

# The Michigan Coach

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## NHSACA Coaches of the Year Delegates Heading to Lincoln, Nebraska

The 2023 National High School Athletic Coaches Association conference will have 4 MHSCA State Coach of the Year finalist attending the 2023 convention as one of eight finalist in their sport to see who will be named National Coach of the Year from the National High School Athletic Coaches Association.

### Heading to the Cornhusker State:

Grant Fanning of Chelsea as a Assistant boys coach of they year nominee.



Fanning has been defensive coordinator at Chelsea for 25-years. Since arriving in Chelsea in 1997, the team has not allowed more than 265 points in a season and his defenses have allowed an average of less than 20 points in 17 seasons, including the past seven. His legacy was cemented as he helped lead Chelsea to the Division 4 state championship. Grant has also coached at Saline 1991-1993, Dexter 1995-1996, Chelsea 1997-2022

Next up is Football Coach Tyrone Spencer from Detroit Martin Luther King.

Spencer concluded his 13<sup>th</sup> year coaching high school football and 7<sup>th</sup> season overall as a head coach



at King, compiling a 75-17 (81.5%) record. As head coach, Spencer has won 4 MHSAA State Championships—a Division 2 State Championship in 2016 and Division 3 State Championships in 2018, 2021 and 2022. He also led the Crusaders to a state runner up appearance in 2019, a state semi-finals appearance in 2017 and a regional finals appearance in 2020. Overall, Spencer has a 30-3 (90.9%) playoff record. Spencer, a 2003 King graduate, spent 5 years as an assistant coach at King prior to taking over as head coach of the Crusaders, also winning a MHSAA Division 2 State Championship in 2015. Spencer, 36, has compiled a 65-14 record as King's head coach.

Stepping up next is Coach Jill Ever for the sport of Cross Country.



As the Kent City's girls' and boys' varsity cross country programs in 1993 She led Kent City's girls' cross-country team to a Lower Peninsula Division 3 Final runner-up finish in 2021, the program's second runner-up finish under her

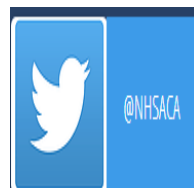
leadership, and she's also guided Kent City's girls program to 15 league and seven Regional titles and nine total top-eight Finals finishes

Pewamo Westphalia Coach Scott Werner is the fourth MHSCA as a national finalist, Werner began coaching in 2001 and has led the Pewamo Westphalia Pirates to 3 team state championships, 4 team state runners-up, 9 team regional championships and 15 CMAC championships. Furthermore, 21 different teams have finished in 16th place or higher at state finals and 31 state champions and 64 all-state athletes have competed for him.



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# Michigan's NHSACA HOF Inductees

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Coach Lober coached at Traverse City Central for 52 years, and still helps with the track and cross-country teams.

He posted a 367-36-3 dual-meet record, won 136 invitationals, produced 68 all-state athletes, won 21 conference championships, racked up 10 top-10 team finishes in the state finals and won a Class A state title in 1992. Seven of his athletes went on to All-American careers and five hold state records. He led the Trojans to 11 regional titles. He was the 1982 MITCA Coach of the Year and Michigan High School Coaches Association Track Coach of the Year, 1991 Michigan High School Coaches Association Track Coach of the Year, 1992 MITCA Coach of the Year and won Division 1 team state title, 1996 induction into Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame, 2001 USATF Pole Vault National High School Track Coach of the Year, 2006 induction into the Michigan

Interscholastic Track Coaches Association Hall of Fame, 2008 induction into the Traverse City Central Hall of Fame, 2014 National Federation of High Schools National Track Coach of the Year and Michigan High School Coaches Association Track Coach of the Year and 2015 National High School Athletic Coaches Association National Track Coach of the Year.



Larry Seger coached tennis a total of fifty-two consecutive years at Thornapple Kellogg High School. He coached the men's varsity tennis team from 1969-2008 for a total of forty seasons earning eight Conference Titles, two Regional Titles, and had two All-State singles players. He also coached the women's varsity tennis team from 1974- 2020 for a total of forty-six seasons earning fourteen Conference Titles, three Regional Titles and had four All-State singles players. His combined dual season record is 741-345 – Third best of all time. Larry also has fifty-two tournament wins and ten undefeated teams (dual seasons) to his credit. At the State Tournament his teams had thirteen Top 15 finishes, seven Top 10 finishes and three Top 5 finishes. A dedicated and supportive coach, Larry wanted his athletes to “be the best they could, and by emphasizing this over winning, the wins and years just kept coming!” Because of his dedication to his student athletes Larry has received many honors during his career. He was named the Regional Coach of the Year multiple times for men's and women's tennis and was the Class B Girls Tennis Coach of the Year in 1986. He has also been inducted into the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association Hall of Fame (1994) and the Thornapple Kellogg Hall of Fame (2016). Larry was also a member of the Michigan High School Tennis Association and served on the Board of Directors for multiple years in the 1980's. “Persistence is the determination to fight through the setbacks until you find success. Tough situations build strength. Believe in yourself.” Coach Larry Seger

Now in 2023 during the National High School Athletic Coach Association convention these two Michigan High School Coach Association members will be inducted as part of the 50 states National High school Athletic Coach Association Hall of Fame class.





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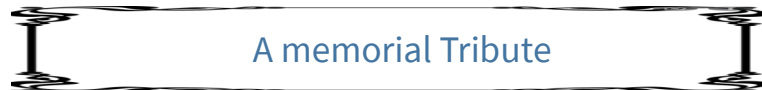
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# The Grief Journal- "GROWING TOGETHER THRU PAIN"

A conversation from 2nd Vice President Ron Landfair:

The one common denominator across HS sports is grief. Not for the loss of a district title, conference, or state title, nor weekend tournament. Real, true and inestimable loss of a player, a parent, teammate, classmate, a student athlete, or coach. It might be via illness, injury, or violence but we all have stories to share.

The loss is incalculable. Grief knows no boundaries. Yet, it is from the ashes of such grief that we begin anew the process of life building, knowing full well that some integral element, a basic piece or brick is missing, eternally so. Come, and let us share our stories together in a new effort called, "The Grief Project" that allows us to share our stories, whether individual, team, school, or school district. The goal is to create an online journal of stories. Writing is a great way to express and share ourselves. ALL stories will be published anonymously (unless otherwise requested) in an online journal. This project is in conjunction with Central Michigan University (CMU). Submissions/Questions can be sent to: [griefproject23@gmail.com](mailto:griefproject23@gmail.com)



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](mailto: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 manor of the memorial tribute may be subject to revision.



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<b>Michigan High School Sport Association</b>
<b>Coaches Clinic/Events</b>
MIAAA: March 15-18, 2024 at Grand Traverse
Summer Workshop June 27-29 2023 at Mt. Pleasant
Baseball: January 12 & 13, 2024 at Soaring Eagle, Mt. Pleasant
BCAM-Basketball: September 30—October 1 2023 at Oakland University.
Bowling : October 2023 @ TBA
MITCA: Cross Country: 2023 November 9-11th Mt. Pleasant, Comfort
Competitive Cheer: October 2023
Football: January 18-20 2024 at Lansing Center and Radisson Capitol
Golf: February 2023, Clinic, East Lansing, August 2023, Clinic, COTY, HOF Banquet, Golf, Treetops Resort
Gymnastics : October 2023 TBA
Ice Hockey October, 2023 & once a month clinic on Sunday nights. See MIHCA Website
Men's Lacrosse: January 18-20 2024 Baltimore Convention Center Baltimore, MD
Skiing: October, 2023 @ TBA
Softball: January 12 & 13, 2024 at Mt. Pleasant, Comfort Inn
Sports SAGES: March 2024 Boyne Mountain
Swimming: September 2023 Site:
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: Lincoln Nebraska July 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, 2021 – August 1, 2022

### 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.loomislapann.com](http://www.loomislapann.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 [mhsca.org](http://mhsca.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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## July Newsletter from the

### Embrace the Journey: A Fresh Start to a New Athletic Season!

Dear Coaches,

As we stand at the threshold of a brand-new athletic season, I wanted to take a moment to extend my heartfelt greetings and share my excitement for the journey that lies ahead. This is a time of renewal, growth, and endless possibilities, where we have the chance to mold and inspire the athletes under our guidance.

The start of a new season signifies a fresh chapter in the lives of both our athletes and ourselves as coaches. It is an opportunity for us to build upon previous accomplishments, learn from past experiences, and set the stage for even greater achievements. As leaders and mentors, we have the power to shape the future of our athletes, not only in terms of their performance on the field but also in their personal and character development.

Remember, coaching is not just about winning games or setting records. It is about fostering a sense of community, instilling values such as discipline, teamwork, and perseverance, and enabling our athletes to become the best versions of themselves. The impact we make extends beyond the playing field, influencing their lives long after the final whistle has blown.

Let us approach this new season with a spirit of enthusiasm, dedication, and unwavering belief in our athletes' abilities. Our role goes beyond teaching skills; it involves igniting passion, nurturing self-confidence, and fostering an environment where athletes can thrive and push their boundaries.

Embrace the journey that awaits us, for it is not solely about the destination but the growth we experience along the way. Set ambitious goals,



while also emphasizing the importance of hard work, resilience, and sportsmanship. Celebrate the victories, no matter how small, and use setbacks as stepping-stones towards improvement.

As coaches, we have a unique privilege and responsibility to inspire greatness in our athletes. Let us lead by example, demonstrating integrity, fairness, and a genuine love for the sport. Encourage open communication, listen to your athletes' concerns and aspirations, and create an inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and supported.

In the upcoming season, let us strive for excellence, both individually and collectively. Together, let us create a legacy of sportsmanship, camaraderie, and personal growth that will endure beyond the bounds of the playing field.

I am honored to be on this journey with each and every one of you. Let us seize the opportunity before us and make this season one that our athletes will remember fondly for the rest of their lives.

Wishing you all a fantastic start to the new athletic season!





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**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

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[info@benice.org](mailto: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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Dear Coach, here are some spring discounted opportunities for business or pleasure, you can use as a member of MHSCA for your joint membership with the National High School Athletic Coaches Association. Enjoy discounts, just enroll to receive free perks like: National High School Athletic Coaches Association Savings and Solutions Program  
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		SEND TO: Hall of Fame Chair—Mark F. Holdren 854 Marshall Street, Portland, MI 48875 OR E-MAIL TO: <a href="mailto:mholdren.11@gmail.com">mholdren.11@gmail.com</a>	
<h2 style="margin: 0;">HALL OF FAME APPLICATION</h2>		OFFICE USE ONLY	Gender: _____
		APPLICATION: _____	
		SUPPORT LETTERS: _____	
<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><b><u>NOMINEE CONTACT INFORMATION:</u></b> <span style="float: right;">Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____</span></p> <p>Name of Nominee: _____ Phone: _____</p> <p>Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____</p> <p>Nominee E-mail: (please print carefully) _____</p>			
<p><b><u>NOMINATOR'S CONTACT INFORMATION:</u></b> 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><b><u>CONTACT INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL MOST AFFILIATED:</u></b></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; font-size: x-small;">*****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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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 7<sup>th</sup> 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

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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	
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	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 academical-ly, 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)

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### 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

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

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

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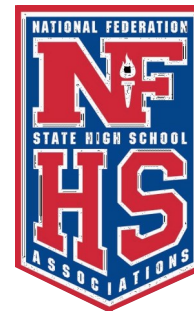
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### The MHSCA Board of Directors Meetings & Events

- Board of Directors Fall Board Meeting September 17, 2023
- Hall of Fame Banquet September 17, 2023 @ CMU Board of Directors Winter Board Meeting & COTY Banquet November 12, 2023 @ Lansing Area
- MHSCA Hall of Fame Committee Meeting, February 5, 2023 @ conducted **in person & virtual**— East Lansing HS
- MHSCA Finance Committee meeting, March 3, 2024 @ conducted **virtual**
- Board of Directors Spring Board Meeting March 03, 2024 conducted **virtual**



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