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TO: MHSA SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

FROM: BRIAN MICHELOTTI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: MHSA / MOA PARTNERSHIP WITH ARBITER

Montana High School Association / Montana Officials Association Partner with Arbiter to Enhance Administration of Sports and Activities

The Montana High School Association (MHSA) and Montana Officials Association (MOA) are excited to announce a new partnership with Arbiter for the 2025-26 school year aimed at streamlining the administration of education-based sports and activities across Montana's high schools.

Beginning in 2025-26, MHSA staff, officials, and member school personnel will leverage Arbiter's comprehensive management software to enhance various operational functions, including:

Required Features

- **Officials Registration, Eligibility and Assignment**
- **Coach Compliance** - Managing coach information, eligibility, compliance, and clinic requirements, including fundamentals of coaching, concussion in sports, CPR & AED training, and rules clinics.
- **MHSA Directory**
 - School information
 - Staff entry and contact Information
- **Scheduling and Score Entry**
- **Student Athlete Management** (MHSA Included) - Allowing the entry of student information into Arbiter, including physical completion dates, graduation year, and other personal details.
- **Team Roster**: Enabling the entry of team rosters, including heights, weights, jersey numbers, positions, and postseason eligibility.
- **Student Transfers**: Managing all student transfer and hardship processes via the Arbiter platform.



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Optional Features:

- **Student Registration:** Providing full capabilities to create programs, register students, and manage student data.
- **Payment Management:** Facilitating payments for officials and workers involved in the events.

This partnership with Arbiter will improve service efficiency by having a single, organized environment for school administrators to manage student-athletes, coaches, and officials alike. By utilizing cutting-edge technology, we strive to enhance the overall quality of communication for the MHSA/MOA.

Partnering with Arbiter represents a significant step towards modernizing the administration of education-based sports and activities in our state. We believe this initiative will foster better communication, ensure timely scheduling, and ultimately create a smoother operation for everyone involved in high school athletics and activities.

The MHSA / MOA will begin training this spring for school administration and official pool leaders. We will have several school training sessions throughout the month of April. Next week we will share information regarding school administration training sessions on April 9th, 16th and 23rd. More information will be shared regarding education for officials soon.

Please look for more information soon regarding our new initiative. Thank you