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Helping High School Students Work

Together to Build Great Teams

By Lee Rubin on November 10, 2015
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There are few things as important as helping high school students work in teams. It is critical that they learn early and well that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. Whether it's a sport, a theatrical or musical performance or just a class project, with the right guidance, students will discover that their possibilities are exponentially greater when they develop the SKILLS demonstrated by great teams.

While most organizations focus exclusively on building the skills of their individual members, elite organizations invest in the "stuff" that transforms a collection of talented individuals into extraordinary, machine-like teams. To shift behavior, we must shift the things that we measure, recognize and reward.

Through experience on some winning teams – athletically and professionally – following are some ideas that might help high school leaders facilitate the development of great teams among their students.

Extraordinary Teams are Comprised of Competitors

Competition – in its proper context – is extremely critical to our development. Walt Disney once said, "I wouldn't know how to get along without competition." However, true competition is out of control. We find ourselves at either of two extremes. Sadly, either youth are under such pressure to win/succeed at all costs, or we diminish the value of competition to the point that we reward participation and everyone gets some type of award.

Competition is simply the leveraging of one's skills, abilities, talents and desires to reach his or her full potential. It is not always about beating someone else as it is defeating the limits within one's own self. The objective is not for an individual to be the best at any cost, rather it is to leverage the talent and skills of others to be the best.

Competitors are in a unique relationship. They are actually working together, striving together to achieve the same goal. It's important to note that they are not working against each other, but with each other in their striving.

Recently, Magic Johnson, in discussing his relationship with Larry Bird, said that the two basketball stars hated each other during their playing days, but what seem to be hatred was actually a deep love because it forced each of them to be their best.

Understanding this unique relationship is the foundation of good sportsmanship. You appreciate your competitor because he or she helped you fulfill more of your potential.

Extraordinary Teams Have a Common Goal

Teams exist because of a challenge or opportunity too big for one person to handle alone. All of the team members are working to achieve a shared goal. Amazingly, many teams don't have a common goal.

First, the goal must be clearly articulated. It's impossible to achieve a goal unless all team members are aware of the

goal. Then, everyone must be willing to make sacrifices on an individual basis in order to achieve a common goal for the team.

While coaching the Chicago Bulls, Phil Jackson told Michael Jordan that he would experience even greater success and fulfillment if he was willing to sacrifice his individual accolades for a more team-centered approach. Jordan adopted Jackson's team-first philosophy and the Bulls won six NBA championships. Team members must be more concerned with the success of the team than their own success.

Extraordinary Teams Communicate

Communication is more than the transmittal and reception of information. The strongest teams don't just exchange information; they are connected to each other. Ideally, they trust each other.

However, trust cannot be built without open and honest communication.

Honesty is the foundation of trust. If team members cannot trust each other, a difficult working relationship exists. It is difficult to make sacrifices if players don't trust each other. Michael Jordan had to trust his coaches, his teammates and the system in order to relinquish his desire to be individually successful.

It is amazing what can happen once trust is built on a team.





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Extraordinary Teams Have Chemistry

Chemistry is about bonds. It is about how particles and molecules come together. It is not about the study of the individual components in isolation, rather it is about how those atoms and particles and molecules are connected. In other words, it is not enough to have a team full of talented individuals. Extraordinary teams have team members who are connected or bonded.

With regard to chemistry, most bonds are formed under heat and pressure. Instead of pointing fingers, playing the blame game or being a destructive force on the team, extraordinary teams possess individuals with the maturity to understand that the "heat and pressure" of adverse conditions can be leveraged to actually build the team.

Great teams have individuals in leadership positions with the mental toughness to properly deal with adversity. This maturity is often more important than having a team full of talent.

Extraordinary Teams are Consistent

The enemy of consistency is a desire for the immediate or the spectacular. Consistency is boring. It may not be exciting, but it is effective. How does a person become consistent? The answer is simple – practice. Aristotle said, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then is not an act, it's a habit." Extraordinary teams are like machines. They are consistent. They don't do things to hurt themselves. **They function with amazing dependability.**

Here's the irony: When teams focus on consistency, they find themselves in the right place at

the right time. As a result, spectacular things tend to happen. With hard work and consistency, you can create your own luck. When there is a sustained focus on excellence, growth will occur.

So What?

What gets measured gets managed. Instead of measuring, and consequently measuring individual performance, we must find ways to acknowledge and reward the behaviors that make for strong teams – passion, sacrifice, honest communication, maturity which manifests itself as compassion or support, and holding ourselves and teammates accountable to be consistent (focus on excellence).

Team Building Suggestions

- To help nurture a healthy competitive environment, measure growth, not just wins and losses.
- Encourage the importance of making sacrifices to achieve common goals. Try asking students to create two lists: 1) What are your assets? (what do you bring to the table) 2) What are you willing to sacrifice (for the sake of the team)?
- Demand trust-building communication by challenging students to get to know their teammates.
- Assess and reward those who demonstrate maturity – especially during times of adversity. Teammates should maintain a positive outlook and display empathy and concern for others.
- In addition to, or instead of, highlighting "outstanding" performances, celebrate consistency – perhaps creating a "Most Consistent Performer" (MCP) award.

High school leaders have an awesome responsibility and privilege to help shape and develop how our young people interact with each other.

We must continue to focus on helping our young people build great teams.

Too often, we are so focused on the outcome that we don't properly build the machine. If we pay the proper attention to building a functional and consistent machine, then the machine will produce the desired outcome.

The lessons will benefit our students long beyond participation on their current teams.

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I am so grateful to have served as the President of the Michigan High School Coaches Association for the last two years.

There are a few positives that came out of Covid and the extra year to my term is one of them.

First, I have learned so much from our wonderful Executive Director, Jim Okler and our Executive Secretary, Mark Holdren.

When it comes to being part of a Board of Directors and doing things the right way and going above and beyond, these two gentlemen are the best.

I have been on a fair amount of Boards and all of the sports associations in Michigan should rest assured that you are in

great hands with their leadership and with the commitment the MHSCA has to its coaches.

Sports have been my life and I was a multi-sport athlete. The opportunity I had to work with so many outstanding coaches who represent their associations in the best way possible is something I am truly grateful for.

We all navigated through challenging times with Covid and the changing landscape of high school athletics continues to keep us pushing forward with adaptability and commitment to making positive experiences and lifetime memories for all our student athletes.

I look forward to continuing to help the MHSCA with mental health, DEI initiatives and anything else I can.

Our new MHSCA President, Darrin Millar of the Swimming and Diving Coaches is going to do a great job for the MHSCA and I look forward to his leadership with the MHSCA.

Thank you

Debbie Williams-Hoak

Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association President



A Legend To Know: Lorenzo Wright, Detroit Miller 1944

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He wasn't even the star of his high school team, yet four years later, Lorenzo Wright would be an Olympic gold medalist. At Miller High, the city championship was the biggest meet Wright ever competed at. His senior year, he won the long jump in a modest 20-3.5 and led off the winning 4 x 220 relay. At the end of the season, he was the team's No. 3 scorer. Wright went to Wayne State, where he blossomed into a star. In his final meet of the

season, he won the 100, 220, both hurdle races, the long jump and anchored the winning 4x2. Four days later he joined the Army to fight in the final months of World War II. Private First Class Wright returned after two years of service and picked up where he left off. He won 5 events at the 1947 conference meet and at the NCAA Championships sailed to 25-9.5 to finish 2nd in the long

jump. It was the third-longest jump in the world that year. The next winter, he won the U.S. indoor title at 25-3.75; he was only the second man ever to go past 25-feet indoors; the first was Jesse Owens. At the Olympic Trials he finished 3rd and was also named an alternate for the 4 x 100 relay. In London, Wright finished a frustrated 4th in his specialty. But he was given a chance to run second leg in the relay, and his blistering

backstretch helped the U.S. win. However, an official disqualified them, saying that the pass from Barney Ewell to Wright was out of zone. The U.S. protested—and after the podium ceremony giving the gold to Britain, the British judges relented when multiple photos showed the exchange was well within the zone. Wright and his teammates were given their gold medals on the boat ride home. Though he won another U.S. Indoor title in 1952, Wright retired after failing to qualify for the Olympic Trials. He then took a

coaching job at Miller High. To add insult to injury, the AAU called that a violation of his amateur status, and banned him for life. He coached successfully in Detroit for over 15 years and in 1969 was the first African-American named in charge of the city's high school sports programs.





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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.

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.

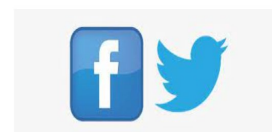
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This certificate is presented to

for **10** Years of Coaching



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President, Sport Association



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

Michigan High School Sport Association
Coaches Clinic/Events
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 11-13, 2024 at Lansing Center
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 MHCA 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.loomislappann.com

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

MHSCA Membership Benefits

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



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Convention Information

The 2023 National High School Athletic Coaches Association National Coaches Convention will be hosted by the Nebraska Coaches Association in Lincoln, Nebraska from July 24, 2023 to July 27, 2023. There will be clinic sessions for nineteen specific sports, college credit courses, as well as plenty of time to network with coaches from across the country. In addition, there will be a NHSACA National Coaches Hall of Fame Ceremony and a NHSACA National Coach of the Year Ceremony to recognize the best of the best.



SUPPORTING OUR LEADERS

The Primary Goals and Purposes of the NHSACA

It is the purpose of the NHSACA to provide instruction and training to high school and middle school coaches in the United States in order to develop the capabilities of new coaches and to improve the capabilities of veteran coaches.



Educate

Our educational focus is dedicated to more than X's and O's.



Recognize

We recognize coaches not just for a season of coaching, but for their "lifetime achievements."



Support

Due to our National scope, we are able to provide many areas of support for our members.



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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



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Grand Rapids, MI 49548

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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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		SEND TO: Hall of Fame Chair—Mark F. Holdren 854 Marshall Street, Portland, MI 48875 OR E-MAIL TO: mholdren.11@gmail.com	
<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 (5-12) program for 20 years or more and actively coached in the state of Michigan for a minimum of 10 years are eligible for the MHSCA Hall of Fame. The applicant must have been a member in "good standing" in their sport's association prior to application. In addition, preference will be given to individuals who have met the previous criteria and have been inducted into their own sport association's Hall of Fame.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Applications must have two letters of support in order to complete the application process.</u></p>			
<p><u>NOMINEE CONTACT INFORMATION:</u></p> <p>Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____</p> <p>Name of Nominee: _____ Phone: _____</p> <p>Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____</p> <p>Nominee E-mail: (please print carefully) _____</p>			
<p><u>NOMINATOR'S CONTACT INFORMATION:</u> The nominator is critical in working with and encouraging the nominee to complete all sections of the application, as well as, arranging for two letters of support to be sent to the Hall of Fame Chair.</p> <p>Name of Nominator: _____ Phone: _____</p> <p>Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____</p> <p>Nominee E-mail: (please print carefully) _____</p>			
<p><u>CONTACT INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL MOST AFFILIATED:</u></p> <p>School _____ Year's at School: _____</p> <p>Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Current Athletic Director Name: _____ Phone: _____</p> <p>Athletic Director E-Mail Address _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****ONLY LIST A SECOND SCHOOL IF THERE IS AN EQUAL AFFILIATION*****</p> <p>School _____ Year's at School: _____</p> <p>Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Current Athletic Director Name: _____ Phone: _____</p> <p>Athletic Director E-Mail Address _____</p>			
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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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**MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION/GATORADE
10/15/20/25/30/35/40/45/50 YEAR COACHING SERVICE AWARD
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

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

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

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

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

PROCEDURE FOR RECEIVING AWARD

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

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	School	Year	School
(Example)	(Example)	(Example)	(Example)	(Example)	(Example)	(Example)
1	1990-91	MCHS	FB, BBSK, BSB	4	1993-94	MACOMB CC
2	1991-92	USAF	Active Duty	5	1994-95	TOLEDO ST. JOHN
3	1992-93	MACOMB CC	BBSK	6	1995-96	MCHS
	1960-61				2000-2001	
	1961-62				2001-2002	
	1962-63				2002-2003	
	1963-64				2003-2004	
	1964-65				2004-2005	
	1965-66				2005-2006	
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	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	
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	1977-78				2017-2018	
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	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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Michigan High School Coaches Association Distinguished Service Award is one of our high- est awards for service and contributions to sports in the state of Michigan.

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 accepta-ble 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 constit-uent 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:

Name of MHSCA Distinguished Service Award Nominee:

School or Sport Affiliation:

Email:

Mobile Phone

Nominated by:

Email:

Mobile Phone:

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

Completed application can be submitted to MHSca1954@gmail.com

Sponsorship Opportunities

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 1 Sport \$100.00
- 2 Sports \$ 500.00
- 3 Sports \$ 1000.00
- 4 Sports \$ 2500.00
(Buy 3, get 1 Free)
- All 15 Sports \$ 10,000.00 (\$ 4,000.00 savings)
- Presentation of the Hall of Fame or Coach of the Year Award at the banquet
- Two (8) Complimentary tickets to the Awards Banquet

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

- Recognition/Advertising in Coach of the Year Awards Program

- Complimentary exhibit booth during the awards day banquets

- Active link on MHSCA website

Sponsor a MHSCA Service Awards Station: \$300.00

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

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

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

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

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

- Complimentary exhibit booth during the awards day banquets

- Active link on MHSCA website.

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

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

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

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

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The MHSCA Board of Directors Meetings & Events

- 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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