

MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Montana High School Association Building
631 N. Last Chance Gulch, Helena, MT 59601
September 14, 2026
8:30 am
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 / Kara

B. Pledge of Allegiance / Kara
Revisions/Adoption of the Agenda / Kara and Brian

- 1) Seat American Indian Representative

C. Public Input Statement by President / Kara

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.

We will now allow for public comment on non-agenda items. This board will listen to comments made about items of public concern, not any comments related to specific individuals, employees of MHSA, or students who participate in MHSA activities. We cannot take comments that violate any individual's right to privacy."

In order to preserve time, public comment will be limited to 3 minutes per individual. "If you plan on giving public comment, please identify yourself and spell your first and last name when you come up for comment.

D. Approval of Board Minutes

- 1) Minutes
- a) Regular Meeting – April 20th & 21st, 2026
 - b) Conference Call/Zoom – June 23, 2026
 - c) Conference Call/Zoom – August 13, 2026
 - d) Conference Call/Zoom – September 2, 2026

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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 a 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 part of the underlying purpose of the rule involved.

General Delegations Schedule

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| 1) Appeals – Start at 10:00 a.m. | ABD |
| a) Academic | ABD |
| b) Semester | ABD |
| 1) Gallatin - MA | |
| c) Transfer | ABD |
| d) Other | |
| 2) Delegations | ABD |
| a) Reclassification Appeal – Anaconda | |
| 3) Delegations – Other | |

F. Requests***All are ABD***

- 1) AA Girls Wrestling Handbook
- 2) Music – Amy
 - a) 2026-27 Handbook Approval
 - b) District Change
- 3) State Event Bids – Scott
 - a) State A/B Baseball 2026-27
- 4) Rules and Regulations – Academy Coaching Rule
- 5) 6-Player Football – Scott
- 6) MHSA Handbook Digital Only
- 7) Combined District 13C and 14C Tournament – VB and BB

G. Finances

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| 1) Review and Approval of Bills Paid from April 1 – August 31, 2026 / Brian/Jenise | A |
| 2) Review and Approval of Financial Statement as of August 31, 2026 / Brian/Jenise | A |
| 3) General Office Overview / Brian | FYI/TBD |
| a) Staff | |
| i) Recent Events | |
| ii) Upcoming Events | |
| b) Building Update | |
| c) Technology Update | |
| i) Website | |
| ii) Arbiter | |
| d) Sportsmanship Items | |
| e) MOA | |
| f) Other | |
| 4) Review Corporate Sponsorships / Brian / Ryan | FYI/TBD |

H. Office Action / Brian

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| 1) Waivers of Transfer Rule – Hardships / Brian | FYI |
| 2) Waivers of Academic Rule – Hardships / Brian | FYI |
| 3) Waivers of the Age Rule / Brian - None | FYI / NC |
| a) Nineteen-Year-Old Rule | |
| 4) Penalties Imposed / Brian - None | FYI |
| 5) Fines and Fees / Brian - None | FYI |

I. Legal / Brian

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| 1) Legal Costs | FYI |
| 2) Legal Issues | FYI / NC |
| a) NFHS Legal Meeting - Brian April | |

J. Reports / Miscellaneous
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| 1) State Spring Tournaments / Meets | FYI |
| a) State Baseball – Class AA – Dan; Class A/B – Scott & Joe | |
| b) State Tennis – Class AA - Greta; Class A – Dee; Class B-C – Greta & Dustin | |
| c) State Golf – Class B - Brian, Class C – Brian & Dustin | |
| d) State Softball – Class AA – Amy, Class A – Amy & Brian, Class B-C – Brian & Kara | |
| e) State Track – Class AA - B – Kip & Dustin, State A –C – Brian, Kara & Allan | |
| 2) National Federation Summer Meeting – Salt Lake / Kara, Dee and Staff | FYI/NC |
| 3) MCA Clinic, Spirit and MHSA Committee Meetings – Great Falls and Zoom | FYI/NC |
| 4) Section 7-8 Meeting / Cody, WY – September 20-22 | FYI/NC |
| 5) Online Clinic Reports (FB, CC, GO, SO, VB, SP) / Staff | FYI |
| 6) AD Mentorship Program | FYI |
| 7) 2026-27 AIM Higher Dates / Scott | FYI |
| 8) Football Timeline – Scott | FYI |
| 9) Emergency Co-ops | FYI |

K. General

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| 1) MHSA Committee Appointments / Kip | |
| 2) November Discussion Issues | |
| a) Realignment for 2027-28 school year | |
| b) Football Reclassification (This Year) | |
| c) Flag Football Sanctioning | |
| d) Annual Meeting Proposals | |
| i) Coaching Rule | |
| ii) Homeschool Transfer Rule | |
| e) Annual Meeting Vote and Nominations for Class A Rep | |

L. Assignment to Fall Activities
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| 1) Fall and Early Winter event assignments / Kara | FYI / NC |
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M. Other Items

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| 1) For Your Information | |
| a) MHSA Annual Meeting Discussion / Missoula | |
| b) Future 2026-27 MHSA Executive Board Meeting Dates: | |
| i) November 23, 2026 - Helena | |
| ii) January 16 - 18, 2027 – Missoula – Holiday Inn Downtown | |
| iii) April 19-20, 2027 - Helena | |