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## March 2016

### Points of Interests

- *Multi-Sport Athlete Award Due Date: 4-15-16*
- *Gatorade Delivery May 2016*
- *NHSACA Convention June 26-29 Galt House, Louisville Ky.*

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### The Rich Tompkins Multi-Sport Athlete Award Due April 15th

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 at least 3 sports for all four years of high school. Information will be sent out through the help of the MI-AAA 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 evalu-

ated 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) receive a plaque as the MHSCA State Multi-Sport Athlete of the Year.

The 2015 award was well received by both the schools and athletes. It generated 46 nominations from 23 schools. Four exceptional male and four exceptional female winners of the

award were selected, one each from Classes A-D.

#### **2015 Winner's Class A**

Shayla Rae Huebner, Marquette  
Logan Tomaz Shadaia, Lake Orion

**Class B**  
Tina Miller, Freeland  
Ty Sparks, Clawson

**Class C**  
Skyler Sobeski, Bronson  
Charlie Robertson, Sand Creek

**Class D**  
Ellise Komejan, Tri-Unity Christian  
Brandon Childress, Baldwin Community

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### MIVCA New Clinic Date

MIVCA is excited to announce that the 2016 Coaches Clinic will be conducted at Ann Arbor Huron High School on April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> with Lead Clinician, Mark Rosen from the University of Michigan. He will be joined by his staff and other collegiate coaches with ON COURT instruction from our great state for "Pure Michigan Volleyball"

In partnership with Travel Michigan, the Pure Michigan Sports initiative utilizes the strength and recognition of the award-winning Pure Michigan brand in an effort to attract sports events of all shapes and sizes to Michigan.

Sports have a rich history in the State of Michigan. From hosting world-renowned events like the Ryder Cup and the Super Bowl to youth activities generating lifetime memories, Michigan has a wide variety of destinations from which to select for your next event.

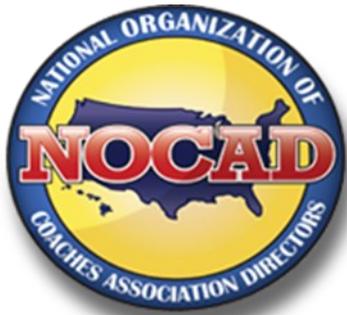
Founding partners of the Pure Michigan Sports initiative include organizations representing the following destinations: Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Detroit, Flint, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Mt. Pleasant, Saginaw/Bay City/Midland, Traverse City, Holland and

Muskegon. The list of partner organizations for the statewide-initiative will be continuing to grow into the future.

With woods, water, big cities, small towns and four great seasons, Michigan has great venues and experienced professionals to make your next sports event a true success. We invite you to select Michigan for your next sports event!



## National Organization of Coaches Association Directors (NOCAD)



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As the Executive Director of NOCAD (the National Organization of Coaches Association Directors, I'd like to express our association's appreciation for the valuable insights that Rich Tompkins shared with us for many years. While greatly missing Rich, we certainly look forward to exchanging ideas with Jim Okler in the future.

NOCAD represents over 160,000 coaches and that large number allows us to provide services a state alone cannot. Foremost would be our professional liability insurance which the MHSCA wisely provides for you.

Another initiative is the "Beyond the Game" speakers program. NOCAD has gathered a group of professional speakers who will do-

nate a small percentage of their earnings to NOCAD's membership. Customers know they are getting a vetted speaker at the speaker's best price.

NOCAD has also aligned with the Jason Foundation, a national non-profit directing its efforts to providing educational materials to help people recognize the signs of potential youth suicide and how to then help prevent it.

Coaches are often the school personnel best equipped to observe significant changes in a player's personality or habits. All materials and presentations are provided free.

Please know that NOCAD exists to help make you a better coach.

## MHSCA COACHING RECOGNITION for 15/20/25/30/35/40/45/50 Years

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 (6-12) 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 visit us at [www.mhsca.org](http://www.mhsca.org)

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Last	First	Years	School (s)
Covault	Matt	15	Loy Norrix
DeHaan	Michele	15	Lowell
Dickerman	Matthew	15	Okemos
Kennard	Josh	15	Genesee
Schmaltz	Ken	15	Coloma
Schwartzkoph	Terry	15	H.H. Dow
LaFave	Jan	25	North Huron
Bostian	Susan	30	Redford Union, South Lyon, Burton, Groves, Whitmore Lake, Pinckney
Manore	Jodi	30	Temperance Bedford
Cunningham	John	45	Canton
Lahmann	James	45	New Lothrop
Verska	Paul	45	DLS, AAH, and a lot more.
Fredette	Dave	50	Armada
Jolly	Mike	50	DLS
Woodcock	Dave	50	
Zerfas	Peter	15 & 20	Fremont
White	Brian	15,15,25	Clawson, Lamphere, Troy Athens
Harkema	Doug	15,20,25	Holt

2015-16  
Service  
Awards

## Associations Clinic Updates 2016 & 2017

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

**Football :**January 20, 2017 – East Lansing

**Golf:** November– Bath

**Soccer:** February – WMU

**Swimming:** September 16-Battle Creek

**Tennis;** February 5-Troy

**Volleyball:** April 15, Ann Arbor

**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 @ Det. Country Day

**Softball:** January 28, 2017-Lansing

**Track & Field:** February 4-Lansing

**MIAAA:** March 18- Traverse City

## Greetings from NHSACA March Notes

Greetings from NHSACA and South Dakota

We are now headed for the home stretch of the 2015 – 16 school year. Spring sports are under way. We are working on the 2016 National Convention in Louisville, KY June 25 - 29. We just finished the spring meeting in Louisville, Ky. It is going to be an exciting convention at the Galt House. The information is out to the sport chairs, please encourage your finalists to attend the convention. Help them any way you can. This is going to be an amazing time in Kentucky. Thanks to all of you for your commitment to NHSACA.

We are still in need of a Baseball, Swimming, and Soccer chairs, if anyone has a person interested please contact David Dolan. If you have not registered for the convention go to [hscoaches.org](http://hscoaches.org) or [nhsaca.org](http://nhsaca.org). Convention schedule is posted on the website.

Churchill Downs is being arranged for the board to attend on Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> sponsored by Kentucky Coaches Association headed by Jimmy Reed.

The CVB in Louisville is working to make this a family event. One of our General Session speakers was on the Olympic Basketball team that lost to Russia in 1972. There is so much to do and see here.

Have A Great Finish to the Year,

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## 2016-17 MHSCA Calendar of Events

**MHSAA President's Meeting: Monday, January, 26, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m. Site-MHSAA Office**

**MHSCA Hall of Fame Selection Meeting: Tuesday, February 9, 2016 @ 9:30 a.m. Site-MHSAA Office**

**MHSCA Spring Meeting: Sunday, March 13, 2016 @ 12:00 P.M. Site: Ramada Inn, Lansing - Saginaw Hwy.**

**NHSACA Annual Convention: June 27-29, 2016 @ Louisville, KY**

**MHSCA/NFHS & NHSACA COTY Nominations Due: July 1, 2016**

**Fall Board of Directors Meeting: Sunday, September 18, 2016 @ 9:30 A.M. CMU - Bovee Center**

**Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony: Sunday, September 18, 2016 @ 12:00 P.M. CMU - Bovee Center**

**Winter Board Meeting: Sunday, November 13, 2016 @ 9:30 A.M. Lansing Area**

**Coach of the Year Ceremony: Sunday November 13, 2016 @ 12:00 P.M. Lansing Area**

**Gatorade Delivery: May 2017, @ TBA**

### Gatorade State Player of the Year Award - Girls Basketball-Kysre Gondrezick, Benton Harbor HS

Gatorade recently announced the Player of the Year (POY) award winner for Girls Basketball. Since 1985, the Gatorade POY award has recognized and celebrated the nation's top high school athletes for their talents in athletic achievement, academic excellence and exemplary character.

Now in its third decade, the Gatorade POY award has become one of the most prestigious accolades in high school sports.

We know that these athletes most likely will be participating/have participated in your championship events and we would love for you to share this through your website and social media outlets to help them celebrate the achievement.

Please use the hashtag #GatoradePOY for social media purposes and let us know if you would like us to send over copy for your use.

Please see the attached press release and you can also visit [www.gatorade.com/poy](http://www.gatorade.com/poy) to view past winners.



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### MHSOA B.O.D. & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES CALENDAR

\* *Multi-Sport Athlete Award App*  
*Due 4-15-16*

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## Michigan High School Coaches Association Insurance Program

The coaching profession has changed dramatically in the past 20 years and with that change comes more scrutiny, more expectations and more responsibilities. Coaches today must manage their sport and coaching duties are not relegated to athletics and Xs and Os. In reality, coaches are expected to deal with school policies/procedures, Booster clubs, parents, athletic trainers, facilities and equipment. In addition, coaches in most states are required and/or encouraged to become certified in emergency first aid and CPR.

By virtue of the position held, coaches have become increasingly more at risk of being involved in a lawsuit and proper insurance coverage is a necessity.

As a member benefit of your coaches association, all members are covered for your coaching activities (including classroom coverage) by a Commercial General Liability Policy.

The policy limits are \$1,000,000 (per member) and the policy provides coverage to members from claims made by negligent acts accidentally committed resulting in bodily injury, personal and advertising injury or property damage to others. Members may also request certificates of insurance showing proof of insurance or naming an additional insured.

Participant Accident coverage for participants attending camps is also available to members by completing the proper request forms and forwarding them to Loomis & LaPann, Inc. for a quotation.

For a certificate of insurance form, participant accident request form, policy terms & conditions and camp coverage, please contact our insurance administrator: Loomis & LaPann, Inc. P.O. Box 2158 Glens Falls, NY 12801 800-566-6479 [sports@loomislapann.com](mailto:sports@loomislapann.com)  
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