC f. All State Band, Orchestra & Chorus / Scott
- ABD / TBD 12. Ejections / Brian
  - a. Ejection Free Schools – 2020-2021
- FYI / TBD 13. AIM Higher / Scott & Mark – Workshop Schedule (In Person?) – Locations
- ABD 14. MHSA Ad-Hoc Boys’ Baseball Committee Meeting / Ed McNamee – Great Falls, Mark and Dinny – **9:00 a.m.**
- ABD 15. MHSA Ad-Hoc Reclassification Committee / Dinny, Jim H & Mark
- ABD 16. MHSA Athletic Committee / Kip
- FYI / NC 17. Section 7/8 Meeting – Montana Host 2024 / Mark & Scott & Brian

<b><i>J. Legal</i></b>
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- FYI 18. Legal Costs
- FYI / NC 19. Other Legal Items

<b><i>K. Requests</i></b>
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- ABD 20. Circle High School Request / Dr. Dern, Superintendent & Mark
- ABD / TBD 21. Eighth Grade Criteria Revisions Request / Jim G, Krystal & Mark
- ABD 22. 2023-2024 Calendar / Scott
- ABD / NC 23. Student Leadership Advisory Committee / Hannah & Amy
- ABD 23a. District 3C Basketball Tournament Bracket Approval / Kip

ABD 23b. District 6C Basketball Tournament Bracket (9 team) / Kip

**L. Reclassification / Realignment**

ABD 24. Football Enrollment Ranges – Affected Schools  
**1.2** Football classification will be organized *on a two-year basis to align with reclassification of schools* using the following enrollment ranges: Eleven-player = 130+; Six-player = 1-65; Eight-player = 65-130. In order to petition to play at the level below the current placement, the Executive Board will apply the following criteria:

- a. Enrollment and future enrollment projections:  
 Class B to Eight-player–enrollment cannot exceed 140 to petition **unless the school can demonstrate the other two criteria can be met (b and c below).**  
 Eight-player to six-player–enrollment cannot exceed 70 to petition **unless the school can demonstrate the other two criteria can be met (b and c below).**
- b. Roster size for the past several years (near or under the average for that classification of football).
- c. Success factor in the current placement.
- d. Success factor (including win/loss record and other relevant information) in the current placement for the past five years.

Football is on the two-year cycle with Reclassification  
 Special Consideration or Requests

**Remain in Eight-Player**

	<u>Two Year Average</u>	<u>Fall-2021</u>	<u>Time</u>
a) Poplar	240.5	242	Review
b) Harlem/Turner	181.5	193	Review
c) Lodge Grass	192.5	179	Review
d) Lame Deer	160	186	Review
e) Saint Labre	114	100	Review
f) Thompson Falls	169	210	Review
g) Plains	147	143	1:15 p.m.
h) Superior/Alberton	134.5	152	1:30 p.m.

**Eight-Player to Six-Player**

i) Absarokee	75.5	58	1:45 p.m.
j) Twin Bridges	67.75	57	2:00 p.m.
k) Great Falls Central	99.75	75	2:15 p.m.

**Remain in Six-Player**

l) Box Elder	98.5	113	Review
m) Northern Cheyenne	72	72	Review
n) White Sulphur Springs	71.25	67	Review
o) Hobson/Moore/Judith Gap	70	59	Review
p) Custer/Melstone/Hysham	67.25	86	2:30 p.m.
q) Denton/Stanford/Grass Range	82.75	81	2:45 p.m.
/Winnett/Geyser			
r) West Yellowstone	87.25	86	3:00 p.m.
s) Harlowton/Ryegate	71	75	3:15 p.m.

**Six Player to Eight-Player**

t) Valley Christian	70	79	3:30 p.m.
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ABD 25. Eight-Player Football Realignment / Ed Burke, AD – Sheridan, Matt Molyneaux, Principal, Chinook – See 3c

ABD 26. Class B-C Tennis Realignment Proposal / John O'Dell, AD, Broadwater – See 3b

**ABD** 27. Class C Southern Division Basketball Realignment / Mike Richards, AD Powder River County - See 3a

**M. General**

**ABD / NC** 28. Final Action on September Items for Two Week Notice / Mark  
a) No two-week notice items

**ABD / TBD** 29. MHSAA Committee Appointments / Kip

**ABD** 30. Missoula Sentinel Follow Up – Recruiting Violation / Ryan Rettig, Principal and Brian Fortmann, AD – See 3e

**N. Annual Meeting / Mark & Scott**

**ABD / TBD** 31. Schedule of Activities

**ABD / TBD** 32. Agenda

**FYI / NC** 33. Personnel  
a. Parliamentarian – Mark Brajcich  
b. Resolutions Committee / Mark  
c. Credentials (Board) / Scott

**ABD / NC** 34. President's Report (Thoughts for Dinny)

**ABD / NC** 35. Office Report (Thoughts for Mark)

**ABD / TBD** 36. Caucus Items  
a. Budget  
b. Proposals  
c. Others?

**ABD / NC** 37. Committee Reports  
a. Athletic Committee – Mark Wahl  
b. Music Committee – Dusty Molyneaux

**ABD/ TBD** 38. Awards' Selections  
a. Service Citation  
b. Meritorious Service  
c. Mildred Adams  
d. AIM Higher Contribution

**O. Proposals / Annual Meeting – Delayed until 2021 Annual Meeting**

**A** 39. Schools' Proposals to Rules and Regulations [Board Must Act to Approve or Deny – see Article IX, Section (3)]  
a) Basketball Shot Clock – Class AA Basketball Committee via CMR

**FYI** 40. Schools' Proposals to By-Laws (review only) – Deadline is December 1<sup>st</sup>  
a) Transfer Rule – Foreign Exchange – Fergus High  
b) Transfer Rule – Period of Varsity Ineligibility / Fergus High  
c) Transfer Rule – 10.2 Period of Varsity Ineligibility / Fergus High  
d) Recruiting Rule Penalty Addition / Custer County High  
e) Eighth Grade Participation – Softball and Soccer / Lockwood High

**P. Proposed Budget**

**A / TBD** 41. 2022-2023 / Budget Review / Mark

**Q. Executive Session / Possible Appeals – Late Submissions**

**ABD / TBD** 42.

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

**FYI** 43. Correspondence

**S. Other Items**

**ABD** 44.

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**T. Next Meeting**

**NC** 47. January 15 & 17, 2022 – Annual Meeting – January 17<sup>th</sup> – Butte Copper King Inn