

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 83 college coaches who have won a total of 223 national championships. Our speakers have also coached teams to 37 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, a 9 hole golf tourney, 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 139 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 MHSAA 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 11 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 nine 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 MHSAA 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 15th** 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 and 55 years. Five years of service must be in Montana and you must have been active the year before your award.
8. Has input into the MHSAA 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 MHSAA 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 one senior boy and one senior girl. We now have **GATORADE** as a corporate sponsor and their contribution has enabled the MCA to increase the number of scholarships to three each.
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. Publishes an Accommodations Guide which is distributed to all extra-curricular sponsors in Montana high schools and colleges.
16. Cooperates with the MHSAA 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 MHSAA record book.
17. Encourages members to get involved in service to the Special Olympics programs.
18. 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.
19. Honors outstanding student athletes and cheerleaders with Academic All-State Certificates in all MHSAA sponsored sports. Certificates have a new design this year.
20. Cooperates with Universal Athletics in their scholarship program for graduating athletes.
21. Has solicited lodging and eating establishments to grant special rates or discounts to members of the MCA. Details are listed in the MCA Accommodations Guide.
22. Enrolls members in a million dollar coaches liability policy. This includes coverage while working camps of sports that are approved by the MHSAA. College members and out-of-state members are covered, also.
23. Affiliates with a National Coaches Organization.
24. Distributes four newsletters per year.
25. Has negotiated an agreement with Scholastic Coach and Athletic Director Magazine allowing MCA members to purchase a one year subscription for the extremely low price of \$6.00 for 10 issues (regular price \$17.95). Please contact the MCA office for more information.