

April 13, 2022

TO: MHSA MEMBER SCHOOLS

FROM: MARK BECKMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: APRIL EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTION

The Montana High School Association Executive Board conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on April 11-12, 2022, and the following action was taken:

1. The Board reviewed reports regarding recently held state tournaments in Speech and Drama, Wrestling, Boys' Basketball, Girls' Basketball and Swimming. The Executive Board and MHSA staff appreciate the managers and the venue personnel that administered and hosted those extremely successful events.
2. The Board elected Jim Hawbaker, Assistant Principal at Billings Central Catholic High School and the Class A representative to the Board as the new Board President; and Jim Goltz, Principal at Bridger High School and the Class C representative to the Board, is the newly elected Vice-President.
3. The Board approved new appointees to various MHSA committees.
4. The Board approved removing Boys' Powerlifting from the MHSA sanctioned sport offerings because of the lack of interest from member schools.
5. Effective in 2023-2024, the following schools were reclassified and assigned to the districts/divisions as indicated (district and division assignments are tentative with final action on alignment to be taken at the November Executive Board Meeting):
 - Bigfork High School from Class B to Class A. Bigfork High School is tentatively assigned to the Northwest Conference for basketball, volleyball, track and field, football, wrestling, golf and tennis and to the Class A northern division for soccer and Class A division for swimming and cross country.
 - Fairview High School from Class C to Class B. Fairview High School is tentatively assigned to District 2B for basketball, volleyball and track and field and Class B for boys' and girls' cross country and the Class B Division 1 for golf. Fairview will remain in the Eastern division for Eight-Player football
 - Chinook High School from Class C to Class B. Chinook High School is tentatively assigned to District 1B for basketball, volleyball and track and field, and Division 1 for girls' and boys' golf. Chinook will remain in the Northern division for Eight-Player football, and the Eastern division for B-C wrestling.
 - Lone Peak High School from Class C to Class B. Lone Peak High School is tentatively assigned to District 5B for basketball, volleyball and track and field, Class B for boys' and girls' cross country, Division 3 for boys' and girls' golf and remain in the Eastern division for soccer, the Southern division for eight player football and the Southwest division for B-C tennis.
 - Darby High School from Class C to Class B. Darby High School is tentatively assigned to District 6B for basketball, volleyball and track and field, Division 3 for boys' and girls' golf, Class B for boys' and girls' cross country and remain in the Southwest division for tennis and the Western division for Eight-Player football.
 - Ennis High School from Class C to Class B. Ennis High School is tentatively assigned to District 5B for basketball, volleyball and track and field and Division 3 for boys' and girls'

golf. They will remain in the Class B division for boys' and girls' cross country, Western division for softball and the Southern division for Eight-Player football.

- Park City High School from Class C to Class B. Park City High School is tentatively assigned to District 4B for basketball, volleyball and track and field. They will remain in Class B for boys' and girls' cross country, Division 2 for golf and the Southern division for Eight-Player football.
- Superior High School from Class C to Class B. Superior High School is tentatively assigned to District 6B for basketball, volleyball and track and field and Division 3 for boys' and girls' golf. They will remain in the Western division for wrestling, the Western division for Eight-Player football and Northwest division for girls' tennis.
- Forsyth High School from Class B to Class C. Forsyth High School is tentatively assigned to District 4C for basketball and track and field, District 2C for volleyball and the Eastern division for boys' and girls' golf, the Eastern division for wrestling and the Eastern division for Eight-Player football.
- The following schools met the enrollment guidelines to change classifications but petitioned the Board to remain in their current classification:
 - Butte Central Catholic High School will remain in Class A.
 - Billings Central Catholic High School will remain in Class A.
 - St. Labre High School will remain in Class B.
 - Plentywood High School will remain in Class C.
 - Box Elder High School will remain in Class C.
 - Two Eagle River High School will remain in Class C.
 - Simms High School will remain in Class C.

6. The Board reviewed and approved the Audit Report.

7. The Board approved extending the Class B-C Tennis Season by one week. The state tournament will be held on the same weekend as the other spring state championships beginning in 2022-2023.

8. The Board approved prohibiting walk up music during softball and baseball regular-season and post-season contests effective immediately.

9. The Board awarded the 2023-2024 Annual Meeting to the GranTree Inn in Bozeman.

10. The Board approved the following for Boys' Baseball:

Boys' Baseball will begin in 2022-2023. MHSA staff will form an ad-hoc master baseball scheduling committee after the schools waiting on school board action notify the MHSA on whether they will add baseball or not (however not later than their May school board meetings). This committee will look at various options and schedule the first year of baseball according to the schools participating and their geographic regions. Post-season formats will be reviewed however the state tournament dates are set

11. The Board approved Shot Clock rules and clarifications for high school basketball – **Shot Clock Link**

12. The Board approved clarifications for the new Eighth Grade Participation Rule – **8th Grade Participation Link**

The following information is being sent to member schools for a two-week notice period.

- MOA Items:

Soccer Officials Pay

Regular Season

AR will receive the same pay as the Center. Both will receive the current varsity rate (2022-23 -\$70)

Post-Season

1st and 2nd Rounds -\$86.00 (Center and AR) 4th would get half the game fee (current varsity rate)

Semi-final-\$ 103.50 (Center and AR) \$70 4th official (current varsity rate)

Championship- \$120.50 (Center and AR) 4th \$7 (current varsity rate)

Game fee would be the current varsity game fee for the 4th official (current varsity rate)

Post-Season Payments

Post season officials must be paid at the beginning of a post season tournament (upon arrival).

Play in games will be paid a separate check at the beginning of that post-season event. (upon arrival).

Volleyball invitational tournament fee structure

\$15 per set (pool play)

If match play - \$30 (2 out of 3)

Cap at 25 per set

Sub varsity fees-same format \$12 per set and \$24 (2 out of 3 match play)

- The Board approved providing the same awards for Class C Golf Divisionals that are currently given for Class A and Class B.
- Speech – As recommended by the MFEA, various amendments to speech, debate and drama rules were approved. Click on the following link to access the Speech & Drama page of the MHSA website for a summary of all changes. **2022-23 Speech and Drama approved Changes**
- Music – the Board approved a date change for the 2022-23 District VII music festival to be held in Shelby. The new date will be April 21-22, 2023.
- The Board approved various adjustments to Girls' Wrestling for both the regular season and post-season competition for 2022-2023 –**Girls' Wrestling Link**

Other items for your information:

- The MHSA Executive Board placed the **state events for 2023-2024** and for the remaining **state events for 2022-2023**. **Click on this link to access the CALENDAR page of the MHSA website.**