



THE OFFICIAL WORD

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Spring Postseason

State Softball – May 28 - 30, 2026

Class AA – Missoula

Fort Missoula (Thur & Sat) &
University of Montana (Sat)

Class A – Hamilton

Hamilton High School
Class B/C – Billings
Stewart Park

Postseason Softball Section

State Baseball – May 28 – 30, 2026

Class AA – Butte

Legends Stadium

Class A/B – Polson

O'Malley Park

Postseason Baseball Section

MOA Registration

2026-2027 MOA Officials Registration opened on May 1st, 2026.

The Montana High School Association (MHSA) and Montana Officials Association (MOA) are excited to announce a continuing partnership with Arbiter for the 2026-2027 school year aimed at streamlining the administration of education-based sports and activities across Montana's high schools.

[Arbiter Registration Link - Click Here](#) or click the QR code



MOA Sports Fee

\$ 80.00 Registration Fee - all sports

\$ 32.00 Additional Sport Fee

\$ 20.00 Reciprocity Fee

More information- [Reciprocity Information](#)

\$ 40.00 High School Students

Must be currently enrolled in high school

Testing Requirement: All Officials

All MOA officials will test in each sport that they are registered for each year. The testing window will open on July 1st, and all renewed officials must have the test done by the posted date each season.

New officials will not have a testing deadline but are required to test each season to be an MOA. There will be no late pay test requirement, but all renewed officials that pay July 1st or after will receive an additional \$10.00 added to all registrations.

This testing requirement cannot be used for an upgrade in any sport. To be eligible for an upgrade, an additional test must be completed and all required procedures followed.

Upgrading: Online Registration

Upgrades will be submitted through the Arbiter platform and may be added upon registration. If officials have already submitted a physical Request to Upgrade form and subsequently registered an upgrade in Arbiter, please contact the MOA office at abartels@mhsa.org. The MOA office will review submitted physical forms and online registrations to verify and confirm upgrade applications.

Upgrading officials will not be eligible to test without registering on Arbiter by the deadline and approved by the MOA office.

Emails to the MOA will not be an acceptable method for submitting upgraded requests. Officials are expected to use the Arbiter platform to submit

any upgrade requests. The MOA office will provide instructions to officials who submit applications via email and direct them to complete the process through the proper Arbiter procedures.

Flag Football

Currently, Flag Football officials are not required to complete the MOA General Rules Clinic, Sports-Specific Clinic, or testing. Officials will receive years of service credit; however, an MOA rating will not be assigned at this time.

Instruction and development will be provided through memos/webinars conducted by Flag Football Leadership. Officials should add the pool, **Montana Flag Football**. A single statewide pool will be used to assign officials, with assignors coordinating coverage across the various regions of Montana.

Girls Flag Football is an emerging sport through the MHSА. The MHSА/MOА involvement will create structure for the future of sports before it becomes sanctioned. The goal is to grow flag football officials within the MOА, and this step will support that development.

Arbiter

Helpful information for navigating your Arbiter dashboard may be found in the [Arbiter Training Room](#). This is a site for training videos, past webinar recordings, and other information to help you manage your account.

Arbiter will conduct online training webinar for all MOA officials on July 15th at 1:00 PM. [MOA Officials Arbiter Webinar Registration](#)

All past Arbiter trainings may be viewed and are available for all MOA Officials at the [Arbiter Training Room](#).

For all Arbiter support, please reach out to mhsa@arbitersports.com

Reciprocity

Members of the MOA can join as members of the official association in the bordering states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming and/or Idaho by paying dues of \$20.00 per sport to the state organization(s).

If you are interested in applying for reciprocity in a border state, you will need to reach out to that state. Paying for reciprocity through your Montana Arbiter Dashboard will not register you for another state.

Electronic Communication

Emails from various associations and individuals will be sent to officials throughout the season. Please ensure that the following email addresses are added to your approved/safe sender list and not directed to spam or trash. This will help ensure you receive all MOA communications, NFHS Digital Book information, and NFHS Network updates.

abartels@mhsa.org
mhsa@arbitersports.com
dpappas@nfhs.org
messaging@arbitersports.com
noreply@nfhs.org

Support

Arbiter Support - Click Here

For any help with Arbiter, you may always access the [Arbiter Help Articles](#)

Technical Support - 800-311-4060

Email: Support@arbitersports.com

NFHS Support - nfhslearn.com

For any help with the NFHSLearn Center, you may always access

https://nfhslearn.com/help_desk

Technical Support 1-377-565-2023

Email: Log into your account to access Email Support

The MOA office cannot access any payment accounts or any NFHS Learn accounts. See the following contacts for support.

MOA information may also be found on the MOA section of the MHSAs website at www.mhsa.org. Click the link for all information including registration, training & study clubs, forms, MOA archives and more!

Officials Information Updates

Official information including name, address, email, phone, sports, and sport pool(s) must be updated. MOA information will be sent to your current information on your Arbiter account.

The MHSAs/MOA will not be responsible for late requirements due to inaccurate information on your Arbiter account.

Contest payments: Schools will access your information from your Arbiter account. Your address needs to be correct, or they may not be able to pay you in a timely manner.

W9 Forms: Schools that require a form to be filled out must have this completed by all officials before they will be paid any contest fees. If you have questions, contact the school as necessary for information on this process.

Do not create additional accounts due to the inability to access your Arbiter account. This may impact rating, years of service, delay testing and uploading requirements, or games assigned games.

Contact Arbiter to get help with any account issues:

For any help with Arbiter, you may always access the [Arbiter Help Articles – Click Here](#)

Technical Support - 800-311-4060

Email: mhsa@arbitersports.com

The MHSAs/MOA office cannot access any Arbiter Pay information, please reach out directly to Arbiter.