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Attached is some information regarding MHSA rules with Governors approval of Phase 2 for the state of Montana

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**TO:** MHSA SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

**FROM:** MARK BECKMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**RE:** MHSA REOPENING SPORTS/ACTIVITIES SUMMER GUIDANCE

I hope you and your family are staying healthy and safe

I hope you and your family are staying healthy and safe.

Attached is guidance regarding reopening MHSA sports/activities as we head into summer. Many schools have been requesting guidance and we were able to use a template created by the state of Oregon and place the appropriate information in the form from Montana's Phase 2 recommendations, the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee recommendations, the CDC and other return to participation resources.

It is important to note that MHSA out-of-season which include summer rules are unchanged and in effect beginning June 1. Determining return to participation for your school's activities depends on your school board, school district legal counsel's advice, along with following the Governor's Phase 2 requirements and local health department requirements/guidance. MHSA summer rules allow for coaches to coach their own players from June 1 - July 31 however that participation cannot be mandated. One team vs. another team scrimmage is allowed (no tournament or round robin play) during this time with both schools approving and, of course, with approval of that format from the local health department.

Sports and activities are listed in the guidance by their level of risk. The higher the risk, the less interaction between players and increased cleaning, sanitizing, etc. for those higher-risk activities.

The attached guidance is for your reference and hopefully will help as you look at reopening your school for summer activities. Also below is a quick reference chart for MHSA and non-MHSA summer events.

A reminder that camps, invitational tournaments and other events cannot be sponsored or supported in any way by member schools. From June 1 – July 31 coaches can coach during these events; however, schools cannot be involved. Any entity sponsoring these events would have to have approval from the local health department to host such an event and they would have to rent any school facility (if a school allows use) and provide insurance etc. for the camp or tournament.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or the MHSA staff.

Take care and please stay safe.

MB/gb

Out-of-Season – Summer MHSA Activities	Out-of-Season Contest/Activities
June 1 – July 31	Camps / Invitational Tournaments/Meets

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Involvement</u></b></p> <p>Schools have total control of program. Coaches can coach their own players, but practices / workouts cannot be required.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Involvement</u></b></p> <p>Schools or school groups (e.g. Booster Clubs) cannot be involved with out-of-season events in any way. If an outside entity wants to use a school facility, that entity must pay rent and provide insurance and have local health department approval. Even if a school coach wants to conduct a camp, he/she must pay rent etc.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Responsibility</u></b></p> <p>Schools are responsible for enforcing all MHSA rules and regulations including following the Governor's Phase 2 guidelines and local health departments regulations/recommendations.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Responsibility</u></b></p> <p>Participants are not affiliated with your school for these events. The school is not (and cannot) be responsible for any aspect of these events including funding, equity principles etc. Participants are not covered by school insurance or MHSA catastrophic / concussion insurance.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Approval Hierarchy</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· School administrator (school board and school district attorney's advice)</li> <li>· Phase 2 Governor's Directives</li> <li>· Local Health Department Approval</li> <li>· MHSA Reopening Guidelines (reference to NFHS SMAC, CDC, etc.)</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Approval Hierarchy</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· School Facilities Use – approval by school</li> <li>· Phase 2 Governor's Directives</li> <li>· Local Health Department Approval</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Amateur and Award Rules</u></b></p> <p>Participants must follow the MHSA Awards Rule and Amateur Rule.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Amateur and Award Rules</u></b></p> <p>Participants must follow the MHSA Awards Rule and Amateur Rule.</p>

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