



Montana High School Association

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TO: MHSА SCHOOL CONTACTS / SUPERINTENDENTS

FROM: MARK BECKMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: MHSА/MONTANA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD ACADEMIC ALL TEAM

The Montana Army National Guard is committed to recognizing academic achievements by our student activity participants on the team level. The MHSA has been very pleased with the opportunity for schools to be recognized for all their student activities participants' academic achievement through the NorthWestern Energy's Academic Excellence Awards. Also, the Montana Coaches Association recognizes individual academic achievement through their Academic All State Program. The MTARNG Academic All-Team Program recognizes teams for their academic achievement.

The Montana High School Association is proud to be partnered with the Montana Army National Guard to provide this valuable program for our 181 member schools. With Montana Army National Guard's support and dedication, members of high school teams will be recognized for their academic achievements. The MHSA is dedicated to making sure academics are a priority, and the Montana Army National Guard helps sponsor those efforts.

The MTARNG/MHSA partnership has been well-established, and the academic recognitions will continue, but the format has been revised to help renew an emphasis on this unique program. Because of the low percentage of teams previously nominated in swimming, golf, tennis and spirit, MTARNG started focusing on the following sports beginning in 2014-2015 and will select a varsity team champion in each classification: football, volleyball, girls' and boys' cross country, girls' and boys' soccer, girls' and boys' basketball, wrestling, softball and girls' and boys' track/field.

Attached is information regarding the program, including G.P.A. Guidelines, Participant Criteria, Reporting Requirements and the Fall Activity Season Reporting Form. To participate in this program please complete the enclosed reporting form. If you have any questions please call or email Kip Ryan at the MHSA office: 442-6010 or kryan@mhsa.org. **There is no cost to participating schools for this program.** After the top teams with the highest grade point averages are identified, the Montana Army National Guard will contact your school to offer assistance in presenting an award to the winning teams in the scenario each school would prefer, such as at games, assemblies, banquets etc.

I know that your job is a busy one but I also hope you will be able to make time to submit the reporting form for teams that are exhibiting academic excellence at your school.

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Enclosures



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**ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
ACADEMIC ALL TEAM AWARD**

FALL SEASON ACTIVITY TEAMS

The MHSA/Army National Guard Academic All Team Award is given to the top team in each classification that exhibits outstanding academic achievement during the school year's first quarter of play for that activity. One **VARSIITY TEAM** in each classification (AA, A, B and C) will be awarded (unless otherwise specified).

The following criteria shall be utilized by MHSA member schools to calculate their students' accumulative average for the award. This form should be used only for students who have participated in first quarter activities including Cross County, Fall Spirit, Football, AA and A Golf, Soccer, and Volleyball.

A. G.P.A. Guidelines

1. The G.P.A. shall be based on a 4.0 system using this school's year first quarter grades.
2. The G.P.A. shall follow Article II, Section (2) of the MHSA Handbook.
3. All first quarter classes which award credit and which are graded shall be included for each student's G.P.A.
4. The total team's G.P.A. must be calculated to the nearest thousandth.

B. Participants

1. All students (not including managers or statisticians) who participated in Cross Country, Fall Spirit, Football, AA and A Golf, Soccer, and Volleyball and **earned a varsity letter** shall be used. (Average for students enrolled in Special Education shall not be included).
2. To be considered a "team" there must be adequate numbers of eligible members to participate and/or to score as a team in an Association contest. The minimum number for a spirit "team" is two.

C. Reporting Requirements

1. Schools determine which teams' G.P.A.'s will be submitted. Participating schools are not required to submit data on each team or for each sport.
2. Any and all submissions for each school should be submitted on one form.
3. Activities/Athletics Directors must sign the reporting form to be sent to the MHSA office.
4. The worksheets for calculating each team's G.P.A. should be kept by the school for reference purposes and should be available upon request.
5. If schools cooperatively sponsor an activity, all students that participate on the school's co-op team are considered part of that team with the host school reporting the team members.
6. The fall application must be submitted to the MHSA office by January 6, 2020.

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Use first quarter grades for this school year. The total GPA must be calculated to the nearest thousandth.

School: _____ Class: _____

School Year: _____ Date of Report: _____

Administrator's Name and Title: _____

Administrator's Signature: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

**Please list the number of students averaged and the average cumulative GPA.*

	Varsity Team (includes students who have earned varsity letters)	
	# Averaged	Average GPA
Boys' Cross Country		
Girls' Cross Country		
Football		
Boys' Soccer		
Girls' Soccer		
Volleyball		

Please submit to MHSA • 1 South Dakota Avenue • Helena MT 59601 • 406-442-8250 (fax) by January 6, 2020.

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Worksheet for G.P.A. Calculations

This worksheet for calculating each team's G.P.A. should be kept by the school for reference purposes and should be available to MHSA upon request.

Activity: _____ **Quarter Grades Used:** (check one) 1st 2nd 3rd 4th

Enter student's name and his/her G.P.A. Use the G.P.A.s for all students who receive a varsity letter in the particular activity. Compute the average at the bottom of each column.

Student's Name	Varsity Team
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