

Montana High School Association

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How do I become a member of the MOA?

Membership in the MOA is attained by completing an application, paying the Association dues and scoring a minimum of 60% on the appropriate rules examination. All exams are offered exclusively online.

How do I get my books and other study materials?

Packets for fall sports are mailed in June, winter sports in October, and spring sports in February. The cost of these packets is included in your membership dues.

Do I need to renew my membership every year?

Yes, your MOA membership expires every May 15th, regardless of when it became effective. An official must renew their membership each year, postmarked by May 15th to avoid penalties.

What happens if I renew my membership after May 15th?

If dues are postmarked after May 15th, but no later than June 1st, a late fee of \$10 is assessed. If they are postmarked after June 1st, a late fee of \$25 is assessed and the official must pass the annual qualifying exam for their rating. This applies to all classifications. Failure to pass the exam with the required score will result in a rating reduction of one classification for master and certified officials and loss of membership for apprentice officials. Failure to take the examination will result in loss of membership and no refund of dues will be provided. **In addition, upgrading is denied for a period of one year for failure to meet the dues deadline.**

What are the yearly requirements of membership?

1. Timely payment of membership dues.
2. Viewing the mandatory rules clinic for your sport and completing concussion training within the published time frame.
3. Completing the requisite number of study clubs for your sport.

What is the rating structure for the MOA?

There are three classifications of MOA officials.

1. Apprentice – recommended to work only sub-varsity contests, but qualified to work any regular season contest.
2. Certified – qualified to work any regular season contest in their registered sport. Second year certified officials may work the first round of playoffs/tournaments if absolutely necessary, in specified sports.
3. Master – qualified to work any regular season contest, tournament, playoff or championship contest.

Can an official have reciprocity in one sport and regular membership in another?

No.

Can an official from another state transfer into the MOA?

Yes, providing MOA dues are paid and the MOA office receives a letter from their current officials' organization confirming that their membership was in good standing. If an official is not currently a member of another state association, they must test for MOA membership. Ratings will be based on the official's current out of state rating, with some limitations.