

SELECTION PROCESS FOR BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

GOAL: To obtain the best available officials at all postseason tournaments.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

1. Coaches Input (Ballots)

- Coaches’ ballots are used as the main criterion for selection.
- **New this year, a point system will be used. Officials will receive a specified number of points based on the order in which they are listed on a coach’s ballot. Coaches will list officials on their ballot in the order of preference with #1 being highest preference.**
- The point system is as follows:
 1. 5 points
 2. 5 points
 3. 4 points
 4. 4 points
 5. 3 points
 6. 3 points
 7. 2 points (for tournament ballots with a 7th selection)
 8. 2 points (for tournament ballots with an 8th selection)
- Officials that accrue the most points will be offered that particular tournament.

2. When officials have the same number of accrued points for a particular tournament, the following criteria are used to determine the best available official:

- Officials’ Pool Ranking
 - Each pool is sent a ranking form that requests pools rank all master officials in their pool.
 - Preferably, pools use order ranking (1-35, for example).
 - Example Ranking Sheet:

**MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION AND RANKINGS**

NAME	<i>Pool Location</i>				OFFICIATED S VARSITY CONTESTS Y/N	RANKING AND/OR COMMENTS
	CLASS(ES) WORKED (AA-A-B-C)	DATES/DAYS NOT ABLE TO WORK <i>(unavailable)</i>	YEARS OF POST SEASON EXPERIENCE	RECOMMENDED FOR DIST/DIV/STATE		

Classes worked – list the classifications the official works during the season and circle the classification the official works the most during the season.
Dates not available – list the tournament dates (days) that the official is only unavailable to work – Do not list associate and apprentice rating officials. Please list in alphabetical order.

- Total number of coaches votes
- Number of total votes for a particular tournament
- Number of state votes for the particular classification (for divisional and district tournaments)
- Number of tournaments receiving votes

- Contact with pool leaders and/or regional directors to talk about an official's abilities or experience
- Previous tournament experience
- MOA office knowledge of the official's abilities/experience
- Location

BALLOTING PROCESS:

- Coaches are sent an **electronic ballot** with a numbered list of postseason-eligible master officials as well as an availability sheet and two-year restriction list for officials.
 - Officials must be masters, complete all MOA requirements and work 6 varsity contests during the season to be eligible.
 - Officials can only work the same gender/classification state tournament two years in a row (two-year restrict).
 - Example Ballot (not in electronic format):

Tournament Eligible Officials - BOYS
2022-23 Basketball

School _____ Class _____ Division _____ District _____

IMPORTANT!!! Please sign below! BOTH signatures are required!

X _____ X _____

Administrator Signature Coach Signature

Select the number beside each official you wish to vote for and write it on the appropriate line below.

State
(All vote for 6) 1 2 3 4 5 6

Divisional
(vote for 6 to 8
*See below) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

District
(vote for 6 to 8
*See below) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

* For Divisional and District, locate your school's district/class and division/class in the tables below. Observe the numbers shown to the right of each and vote for that many officials in the respective sections above.

Dist/Class #	Dist/Class #	Dist/Class #	Div/Class #	Div/Class #	Div/Class #	Div/Class #	Div/Class #
2C 8	8C 8	1B 8		NC 8	NB 8	EA 8	EAA 8
3C 6	9C 8	2B 6		EC 8	WB 8	WA 8	WAA 8
4C 8	10C 8	3B 6		WC 8	SB 8		
5C 8	12C 8	4B 8		SC 8			
6C 8	13C 8	5B 8					
	14C 8	6B 8					
		7B 8					

- Coaches are asked to vote for two more officials than the number of officials used at each district and divisional tournament (typically 8 votes for 6 official slots, except state).
- Coaches will list officials on their ballot in the order of preference with #1 being highest preference.**
- Ballots are submitted and points tabulated.
 - Schools are fined \$100 for each unreturned ballot.
- The top scoring officials are determined for each of the boys' and girls' tournaments using the following guidelines put in place through feedback from coaches, officials, and administrators.

- Representation formulas
 - Example: For the State A tournament, the top scoring official voted on by coaches in the NE is determined (same with NW, SE and SW) and then two at-large officials with the next highest overall point totals are determined. This means that the top 6 officials (points-wise) may not necessarily be offered the tournament.

State A
NE
NW
SE
SW
AL
AL

- A full listing of the representation formulas for each tournament can be found at the end of this document. **The representation formulas have been changed slightly to allow more at-large officials based on overall vote totals.**
 - Mileage limitations
 - **To keep costs down for district and divisional tournaments, a mileage limitation of approximately 150 miles for district tournaments and approximately 250 miles for divisional tournaments is in place. Coaches should not vote for officials significantly outside of these mileage ranges so as not to waste their votes (i.e. A coach in the northwest should not vote for an official in the southeast for a district tournament).**
6. Officials are offered each state and divisional tournament in which they are determined to be in the top 6 (using representation formulas).
- Officials are sent emails with their tournament offerings.
 - Order of emails:
 - Officials with state tournament offerings (plus any divisional)
 - Officials with divisional tournament offerings
 - Example Tournament Offering Sheet:

Basketball Tournament Offering Sheet					
<u>Official:</u>					
	<u>Divisional</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Date</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<u>Accept</u>	<u>Turn back</u>
<u>Girls</u>				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Boys</u>	Western A	Ronan	Feb. 23-25	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<u>State</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Date</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<u>Accept</u>	<u>Turn back</u>
<u>Girls</u>	B	Butte	March 8-10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Boys</u>	B	Butte	March 8-10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Officials are asked to respond with the tournaments they accept as soon as possible.
- Officials are now allowed to work any combination of 3 postseason tournaments (no longer restricted to 2 tournaments under state).
8. Once an official chooses not to work a tournament (turn-back), the MOA office determines what official should next be offered the tournament based on total points from coaches' votes.

- If an official is one of the top vote-getters in another District/Divisional/State the same week, they will not be offered a turn-back tournament.
- If an official is offered a turn-back tournament and another tournament turn-back happens for the same week, that official will not be offered the newest turn-back tournament.

9. Regional Directors will assign officials to district tournaments using coaches' votes, pool leader input, etc.

VOTE TOTALS:

1. Individual officials can request their vote totals. Results are sent after the postseason.

REPRESENTATION FORMULAS FOR TOURNAMENTS

State AA
W
W
E
E
AL
AL

WESTERN A DIVISIONAL
SW
SW
NW
NW
AL
AL

WESTERN B DIVISIONAL
6B
6B
7B
7B
AL
AL

State A
NE
NW
SE
SW
AL
AL

EASTERN A DIVISIONAL
NE
NE
SE
SE
AL
AL

NORTHERN C DIVISIONAL
8C
9C
10C
AL
AL
AL

State B
N
S
W
AL
AL
AL

NORTHERN B DIVISIONAL
1B
1B
2B
2B
AL
AL

SOUTHERN C DIVISIONAL
6C
6C
7C
7C
AL
AL

State C
E
N
S
W
AL
AL

SOUTHERN B DIVISIONAL
3B
4B
5B
AL
AL
AL

EASTERN C DIVISIONAL
2C
3C
4C
AL
AL
AL

WESTERN C DIVISIONAL
12C
13C
14C
AL
AL
AL

AL = At-large (based on overall points, not just points for a particular district or division)