

April 2008

TO: MOA BASKETBALL OFFICIALS
FROM: SCOTT MCDONALD, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
RE: BASKETBALL OFFICIALS' MECHANICS CAMP

The MOA has scheduled a 3-Person Basketball Mechanics Clinic in Billings on Friday, July 18, Saturday, July 19 and Sunday, July 20. The clinic will be held in conjunction with the Big Sky State Games (BSSG) and will focus on 3-person mechanics. The clinic will begin Friday afternoon, July 18th with classroom time and on the court instruction at Billings West High School. On Saturday, July 19th, or Sunday, July 20th, clinic participants will be officiating high school scrimmages and will be evaluated using 3-person mechanics. A detailed clinic agenda will be distributed at a later date. There is no cost to participate in this clinic and the BSSG will provide a free t-shirt, free admission to the BSSG Opening Ceremonies on Friday night, and food and beverages will be provided all three days of the clinic. A hotel room will also be provided for out of town officials.

Clinic participants will be required to work two (2) games using 3-person mechanics and two (2) additional games using 2-person mechanics on either Saturday or Sunday. Also, the BSSG will provide a special gift for a participating official who works two (2) additional games.

Consistency in the use of NFHS mechanics across the state for all of our officials has been an enduring goal of the MOA. The MHSA and MOA are moving forward with this clinic in Billings to help achieve that goal. **ATTENDANCE AT THIS CLINIC WILL SATISFY THE MANDATORY MECHANICS CLINIC REQUIREMENT IMPLEMENTED BY THE MOA EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2008-09 SEASON.** We will continue to require all officials to view the MHSA basketball rules clinic in the November, but hopefully this will be the first step towards more consistent basketball officiating across our great state. We are fortunate to be able to work with the BSSG staff to be able to structure this MOA basketball mechanics clinic. If you have any further questions, please feel free to call the MHSA office at 406-442-6010.

Please fill out the enclosed registration form and return it by the deadline date of **June 2, 2008**.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR MOA BASKETBALL MECHANICS CLINIC – JULY 18-20, 2008

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____
Number & Street City State Zip Code

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

NEED A MOTEL ROOM: _____ FRIDAY, JULY 18TH _____ SATURDAY, JULY 19TH

WILL BE ATTENDING THE BSSG OPENING CEREMONIES: _____ YES _____ NO

AVAILABLE TO OFFICIATE: _____ SATURDAY _____ SUNDAY _____ BOTH DAYS T-SHIRT SIZE _____

MOA RATING (check one): Master Certified Apprentice

This form must be returned no later than June 2, 2008 to Scott McDonald, 1 South Dakota Avenue, Helena MT 59601. Early registration is recommended as the clinic may fill up and entries will be considered on a first come, first serve basis.