

MOA Basketball Officials – Officiating Camp Requirement

The Montana Officials Association (MOA) requires all basketball officials to attend an approved officiating camp at least once every three years to remain eligible for postseason divisional and state tournament assignments. This requirement does not affect eligibility for district tournament assignments. This requirement will affect postseason eligibility for officials beginning in the 2028 postseason.

A joint committee consisting of representatives from both the Montana Officials Association (MOA) and the Montana High School Association (MHSA) will oversee the approval and certification of officiating camps and instructional staff. The committee's role is to ensure camps meet established standards and provide officials with high-quality training, evaluation, and professional development opportunities.

As part of the implementation process, a one-time incentive was offered to officials who attended an approved officiating camp in 2025. This incentive was designed to encourage early compliance and help prevent camps from becoming overcrowded in 2026 and 2027. Officials who attended a qualifying camp in 2025 will receive certification credit through the conclusion of the 2029 postseason, effectively extending their eligibility for four postseason cycles.

This requirement is intended to enhance officiating consistency, mechanics, rules knowledge, and overall performance while ensuring officials continue to receive meaningful training opportunities at the highest levels of interscholastic basketball.