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January 13, 2021

TO: MHS A MEMBER SCHOOLS
FROM: MARK BECKMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
RE: EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTION

On Monday, January 11, 2020, the MHSA Executive Board conducted its regularly scheduled meeting. Following is a synopsis of the major items:

- The Executive Board reviewed fall sports post season financial reports.
- The Executive Board will continue to evaluate winter activities as they progress and will address post season formats for winter events sometime in late January.
- The Executive Board heard an update on the MHSA Student Advisory Committee and more information will be sent after the April Executive Board meeting.

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

MOA Item

- The Executive Board approved the following recommendations from the Montana Officials Association Board:
 - a) Approved a graduated fee increase for **regular season varsity** contests. Sub varsity fees will remain the same. Regular season varsity game fees will go from \$60 to \$65 in 21-22, to \$70 in 22-23 and to \$75 in 23-24. Post season fees will remain the same in 21-22 and will be adjusted accordingly in 22-23, 23-24 and 24-25. [Link to MOA Fees](#)
Rationale – the MOA varsity contest fee has not been increased for ten years. The graduated increase for regular season will allow schools time to budget for the raise. With post season fees remaining the same for 21-22 it will give schools and the Association time to review post season reimbursement factors (e.g. ticket prices etc.) in relation to the return for qualifying teams to post season events.
 - b) Approved the hiring of post season basketball officials using the same process as was used to hire post season volleyball officials. The hiring will be according to geographic area with the input of the pool leaders and MOA Regional Directors from those affected regions along with MOA office input.

Other Items (Two-Week Notice)

- The Executive Board approved the Class B realignment request for football - [Class B Football Link](#)
- The Executive Board approved assigning Lockwood to the Eastern A for soccer
- The Executive Board approved placing Simms High School's boys' and girls' tennis teams in the same division (Northwest B-C) effective this year.
- The Executive Board approved the following amendment for a first violation to the penalty for violating the MHSA mask requirement for coaches and substitutes: After a report of a violation by a team is verified, **the school will will be fined and reprimanded. For any other verified subsequent violation**, the offending program will be suspended until a corrective action plan is submitted to the Executive Director by administration on how the school will ensure future compliance with all MHSA COVID-19 requirements. The program can resume participation after the plan is approved by the Executive Director.

Final action was taken on the following realignment items from previous meetings:

- Effective in 2021-2022, final approval was given for Class C Six-Player Football placements and realignment - [6-Player Realignment Link](#)
- Effective in 2021-2022, final approval was given for Eight-Player Football placements and realignment: - [8-Player Realignment Link](#)
- Effective in 2021-2022, final approval was given for Great Falls Central Catholic High School to be reclassified from Class B to Class C.
- Effective in 2021-2022, final approval was given for the Class C Golf Realignment and Qualifying Criteria: [Realignment Link](#) and [Qualifying Criteria Link](#)
- Effective in 2021-2022, final approval was given for East Helena High School to be realigned from Southeast A to Southwest A (for all sports including soccer).

Other items for your information

MHSA Annual Meeting

The 2021 MHSA Annual Meeting will be held virtually on Monday, January 18th beginning at 8:30 a.m. Zoom invitations will be sent to each MHSA school administrator.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact the MHSA office.