

## **MCA MEMBER BENEFITS**

1. Hosts an annual **MCA All Sport Coaches Clinic** in July featuring college coaches and 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 through University of MT-Western. OPI equivalency credits are available at no extra charge.
2. Has established a **Montana Coaches Hall of Fame**. (2024) 229 members inducted since 1982. Additional members will be inducted each year. We solicit your nominations. You may view the digital MCA Hall of Fame on the MCA website. Inductees receive 8 x 10 plaques. Members are granted lifetime passes to all MHSAA athletic contests and tournaments. Contact Don Olsen to get nomination forms.
3. Selects from its members, **nominees for NHSACA National Coach of the Year** in all MHSAA sanctioned high school athletic sports. Montana has had 33 National Coaches of the Year and 38 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 MCA office for more information.
5. Honors outstanding student athletes, cheerleaders and managers with **Academic All-State Certificates** in all MHSAA sanctioned sports.
6. Selects from its membership, **Coaches of the Year** in all MHSAA sanctioned high school sports. First time winners are awarded 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. Dennis Murphy has nomination forms. Winners are awarded a ring.
8. Awards **Longevity** plaques for 15, 20, 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 **Montana High School Association** 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.
11. Has an agreement with all MHSAA schools to **admit MCA members to regular season games** upon presentation of MCA card.
12. Strives to promote better athletic programs in Montana at all levels and to improve conditions for coaches. Suggestions are welcome. Please contact your MCA class director or one of the officers.
13. MCA Awards four \$1000 **college scholarships** each year to graduating senior athletes.
14. **Frontier Conference** awards two **Frontier Conference Scholarships** of \$1500 each to recipients attending Frontier Conference Schools.
14. Two \$1600 "**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 plaque is presented at the Clinic by Bozeman Trophy. Contact Patrick Schumacher of Bozeman Trophy for nomination forms.
16. Enrolls actively coaching members in a **one million-dollar per event (two million aggregate) coach's personal liability insurance policy** while coaching. This also includes personal liability coverage while working camps of sports that are sanctioned 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 membership applications, communications, news and activities.