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2009-2010 School year

TO: All Prospective MCA Clinic Attendees, both members and non-member

This is our annual invitation to join the **Montana Coaches Association**, an organization dedicated since 1966, to the betterment of Montana athletic programs through education, and recognition of outstanding accomplishments by our members and by Montana athletes.

We also invite each of you to consider attending the **2009 MCA Clinic**, recognized as one of the best in the nation. A membership application and a clinic brochure, plus a pre-registration form (Prospective clinic committee members, do not use, committee form to follow) are enclosed. Dues are still just \$30 and include a million dollar liability policy and complimentary admission to regular season athletic contests, except sellouts, at Montana high schools and colleges. The insurance also covers coaches working in camps. Each of these features alone has a value more than the cost of dues.

Our fiscal year runs from June 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>, and our insurance year runs from August 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup>. Clinic pre-registration is **\$55 for 2009-10 members and \$85 (which includes dues if eligible) for non-members for 2009-10.**

We encourage as many as possible attend the clinic. The huge increase in airfares will boost our expense considerably and will result in a deficit if we don't exceed our clinic attendance from 2008. Our incomparable BBQ, our likewise incomparable hospitality offerings in the exhibit area, \$25,000 worth of give-a-ways and exhibit and door prizes, the super Flamingo Fling and the complimentary luncheon following the Awards Ceremony in the GFHS Auditorium, have a value well in excess of the \$55 registration fee. **Please make staff members and other peers aware of this great educational opportunity along with a super social experience.**

We ask that those of you interested, to please take time to **fill out the forms completely** to help save time in processing, for myself and our short handed-secretarial help. Also, please check the deadline for clinic pre-registration. We always get a number of pre-registrations that arrive late. We cannot get them processed if they arrive after the Saturday before the clinic.

The Board is trying to revive the golf tourney after a one-year hiatus. Dr. Jim Peterson of Coaches Choice will help with a donation of either caps or T-shirts for all the participants, plus certificates for a book, tape or DVD for members of the winning team. We have purchased some nice golf caps (many of them with Tiger Woods' Logo) for additional prizes, and the company with which we insure our \$5,000 hole-in-one prize on each nine will again offer prizes for two bonus holes on each nine if we have enough players for both. They also will give every participant a gift certificate for either a free 60 degree wedge or a hybrid golf club (you pay the shipping and handling). We may also be able to get some donated prizes from exhibitors. To be eligible for the \$5,000 hole-in-one prize, you must be pre-registered. The pre-registration form includes a box to check if you wish to play. Pre-registrants get priority, followed by other clinic registrants, exhibitors and guests. We are required to pay a couple of days in advance. We hope to have at least 100 players, because we need to guarantee that number to use both nines. If we requested both nines, and only wound up with 80, the MCA Clinic would be on the hook for \$380. The Greens fees are \$14 for nine holes and there is a \$5 surcharge for tournaments for a total of \$19. If you are an Anaconda Hills member, the greens fee is waived.

Note to Great Falls School District Personnel: Again, you will soon receive a committee form if you wish to serve. Do not use the pre-reg. form. You will also have a golf box to check on your committee form.

Thank you for your consideration,

*Ralph*  
Ralph Halverson

Executive Director & Clinic Director

Enclosures

# BENEFITS OF THE MCA TO MEMBERS AND TO MONTANA ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

1. Stages an annual coaching clinic in August featuring college coaches from all over the United States plus outstanding Montana High School coaches. Our speakers have included 93 college coaches who have won a total of 245 national championships. Our speakers have also coached teams to 48 National AAU or comparable, championships, 1 NBA and 4 WNBA titles and 7 Olympic championships, and have coached many individual Olympic champions. Our wrestling clinicians include five former Olympic champions with a total of nine gold medals. Social highlights of the clinic have included an opening night steak barbecue, social night at the Flamingo and the annual MCA awards ceremony and luncheon. We also feature an outstanding Sports Medicine section. In 1998 we added Athletic Director sessions with rave reviews. Up to 6 semester units of college credit are available. Equivalency credit and PIR days credit are also available at no extra charge. Many participants tell us it is the best clinic they attend.
2. Has established a Montana Coaches Hall of Fame with 152 members inducted since 1982. Additional members will be added through the years. We solicit your nominations. 17" X 24" plaques with pictures, are permanently displayed at the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse at MSU. Individuals receive smaller plaques. Members are granted lifetime passes to all MHSA athletic contests and tournaments. Mike Gear at Sidney has nomination forms.
3. Selects from its members, nominees for regional and national Coach of the Year in all high school sports where there are qualified members. Montana has had 12 National Coaches of the Year, 6 Distinguished Service Award winners and 1 National Athletic Director of the Year, plus numerous regional winners. We also have 13 inductees in the NHSACA Hall of Fame. If you would like to suggest a nominee for that honor, please contact a board member. The NHSACA suggests at least 30 years of service.
4. Selects and awards All-State certificates to male and female athletes in all MHSA sanctioned sports. Also makes All-Conference awards. Contact your class representative for information.
5. Selects from its members, Coaches of the Year in all high school sports with 35 or more members. An exception will be made to the "35" minimum if a sport (boys or girls) has at least 75% of eligible head coaches as members. First time winners are rewarded with beautiful rings and repeaters receive plaques. Other nominees, and member assistants to Coaches of the Year, are awarded certificates. **Deadlines** for joining to be eligible for Coach of the Year nomination are **October 15th** for fall sports, **January 20th** for swimming & wrestling, **February 15th** for basketball and **May 1st** for spring sports. Two "Special Sports" Coaches of the Year are selected from sports that do not meet one or both of the requirements above.
6. Has instituted an Assistant Coach of the Year award to honor the many assistants who contribute so much to athletic programs. Junior High coaches as well as High School and College member Assistants may be nominated by any MCA member. Don Olsen has nomination forms. Winners are awarded a ring and other nominees a certificate.
7. Honors member coaches for long time service. Awards include certificates for 15 years, pins and certificates for 20 years and beautiful plaques for 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 years and up. Five years of service must be in Montana and you must have been active in Montana the year before your award.
8. Has input into the MHSA through its Athletic Committee which was established at the request of the MCA in 1970 and has been an important advisory body ever since.
9. Has requested and received free admission policies for regular season games with the Community Colleges, the Frontier Conference schools and MSU-Billings, plus Grizzly and Bobcat games which are not sellouts.
10. Have an agreement with all MHSA schools to admit MCA members to regular season games upon presentation of membership card.
11. Strives to promote better athletic programs in Montana at all levels and to improve conditions for coaches. Questions and suggestions are welcomed. Please contact your class representative or one of the officers.
12. Nominates athletes for All-American teams.
13. Have been awarding \$500 college scholarships each year to three senior boys and three senior girls. We now have **SCHEDULE STAR** as a new corporate sponsor.
14. Presents congratulatory certificates to high school state championship coaches and to college coaches who win Conference and/or National championships. Membership is not a requirement for these.
15. Cooperates with the MHSA in their "Aim Higher" program, in promoting a drug education program available for presentation by coaches to athletes, hosts their sports committee meetings at the MCA Clinic, aids in promoting sportsmanship and in 1995 we paid for printing the MHSA record book. MOA members may now become Associate Members of the MCA.
16. Encourages members to get involved in service to the Special Olympics programs.
17. Cooperates with the Bozeman Trophy Co. to select each year an "Outstanding Contributor to Montana Athletics". A beautiful plaque is presented at the Clinic by Bozeman Trophy. Contact Dennis Springer of Bozeman Trophy for nomination forms.
18. Honors outstanding student athletes and cheerleaders with Academic All-State Certificates in all MHSA sponsored sports.
19. Cooperates with Universal Athletics in their scholarship program for graduating athletes.
20. Enrolls members in a million dollar coaches liability policy. This includes coverage while working camps of sports that are approved by the MHSA. College members and out-of-state members are covered, also.
21. Affiliates with the National Organization Coaches Association Directors allowing us to share in their liability insurance program.
22. Distributes three newsletters per year.