

MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Montana High School Association Building
631 N. Last Chance Gulch, Helena, MT 59601
April 20-21, 2026
8:30 am
AGENDA (revised)

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 /John

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

- 1) Appoint Class A Representative

C. Public Input Statement by President / John

The Montana High School Association follows the Montana Open Meeting Law. Anyone in attendance at this meeting may request you 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**
a) Regular Meeting – January 17, 2026
b) Annual Meeting – January 19, 2026

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 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

- 1) Appeals **ABD / TBD**

- a) Academic
- b) Semester **ABD**
- c) Transfer
- d) Other
- 2) Delegations – Reclassification Appeals **ABD**
 - a) Darby – 10:30 am
 - b) Anaconda – 10:50 am
 - c) Jefferson – 11:10 am
 - d) Park City – 11:30 am
 - e) Cascade – 11:50 am
- 3) Delegations – Other **ABD**
 - a) Bigfork protest Glacier – Alleged Recruiting Violation – 9:30 am
 - b) Wipfli Audit Report – 2:00 pm

F. Requests	All are ABD
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- 1) Arlee District Change for VB and BB
- 2) 8-Player Football Bracket
- 3) Request to change June Board Meeting – June 18 to June 23
- 4) Wrestling Three Forks/Ennis Coop Dissolution – placement in Class B/C
- 5) Baseball Handbook Change
- 6) B/C Tennis Alignment
- 7) Class C – Southern Division Track Handbook Change
- 8) Handbook Language – Catastrophic Insurance
- 9) MHSA Wrestling Committee
 - a. Handbook Changes
 - b. Girls’ Wrestling Proposal
 - c. Weight Classes Boys
 - d. Match Limitation
- 10) Speech Committee / Amy
 - a. Committee member update
 - b. MFEA Handbook Approval
- 11) SMAC Medical Timeout Proposal
- 12) Coaches Education Requirement – NFHS Mental Health Course
- 13) Master Basketball Schedule Sunset for 2027-28

G. Finances

- 1) Review and Approval of Bills Paid from January 1 -- March 31, 2026 / Brian/Jenise **A**
- 2) Review and Approval of Financial Statement as of March 31, 2026 / Brian/Jenise **A**
- 3) General Office Overview / Brian **FYI/TBD**
 - a) Insurance
 - b) Staff
 - c) Policy Manual - none
 - d) New Building
 - e) Technology
 - f) Sportsmanship
 - g) MOA
 - h) Miscellaneous
- 4) Basketball Financial Summary / Greta and Jenise **FYI**
- 5) Wrestling Financial Summary / Scott and Jenise **FYI**

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| 6) Swimming Financial Report / Kip and Jenise | FYI |
| 7) Annual Meeting Financial Report / Kip and Jenise | FYI |
| 8) NFHS Network Financial Report and Distribution / Scott and Jenise | FYI |
| a) GoFan Revenue Shares | |

H. Office Action / Brian

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

I. Legal / Brian

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| 1) Legal Costs | FYI |
| 2) Legal Issues - NFHS Legal Meeting - Brian April 9-10 | FYI / NC |

J. Reports / Miscellaneous

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| 1) State Speech & Drama Meets | FYI |
| a) AA – (Amy Bartels); A – (none); B-C – (Amy Bartels) | |
| 2) State All-Class Wrestling Tournament / Scott (John) | FYI / NC |
| 3) State Swim Meet / Kip | FYI |
| 4) State Basketball Tournaments | |
| a) AA (Greta, Dan) – A (Amy) – B (Kip, John, Dee) – C (Scott, Joe) | FYI |
| 5) Ejections / Amy | FYI |
| 6) Spring Sports Rules Clinics / Staff | FYI |
| 7) 2026-27 AIM Higher dates / Scott | FYI |
| 8) 2026-27 Site Selection (still open) for State Events / Bid Subcommittee | A / TBD |
| 9) 2027-28 Site Selection for State Events / Bid Subcommittee | A / TBD / NC |
| 10) MHSAA Annual Meeting | A / TBD |
| a) 2027-28 Placement / Scott/Kip | |
| b) 2028-29 Placement / Scott/Kip | |
| 11) Audit Report / Brian/Jenise | ABD |
| 12) MTATA Award / Brian/Greta | FYI |
| 13) Student Advisory Report / Amy | FYI |
| 14) AD Mentor Report / Scott/Kip | FYI |
| 15) Corporate Sponsor Report / Brian/Ryan | FYI |
| 16) Club/Academy Coaching Interpretation | FYI |

K. MHSAA Standing Committee and Appointments

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| 1) Staff Recommendations - Kip | FYI / TBD |
| 2) Sports Medicine Advisory Committee | FYI |
| 3) Coaching In Season and Out of Season Committee | FYI |

L. Reclassification of Schools

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| 1) Reclassification | FYI |
| 2) Spring OPI Enrollment Numbers | |

- 3) Next reclassification cycle will be 2027-28 – Schools will be identified during this meeting and schools will have until November to consider realignments of district and divisions because of the reclassification changes.
- 4) Recommendations
 - a) Class AA to A – none
 - b) Class A to AA – none
 - c) Class B to A – Anaconda and Jefferson
 - d) Class A to B – Butte Central
 - e) Class C to B – Cascade and Park City
 - f) Class B to C – Fairview and Plentywood

M. Personnel & Negotiations
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| 1) General Correspondence | A |
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N. Board Reorganization

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| 1) Election of New Officers / John | NC |
| a) President | |
| b) Vice-President | |
| c) Final Thoughts – John | |
| 2) Seating of New President | NC |
| 3) Seating of New Board Members | NC |

O. Assignment for Spring Activities
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| 1) Spring events' – assignments / New President | FYI / NC |
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P. NFHS Meetings

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| 1) NFHS Summer Meeting – Salt Lake City, UT – June 26-30, 2026 | FYI / NC |
| 2) Section Meeting – Cody, WY – September 20-22, 2026 | FYI / NC |

Q. 2026-27 MHS A Executive Board Meetings	All are ABD
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- 1) September
- 2) November
- 3) January
- 4) April
- 5) June

R. Other Items	All are FYI
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- 1) Summer Classification Meetings
 - a. AA – Helena – June 18-19, 2026
 - b. A – Big Sky – June 13-15, 2026
 - c. B – Big Sky – June 7-9, 2026
 - d. C – Billings – June 14-16, 2026