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# 2024 MHSCA Hall of Fame Inductees

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**Victoria Kowalski:**

accrued sixty-seven seasons of coaching student athletes over forty-four years. Vicky was the varsity girls golf coach at Mercy HS in Farmington Hills from 1980-2023, and the varsity girls bowling coach at Mercy HS from 2003-2024.



**Kimberly M. Napieralski:** career as a golf coach spans forty-one seasons over twenty-five years at Grand Rapids Central HS

**Kimberley Nichols:** thirty-one seasons of coaching experience and counting. She began her coaching career as the assistant varsity gymnastic coach at Portage Northern Cooperative High School from 1996 -1997. From 1998-2007 Kim was the assistant coach of the girls varsity track and field coach at Coldwater High School.



**Edward Stanbury II:**

As an Asst. Football Coach at New Mexico State University and Fresno City College. In 1995, Ed moved back to Michigan



to become an art teacher and football coach at his alma mater, Grand Blanc High School. In 1997, Ed became the Boys Head Track & Field Coach and started coaching Boys Cross Country.



**Michael Venos:** coaching career spans four decades and sixty-three seasons and is still actively coaching. He began coaching @ Grand Blanc High School as the head coach for varsity boys water polo and the assistant varsity boys/girls swim coach.

He moved on to Bloomfield Hills Andover High School as the assistant varsity boys/girls swim coach Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School Ferndale High varsity boys swim team at Brother Rice the head coach JV baseball team at Brother Rice . He also served as the head coach of the varsity girls swim coach at Notre Dame Prep and has been the head coach of the varsity girls swim team at Mercy High

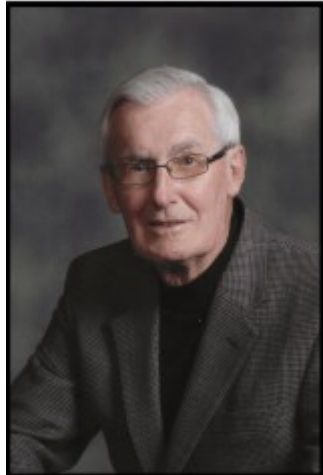
**David Zulkiewski:** Twenty-three seasons as a swim/dive coach. He began his coaching career at the assistant coach for the girls swim/dive team at Lahser High School and as the assistant boys swim/dive coach at De La Salle Collegiate He was the head coach of the boys and girls varsity swim/dive team at Andover High School Bloomfield Hills High School





# JACK JOHNSON—DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

## Mr. Jerry Lasceski



It is my distinct honor to present the Jack Johnson Distinguished Service Award to a truly exceptional individual whose dedication, leadership, and passion have left an indelible mark on our community—Mr. Jerry Lasceski.

Jerry Lasceski's journey with Akron-Fairgrove Schools began in 1965, where he not only shaped young minds through his Business Education classes but also profoundly influenced the lives of countless student-athletes. For over four decades, Jerry's commitment to coaching was unwavering, spanning from 1965 to 2008 in Boys Varsity Track and Field and from 1970 to 2007 in Boys Cross Country. His remarkable tenure also included leading the Girls Cross Country program, with a notable hiatus between 1980 and 1988.

Jerry's accomplishments in coaching are nothing short of extraordinary. Under his guidance, the Boys Track and Field team amassed 12 conference championships and 6 regional titles. His leadership culminated in two state championships, in 1978 and 1993, and he was honored as the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association Coach of the Year in both 1978 and 1993. Additionally, Jerry's coaching prowess earned him the Michigan High School Athletic Association Coach of the Year award in 1978.

In Boys Cross Country, Jerry's teams achieved remarkable success, including 10 top-ten finishes at the state finals and a state championship in 1978. His dedication was recognized with the MITCA Coach of the Year award in 1978.



Jerry's impact extended to the Girls Cross Country team, where he guided them to seven top-ten finishes at the state finals and a state championship in 1991. His exceptional coaching earned him the MITCA Coach of the Year award in 1991, and he was later recognized as the MHSAA Coach of the Year and NFICA Section 4 Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year in 1998.

Beyond his coaching accolades, Jerry has been honored with the Thumb of Michigan Sports Leader Award in 1992 and the MITCA Ambrose Award, reflecting his deep commitment to the sport and his community. His contributions were further acknowledged with inductions into the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame in 1998 and the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2016. In 2010, Akron-Fairgrove Jr./Sr. School dedicated their Track & Field in his name, a testament to his lasting legacy.

Jerry's service extends beyond the track and field. His contributions as MITCA Treasurer from 1993 to 2000, as a board trustee for the Tuscola County Community Foundation, and as the Treasurer of The Thumb Meet of Champions reflect his ongoing commitment to the sport and the community. Additionally, Jerry's role as a registered official for 49 years, his work as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at St. Christopher Catholic Church, and his service in delivering home-delivered meals since his retirement further exemplify his dedication to service.

Tonight, we honor Jerry Lasceski not only for his extraordinary coaching achievements but also for his unwavering commitment to service and community. His legacy is a testament to the profound impact one individual can have through dedication, excellence, and a genuine love for others.

Please join me in celebrating Jerry Lasceski as the recipient of the Jack Johnson Distinguished Service Award. Congratulations, Jerry! Tickets may be ordered online at the link below or mhsca.org website with a credit card until September 6, 2024.

There is a small processing fee to use this process.

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## Emphasis on Sportsmanship in High School Activities Now Extends to Online Behavior

### By Dr. Karissa Niehoff on August 03, 2022 NFHS

With the changes that have occurred in college sports the past couple of years, high school sports is truly the last level of pure amateur competition in our country – and the NFHS and its member state associations want it to remain that way. As football, volleyball, soccer, field hockey and other sports begin this fall, high school coaches and athletic/activity directors will be involved in preseason meetings to emphasize the expected outcomes of education-based sports, as well as speech, debate, music, theatre and other programs.

Among those fundamental values of education-based activities that must be discussed is sportsmanship, or good sporting behavior. More than winning, more than learning the skills of a sport, a focus on sportsmanship has been one of the defining elements of high school sports and other activities for more than 100 years. Along with maintaining the sound traditions of sports and minimizing the risk of injury, NFHS playing rules encourage sportsmanship, and the first page in all NFHS rules publications includes a statement noting that “each athlete is responsible for exercising caution and good sportsmanship.” In the past, with an emphasis on conduct on the playing field or court – or in the auditorium or rehearsal hall – sportsmanship has been defined as those qualities of behavior that are characterized by generosity and genuine concern for others. More so than preparing students to play sports or another activity at the next level, one of the significant goals of education-based high school sports and activities are helping the 12 million-plus individuals in these programs to become responsible citizens. And in today’s online world dominated by hand-held devices, that goal has become more challenging. Now, messages to students in high school sports and other activities about sportsmanship must be communicated before they hit the practice field or court because one inappropriate post, tweet or message could alter their lives forever.

At the recent virtual National Student Leadership Summit hosted by the NFHS, Christina Jontray of Neptune Navigate, one of the newest NFHS corporate partners, discussed the need for good sportsmanship online as much or more so than on the court or field. In the digital age in which we live, participants in high school activity programs need to be aware that their character and respect for others should be the same, whether in the sport or activity itself, or online.

As the popularity and influence of social media continues to surge, it is imperative that student-athletes, as well as coaches, administrators, parents and everyone involved in education-based athletics, are aware of the ways they can endanger themselves with their online behavior and understand the techniques they can employ to prevent that from happening. In her recent presentation, Jontra noted five characteristics of good sportsmanship online – honesty, compassion, respect, responsibility and courage. Just as a student would respect an opponent on the field or in the debate room, the same must occur online. At preseason meetings this fall, coaches and athletic/activity directors should encourage students in their programs to be mindful of online contact with individuals on opposing teams – particularly any bantering that could be perceived as cyber-bullying. As Jontra mentioned in her message during the NSLS, hurtful words can ruin a person’s life forever. Fortunately, during the season, the millions of high school students involved in sports and performing arts have less free time to spend online on a daily basis, but the time spent must be done in a positive manner. Not only could damaging words on social media affect a student’s chances for an athletic scholarship, but inappropriate messages could also negatively impact future job possibilities as employers are more actively auditing social media. Whether the setting is before hundreds of people at an actual game or event, or a private experience alone online, positive and respectful behavior should be the choice every time.



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## Coaches Assistance Program

### Athlete suicide is very real and on the rise

Coaches are excitedly preparing for a new school year and season of their desired sport. It is important for coaches to prepare yourself to serve student-athletes' mental health as well as their physical well-being. Coaches, I would encourage you to spend a few minutes and view the video "Suicide Prevention for Student-Athletes." It will be time well invested.



**SUICIDE PREVENTION FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES**  
A TRAINING FOR COACHES AND ATHLETIC PERSONNEL

Presented by  


Coaches are in a unique position to have a lasting impact on the young people that they encounter on a daily basis. In this presentation, we will delve into the problem of suicide within student athletes, the unique pressures that they face, and hear from several experts on the subject.

[coachesassistanceprogram.com/training-camp/](http://coachesassistanceprogram.com/training-camp/)

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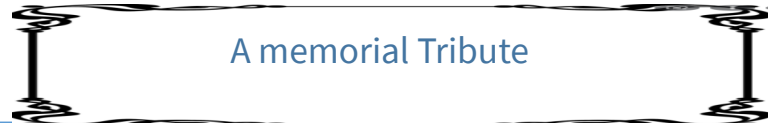
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A memorial Tribute

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.

# MHSCA COACHING RECOGNITION

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 Michigan may be applied to the application. Coaching at any level may be applied as long as it is a school sponsored interscholastic sport.

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.

Up to three (3) years may be included for active duty military service which delayed or interrupted an applicant's coaching career.

Awards for 30 years and more (plaque) 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.

For more information go to [www.mhsca.org](http://www.mhsca.org) or contact Steve Porter at

E-mail to: [coachporter51@gmail.com](mailto:coachporter51@gmail.com)



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## Michigan High School Coaches Association



### COACHING SERVICE AWARD

This certificate is presented to

for **10** Years of Coaching



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President, Sport Association

Darrin Millar  
President, M.H.S.C.A.

<b>Michigan High School Sport Association</b>
<b>Coaches Clinic/Events</b>
MIAAA: March 13-16, 2025 at Grand Traverse Summer Workshop June 24-26 2024 at Mt. Pleasant
Baseball: January 10 & 11, 2025 at Soaring Eagle, Mt. Pleasant
BCAM-Basketball: October 1 & 2nd 2024 at Oakland University.
Bowling : October 2024 @ TBA
MITCA: Cross Country: 2024 November 8-9th Mt. Pleasant, Comfort
Competitive Cheer: October 2024
Football: January 9-11, 2025 at Lansing Center
Golf: February 2025, 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 9-12 2025 TBA
Skiing: October, 2024 @ TBA
Softball: January 10 & 11, 2025 at Mt. Pleasant, Comfort Inn
Sports SAGES: March 2025 Boyne Mountain
Swimming: September 2023 Site: TBA
Tennis: January 2025 Site TBA
Track & Field: January 23, 24, & 25 2025 at Lansing, Crowne Plaza Lansing West
Volleyball: February 2025 at TBA
Wrestling: Nov. 2024 See MWA website
NHSACA Convention: North Dakota June 21-24., 2024



### 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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## 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 Awards:** 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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Congratulations to our NHSACA 2024 Hall of Fame Inductees! Your remarkable contributions to high school athletics have left a lasting legacy, and we are honored to celebrate your exceptional careers.







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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](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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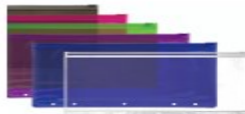
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Hope all is well as we wrap up the summer (too fast in my book)! It's time to get ready to kick off a new year. We just wanted to touch base with you on a couple of important topics as we look to start the fall season. Please share this with any other ATs that you know to help keep them aware of the newest information.

With the new [MHSAA requirement](#) for emergency action planning (EAP) for high school teams this year, [MATS SSATC](#) is providing an update on resources available to help with this effort. Here are a few documents that could be helpful as you begin to implement and/or amend your emergency plans to meet the requirements for the new policy.

The MHSAA has posted resources on their website; [HERE](#). MATS Secondary School AT Committee (SSATC) has been working with MHSAA staff and the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) to help provide guidance for ATs, ADs, coaches, etc. work through this process.

Please take time to review the information on the MHSAA website whether you are just starting the process or looking to update your EAP.

We will continue to work with the MHSAA to help adjust material as needed in the coming year.

Please note that vEAP vs School Cardiac Emergency Response Teams (CERT or AKA Public Act 12) are different concepts/documents. The following document may help provide some clarification for any discussions that you might encounter:

[CERT vs vEAP](#)

With a busy summer of staffing changes at a number of schools across the state, we wanted to share an opportunity for you to help provide/update contact information. Mitch (not as a part of MATS SSATC work) has been working to keep an running list of ATs working at the various schools across the state. Please take a moment to check out the sheet and provide any updates that you may find necessary. These changes could be for you or for others at schools in your local area/employer/league, or peer group. Directions to make updates are provided on the spreadsheet.

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Uq0OBG51I3MUObGp-SKsmmSQ8O\\_0FpaMsu8E-Lvvo3A/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Uq0OBG51I3MUObGp-SKsmmSQ8O_0FpaMsu8E-Lvvo3A/edit?usp=sharing)  
 please bookmark this page on your browser/desktop for future reference!

KSI and the NATA have been active with advocating for the secondary school AT/setting through the [ATLAS project](#). Check out their site (as well as [here](#)) for info about how this information has been positive in Michigan and across the country!

The [ATLAS survey](#) for this year has recently opened. Please take 5 minutes and complete this survey for your school today whether you have taken it before or not.

Thank you for all that you do on a daily basis to help promote and advance the profession by your care and compassion for those in our care.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Best wishes for the start of the year and throughout!

On behalf of MATS and the SSATC,  
 Kelly and Mitch

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 Please know that while we may send out email outside of traditional hours, we don't expect a response outside of yours.

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<h2 style="text-align: center;">HALL OF FAME APPLICATION</h2>		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><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;">*****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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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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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

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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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	
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	1973-74				2013-2014	
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	1978-79				2018-2019	
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**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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**Michigan High School Coaches Association Distinguished Service Award is one of our highest awards for service and contributions to sports in the state of Michigan.**

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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:

Executive Committees

**Rich Tompkins Multi-Sport Athlete Award**  
Larry Merx

**Service Award**  
Steve Porter

**Constitution**  
Kim Spalsbury

**Finance**  
Steve Porter, Darrin Millar & Sue Miller

**Understanding & Appreciating Interdependence & Mental Health**

Ron Landfair & Debbie Williams- Hoak

Member Associations

- MIAAA: Athletic Directors
- MHSBCA: Baseball
- BCAM: Basketball
- MHSIBCA: Bowling
- CCCAM: Competitive Cheer
- MHSFCA: Football
- MIGCA: Golf
- MHSGCJA: Gymnastics
- MHSHCA-Ice Hockey
- MHSLCA: Men's Lacrosse
- MHSSCA: Skiing
- MHSSCA: Softball
- MISCA: Swimming & Diving
- MHSTeCA: Tennis
- MITCA: Track & Field & Cross Country
- MIVCA: Volleyball
- MWA: Wrestling

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](mailto: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

### MHSCA Contact Information:

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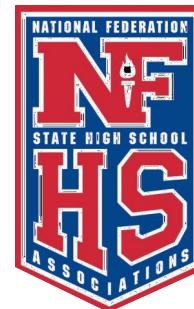
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### The MHSCA Board of Directors Meetings & Events

- 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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