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## MOA Regional Directors Election

Regions 5,7,9,10 have opened Regional Directors Positions. Submissions for any active official are due not later than Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Submission must include a letter of interest, and a personal biography sent to the MOA office at [abartels@mhsa.org](mailto:abartels@mhsa.org).

**May 1st** - Ballots are sent only to the regions that have an open regional director position.

**May 15th** - Ballots are due to the MOA office via electronic ballot.

Electronic ballot information will be sent to regions with an open position. Only active MOA officials are eligible to vote and only one submission per active official is allowed.

## Postseason Tournament Officials

Follow the link below to access the MOA Tab/Archives for all MOA information archived including postseason tournament officials for all sports.

This section is in the process of being updated with all past postseason tournament officials. Additional information will continue to be provided throughout the summer.

2025-2026 Postseason Officials - Click on the following link to access the MOA Archives. Postseason information will be posted throughout the year.

[MOA Archives - Click to View](#)

## 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 MHSA/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: [Support@arbitersports.com](mailto:Support@arbitersports.com)

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

## **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.

## **Hall of Fame**

The selection of candidates will occur every year. Nomination forms are routed through the Regional Directors and are due in the MOA office by April 1st of each year. Nominees remain for a period of five years. Please visit the MOA section of the MHSAs website for more information [MOA Forms & Links](#)

April 1st: Nominations due to the MOA office.

May 20th: Inductees are notified.

June 15th - July 1st: Inductees are announced to the media.

## **MOA - Officials Apparel**

Please click the following link for all new MOA apparel selections. Updated uniform information will be available as the new MOA logo is and additional shirts become available.

<https://purchaseofficials.com/collections/montana>

Visit the MOA section of the MHSAs website at [www.mhsa.org](http://www.mhsa.org) for all MOA Information.