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The Montana Officials Association Regional Director Board conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on December 8 - 9, 2025 in Helena. The following is a synopsis of the major items that the MOA Regional Directors Board approved:

The Board has taken the following action, for which officials are given two weeks' notice. Any concerns must be submitted within the two-week period from the date this notification was sent.

Basketball

Uniform: A new basketball shirt will be added to the approved uniform. A striped shirt with solid black sleeves will be permitted for the 2026–2027 season. As a reminder, the entire officials' crew must wear the same uniform for all MHSA contests. The current uniform will continue to be allowed.

Postseason Camp Requirement: The Board has approved the extension of the camp attendance requirement for Master Officials to four (4) years, in order to afford additional time to meet the requirements for postseason eligibility.

Football

Championship Football Game: Language Addition: An addition was made to the current language to read "An official is prohibited from working more than one semifinal football game each year. An official is prohibited from working more than one Championship football game each year".

Soccer

Postseason: Certified Officials: Certified officials may be authorized to officiate in postseason competitions on an individual basis, subject to approval by the pool.

Transfer and Reinstated MOA Officials: Officials may be authorized to officiate in postseason competition without a waiting period, subject to approval by their pool.

MOA

Registration: Early bird registration will run from May 1 through June 30 each year. Beginning July 1, the registration fee will be an additional \$10 for all registrations.

Annual Exam: All officials are required to complete a sports-specific exam at their assigned rating level each season. The exam will open following Early Bird registration and will count toward Study Club #1. Individual pools may require additional components beyond the exam to fulfill Study Club #1 requirements.

Upgrade Deadline: Officials who register after June 30 may still be eligible to upgrade in their prospective sport. The MOA Upgrade Form must be submitted to the MOA at least seven (7) days prior to the exam date, and the established exam completion deadline remains in effect.

MOA Materials: MOA materials, including physical books, will not be mailed to renewed officials who register after the bulk mailing date for each season. An electronic book will be provided to these officials. All new or reinstated officials will receive a physical materials package at any time after registration.

