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Fall 2019 Newsletter

MCA Fall Sports COY Ballots emailed to all Active Coaches

Fall COY ballots will be emailed on 12/2 to all active members (Associate members are not eligible to vote).

Voting is quick and easy, so if you haven't voted and are eligible, **please vote today at:**

<http://montanacoaches.powermediallc.org/fall-coach-of-the-year/>

Congratulations to all Fall COY nominees!

The March winter ballot and newsletter will be sent by **email only**, so if you didn't receive this newsletter via e-mail, please send a correct email address to donomca@3rivers.net. Please also be sure to send us any updates to your mailing address or phone number.

COY Status & Membership Deadlines

20 top-four finishing head coaches were not members by the October 1st deadline and thus, are not eligible for COY nomination. This is a great reason to join right away in May when membership info comes out, so you don't forget. Please help by reminding your fellow-coaches to join before the cut-off date for each season:

September 15th for A and AA Golf, **October 1st** for Fall sports,
February 1st for all Winter sports and **May 1st** for all Spring sports.

All-State - All-Conference - Academic All-state Certificates

Templates for these certificates are emailed to ADs and Principals each season (not available on the website). Please save them and share with your appropriate staff. Contact Shirley Chesterfield-Stanton with questions or suggestions – MCAaward@gmail.com. **We ask that you carefully guard and honor MCA integrity and yours, as you print and present these awards.**

Membership

MCA membership stands at 2054, up 91 from last year at this point. We also have 185 MOA associate members. AD's and Administrators have been a great help, passing on our emails and promoting MCA membership. Coaches have been doing more promotion within their sport. Thank you!

We sincerely appreciate the 65+ schools who pay dues and/or clinic fees for their coaches. Our multi-member online option allows schools to sign up and pay for several coaches at once.

Head coaches, please talk to your assistants and lower level coaches about the benefits of MCA. We find that new coaches are often unaware of the benefits of joining MCA. **You are our ambassadors to your district coaches, so please encourage them to join.** Membership application and benefits are on the website.

Survey

My name is David Woods. I am a doctoral candidate, at the University of North Dakota, conducting a study with Montana Coaches on their **Perceptions of Including Transgender Athletes in High School Interscholastic Sports and the Perceived Effects on Team Chemistry** for my dissertation. I am requesting your participation in this study. Provided below is a link to the survey, which will remain active for two weeks. If you have any questions, please contact me, David Woods at (d.woods2@me.com), or either of these at UND: sherryl.houdek@und.edu or gail.ingwalson@und.edu

Thank you for your participation!

https://und.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cLMOvWPm7K02TEF

MCA Hall of Fame is on the Website

The MCA Hall of Fame is now on the MCA website! We are pleased to have this available to each of you, as well as the whole internet community. An online search for an MCA HOF member will take you to our site. Please go to the website www.montanacoaches.com and check it out. HOF members are asked to let us know right away if you find errors on your page.

The information on each page is taken from the original HOF application. We will do a one-time update for each member after they are retired from coaching. Send all corrections and/or end-of-career updates to Shirley Chesterfield-Stanton at MCAward@gmail.com. Thanks to all who have spent many hours making this happen: Shirley Chesterfield-Stanton, Elizabeth Campbell, Nancy Walters, Betty Merrifield, Marian Olsen and Ryan Wakefield.

MSU will display the MCA HOF in the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse, hopefully this spring.

Liability Insurance

As an MCA member, you have \$1,000,000 liability coverage while teaching and coaching. **This is one of the biggest benefits of MCA membership!** If you have questions, contact Loomis and LaPann. Their contact info is on your membership card and a current copy of this year's insurance overview is on the MCA website (membership tab).

In Memoriam

Please notify us if an MCA member or long-time contributor to Montana athletics passes away. We honor their memory at our annual Awards Ceremony. At the 2019 ceremony, we gratefully remembered Terry Bakken, Brian Eekhoff, Leo Kennerly Jr, Mike O'Connor, Bob Petrino Sr, Terry Quintus, Henry "Hank" Praast.

MCA Coach of the Year Rings

Each first-time "Coach of the Year", receives a beautiful MCA ring. Repeat winners may order a second ring at your own expense. Rings and COY Plaques will be awarded on Thursday, July 30th at the MCA Awards Ceremony in conjunction with the MCA Coaches Clinic.

Hall of Fame, Assistant Coach of the Year

The MCA HOF and Assistant COY awards are based on longevity, success and service. ***Please think about folks that are deserving of these awards and take the time to nominate them. There are some long-serving coaches out there that are worthy of this recognition.***

HOF- Contact Scott King - nomination deadline is **March 1st**

Assistant COY - Contact Shirley Chesterfield-Stanton - nomination deadline is **May 1st**

Longevity Awards

Coaches who have coached for 15 years or more in Montana, are eligible for MCA Longevity Awards. You must apply on the MCA website if you want the award. It is not awarded based on your membership application. Certificates are given for 15 and 20 years. These certificates may be upgraded to plaques for \$15. Plaques are awarded by MCA at 5-year intervals beginning at 25 years. Longevity application is now open. Deadline to apply is June 15th. <http://montanacoaches.powermediallc.org/longevity-form/>

2019 MCA Clinic Reflections

The 52nd MCA Clinic was an outstanding opportunity, not only to touch base with fellow coaches but also to tap into the knowledge and expertise of state and national speakers.

Dr. Spencer Wood, back for the second time, once again provided some valuable insights in helping athletes be the best they can be. Olympic Gold Medalist, Kenny Harrison, gave outstanding presentations on the horizontal jumps. Jim Boone provided insights on the defensive end of the hardcourt. Tony Holler's unique approach to training and conditioning caused many T&F and FB coaches to re-think their training regimen. Mark Branch provided some great info to Wrestling coaches and Terri Neujaher talked VB practice, game strategies and culture.

A total of 65 speakers presented great information to 738 Clinic attendees. Thanks to all who presented, attended and helped to make this another great event!

53rd MCA Clinic July 29, 30 & 31 at CMR High

**Please mark your calendar & plan to attend.
This is an outstanding opportunity for
professional development. Don is working on
speakers and welcomes your suggestions
for presenters in all sports.**

Ralph Halverson Scholarship

2019 Ralph Halverson Scholarship donations, generously given by 101 people, stands at \$2180, to-date. While there were a few larger donations, most were somewhere between \$5 and \$50. These generous gifts add up and assure that Ralph's Scholarship will continue for many years. What a wonderful tribute to Ralph and his family. Because of your kind gifts and Mark Reed's generous matching donations the past few years, we were able to increase Ralph's scholarship to \$1300 in 2018, in recognition of Ralph's 13' pole vault.

2019 MCA Scholarships Awarded

Ralph Halverson Scholarships:

Megan Molyneaux - Chinook

Ryder Meyer - Fairfield

MCA Scholarships:

Whitney Durocher - Choteau

Kamryn Scully - Powell County

John Waddell - Park

Sophia Doyle - Hamilton

Frontier Conference Scholarships:

(Thank you, Frontier Conference!)

Jessica Maruska - Power

Tucker Greenwell - CMR

The 2019 Scholarship application opens 1/1/19 on the MCA website (athletic tab). **Deadline is May 1st.**

Thank you to the MCA Clinic Donors

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Most of whom donated exhibit and/or Door Prizes

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NHSACA Convention in Lincoln, Nebraska

The **2020 NHSACA** (National High School Athletic Coaches Association) **Annual Convention** will be in Lincoln, Nebraska on July 20-23rd, hosted by the Nebraska Coaches Association. 17 Montana coaches have been nominated for National honors. Finalists will be selected in January and winners announced at the July Convention. During the National Convention, there are sport specific seminars and leadership classes available for 5 graduate credits at a very reasonable price. Check out their website: hiscoaches.org

At the 2019 Convention, Montana was well represented by 11 COY finalists. **Sue Loeffler**, of Bigfork, was named the NHSACA Girls' T&F Coach of the Year, **Rod Tweet**, from Geraldine, received NHSACA's FB COY honors and **Robin Smith** of Bridger was named the NHSACA Girls' Assistant COY. **Ron Jones**, of Missoula, was inducted in to the NHSACA Hall of Fame. Again, we congratulate these 4 outstanding individuals!

Athletes are not Immune to Suicidal Thoughts

We encourage you to read the following letter from Brett Marciel, founder of the Jason Foundation. This organization is dedicated to providing support and tools to help us spot suicidal warnings and learn what we can do.

<https://montanacoaches.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Athletes-Are-Not-Immune-to-Suicidal-Thoughts.pdf>

Class C Director

The Class C Director position is up for election in May. If you are an MCA member, an active coach in the Class C ranks, and would be interested in serving on the MCA Board of Directors for a 4-year term, please email Don at donomca@3rivers.net. This is a volunteer position which involves a fall and winter meeting in Great Falls plus 4 days helping put on the MCA Clinic and other duties as needed. In March, the board will nominate 3 to go on the ballot along with Kim Sorkness-DeCock, who has been an outstanding 5-year Class C Director.

College Game Attendance

Your MCA membership allows free admittance (for members only) to regular season high school and most regular season college athletic events (except Cat-Griz, sell-outs and post season play). For Griz or Cat college games, please contact the ticket office prior to game day to be put on a list. Carroll asks that you go to the pass gate on game day to pick up a ticket. Be sure to take your ID and MCA card! Other colleges accept your MCA card as a pass. Thank you, Montana Colleges, for this huge opportunity!

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