

2007-2008



REGISTRATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME BUSINESS

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

The following MUST be provided for the purpose of conducting criminal history checks. The information must be truthful, complete and accurate or the application may be returned or the registration rescinded.

Gender: \_\_\_M \_\_\_F

Date of Birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Race:

- Native American
- Asian
- Black
- Hispanic
- White
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense? (Other than a minor traffic violation) If yes, please submit a written explanation regarding the matter as it relates to your role as an official.

- No
- Yes

Please indicate the sport(s) for which you are registering. Basketball is **ONE** sport whether you work girls', boys' or both.

- BASKETBALL
- FOOTBALL
- SOFTBALL
- VOLLEYBALL
- SOCCER
- WRESTLING

FEES:

1<sup>ST</sup> Sport . . . . . @ \$60.00 . . . . . \$60.00

Each additional Sport . . . # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30.00 . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MCA Associate Membership . . . . @ \$30.00 . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to MHSA and mail along with this form to: MHSA, 1 South Dakota Avenue, Helena, MT 59601**

By signing and submitting this application, I consent to a public criminal records background search and acknowledge that if I am found to have been convicted or am in a period of deferred imposition for any crimes listed in the MOA Conviction Status Policy, subject to the right of appeal, I will be considered ineligible for an official position with the MOA.

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

## MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION AND CORRECT PAYMENT TO: MHSA/MOA, 1 South Dakota Avenue, Helena, Mt 59601

1. To assure prompt registration, forward completed registration application and check or money order to: MHSA/MOA, 1 South Dakota Avenue, Helena, MT 59601. The late fee will not be waived for any reason. If an official fails to receive a renewal application in April, it is his/her responsibility to contact the MHSA and request a duplicate form. **The MOA is not responsible for mail or delivery delays or failures.**
2. MOA Officials are independent contractors.
3. Membership in the MOA is attained by paying the Association dues and scoring a minimum of **60%** on the appropriate rules examination. Dues must be paid prior to the qualifying exam and include payment for rules manuals, study materials and premiums for liability and supplemental medical insurance. If the official fails or does not take the examination, no refunds are provided.
4. **RATINGS:** The MOA has three (3) classifications. Apprentice, certified and master. An official must serve two consecutive years at apprentice and receive a favorable recommendation from his/her evaluation committee and Director before testing up to certified. An official must serve two consecutive years at certified, receive a favorable recommendation from his/her evaluation committee and Director and officiate a minimum number of varsity contests before testing up to master. Other requirements for maintaining or upgrading your rating include a requisite number of study clubs for each sport(s) and viewing the annual clinic offered for each sport(s).
5. **LATE FEE:** Dues are outstanding after May 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. If dues are not postmarked on or before May 15<sup>th</sup>, a \$10.00 late payment penalty is assessed for any dues paid between May 15<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>. If dues are postmarked after June 1<sup>st</sup>, a \$25.00 late payment penalty is assessed and the official must pass the annual qualifying examination for that rating. This applies to all classifications. Failure to pass the exam with the required score will result in a rating reduction of one classification for master and certified officials. In addition upgrading is denied for one year for failure to pay dues by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
6. **RECIPROCAL MEMBERSHIP IN BORDERING STATES:** Members of the MOA can join as members of the officials association in the bordering states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming and/or Idaho by paying dues of \$10.00 per sport to that/those particular state's organization. Dues must be paid before the official works a contest. This five-state agreement entitles members of each respective organization to officiate in any state(s) in which they maintain membership.
7. **OUT OF STATE TRANSFERS:** A member from another state may transfer to the MOA providing the MOA office receives a letter from their current officials organization confirming that their membership was in good standing and must pay prescribed dues to the MOA. A transferring official will have their rating based on their current out-of-state rating, however, an official will not receive a rating above the certified classification for the first year.
8. **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:** High school students may become associate members of the MOA by passing the MOA qualifying exam(s). They may work sub-varsity contests and will receive credit for their years of experience when they apply for regular membership provided they meet the same criteria as a regular member. Associate dues will be one-half of regular member dues.
9. **CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS:** Your signature on this application indicates your awareness that all officials will be subject to criminal history checks. An official who is convicted of a criminal offense may have his/her registration denied or rescinded. The Executive Director or his/her designee will review any information submitted by an applicant or others, regarding criminal history and make an individual and confidential determination with regard to the official's status. The information provided must be truthful, complete and accurate or the application will be returned or the registration rescinded. Date of birth, gender and race information is required to obtain accurate retrieval of records and will only be used for criminal history background checks and cumulative data analysis (e.g., total number of male and female officials). Once the initial criminal history check has been conducted, officials will be subject to on-going, random checks.