

Athletic Report

January 31, 2024

MHSA Annual Meeting

The MHSA annual meeting was January 14 and 15, 2024 in Bozeman Montana.

Proposals Approved

The 2024 Annual Meeting was conducted in Bozeman on January 15, 2024. The proposals approved by the membership to take effect in 2024-2025 are:

MHSA Eligibility By-Laws were amended to allow homeschool/non-public students to transfer in school districts with multiple schools. The MHSA transfer rule will apply.

MHSA Eligibility By-Laws were amended to allow an exception to the bricks and mortar rule. This exception will allow a school district approved personalized learning program as an exception to the required twenty hours per week and in regular attendance in ten hours per week at the school where the student participates. This exception requires that the student enrolled and completing the personalized learning program must participate for the district in which they are enrolled.

MHSA General Penalty By-Laws were amended to allow the MHSA Executive Board to assess a higher fine to member schools who violate the MHSA postseason streaming policy.

MHSA Administration By-Laws were amended to add an American Indian Executive Board Member. This board member will be elected as an American Indian superintendent, high school principal or high school activities director from an American Indian member school. An American Indian school shall be defined as any MHSA member school with an American Indian student population of at least 50% in grades 9-12 as reported to the Office of Public Instruction. The election for this position will occur at the MHSA Annual Meeting in 2025 and the first term will begin in the 2025-26 school year.

MHSA Eligibility By-Laws were amended to allow participation eligibility for students attending a state-approved Charter school approved by the Montana Board of Public Education. The Charter School student must participate for the district in which the student's family resides.

MHSA General Rules and Regulations for adding a new sport or activity were amended. New sports or activities will be added as an emerging sport/activity in the future. [Click here for the emerging sport/activity details.](#)

MHSA Executive Board By-Laws were amended to state that rules and regulation changes, appeals or any other requests for action at a board meeting must be submitted in writing to the Executive Director seven (7) days prior to a scheduled Executive Board meeting.

MHSA Executive Board By-Laws for expedited hearings were amended. A fee will be assessed to the appellant for these hearings in the future.

Boys Basketball and Girls Basketball

Our boys' team has 6-3 record and are currently fourth in the conference and our girls' team has a 6-3 record and are currently second in the conference. Our early games have been rescheduled due to the weather that we have had. All games have been rescheduled and we are ready to finish the season.

We had our first games in the BES gym and it was a great atmosphere in the gym.

This year's divisional tournament will be played at Butte on February 22, 23 and 24. The State Tournament will be held in Butte on March 7, 8 and 9.

Boys Wrestling

Again, we have a very young team this year and we are competing very well this season. We have our last home wrestling match on January 27, 2024, which will also be our special guest night for our wrestling team.

The Western A Divisional wrestling tournament will held at Hamilton High School on February 2 and 3, 2024.

State will be on February 9 and 10, 2024 at Billings.

Girls Wrestling

We have 27 girls out for wrestling this season and they are doing an awesome job of wrestling this season. We have had girls place anywhere from 1st Place to 6th place at the tournaments that they have wrestled in.

This year we will have a divisional wrestling tournament for girls at Hamilton on February 2 and 3, and State Wrestling tournament in Billings on February 9 and 10, 2024.

Cheerleading

The cheer team will be doing their annual cheer camp in February. They are very excited to work with the elementary students.

Speech, Debate and Drama

Speech, Debate and Drama competed at the Divisional tournament last weekend at Hamilton and placed 3rd, we are so proud of the team and coaching staff. They will be competing at the State meet in Columbia Falls on January 27 and 28, 2024. The team had a great season, coaches are very happy with the performance of the team/