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Class of 2023 MHSCA State Coach of Year Ceremony November 12, 2023

MHSCA STATE COTY AWARD BANQUET

The MHSCA selection as coach of the year reflects positively upon you, your school, and your community.

Date: 11/12/23

Visit the WWW.MHSCA.com

MHSCA COTY Inductees 2023 Class Vicki Kowalski -Girls Golf Suzy Thayer-Boys Bowling Bard Antcliff-Baseball Jamie Kline -Gymnastics

John Thompson-Athletic Director Rob Damron-Boys Lacrosse Candace Fahr-Competitive Cheer Kyle Stumpf-Girls Swim & Diving

TBA-Boys Ice Hockey Julie Duffing-Girls Cross Country Ricky Forrest-Boys Swim & Diving KC McGovern- Boys Skiing

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Leo Gorzinski-Football Kimberly Napieralski-Boys Golf Asa Kelly-Boys Track & Field Jamie Smith-Girls Wrestling

Gerald Raynor-Girls Bowling Annmarie Michol-Girls Tennis Steve Hall-Boys Basketball Jonathan Thelen-Volleyball

Brian Ranger-Boys Wrestling Brandon Jiles-Girls Track & Field James Netzley-Girls Skiing Kyle Kreps-Boys Tennis



The Michigan High School Athletic Coaches Association, the professional organization of school coaches and athletic directors, (MHSCA) will host its annual state coach of the year in person in 2023.

The 2023 MHSCA state coach of the year award presentation for 24 coaches from 16 state sports association will take place RAMADA LANSING HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER, 7501 West Saginaw Highway, Lansing, MI 48917 (517) 627-3211 which over 24 coaches and athletic directors will participate.

Congratulations to MHSCA State Coach of the Year recipients. The selection and nomination for these awards comes from each coach's constituent sport association and through the Michigan High School Coaches Association.

The MHSCA state coach of the year selection of these coaches reflects positively their schools and community. Coach of the Year selections have been based on the performance of their programs over the years and/or their contribution to the sports, schools, and communities. These are some of the criteria to determine your selection. It is indeed an honor to have been selected as Michigan High School Athletic Coaches Association State Coach of the Year in their sports from the entire State of nominees.

The MHSCA is a – 66-year-old association with nearly 35,000 members serving as athletic administrators, and all levels as coaches in numerous high schools and junior high/middle schools throughout the Great State of Michigan. The Michigan High School Coaches Association works to promote the educational value of interscholastic athletics and the role of athletic administrators and coaches.

The MHSCA are very proud to spotlight 24 State Coaches– are persons whose work and values best mirror those of the association.

There will be a social gathering beginning at 12:00 p.m. followed by the luncheon and program starting at 12:30 p.m. Each honoree will receive two complimentary tickets for the banquet.

Additional tickets may be purchased at the cost of \$40.00 each.

For a ticket go to WWW.MHSCA.Org <https://mhsca.sportngin.com/register/form/607979812>

Please let us know your intentions no later than November 7, 2023.

For ticket ordering by mail send your information by email to MHSCA1954@gmail.com

Please make checks payable to MHSCA Mail request to 854 Marshall St, Portland, MI 48875 Name & address to send tickets: Name, Address, City, Zip # of guest _____ (cost per meal \$40.00) We would like to be seated by COTY Name _____ () Please accept my donation to assist with the cost for the MHSCA COTY Banquet. The MHSCA is a 503 © 3 charity. Donations are tax deductible.

Plus check your local Sports associations for MHSCA content.

CONGRATULATIONS 2023 MHSCA State Coaches of the Year.





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A memorial Tribute

Beloved Canton gymnastics coach remembered for positive personality!

Story by Ed Wright can be reached at 734-664-4657 or ed-wright@socialhousenews.com.

John Cunningham was much more than a gymnastics coach for the young ladies whose lives he enriched for the past five-plus decades.

Cunningham was a life coach and his daily lesson plan was: Seize the day.

A longtime life-enhancer who had retired from teaching literature and other subjects at [Canton High School](#), but continued as head coach of the gymnastics team, Cunningham passed away Saturday from the effects of a stroke.

His unexpected passing ignited a flood of touching tributes — on social media and elsewhere — from those who knew him well or just in passing.

‘He was an inspiration’ “He always pushed me to be better, believed in me even when I didn’t believe in myself, and taught me so much through all of his many stories and facts,” former [Canton](#) gymnast Lauren Hendricks posted on Cunningham’s Facebook page.

“He was an inspiration to all and I will never forget the many memories I have of him!”

Married to Sally for 55 years and father to three sons — Adam, Eric and Ryan — Cunningham treated all of the athletes he coached equally, many of his former gymnasts said.

“As a freshman (in 2012) who had no gymnastics experience ... I just remember him welcoming me with open arms and coaching me into the person he knew I was before I even knew myself,” Alexis Panizzoli shared with [SocialHouseNews.com](#).

“Through all my injuries I was still consistently given opportunities and hundreds of hugs through all the frustrations and he always brightened my mood with his legendary ‘Fred/ Velma’ nicknames. The team won a state championship title in 2014 and I haven’t seen a man so proud, and I will forever cherish that moment

Cunningham worked as a roofing and aluminum siding contractor to supplement his early-teaching-days income.

Nichelle Grisamer, who was an assistant coach with Cunningham for three seasons of his illustrious career, said he was a joy to be around.

“John loved everybody,” said Grisamer. “He had an amazing way of looking at life — always positive, always encouraging.”

Innovative coach

Grisamer said Cunningham thought of innovative ways to get the most out of his athletes.

“John would bring judges into his practices to help critique his gymnasts,” she said. “That way, the girls would know exactly what they needed to do to get the best scores.”

As a sportswriter who covered Canton gymnastics for close to eight years, my favorite memory of Cunningham was the day I stopped by practice to put together a season preview on his team.

Searching for a compelling photo to run with the preview for the 2010-11 season, Cunningham obliged by hanging upside down — held aloft by his knees that were bent over the uneven bars — side-by-side next to one of his gymnasts.

And, as always, he was wearing an ear-to-ear smile — John Cunningham’s unofficial trademark.

Sally Cunningham posted on Facebook that a service celebrating her late husband’s amazing life would be scheduled most likely for the spring of 2024.



John and Sally Cunningham were married 55 years!

The Michigan High School Coaches Association asks for your assistance so that we can share information about the lives of coaches who are no longer with us as a tribute in memoriam.

Please help us by forwarding as much of the following information as you are able to Jim Okler at MHSca1954@gmail.com.

1. The school/s at which they coached.
2. The sports coached. The years they coached.

The MHSCA will share, when possible, the information with our membership on a regular basis. We hope this memorial tribute will be a meaningful way to help us remember, grieve and celebrate the lives of those coaches lost from our ranks. Note: As this is a new initiative, frequency and manner of the memorial tribute may be subject to revision.



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MHSCA NOTES

Retired Educators Able to Help Fill School Vacancies Without Clipping Their Pensions October 10, 2023

LANSING – State Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice praised the passage and signing into law of House Bill 4752 – a bipartisan bill that will allow retired educators to fill temporary vacancies in local school districts on a limited basis and continue to receive their retirement pensions. Dr. Rice appreciated the efforts of bill sponsor State Rep. Matt Koleszar and Governor Gretchen Whitmer for signing the bill into law today. “This new law provides needed relief for local school districts that have temporary vacancies and for recent school retirees who still want to help out their districts on a limited basis,” Dr. Rice said. “If we have experienced educators who still want to help in roles like teachers, substitute teachers, or athletic and academic coaches, there shouldn’t be financial obstacles in their way.” The new law will allow school retirees to continue to receive their retirement pension and retirement health care benefits as long as the educator retired and either waited at least six consecutive months before taking another position or, if taking a position with a local school district sooner than six months, earns \$15,100 or less in a calendar year in that position. The new statute is due to sunset in five years in the absence of legislative action to extend it in the future. Previous state law required retired educators to wait nine months before being able to work at a school; otherwise, they would forfeit their retirement pension and health care benefits for the entire month of each month in which the retiree was employed at a local school district. Even with the new law, retired local superintendents are still subject to the previous law. House Bill 4752 passed in the Michigan House of Representatives by a vote of 100-8-2 and in the Michigan Senate by a vote of 37-1. ## # Michigan Department of Education Logo Questions? Contact Us STAY CONNECTED:



Hall of Fame – Click on Hall of Fame Bio’s link at the top of the page to view individual biographies

Please take a couple of minutes to review the website for the 2023 Hall of Fame. www.mhsca.org



Rich Tompkins Multi-Sport Athlete Award

NOMINATIONS CLOSE • 15 April 2023

Nominations at:
<https://forms.gle/cevGt1AcU989mB597>
Or Scan Code at Right

TO OPEN NOMINATION FORM SCAN THIS CODE:

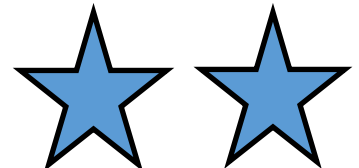


- Each school in the state of Michigan is eligible to submit one female and one male athlete.*
- Criteria:**
- Each athlete must have participated in THREE seasons of sports sponsored by both the school and the MHSAA in all FOUR years of their high school career AT ANY LEVEL - Fresh, JV, Varsity. *Excluding COVID Spring Season 2020.
 - Applications must be submitted ONLINE by April 15.

Who Can Submit a Nomination

- Nominations must be made in the name of the school’s athletic Administrator or a school principal.

- Award Levels:**
- All nominees who meet the basic criteria will receive a certificate in acknowledgement.
 - **State-Wide Award:**
 1. If they believe their nominee/s may be the most accomplished of all qualified nominees of their gender and school class (A, B, C, D) in the State of Michigan. Nominators will have the option to proceed to part two of the Nomination Form and include additional information about their candidate/s,
 2. One female and one male athlete in each class will be selected for the State-Wide award.
 3. Awards will be presented (whenever possible) during a Senior or Spring Sports event at the student’s high school. *State-Wide Award winners will also receive a Rich Tompkins MHSCA scholarship.



Michigan High School Sport Association
Coaches Clinic/Events
MIAAA: March 15-18, 2024 at Grand Traverse Summer Workshop June 25-27 2024 at Mt. Pleasant
Baseball: January 12 & 13, 2024 at Soaring Eagle, Mt. Pleasant
BCAM-Basketball: October 4-6 2024 at Oakland University.
Bowling : October 2024 @ TBA
MITCA: Cross Country: 2024 November 8-10th Mt. Pleasant, Comfort
Competitive Cheer: October 2024, Grand Rapids
Football: January 18-20 2024 at Lansing Center and Radisson Capitol
Golf: February 2024, Clinic, East Lansing, August 2024, Clinic, COTY, HOF Banquet, Golf, Treetops Resort
Gymnastics : October 2024 TBA
Ice Hockey October, 2024 & once a month clinic on Sunday nights. See MIHCA Website
Men's Lacrosse: January 18-20 2024 Baltimore Convention Center Baltimore, MD
Skiing: October, 2024 @ TBA
Softball: January 12 & 13, 2024 at Mt. Pleasant, Comfort Inn
Sports SAGES: March 2024 Boyne Mountain
Swimming: September 2024 Site: TBA
Tennis: January 26, 27, 2024 Site Hope College
Track & Field: January 25, 26, & 27 2024 at Lansing, Crowne Plaza Lansing West
Volleyball: February 2024 at TBA
Wrestling: Nov. 2023 See MWA website
NHSACA Convention: Bismarck, North Dakota June 24-27



GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM

As a membership benefit, coverage is provided by the Commercial General Liability Policy issued to the National Organization of Coaches Association Directors. This policy will provide general liability coverage to the Michigan High School Coaches Association and its members.

CARRIER

HDI Global Specialty (A Rated)

POLICY PERIOD

August 1, 2023 – August 1, 2024

LIMITS OF INSURANCE

\$1,000,000	Each Occurrence
\$2,000,000	General Aggregate (per Member)
\$1,000,000	Products/Completed Operations
\$1,000,000	Personal & Advertising Injury
\$ 300,000	Fire Damage
\$ 50,000	Sexual Abuse (per Member)
Excluded	Medical Payments

COVERAGES

- ❖ Educator Professional Liability
- ❖ Participant Legal Liability for insured members
- ❖ Liability assumed under insured written contract
- ❖ Defense Cost outside limits

EXCLUSIONS

- ❖ The use of automobiles, buses, watercraft and aircraft
- ❖ Property of others in the care, custody, and control of the insured.
- ❖ This insurance does not apply to members that coach at an All-Star game that is not approved by your state coaches association.
- ❖ This insurance does not apply to any loss, cost or expense arising out of infectious or communicable disease.

CAMP INSURANCE

Today, most Coaches are involved in some type of sports camp. Please note that our General Liability Program follows insured members while working at camps and/or conducting their own personal camp.

In addition, Participant/Accident Coverage is required for coaches and/or participants. Should an accident occur during a camp, clinic or event, this secondary coverage helps offset the loss suffered by families affected by such accidents.

NEW PROCEDURE FOR CAMP INSURANCE

As a member benefit of your state coaches association, all members in good standing have a \$1,000,000 per occurrence General Liability policy limit that provides coverage for their coaching activities. In order to protect the General Liability policy from potential claims, the insurance company has mandated that all coaches must obtain signed waivers and provide Participant/Accident insurance for their participants.

In order to obtain a certificate of insurance showing proof of insurance or naming an additional insured, the following must be in place:

- ❖ Waivers: Signed waivers showing indemnification language
- ❖ Participant/Accident Insurance: You must have Participant/Accident coverage in place for all participants attending sports camps.

PURCHASE INSURANCE

- ❖ Camp Insurance Request form is available on our website: www.loomislappann.com

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Disclaimer: This is an insurance overview for summary purposes only; for complete policy terms and conditions please refer to the NOCAD Master Policy.

MHSCA Membership Benefits

- **Sport Association Voice:** The MHSCA provides member sport associations another vehicle of communication with the MHSAA. Each year the MHSCA makes a presentation to the MHSAA Representative Council representing issues of our association members.
- **Coaching Longevity Awards:** Beginning with 10 years of coaching and ascending every 5 years, coaches receive recognition for their years of coaching (10-25 years earn certificates, 30-45 years receive plaques, and at 50 years a coach will receive a special crystal recognition).
- **MHSCA Coach of the Year Recognition:** Each year one coach from your association is chosen by your association to be recognized at the MHSCA State Coach of the Year for your sport.
- **MHSCA Hall of Fame:** Each year up to 15 coaches from the state are selected for induction into the MHSCA Hall of Fame. The Hall is an actual physical entity that is located on the campus of Central Michigan University within the Student Activity Center at the entrance of the old Rose Arena. In addition to meeting the established criteria the individual's sport association must be a member association within the MHSCA.
- **MHSCA Jack Johnson Distinguished Service Award:** One person per year (teacher, coach, administrator, other) nominated by a member sport association will be honored at the September Hall of Fame banquet for outstanding service to high school sports in Michigan.
- **NOCAD Insurance:** As a membership benefit, coverage is provided by the Commercial General Liability Policy issued to the National Organization of Coaches Association Directors (NOCAD). This policy provides \$1,000,000 (\$2,000,000 aggregate) per member liability coverage to only members of the Michigan High School Coaches Association that pay for the additional coverage through MHSCA member sport associations. ** New members taking the NOCAD insurance liability coverage are covered on the first date that they pay their membership dues to their sport association through August 1. Members whose sport association paid their for their insurance coverage the previous year are covered August 1—August 1 if they become members of their sport association and their sport association pays their insurance premium. For \$6.00 per coach per year this coverage is hard to match. Members find more detailed information on the mhscanet.org website in the "Coaches Corner" drop down link titled "Insurance."
- **Rich Tompkins Multi-Sport Award:** This award recognizes athletes that have participated in at least 3 MHSAA sports per year for the 4 years of high school. All nominees receive a high quality certificate. One boy and one girl from each of the four classes of schools (A, B, C, D) will receive a plaque and a scholarship (if eligible) as the MHSCA Rich Tompkins State Multi-Sport Athlete of the Year.
- **Gatorade Supplies:** Member sport associations receive Gatorade give-away supplies to use at their clinics or all-star games.
- **National Federation of High Schools Coach of the Year Recognition:** Each year one coach from your association is nominated by your sport association through the MHSCA to be considered for state and national level recognition.
- As a member of the MHSCA you also receive membership into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association (NHSACA) with membership benefits available.
- **NHSACA Coach of the Year Recognition:** Each year one coach from your sport association can be nominated through the MHSCA for consideration for regional and national recognitions.
- **NHSACA Hall of Fame:** The MHSCA is allowed to select two coaches each year for induction into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame.
- **NHSACA Kathy Holloway Women in Sports Leadership Award:** Presented annually to a female that has promoted female athletics by coaching, serving, supporting, and/or leading high school athletic programs. The nomination process runs through the MHSCA.
- **NHSACA Distinguished Service Award:** The MHSCA has the opportunity to have one of their members receive this award every 4th year.



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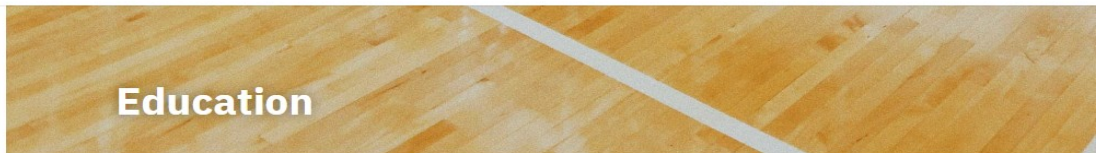
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Click on the link below

<https://national-high-school-athletic-coaches-association.ghost.io/educate-and-elevate-nhsaca-newsletter/>

The 2024 National High School Athletic Coaches Association National Coaches Convention will be hosted by the North Dakota High School Coaches Association from June 22, 2024 to June 27, 2024 in Bismarck, North Dakota at the Bismarck Hotel and Convention Center. There will be clinic sessions for nineteen specific sports, college credit courses, as well as plenty of time to network with coaches from across the country. In addition, there will be a NHSACA National Coaches Hall of Fame Ceremony and a NHSACA National Coach of the Year Ceremony to recognize the best of the best.

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be nice.
mental health foundation of west michigan

what does it mean to be nice.?
notice what is right or different
invite yourself to start a conversation
challenge the stigma
empower yourself and others with knowledge



Contact the Mental Health Foundation of West Michigan
[160 68th St. SW Suite 120 Grand Rapids, MI 49548](http://160.68th.St.SW.Suite.120.Grand.Rapids.MI.49548)
info@benice.org | 616.389.8601

physical

- Lack of hygiene, personal appearance
- Fatigue, lack of energy
- Overeating or loss of appetite
- Weight loss or gain
- Headaches
- Unexplained aches or pains

Below are signs and symptoms of a mental illness like depression or anxiety. A change in someone's behavior, physical appearance, or psyche lasting two weeks or longer could be a developing mental health concern.

behavioral

- Quitting favorite sport/hobby
- Avoiding social interaction
- Sudden/unlikely drug or alcohol use
- Cry frequently for no reason
- Neglect responsibilities, loss of motivation
- Can't sleep or sleep constantly

psychological

- Acting out, aggressive, quick to anger
- Heightened sadness, guilt, indecisiveness
- Lack of emotional responsiveness
- Frequent self-criticism
- Hopelessness, loneliness
- Thoughts of death or suicide



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Michigan High School Coaches Association

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		SEND TO: Hall of Fame Chair—Mark F. Holdren 854 Marshall Street, Portland, MI 48875 OR E-MAIL TO: mholdren.11@gmail.com	
HALL OF FAME APPLICATION		OFFICE USE ONLY APPLICATION: _____ SUPPORT LETTERS: _____	Gender: _____
<p>Criteria for MHSCA Hall of Fame Application: Only persons who have coached and/or directed a secondary school athletics (6-12) program for 20 years or more <u>and</u> actively coached in the state of Michigan for a minimum of 10 years are eligible for the MHSCA Hall of Fame. The applicant must have been a member in "good standing" in their sport's association prior to application. In addition, preference will be given to individuals who have met the previous criteria and have been inducted into their own sport association's Hall of Fame.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Applications must have two letters of support in order to complete the application process.</u></p>			
<p><u>NOMINEE CONTACT INFORMATION:</u> Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____</p> <p>Name of Nominee: _____ Phone: _____</p> <p>Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____</p> <p>Nominee E-mail: (please print carefully) _____</p>			
<p><u>NOMINATOR'S CONTACT INFORMATION:</u> The nominator is critical in working with and encouraging the nominee to complete all sections of the application, as well as, arranging for two letters of support to be sent to the Hall of Fame Chair.</p> <p>Name of Nominator: _____ Phone: _____</p> <p>Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____</p> <p>Nominee E-mail: (please print carefully) _____</p>			
<p><u>CONTACT INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL MOST AFFILIATED:</u></p> <p>School _____ Year's at School: _____</p> <p>Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Current Athletic Director Name: _____ Phone: _____</p> <p>Athletic Director E-Mail Address _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****ONLY LIST A SECOND SCHOOL IF THERE IS AN EQUAL AFFILIATION*****</p> <p>School _____ Year's at School: _____</p> <p>Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Current Athletic Director Name: _____ Phone: _____</p> <p>Athletic Director E-Mail Address _____</p>			
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COACHING LONGEVITY: Please provide all information for all sports coached during your career. Do not use abbreviations.

Years Coached (e.g.: 1995-2000)	Sport Coached (e.g.: Boys Basketball)	Level (e.g.: Junior Varsity)	# of Seasons (e.g.: 8)

COACH OF THE YEAR RECOGNITIONS: Please provide all information for all sports coached during your career. Do not use abbreviations.

COACH OF THE YEAR	Name of the Recognition-Sport (Lansing State Journal Dream Team-Softball)	Times (e.g.: 3x)	Years (e.g.: 1997, 1999, 2001)
Area / Newspaper / County / All Star			
League			
District / Regional			
State			
National			
Other			

TEAM RECOGNITIONS: Please provide all information for all sports coached during your career. Do not use abbreviations.

	Name and Sport (Michigan Wrestling Association—Regional Coach of the Year)	Times (e.g.: 3x)	Years (e.g.: 1997, 1999, 2001)
League [Conference] Championships			
District Titles			
Regional Titles			
State Finishes			
Other (e.g.: MHSAA Sportsmanship Award)			
Career Varsity Record	Sport: _____	Win: _____	Loss: _____ Tie: _____
	Sport: _____	Win: _____	Loss: _____ Tie: _____

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INDIVIDUAL ATHLETES COACHED: Please provide all information for all sports coached during your career. Do not use abbreviations.

Information—cumulative totals of each category	
All State Individual (medalists only)	
Individual State Champions	
Elite Athletes Coached (e.g.: Mr. Wrestler, Detroit Free Press All-State, All American)	
All State Individuals (coaches selections)	
Other:	

SPORT LEADERSHIP ROLES AND CONTRIBUTIONS: Please provide all information for all sports coached during your career. Do not use abbreviations.

Name of the Leadership Role or Contribution (e.g.: Lansing State Journal Dream Team)	Times (e.g.: 3x)	Years (e.g.: 1997, 1999, 2001)
Area/League Officer		
Sport Association Board Member		
MHSAA Committees		
National Committees		
Sport Association Clinic Presenter		
Other		

COACHING HALL OF FAME RECOGNITIONS: Please provide all information for all sports coached during your career. Do not use abbreviations.

Name of Hall of Fame and Sport (Use complete name of recognition—no abbreviations)	Year (e.g.: 1997)
Area / School / Booster Club / Other Hall of Fame	
State Sport Association Hall of Fame	
National Sport Association Hall of Fame	

My signature acknowledges that the information provided on this application is true and accurately reflects my coaching career.

_____ signature

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THE HALL OF FAME APPLICATION



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**MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION/GATORADE
10/15/20/25/30/35/40/45/50 YEAR COACHING SERVICE AWARD
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- The candidate must have distinguished himself/herself with good coaching ethics and promoted good sportsmanship throughout his/her coaching career. *The AD or principal's signature confirms this.
- Ten (10) years of coaching outside of the state of Michigan may be applied to the application.
- Coaching at any level may be applied if it is a school sponsored interscholastic sport. A maximum of ten (10) years may be allowed for coaching at the collegiate level.
- To receive a general coaching certificate the candidate must have been coaching at least one sport per year at any level for the requested number of years.
- To receive specific certificates for a single sport the candidate must qualify for the specified number of years in that sport.

This can be at any level. You cannot however count more than one level or season for a sport in any one year.

For example, coaching both boys' and girls' basketball during the same school year counts as "1" year; coaching both 7th grade boys and JV boys during the same school year counts as "1" year.

Awards for 30 years and more will have the sports that the candidate coached listed on the plaque. The coach will be presented only one award for each level of service after 30 years.

PROCEDURE FOR RECEIVING AWARD

- Complete the application forms (2) and mail to: Steve Porter, Years of Service Awards
 - 1250 Mooreville Rd. Milan, Mi. 48160, or E-mail to: coachporter51@gmail.com
 - Certificates will be sent to your home address. Please allow four (4) weeks for processing.
- Plaques will be mailed to your home address. Please allow six (6) weeks for processing

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MHSCA APPLICATION FOR YEARS COACHING SERVICE AWARD

___ 15 Years ___ 20 Years ___ 25 Years ___ 30 Years ___ 35 Years ___ 40 Years ___ 45 Years ___ 50 Years

Name (as it is to appear on award) _____

Best Phone _____ Email Address: _____

Home Address _____

Home City _____ Home State _____ Home Zip _____

Michigan High School Sports Association: _____ (MITCA, BCAM, etc.)

Signature of Coach _____

Signature of AD or Principal * _____ Phone Number: _____

Printed Name of Administrator: _____ Email: _____

Send Completed form to: Steve Porter, Years of Service Awards 1250 Mooreville Rd. Milan, Mi. 48160
The MHSCA Coaching Service Award is sponsored by GATORADE in cooperation with MHSCA



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NAME: _____						
COACHING SERVICE AWARD WORKSHEET						
School	Year	School	Sport	Year	School	Sport
	(Example)	(Example)	(Example)	(Example)	(Example)	(Example)
1	1990-91	MCHS	FB, BBSK, BSB	4	1993-94	MACOMB CC BBSK
2	1991-92	USAF	Active Duty	5	1994-95	TOLEDO ST. JOHN BBSK
3	1992-93	MACOMB CC	BBSK	6	1995-96	MCHS BBSK
	1960-61				2000-2001	
	1961-62				2001-2002	
	1962-63				2002-2003	
	1963-64				2003-2004	
	1964-65				2004-2005	
	1965-66				2005-2006	
	1966-67				2006-2007	
	1967-68				2007-2008	
	1968-69				2008-2009	
	1969-70				2009-2010	
	1970-71				2010-2011	
	1971-72				2011-2012	
	1972-73				2012-2013	
	1973-74				2013-2014	
	1974-75				2014-2015	
	1975-76				2015-2016	
	1976-77				2016-2017	
	1977-78				2017-2018	
	1978-79				2018-2019	
	1979-80				2019-2020	
	1980-81					
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	1992-93					
	1993-94					
	1994-95					
	1995-96					
	1996-97					
	1997-98					
	1998-99					
	1999-2000					

SPORT CODE

BSB, BBSK, GBSK, BBWL, GBWL, CHR, BCC, GCC
 FB, BGLF, GGLF, GYM, HCK, BLAX, GLAX, BSKI, GSKI,
 BSCR, GSCR, SFB, BSWM, GSWM, BTEN, GTEN,
 BTRK, GTRK, VB, WR

SCHOOL or SERVICE CODE

(Example)

MCHS	Mt. Clemens HS
USAF	US Air Force



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The MHSCA Distinguished Service Award:

MHSCA recognizes individuals and organizations that have provided extraordinary service to educational athletics, the including the advancement student athletes, coaches, or those who serve interscholastic athletics through its Distinguished Service Awards.

The Distinguished Service Award (DSA) is given to a person (or persons), either volunteer or staff, who have exhibited valuable professional service (within the MHSCA or among its association membership) including academically, supportive, service, assistance at any level of interscholastic athletics. These criteria are good measures of acceptable candidates and help to assure that recipients have a wide range of "service" that they provide to the profession of interscholastic athletics. Nominations should be submitted on an individual basis, not by a group or on behalf of constituent groups (conferences, affiliates, assemblies, committees, etc.).

The MHSCA Distinguished Service Award does not need to be awarded each year. This award should be bestowed only when the MHSCA Board of Directors committee decides that nominations warrant presentation of the award. This award may be given posthumously.

Why nominate a deserving candidate for the MHSCA Distinguished Service Awards:

- To recognize a person who has positively impacted interscholastic athletics in a significant way.
- To recognize institutions for their affiliation with individuals who demonstrate the highest level of professionalism and commitment to interscholastic athletics.
- To confirm and honor a superior servant by his/her peers and colleagues.
- To celebrate individuals who epitomize the profession's highest standards for interscholastic sports.
- To focus attention on the exemplary, and by doing so to elevate the profession overall and establish a high standard of excellence in promoting, supporting or contributing to interscholastic athletics.

Required information for completed application:

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Name of MHSCA Distinguished Service Award Nominee:

School or Sport Affiliation:

Email:

Mobile Phone

Nominated by:

Email:

Mobile Phone:

I believe this nominee is worthy of receiving this award for the following reasons: (attach separate)

Completed application can be submitted to MHSca1954@gmail.com

Sponsorship Opportunities

Active Link on the MHSCA Website: (July 1-June 30) \$1,000.00

- Your company's web page linked to the MHSCA website's homepage
- Name of company, logo and short description of products/services

Full page ads in MHSCA Hall of Fame or Coach of the Year Awards booklets:

- Newsletter Booklet (10 times a year) \$250.00
- Newsletter Booklet and Coach of the Year Awards Program or Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Program Booklet \$400.00
- Newsletter Booklet, Coach of the Year Awards Program and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Program Booklet \$500.00

MHSCA Board of Directors meetings or Hall of Fame or Coach of the Year table display or registrants' packet stuffer: \$100.00/page

- Your company's product/service information document (8.5"x11"), provided by the sponsor included in each registrant's packet

Sponsor a Hall of Fall or Coach of the Year inductee:

- 1 Sport \$100.00
- 2 Sports \$ 500.00
- 3 Sports \$ 1000.00
- 4 Sports \$ 2500.00
(Buy 3, get 1 Free)
- All 15 Sports \$ 10,000.00 (\$ 4,000.00 savings)

- Presentation of the Hall of Fame or Coach of the Year Award at the banquet
- Two (8) Complimentary tickets to the Awards Banquet

- Sponsor banner (2'x4') hung on wall in Banquet Room during Awards Banquet

- Recognition/Advertising in Coach of the Year Awards Program

- Complimentary exhibit booth during the awards day banquets

- Active link on MHSCA website

Sponsor a MHSCA Service Awards Station: \$300.00

- Company signage promoting your company as the sponsor of this award at HOF & COTY banquets.

- Presentation of the Service Award at the Coach of the Year Awards banquet

- Placement of your company's Logo on award certificates and plaques.

- Recognition ad in the MHSCA Hall of Fame & Coach of the Year Program Booklet

- Placement of your company's marketing materials on table in serving area

- Complimentary exhibit booth during the awards day banquets

- Active link on MHSCA website.

Sponsor a Hospitality Station (assessable to all registrants and guests): \$300.00

- Company signage promoting your company as the sponsor of this event

- Recognition ad in MHSCA Hall of Fame & Coach of the Year Program Booklet

- Placement of your company's marketing materials on table in serving area

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The MHSCA Board of Directors Meetings & Events

- Winter Board Meeting & COTY Banquet November 12, 2023 @ Lansing Area
- MHSCA Hall of Fame Committee Meeting, February 5, 2024 @ conducted **in person & virtual**– East Lansing HS
- MHSCA Finance Committee meeting, March 3, 2024 Board of Directors Spring Board Meeting March 03, 2024 conducted **virtual**
- Board of Directors Fall Board Meeting September 15, 2024
- Hall of Fame Banquet September 15, 2024 @ CMU



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