



# Montana High School Association

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**TO: MHSА MEMBER SCHOOLS WITH WRESTLING PROGRAMS**

**FROM: BRIAN MICHELOTTI, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**

**RE: WRESTLING TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS**

Happy holidays and I hope the wrestling season is off to a great start. It is hard to believe that Christmas is almost here and the post season wrestling tournaments are right around the corner.

We have had some changes over the past few years and here is the number of officials that will be hired for each tournament:

- Eastern AA Seeding Tournament – 6
- Western AA Seeding Tournament – 5
- Western and Eastern A Divisional Tournaments – 6
- All B/C Divisional Tournaments - 3

Schools will vote for six officials this year for each divisional / seeding tournament and officials will assigned based on the respective number of schools participating and selected by the highest vote totals. We will once again be returning to the all-class state tournament format at the Billings Metra, so schools will need to vote for sixteen state tournament officials. The officials selected for the state tournament will work matches in all three classifications of wrestling (AA, A and B/C). The officials will be assigned by the MHSA office to all post season tournaments using the criteria outlined below.

A few years ago we implemented a new process for hiring post season officials and we received very positive feedback from schools and officials. In the past, the decisions for selecting officials were made strictly by coaches' votes. If there was a tie in votes, it was broken by drawing numbers out of a hat or flipping a coin. This was not the most conducive process for choosing the best officials for divisional and state tournaments. We will continue to use coaches' votes as the number one criteria for selecting officials for divisional and state tournaments. When there is a tie in either the divisional or state voting, we will use the criteria below to break ties:

1. The MOA office will receive a ranking form from each wrestling pool for each official.
2. Then, the MOA office will combine the votes from the coaches and local pools input and assign tournament spots by evaluating each and making the decision based upon the numerous criteria.

This process has worked very well over the past few years for wrestling, as it has for other MHSA sports. We feel this three-pronged method of selection is the fairest way to make these decisions.

The general assignment procedures for officials of tournaments are outlined on pages 118-119, and the assignment policies specific to wrestling are located on page 121 of the 2015-16 MHSA Handbook. Ballots are being sent to each school with this cover letter and the ballots must be returned to the MHSA office postmarked **no later than Friday January 8, 2016 properly signed**, in order to be tabulated for selection of tournament officials.

Only those officials with a master rating who have fulfilled their rules clinic attendance and **concussion training** requirements and who have officiated three varsity contests during the current regular season to maintain their master rating are eligible to work the 2015-16 divisional, seeding and/or state tournaments. If you have questions contact the MHSA office.

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Enclosure



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## TOURNAMENT ELIGIBLE OFFICIALS

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### Wrestling 2015-16

School Name _____	Class _____	Division _____
IMPORTANT!!! Please sign below! BOTH signatures are required!		
X _____	X _____	
(Administrator Signature)	(Coach Signature)	

Select the number beside each official you wish to vote for and write it on the appropriate line below.

<b>State</b> (Vote for 16)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	7	8	9	10	11	12
	_____	_____	_____	_____		
	13	14	15	16		
<b>Divisional</b> (Vote For 5) <b>Or Seeding</b>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	
	1	2	3	4	5	

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. ALEXANDER, NATHAN (DILLON)      | 28. LOVE, BLAKE (MISSOULA)        | 54. WHITE, LEVI (BILLINGS)    |
| 2. ARD, JOE (BILLINGS)             | 29. MAHLUM, DOUG (GREAT FALLS)    | 55. WILLIAMS, JESSE (SIDNEY)  |
| 3. AUGUST, DAVID (MISSOULA)        | 30. MAIER, DAVID (BILLINGS)       | 56. WILLIAMS, NATHAN (SIDNEY) |
| 4. AXTMAN, KAYLE (GREAT FALLS)     | 31. MCAULIFFE, KEVIN (MILES CITY) | 57. WILLIAMS, TERRY (SIDNEY)  |
| 5. BAUER, TOM (SUPERIOR)           | 32. MCCAUGHEY, KEVIN (BUTTE)      | 58. WRIGHT, JIM (SHEPHERD)    |
| 6. BISHOP, DANA (BILLINGS)         | 33. MCCHESENEY, MIKE (FLORENCE)   |                               |
| 7. BOUCHER, DAN (HAVRE)            | 34. MCKENNA, JACKIE (MISSOULA)    |                               |
| 8. CARVER, KEN (BUTTE)             | 35. MURPHY, KEVIN (COLSTRIP)      |                               |
| 9. CARVER, TODD (BUTTE)            | 36. MURPHY, TOM (HELENA)          |                               |
| 10. CHANNER, LUKE (CORVALLIS)      | 37. OWEN, MIKE (MISSOULA)         |                               |
| 11. CHEFF, SEAN (RONAN)            | 38. REYES, BERT (BILLINGS)        |                               |
| 12. DELEO, STEVEN (MITCH) (HELENA) | 39. ROGERS, TYD (BOZEMAN)         |                               |
| 13. DUFFY, CONRAD (GREAT FALLS)    | 40. ROME, DON (BILLINGS)          |                               |
| 14. ERICKSON, SCOTT (LIBBY)        | 41. SARGENT, PATRICK (MALTA)      |                               |
| 15. GILES, ALEX (FORT BENTON)      | 42. SCHILLINGER, TANNER (TERRY)   |                               |
| 17. HANSON, GARRETT (HAVRE)        | 43. SCHMIDT, TIM (BUTTE)          |                               |
| 18. HARDING, CRAIG (MILES CITY)    | 44. SCOLLARD, JIM (BOZEMAN)       |                               |
| 19. HENDERSON, BOBBY (MISSOULA)    | 45. SCOLLARD, NICK (BOZEMAN)      |                               |
| 20. HOLLAND, KOBAY (DILLON)        | 46. SHAW, SHANE (HELENA)          |                               |
| 21. HOLLAND, KOY (DILLON)          | 47. SOL, JOE (MISSOULA)           |                               |
| 22. HUNTSINGER, TRAVIS (BOZEMAN)   | 48. SPENCER, KURT (LIBBY)         |                               |
| 23. KELNER, TOM (COLUMBIA FALLS)   | 49. STACY, WILLIAM (WHITEFISH)    |                               |
| 24. KLEIN, KEVIN (COLUMBIA FALLS)  | 50. THOMPSON, DEAN (LIBBY)        |                               |
| 25. LEHNERZ, LARRY (CONRAD)        | 51. TRAFELET, FRED (VALIER)       |                               |
| 26. LEINWAND, MICHAEL (HAVRE)      | 52. TREPTOW, TOM (BILLINGS)       |                               |
| 27. LINSE, TOM (RONAN)             | 53. VELK, TRAVIS (HAVRE)          |                               |