

Greetings everyone!

The MFEA spring meeting will take place February 28 - March 2 at the Holiday Inn in Bozeman (5 East Baxter Lane, Bozeman, MT 59715; Phone: 406.587.4561; Fax: 406.587.0927).

A block of rooms has been set aside for MFEA. The link below will take you directly to their reservations page where you can put in the dates and the block information will automatically populate. The block code is "FEA" if you'd prefer to call the desk or use the national 800 number to reserve. Please make reservations by February 14.

[Link to reserve rooms for MFEA](#)

Before you come, please try to do the following:

- Come with your tournament date options for scheduling purposes.
- Look over the committee list for your division and be prepared to make necessary or desired changes.
- Use the "MFEA Rules Proposal Form" to submit any changes you are proposing.
 - Complete the form and email it to me. I will compile those for submission to the appropriate committees, as well as disseminating them to coaches for consideration prior to the meeting.
- State hosts, please remember you'll be asked to make a report on the State tournament you hosted. Please include the names of Division Coaches of the Year, winners of State trophies, and any protests or problems you encountered as well as general entry information. That form will also be available on the webpage.

The basic schedule remains the same. We'll have registration and Class AA, A, and B-C interim meetings as well as our statewide scheduling meeting the evening of Thursday, February 28. The purpose of the interim meetings is to recap the season, discuss whether to endorse the items on the agenda, and offer tournament dates for the schedule.

On Friday morning, the general session will convene and then we'll break into committee meetings for the majority of the day. That evening we will again honor our Hall of Fame inductee and Coaches of the Year at a reception rather than a "sit down meal." We'll have a variety of hors d'oeuvres and desserts at 7:00 and the program will begin at 7:30. The cost will be \$20, and **reservations must be made in advance** in order to ensure we have enough food. Please let Kari Blaylock, MFEA Treasurer, know by completing the Coach of the Year voting form before February 15. You must pay her either before the conference or upon registration.

The general session reconvenes Saturday morning and continues until our business has been completed.

If you have questions, please let me know. I look forward to seeing you all in Bozeman February 28 – March 2.

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