



# Michigan High School Coaches' Association

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### Special points of interest:

- *Hall of Fame Selection Meeting: 2-16-16 at the MHSAA Office, East Lansing*
- *Board of Directors and Executive Board Spring Meeting: 3-13-16 Location: TBA*
- *Multi-Sport Athlete Award Due Date 4-15-16*

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## The “What” of the MHSCA

What does the Michigan High School Coaches Association do for coaches in our state?

- Fosters the continued development and improvement of interscholastic athletics in Michigan.
- Assesses the concerns of coaches and provides for the dispersal of coaching education materials.
- Serves as a representative group of coaches to which athletic concerns of general interest may be referred in the hopes of creating a better relationship between schools and with the public.
- Promotes good fellowship and social contacts among the coaches.

- Encourages members to abide by the Code of Ethics as adopted by the Michigan High School Coaches Association.

What is a MHSCA Membership?

The Michigan High School Coaches Association has three types of memberships.

- Joint Membership - shall include all coaches who are actively engaged in or directly associated with the profession of athletic coaching in Michigan and whose dues are paid by their constituent sport association.
- Individual Membership -

includes a person who has been or is an athletic coach at any level but is not necessarily a member of a constituent sport association.

- Life Membership - is available to any coach who has retired.

\*\*All members of the Michigan High School Coaches Association are also members of the National High School Athletic Coaches Association.

A membership year is noted as July 1-- June 30.

## The Rich Tompkins Multi-Sport Athlete Award



Picture: Rich Tompkins

The MHSCA Board of Directors recognized Rich Tompkins (1946-2015), former Executive Director, for his service to high school athletics by naming the multi-sport athlete award in his name.

Each school in the state can nominate one boy and one girl from their school for the MHSCA Rich Tompkins Multi-

Sport Athlete Award. The only requirement for the athlete is that they must have participated in a least 3 sports for all four years of high school. Information will be sent out through the MIAAA to all AD's in the state.

Nominations are due by April 15th and must be submitted by the school's principal or AD. Each of the nominees are evaluated on the basis of their athletic achievements (both individual and team), scholarship, leadership and service. The committee utilizes a rubric to rate the candidates.

All of the nominees receive a high quality certificate from the MHSCA in honor of being their school's honoree. Additionally, one boy and one girl from each of the four classes of schools (A, B, C, D) will receive a plaque as the MHSCA State Multi-Sport Athlete of the Year.

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## 2015 MHSCA Hall of Fame Honorees

The MHSCA Hall of Fame is truly a HALL of Fame. It features a gigantic wall mural which features athletes and coaches in competition. Instead of the wall plaques, the new Hall of Fame features a computer kiosk on which pictures and information of the members of the Hall of Fame

can be found. The members can be looked up by name, their year of induction and their community or school. With the class of 2015, we will have almost 700 members.

The MHSCA Hall of Fame is located in a hallway of the Student Activities Center (SAC) locat-

ed on the campus of Central Michigan University. People who wish to see the hall may access it through the "old" Rose Arena Complex or the SAC entrance.



2015 MHSCA Hall of Fame Honorees

Daswell Campbell--Fitzgerald High School; Tim Baechler--Canton High School; John Springer--Onsted High School; Stanley Drewno--Everest Collegiate High School; Gerald Wegner--Hazel Park High School; John Walker--Troy Athens High School; Robert Miklesh--Luther L. Wright High School; John Osler--Orchard Lake St. Mary's High School; Jim Niebling--Portland High School, Debra Price--Reading High School, Judd Terwilliger--Freeland High School; and John Fowler--Grosse Pointe South High School. Not Pictured: Ted Swierad--Glen Lake High School; Jim Fletcher--Crestwood High School, and John Neumann--Mancelona High School.

## 2015 Coach of the Year Awards

*November 15, 2015 MHSCA Honored New Class of State COTY. The inductees are selected by member association for this State recognition .*



Front Row: Kurt Richardson, Football – Clarkston; Asa Kelly, Boys Cross Country – Benzie Central; Cory Bergen, Girls Swimming – Dexter; Judy Hehs, Girls Tennis – Academy of Sacred Heart; Cheri Ritz, Softball – Wayland; Sue Hutchings, Girls Bowling – Marshall; Mike Roach, Boys Bowling – Pennfield; Jenni Posten, Gymnastics – Tecumseh; Penny Grinage-Guy, Competitive Cheer – Shelby; and Christianne Sims, Girls Lacrosse – Grosse Pointe North.  
Back Row (left to right): Tom Wyllie, Boys Swimming – Seaholm; Richard Bauer, Boys Track and Field – Saugatuck; Dave King, Girls Cross Country – Beal City; Brian Southworth, Wrestling – Decatur; Mike Foyteck, Skiing – Clarkton; Steve Schuitema, Baseball – Muskegon Catholic Central; Nathan Oake, Boys Golf – Hartland; Mike Snyder, Girls Track and Field – Frankenmuth; Shawn Grady, Boys Lacrosse – Okemos; Leon Braisted, Girls Golf – Seaholm; and Henry Brunnschweiler, Boys Tennis – Haslett. Not Pictured: Dorene Ingalls, Girls Basketball – St. Ignace-LaSalle; Derrick McDowell, Boys Basketball – Detroit Western International; Mike Garvey, Athletic Director – Hackett Catholic Central; and Laurie Glass, Volleyball – LeLand.

## Associations Clinic Updates 2016

Cross Country: November , 17, 18, 19, 2016– Site: Mt. Pleasant

Football: January 21 – East Lansing

Golf: November – Bath

Soccer: February – WMU

Swimming: September 16 - Battle Creek

Tennis: February 5 - Troy

Volleyball: July 31 - Battle Creek

Basketball: October 22 - Lansing

Bowling N/A

Competitive Cheer: October - Lansing

Gymnastics: N/A

Ice Hockey: July

Skiing: N/A

Wrestling: November - Romulus

Baseball: January 15 - Mt. Pleasant

Lacrosse: June

Softball: January 29 - Lansing

Track & Field: February 4 - Lansing

MIAAA: March 18 - Traverse City

MHSCA HOF: September - Mt. Pleasant

MHSCA COTY: November - Lansing

NHSACA Convention: June 24, Louisville, KY

## General Liability Insurance Program

**CAMP COVERAGE** - 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 camps.

**PARITCIPANT/ACCEDENT COVER-AGE** - In addition, Participant/Accident Coverage is available for coaches and participants. Should an accident occur during a

camp, clinic or event, this secondary coverage could help offset the loss suffered by families affected by such accidents.

Participant/Accident Coverage must be in place for all participants prior the issuance of a certificate of insurance an Additional Insured on the General Liability Policy.

Certificates of Insurance and Participant/Accident request forms are available on our

website. Please click the link below for all required forms that can be completed and submitted online.

[www.loomislapann.com](http://www.loomislapann.com)

For any additional information please contact Loomis & LaPann, Inc. at 800-566-6479 or by Fax 518-792-3426.

## Gatorade

Gatorade just announced the football and volleyball players of the year. Logo is attached and copy is as follows:

“MHSCA would like to congratulate a young man and a young woman who are not only talented athletes on the field, but great in the classroom and in their communities. Gatorade’s Player of the Year program, now in its third decade, honors the nation’s top high school athletes based on their athletic excellence, academic achieve-

ment and exemplary character. This year’s state winners are no exception. Congratulations to Gia Milana and Tony Poljan, Gatorade’s Michigan Volleyball and Football Players of the Year. Keep up the good work, Gia and Tony!

For more information on the Gatorade Player of the Year program visit [www.gatorade.com/poy](http://www.gatorade.com/poy) and follow the program using #GatoradePOY.”

The G Series High School Performance Package program is designed to help high school coaches, athletic directors and athletic trainers keep their athletes properly fueled before, during and after practices and games. This program offers various Gatorade products and sideline equipment for purchase at discounted prices through authorized Athletic Team Dealers.

## National High School Athletic Coaches Association A Not for Profit Corporation... Founded in 1965

The NHSACA is working to help build their financial stability. We are attempting to get sponsors and have been able to secure a few. What can really help this organization is you and your State Association. The NHSACA asks the State Associations to send e-mails out with the various products we have available to coaches. In return the states can gain financial benefits depending on how many items are purchased from individuals within your state. This is a win

– win situation for the NHSACA and your State Organization. FlingGolf, Game Day Wipes, Built with Chocolate Milk, IYCA, and others are providing us with some different options. We just need to promote them. If you look on our website, all of these organizations have something to benefit youth and coaches. That is what the NHSACA is all about, youth and coaches! Please give us some assistance. Have you checked out the NHSACA website lately?

We have put a new look to it. Hopefully it appears sharper than before. Someone told me before it is like comparing digital to analog TV. Let’s hope that is the case. There is a lot of work left to do. We plan to get more information on the site in the near future. In the meantime, I encourage you to read the new “blogs” we have on the IYCA portion. Most of these articles are a great read.



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**MHSCA B.O.D. & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES CALENDAR**

- *Executive Member: 1-25-16  
MHSA Presidents Meeting-  
East Lansing*
- *BOD & EXEC.: 2-16-16  
HOF Selection –East Lansing*
- *BOD & EXEC: 3-13-16 Spring  
Board Meeting-TBA*



## History of the MHSCA

The MHSCA had its beginning back in the summer of 1954 when approximately 50 coaches from various parts of the state met during Annual Coaching School at Central Michigan College (CMU today) in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. This group under the direction of Paul Smarks decided to try to form a State High School Coaching Association. Paul was directed by this group to gather facts regarding such organizations in other states and to bring his findings back to the summer coaching school in 1955. Paul did his homework and 150 coaches met the following summer and formed the MHSCA.

The first major work of the Association was the writing of the constitution, by-laws, and purpose. Paul Smarks was elected as the charter President, Bob Hayes of Port Huron was the charter Vice-President and Bob Fowler of Port Huron was appointed Secretary-Treasurer.

Early on the Association felt the need for an organization to officially represent the high school coaches of the state both within the schools and to the Representative Council which is the policy making body of the Michigan High School Athletic Association. A need was also seen for a group to represent the coaches of Michigan nationally and with other state associations. So the MHSCA is a group of coaches representing all the coaches in the state. The mission of the MHSCA has not changed all that

much since the early days of the association. Today they are approximately 12,000 members representing all the different sports that the MHSAA conducts tournaments in. The MHSCA maintains affiliation with the National Federation High School Association and the National High School Athletic Coaches Association. Since the founding of the MHSCA in 1955, different sport groups have formed their own sport specific associations and the MHSCA has become sort of the umbrella under which these different sport groups fall. Membership in the MHSCA comes mainly from the sport constituent association at a reduced rate. There are also individual memberships and life memberships. When a coach becomes a member of their sport specific group, they also get membership in the MHSCA and the NHSACA.

The MHSCA Hall of Fame originally was the idea of Brick Fowler, who felt that some recognition should be given to people who had served many years in the coaching field. This idea was adopted and the first class of the MHSCA Hall of Fame was inducted in 1957. In 1962, a Hall of Fame Room was established in Win Schuler's Restaurant in Marshall. Through the generosity of the Paul Smarks estate, the Hall of Fame Room was moved to Bovee Student Services Center (Student Union) on the campus of CMU in 1971. The Hall was moved to a room in the

Student Activities Center (SAC) adjacent to the Rose Arena in 1996. The Hall eventually outgrew that space (too many plaques and not enough wall space) and was moved again in 2014 to a hallway of the SAC that is the entrance and exit closet to the parking lot of the entire SAC and Rose Arena complex. So this most recent edition of the MHSCA Hall of Fame is truly a HALL of Fame. It features a gigantic Wall Mural which feature athletes and coaches in competition. Instead of the wall plaques the new HOF features a computer kiosk on which pictures and information of the members of the Hall of Fame can be found. The members can be looked up by name, their year of induction and their community or school. With the class of 2015, we will have almost 700 members. Qualifications for membership in the Hall of Fame are as follows: One must have served a minimum of 25 years in high school sports with a minimum of ten years in Michigan, and must have exemplified high standards of performance and service to his/her sport, school, community, state and affiliated organizations. A coach has to be nominated for this honor by another member of the MHSCA and then a committee goes through the list of nominees each year to come up with a list of 15 coaches that are forwarded to the MHSCA Board of Directors each for their approval.