

## **MCAA ByLaws – Article V: Rules to be used for MCAA sports (abbreviated)**

### **5.A. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

#### **5.A.1. Age and Graduation**

**5.A.1.a.** No student is eligible to participate in the MCAA who has turned 19 on or before August 31st of that school year.

**5.A.1.b.** No student is eligible to participate in the MCAA who has received a GED.

**5.A.1.c.** No student is eligible to participate in the MCAA who has gone through a graduation ceremony.

**5.A.2** Student athletes are allowed to participate in the MCAA at the High School level for four (4) years.

**5.A.2.a.** An extension of a fifth (5th) year of participation will be granted to those students who are in the eighth (8th) grade and participation at the high school level. The Board of Directors must be informed in writing of such participation.

**5.A.2.b.** Seventh (7th) grade student athletes are allowed to participate in the MCAA at the High School level only when the total athlete participation is below the following numbers: Soccer—12; Volleyball—9; Basketball—10, without losing a year of eligibility. The Board must be informed in writing of such participation.

**5.A.2.c.** Seventh (7th) grade student athletes are allowed to participate in the MCAA at a Sub-Varsity High School level without losing a year of eligibility. The Board must be informed in writing of such participation.

**5.A.3.** Any student who is not in full-time attendance at an MCAA member school/ association, must have Board approval. A written request for a Board ruling must be made prior to participation.

### **5.B. MCAA ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION**

**5.B.1.** Players must play for the respective team in their geographic area at which they must be in full-time attendance. No student may establish athletic eligibility concurrently at two schools. Dual enrollment is not recognized for the purpose of eligibility in MCAA activities.

**5.B.2.** Girls play girls' sports and boys play boys' sports.

**5.B.3.** A student with no program available to him/her, who is not enrolled in a member school but who wishes to participate within the MCAA, must submit a formal written statement to the Board requesting the privilege to participate as an eligible athlete within a specific member organization. A student enrolled in a school which is a member of a high school athletic association other than the MCAA will not be granted permission to participate in an MCAA program.

#### **MONTANA CHRISTIAN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CODE OF CONDUCT**

**Welcome to the game. We are anticipating a great contest and hope that you will enjoy the competition.**

**While you are here it is our hope you will join us in reinforcing positive lessons for the athletes.**

**We believe athletics teaches valuable life lessons like:**

**\*Self-control**

**\*Team work**

**\*Goal setting**

**\*The value of fitness**

**In that spirit we ask you to cooperate in the lessons we are seeking to teach. Please:**

**\*Display self-control by not being critical of the officials, coaches, or players.**

**\*Let the coaches coach—please don't shout instructions from the stands.**

**\*Let your enthusiasm and excitement be channeled into encouragement and appreciation for all of the athletes' efforts. If it is not positive and uplifting—please don't say it or act it out.**

*Let the officials officiate—Let the coaches coach—Let the athletes compete  
—Let sportsmanship reign on the court and in the stands!*

*Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt,  
so that you will know how you should respond to each person—Colossians 4:6*