

## **MCA MEMBER BENEFITS**

- 1.** Hosts an annual **MCA All Sport Coaches Clinic** in August featuring college coaches from all over the United States plus outstanding Montana High School coaches. Also features Sports Medicine and Athletic Director sessions with rave reviews. Social highlights of the clinic include an opening night steak fry and horse races, a reception hosted by the Frontier Conference and the annual MCA Awards Ceremony and Luncheon. 2 semester college credits are offered. OPI equivalency credits are available at no extra charge.
- 2.** Has established a **Montana Coaches Hall of Fame** with 202 members inducted since 1982. Additional members will be added through the years. We solicit your nominations. In 2019 a digital display will be permanently displayed on the MCA website and at the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse at MSU. Individuals receive 8 x 10 plaques. Members are granted lifetime passes to all MHSAA athletic contests and tournaments. Contact Scott King of Malta to get nomination forms.
- 3.** Selects from its members, **nominees for national Coach of the Year** in all high school sports with qualified members. Montana has had 25 National Coaches of the Year and 32 inductees into the NHSACA Hall of Fame. If you would like to suggest a nominee for these honors, please contact a board member. The NHSACA suggests at least 30 years of service.
- 4.** Provides **All-Conference** and **All-State** certificates for eligible athletes in all MHSAA sanctioned sports. Contact your Shirley Chesterfield-Stanton for more information.
- 5.** Honors outstanding student athletes, cheerleaders and managers with **Academic All-State Certificates** in all MHSAA sponsored sports.
- 6.** Selects from its members, **Coaches of the Year** in all MHSAA sanctioned high school sports. First time winners are awarded beautiful rings and all recipients receive plaques. Other nominees and member assistants to Coaches of the Year are awarded certificates. **Deadlines** to join MCA and be eligible for Coach of the Year nomination are **October 1st** for fall sports, **February 1st** for winter sports and **May 1st** for spring sports.
- 7.** Presents **Assistant Coach of the Year** award to honor long-serving assistants who contribute so much to athletic programs. High School or Junior High coaches may be nominated by any MCA member. Shirley Chesterfield-Stanton has nomination forms. Winners are awarded a ring.
- 8.** Presents **Longevity** certificates for 15 and 20 years and 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.
- 9.** Works closely with the **MHSAA** to benefit Montana coaches.
- 10.** 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. **\*free admission may be suspended due to COVID19**
- 11.** Has an agreement with all MHSAA schools to **admit MCA members to regular season games** upon presentation of MCA card. **\*free admission may be suspended due to COVID19.**
- 12.** 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.
- 13.** Awards \$750 **college scholarships** each year to six graduating seniors. Two of those will be awarded to recipients attending Frontier Conference Schools. **FRONTIER CONFERENCE** is our corporate sponsor, donating \$1,500 each year,
- 14.** Two \$1300 "**Ralph Halvorson Scholarships**" are awarded each year. (donations are welcome to sustain this fund).
- 15.** Cooperates with **Bozeman Trophy** to select each year an "**Outstanding Contributor to Montana Athletics**". A beautiful plaque is presented at the Clinic by Bozeman Trophy. Contact Patrick Schumacher of Bozeman Trophy for nomination forms.
- 16.** Enrolls members in a **million-dollar coach's personal liability insurance policy**. This includes personal liability coverage while working camps of sports that are approved by the MHSAA. Contact Loomis & LaPann for more info.
- 17.** Affiliates with the **National Organization of Coaches Association Directors (NOCAD)** allowing us to share in their liability insurance program.
- 18.** **MCA website:** [www.montanacoaches.com](http://www.montanacoaches.com) allows online access to MCA communications, news and activities.