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MCA is pleased to announce that the following coaches were selected, by a vote of member coaches, as “Coach of the Year” for their respective 2026 spring sport.

They will be honored at the 2026 MCA Awards Ceremony, at 11:30 on July 30th at CMR High in Great Falls

Girls' Tennis	AA	Brian	Hanford	Missoula Hellgate
	A	Patrick	Dryden	Whitefish
	B/C	Rick	Berreth	Superior
Boys' Tennis	AA	Byron	Boyd	Great Falls CMR**
	A	Chris	Schwaderer	Whitefish
	B/C	Jodi	Karvandi	Valley Christian*
Softball	AA	Preston	Sanders	Billings West
	A	Trent	Crookston	Laurel
	B/C	Lori	Goodell	Shepherd**
Baseball	AA	Brian	Moser	Missoula Sentinel
	A/B	Zach	McRae	Beaverhead County
Girls' Track & Field	AA	Lars	Schmidt	Billings West
	A	Kari	Fillius	Havre
	B	Sarah	Layng	Jefferson
	C	Joe	Day Rider	Richey-Lambert*
Boys' Track & Field	AA	Lars	Schmidt	Billings West
	A	Brandi	Fox	Laurel
	B	Jennifer	Crago	Columbus
	C	Heather	Lewis	Cascade
Girls' Golf	B	Scott	Marsh	Florence-Carlton**
	C	Garrett	Nielson	Manhattan Christian
Boys' Golf	B	Scott	Marsh	Florence-Carlton
	C	John	States	Scobey

*also won in 2025

**has won 3+ years in a row

NOTES

Byron Boyd – CM Russell has won the MCA COY for Boys' Class AA Tennis for 3 consecutive years

Lori Goodell – Shepherd has won the MCA COY for Class B/C Softball for 3 consecutive years

Scott Marsh – Florence-Carlton has won the MCA COY for Girls' Class B Golf for 3 consecutive years