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# STATE CHAMPIONS SPRING 2002

**TSSAA would like to congratulate the following state champions for 2002 spring sports:**

## **BASEBALL**

CLASS A  
University School of Jackson

CLASS AA  
Lexington High School

CLASS AAA  
LaVergne High School

DIVISION II  
Father Ryan High School

## **SOFTBALL**

CLASS A  
Davidson Academy

CLASS AA  
Giles County High School

CLASS AAA  
Dickson County High School

DIVISION II  
Brentwood Academy

BOYS TENNIS  
CLASS A-AA  
Chattanooga Christian School

CLASS AAA  
Science Hill High School

DIVISION II  
Memphis University School

## **GIRLS TENNIS**

CLASS A-AA  
Chattanooga Christian School

CLASS AAA  
Brentwood High School

DIVISION II  
Webb School of Knoxville

## **TRACK & FIELD**

BOYS  
CLASS A-AA  
Franklin Road Academy

CLASS AAA  
Hunters Lane High School

DIVISION II  
Baylor School

GIRLS  
CLASS A-AA  
Ridgeway High School

CLASS AAA  
Brentwood High School

DIVISION II  
Harpeth Hall High School

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Ridgeway High School

CLASS AAA  
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## **NCAA Changes in Initial Eligibility Requirements**

The NCAA Division I membership is considering significant changes in the academic-eligibility standards for practice, competition and the receipt of athletics scholarships during a student-athlete's first year of college. One change is an increase in the core-course requirement from 13 to 14. The additional core course may be completed in any of the current academic areas (i.e., English, mathematics, natural/physical science, social science, nondoctrinal religion, philosophy, computer science). Additionally, changes to the test score/grade-point average index have been proposed and are available for your review. You may access the proposed changes through the NCAA Web site at [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org). Select the Prospect/parent page from the pull-down menu of Custom Home Pages. The NCAA invites you to comment on the proposed changes to the Division initial-eligibility standards by contacting us at [academics@ncaa.org](mailto:academics@ncaa.org).

In an effort to simplify and streamline the initial-eligibility certification process for prospective student-athletes, the NCAA has introduced on-line registration for the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse, available beginning August 1, 2002. All prospective student-athletes who wish to register with the clearinghouse should do so on-line. Prospective student-athletes will complete the clearinghouse application on-line, access their information using a PIN-protected system and have electronic-mail access to the clearinghouse. High school personnel also will have access to the clearinghouse via electronic mail. The clearinghouse Web site may be accessed through the Prospect-

Parent custom home page on the NCAA Web site at [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org) or may be accessed directly at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net) beginning August 1, 2002.

## **Hall of Fame Nominations Deadline**

The deadline for nominations for the TSSAA Hall of Fame has been changed. All nominations are now due on November 1. The previous deadline was December 31. The earlier deadline will assist in getting the information to the selection committee in a more timely manner.

The nomination form can be found on the TSSAA CD-ROM, or one can be faxed upon request by calling the TSSAA office. Criteria for nominating someone to TSSAA Hall of Fame is: Nominee should (1) be at least 50 years old, (2) have been retired at least three years, or (3) have been out of the particular field or category for which he/she is being nominated at least three years.

## **Beck Honored With Citation Award**

On July 2 of this year Gene Beck, Assistant Executive Director, was awarded an NFHS Citation Award for his many years of service to high school athletics at both the state and national levels at the NFHS summer meeting.

Citation recipients are individuals whose contributions have had an impact on high school activity programs. A long-standing and distinguished record of involvement with high school activity programs at the local and state levels is considered in determining recipients.

Other important criteria include the admiration and respect of colleagues.

Gene Beck has been an integral member of the TSSAA since joining

the organization as assistant executive director in 1986. Beck currently has sports responsibilities for football and soccer, having also overseen basketball, baseball, softball and cross country during his tenure.

Beck is also responsible for the TSSAA's registration and training of officials and the daily interpretations of eligibility rules, by-laws and the association's constitution. Tennessee's "Just Do What's Right" Sportsmanship Program and the A.F. Bridges Awards Program are also under Beck's coordination.

At the national level, Beck has served on the NFHS Softball Rules Committee and the NFHS Citizenship Committee, and is presently a member of the NFHS Equity Committee. He has served on the NFHS Football Rules Committee since 1987 and is presently serving as Chairman of the Research Committee.

Beck, who earned his bachelor's degree at Emory and Henry (Virginia) College and his master's degree at Austin Peay State University, began his education career in 1968 at Rich Valley High School in Smyth County, Virginia.

He is in his 17th year with TSSAA after a 17 year career of teaching and



BECK RECEIVES NFHS AWARD

coaching at his alma mater, Springfield High School.

## 2002-2003 By-Law Changes

Listed below are the legislative and administrative changes for 2002-2003 that have been enacted by the Legislative Council and Board of Control at their meetings during the 2001-2002 school year.

### Legislative Changes

#### Bylaws

##### Article III, Section 7 (Coaches)

1. Changed the requirements for non-faculty coaches to allow them two years to complete the NFHS Coaches Education Course rather than one as in the past. He/She must still attend the TSSAA Coaches Training session within the first year of assuming his/her duties.

2. Non-faculty coaches who have completed the TSSAA training session, the NFHS Coaches Education course, and have three years experience do not count towards the limit of two in football and one in all other sports. Schools must continue, for insurance purposes, to send the names of all non-faculty coaches to the state office. This will give schools more opportunities to find coaches provided their non-faculty coaches have fulfilled their requirements and have coached three years.

3. Removed the requirement for coaches to take a second set of NFHS Coaches Education courses.

Reminder: All first-year teachers who are coaching must attend the TSSAA Coaches Training session within the first year of their employment.

##### Article II, Section 31

Changed Article II, Section 31 (Physical Examination and Parental Consent) to permit preparticipation medical evaluation forms to be signed by certified nurse practitioners, osteopathic physicians, and physician assistants, in addition to properly licensed doctors of medicine.

Added the following to Article II, Section 13 (Transfer Rule):

A student with an athletic record may transfer without loss of eligibility at the beginning of the school year from a boarding school (where he/she was a boarding student) to the school serving the district or territory where his/her parents live or may transfer at the beginning of the school year from the school serving the district or territory where his/her parents live to a boarding school as a boarding student, provided the principal of the student's former school indicates in writing that the move is not for athletic or disciplinary reasons. (The school must be outside the day school territory of the boarding school.)

Revised Article II, Section 17 (Foreign Exchange Programs) to read:

1. A foreign exchange student is an international student who attends high school in the U.S. To be eligible for interscholastic athletics in the U.S., such student must be under the auspices of and be placed with a U. S. host family

by an international student exchange program that has been accepted for listing by the Council on Standards or International Education Travel (CSIET) and be recognized by the U. S. Department of State. The foreign exchange program must assign students to host families by a method that ensures that no student, or his/her parents, school or other interested party may influence the assignment for athletic or other purposes. The foreign exchange student may not be selected or placed on any basis related to his/her athletic interests or abilities.

2. A foreign exchange student is considered to be placed with a host family when written notice of placement is provided by the exchange organization to the student and his/her parents, and to the host family.

a. Neither the school the student attends nor any person associated with the school shall have input into the selection of the student.

b. No member of the school's coaching staff, paid or voluntary, shall serve as the host family.

3. The foreign exchange student must possess a current J-1 visa, issued by the U. S. State Department.

4. The foreign exchange student must comply with all eligibility requirements, with the exception of Article II, Section 18 (Residence Rule).

5. The foreign exchange student may participate a maximum of one school year.

### Constitution

#### Approved editorial revision of TSSAA Constitution

##### Administrative Changes

1. Hall of Champions Games in Basketball– This past year, schools were allowed to play additional games the Friday and Saturday prior to the opening week of the season. The games did not count against the maximum number allowed by the sports calendar. In 2002-2003, the Board has changed this to allow schools to play games on any two days in the five-day period of Tuesday – Saturday. This would be the week prior to the opening of the season.

2. Girls' soccer and girls' volleyball season will begin on Monday, August 19, 2002 for regular season play.

Girls' and boys' golf will begin on Monday, August 12, for regular season play. Girls' and boys' cross country will begin on Monday, August 26, for regular season play. The "0" playing date for football is August 23 and the first date (week 1) is August 30.

3. New schools and schools with a 20% change in enrollment that place them into another classification will be placed into districts and regions by November 1, 2002. All schools are reminded that their regions in football may change for 2003-2004 and 2004-2005, along with districts in all other sports. Coordinators will call meetings for scheduling purposes as soon as regions for 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 are set in football.



## The Main Reason They Play

**B**y now, everyone has probably seen some part of this year's Pro Football Hall of Fame induction ceremony, which dealt with the induction of Jim Kelly. Regardless of whether you are a Jim Kelly fan, Buffalo Bills fan, pro football fan, etc., the things he said touched you. The story of his five-year-old son and his reference to him, not only in the induction ceremony, but also throughout his life is tremendous. It is a great story that truly moves all of us.

There was one additional thing that happened in one of the interviews with Jim Kelly that also jumped off the screen. They were asking him about highlights with references to playing in four straight Super Bowls, playing in seven straight championship games against seven different opponents, etc. He then responded that one of his great thrills was playing for Marv Levy. It was at that point that he gave the real insight. His reference was to the fact that Marv Levy allowed him to call his own plays during the games and his greatest thrill was that "he just had fun playing."

Those are two great insights that should hit all of us as administrators, coaches, parents, and student-athletes as we begin another great year of participation in educational athletics.

I would not begin to think that we would start to see a new day of high school quarterbacks calling their own plays, but sometimes I wonder where our games are really going. We play the games in an era where coaches call all the plays in football, all the pitches in baseball and softball, all the defenses and sets in basketball, and even have to tell our wrestlers what position to choose at the start of the second and third periods. We then, many times, bemoan

the lack of leaders in our athletes. We have to see the correlation. Maybe, as adults, we are not going to share these duties with the students who play the game for a lot of good reasons, but we must look for the ways to help develop leadership skills.

The second part has to do with why students play the game. What is it they enjoy the most about playing the different high school sports that we sponsor at our schools during the year? You can look at every study that has been done in every state at every level and see a lot of different options that were given to the students concerning what they enjoy most about the game. Why do they play? Among the answers on the surveys I have seen are things like winning, getting an athletic scholarship, winning a championship, learning the skills, etc. Regardless of whether they are males or females, rural or metropolitan, etc., the answer that is always at the top of every study done with people who play the game is the line Jim Kelly gave – because it's fun.

It doesn't mean that the other things are not important or that they don't have a major place in what we do, but as we go about this business of educational athletics, may we never forget what the students say about why they play.

May we also remember that being able to be involved in educational athletics at the secondary level is truly a blessing to all of us involved in the game, no matter what the sport. We are truly different. Athletics exist at our level to be a part of the total educational program of our schools.

To learn to be a leader, to have fun, and to be involved in educational athletics – that's a pretty good combination.

### **2002-ACT Test Dates**

**October 26 • December 14**

### **2003 ACT Test Dates**

**February 8 • April 12 • June 14 • October 25 • December 13 • February 7 • April 3 • June 12**



## Some Do's and Some Don'ts!

**S**ome Do's and Some Don'ts! While several of the items that I am about to cover are old hat, nevertheless, questions have arisen during the last few months concerning these areas. I felt that a refresher course would be of help!

### **Smoking**

The Tennessee General Assembly passed legislation in 1995, which prohibits smoking in all public and private K-12 schools and school grounds. The law requires that a notice be properly displayed at each schools sporting events, which must read, "Smoking is prohibited by law in seating areas and in restrooms." The restriction to smoking is applicable for gymnasiums and restrooms, as well as outdoor bleachers and stands and outdoor stadium restrooms. This law applies no matter whether the athletic event be sponsored by a public or private school, or a local civic organization sponsoring something such as "Lions Club Softball Invitational."

### **Hazing**

Last year the State Legislature passed a law in regard to "hazing". Hazing means any intentional or reckless act in Tennessee, on or off LEA property by one student acting alone or with others which is directed against any other student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of the student, or which induces or coerces a student to endanger such student mental or physical health or safety. "Hazing" does not include customary athletic events or similar contests or competition, and is limited to those actions taken in situations created and connection with initiation into or affiliation with any organization. The law further states that the governing body of each education group shall adopt a written policy prohibiting hazing by any student or organization under the sanction of the local education association.

### **Physicals**

The TSSAA Bylaws have for many years included physicals for participation in athletics. The rule (Article II, Section 31) now coincides with the physical examination rule as outlined by the State Board of Education in its minimal rules and regulations. It states, "It is required that no student be permitted to participate in practice sessions or in athletic contests until there is a participation medical evaluation form signed by a doctor of medicine, osteopathic physician, physician assistant, or certified nurse practitioner stating that the student has passed a physical exam, not prior to May 1, and that in their opinion, the student is physically fit to participate in interscholastic athletics."

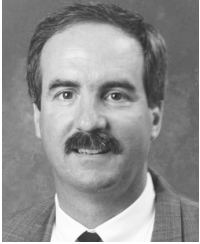
The TSSAA rule goes on further to state that, "No student shall be required to submit to us physical exam if his/her parents or legal guardian shall have filed with the principal a signed written statement (affirmed under the penalties of perjury) declining such physical examination on grounds of sincerely held beliefs or practices. It also requires that no student be permitted to participate in practice sessions or in athletic contests until there is on file a parental consent certificate signed by a parent or legal guardian stating that the student has the consent of his or her parent(s) or legal guardian to participate."

### **Homeschoolers**

While Legislation has been introduced in the State Legislature to allow homeschoolers to participate in high school athletics, no law has been passed to force such participation. TSSAA rules and regulations require that a student be regularly enrolled and attending class (along with other regulations) before a student can participate in athletics. Therefore, a homeschooler would not be eligible to participate in TSSAA athletics because they are not enrolled in a school or attending class regularly or meet other eligibility standards.

# DISTINGUISHED SERVICE RECOGNITION

## ADMINISTRATOR – AUSTIN CLARK



TSSAA is proud to recognize Austin Clark, athletic director at Baylor School in Chattanooga, as its Distinguished Service Award honoree as an administrator. In addition to his duties as the athletic director, he is also the head boys' basketball coach.

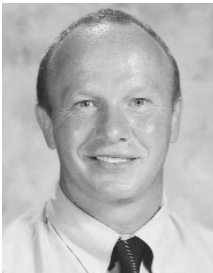
Austin Clark grew up in Kingston, Tennessee, and played basketball at the University of Tennessee under Ray Mears. In 1976 he won the Tennessee Thoroughbred Award for the player who gives the most to the team. After his playing days, Austin went into college coaching as an assistant at MTSU. He completed his bachelors and masters degrees, then became Baylor's head basketball coach in the fall of 1982. He has been Chattanooga basketball coach of the year six times; in 1987, when he led Baylor to its first ever state final four, he won the Scrappy Moore Award, which goes to the area's best high school coach in all sports.

The success of the athletic program at Baylor since Mr. Clark has been athletic director speaks for itself: from 1990-97 the Baylor boys' teams received the state's AAA All-Sports Cup four times, and the girls' teams received the award five times. In fact, since 1990, Baylor athletic teams have won 60 state championships.

The athletic director since 1990, Austin and his wife, Cindy, a Baylor admissions officer, have two children, daughter Logan, a Baylor 10th grader, and son Jordan, a Baylor 6th grader.

TSSAA proudly salutes Austin Clark for the outstanding job he does and his many contributions to high school athletics in Tennessee.

## COACH – DAVID MESKE



TSSAA is proud to recognize David Meske, head boys' track coach and head football coach at Webb School of Knoxville, as its Distinguished Service Award honoree as a coach. In addition to his duties as coach, he serves as Upper School Dean of Students and Athletic Director at Webb School.

Meske earned his Bachelor of Science degree in physical education from the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, in 1982, and his Masters in Physical Education from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in 1989. David began his career in education at Whitewater High School in Whitewater, Wisconsin in 1980 as assistant football coach and assistant wrestling coach. From there, he moved to Lawton Junior High School in Lawton, Oklahoma, where he served as physical education teacher. In 1984 he became middle school physical education teacher and assistant baseball coach at Webb School of Knoxville and in 1985 became Webb's head wrestling coach.

David has earned many awards during his coaching career. Among them are: K.F.L. Co-Coach of the Year in 1996; 2A Football State Coach of the Year in 1996; East Tennessee Football Coach of the Year in 1996; District/Region Football Coach of the year in 1988, 1989, 1990, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, and 1999; K.I.L. Wrestling Coach of the Year in 1998. In 2001 he earned the Don Tarvin Award, which is given annually to a member of the faculty or staff who in his/her daily relationship with students, parents, peers, and the community exemplifies the qualities of moral, ethical and spiritual leadership Webb School seeks to impart to its students.

David has served as a Major in the U. S. Army Reserves for 19 years and served in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm in 1991. He and his wife, Lyn, have been married 14 years and have two daughters, Devon, age 11, and Peighton, age 6.

TSSAA proudly salutes David Meske for the outstanding job he does in coaching and the tremendous influence he has on the young people with whom he comes in contact.

## OFFICIAL – TIM KING



TSSAA proudly recognizes Tim King as its distinguished service award honoree as an official. Tim received his B.S. degree in Physical Education from Middle Tennessee State University in 1976, with minors in Biology and Special Education. He also received a Master of 12 hours in Recreation and Physical Education in 1976. While at M.T.S.U. Tim was a member of the Beta and Key Club. He was also a member of the Blue Raider Baseball team from 1970-1972 and was a member of the M.T.S.U. Swim Club and Triton Club from 1972-1976.

At birth Tim suffered from a high fever, which left him hearing and speech impaired. He has taken what most feel are disabilities and turned them into positive attributes. This is apparent in his hard work and dedication to his full-time job as an official. Tim has been a Special Olympic Volunteer since 1976. He has held a Tennessee professional Teacher Certificate in Biology, General Science, Health, Driver's and Physical Education K-12 from 1976-2000. From 1976-1995, Tim was employed by the Metropolitan Boards of Parks and Recreation as an assistant director of the Community and Sports Program. From 1984-1995, he was certified as a Metro Parks Tennis Instructor. Tim quit his Metro recreational job of almost 20 years to fulfill his desire to officiate softball and basketball full-time. Tim has been a member of the NAIA Basketball Officiating

Association since 1998, the NCAA and NAIA Volleyball Officiating Association since 1990, the NCAA and NAIA Umpire Association since 1982, the Amateur Softball Association since 1982, and has been a registered TSSAA official since 1982. Tim has officiated several TSSAA State Softball Tournaments and a TSSAA State Volleyball Tournament.

TSSAA proudly salutes Tim King for his many contributions to high school athletics.

## CONTRIBUTOR – MONA VAUGHN



TSSAA is proud to recognize Mona Vaughn as its distinguished service honoree in the contributor category.

Mona received a Bachelor of Science degree in business with an emphasis on marketing and management from Missouri Southern State College in Joplin, Missouri. Following graduation, Mona was employed by the Missouri House of Representatives as a research analyst. She later became a licensed insurance agent and worked in that field for five years. After a promotion, the family relocated to Murfreesboro, Tennessee in 1982. Mona joined the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce in Murfreesboro as an administrative assistant in September 1987. She was promoted to the newly formed position of Tourism Director in January 1995. In 2001, when the name of the Tourism Director was changed, Mona's title became director of the Rutherford County Convention and Visitors Bureau. She has been involved with several organizations in the tour and travel industry. She is a member of American Bus Association, Bank Travel, Nashville Attractions Coalition, Circle Nashville, Tennessee Society of Association Executives and the Middle Tennessee Tourism Council. Mona participated in the MTSU Leadership and Management Institute and was a 1998 graduate of the Leadership Rutherford County program. She earned her designation as a Certified Tennessee Tourism Professional in 1999 and, most recently, Mona completed her second year of the Southeast Tourism Society's Marketing College in Dahlonega, Georgia. Mona first

became involved with the TSSAA many years ago in connection with the girls and boys state basketball tournament. Over the last few years she has been instrumental in the development of the TSSAA State Volleyball Championships, State Cheerleading Championships, State Golf Tournament, and most recently the change of the Division I Football Championships to Murfreesboro as the BlueCross Bowl. One of her proudest involvements with TSSAA has been the development of the State Bowling Tournament, which was its first year in Rutherford County. Mona has been the key individual in Rutherford County and Murfreesboro in the development and coordination of the county and its commercial entities in hosting a multitude of state tournament events.

TSSAA is proud to salute Mona Vaughn.



# THE RIGHT TEAM: AN UPDATE

## STEPHEN BARGATZE



Matt and I have kept busy during the summer. Along with going to Indianapolis we have done several camps, a housing project, teacher inservices, plus a Christmas in July for the homeless. While on the road we have started to take notice of bumper stickers that we thought were funny. Here are a few:

- *JESUS SAVES!!! But Gretzky gets the rebound, he shoots, he SCORES!!!*
- *FORGET ABOUT WORLD PEACE –Visualize using your turn signal.*
- *I want to die in my sleep like my Grandfather – Not yelling and screaming like the passengers in his car.*
- *Dyslexics of the world – UNTIE!!!!*
- *Vegetarian: Indian word for lousy hunter.*

Well some of my favorites were found on cars belonging to Board of Control members, as well as TSSAA staff members.

- *Some people are alive, only because it is illegal to kill them – Joe Davis*
- *You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me – Terry Looper*
- *I'm not a complete idiot. Some parts are missing – Mickey Dunn*
- *I took an IQ test and the results were negative – Tommy Layne*
- *FAILURE is not an option. It comes bundled with the software – Earl Nall*
- *West Virginia: One million people and 15 last names – Matt Grover*
- *I got this motorcycle for my wife. Best deal I ever made – Sam Miles*
- *Time is the best teacher; Unfortunately it kills all of its students – Lynn Brown*
- *I don't care who you are, what you are driving, or where you would rather be – Jim Overstreet*
- *If you think I'm a lousy driver, wait until you see me putt – Bernard Childress*
- *There are three kinds of people: Those who can count, and those who can't – Fred Kessler*
- *I do everything my Rice Krispies tell me to do – Mike Reed*
- *HECK is where people go who don't believe in GOSH – Ronnie Carter*

Until next time...

## MATT GROVER



On July 11 – 13, the Student Services Program had the pleasure of taking a group of students and adults to the Nation Federation of High School Athletic Associations annual Student Leadership Conference. This was the second year this event has taken place, and the State of Tennessee has been represented each time. The event takes place at the Indianapolis Marriott, and this year 26 different states were represented as well as two other countries.

The selection process for those in attendance began with the presentation of the A.F. Bridges awards. The schools that won the awards were given the opportunity to send two students and one adult to the conference. Representing the TSSAA was Stephen Bargatze, Matthew Grover, and Quintina Duvall. Representing those selected to attend were the following people:

Also representing the State of Tennessee was Robert Cole and his Wife Stephanie. Robert is the Assistant Director of the Memphis Interscholastic Athletic Association, and will be taking the information that was gathered at the event back to the Memphis area.

The Conference is run in such a way that all of the students from Tennessee were broken up in to different groups, so that they could

learn with students from different parts of the country. There were several different break-out sessions for the participants to attend with their individual groups. The subjects for these sessions were Respect and Sportsmanship, Positive Values and Perspectives, and Teamwork and Healthy Lifestyles. There was also one group session that included all of the participants on the subject of Hazing.

At the end of each day we gathered all of the participants from Tennessee and we discussed what each person had learned, and shared ideas on how to make things better at each individual school. Not only did we discuss things that were learned at the conference, we also discussed things that were already in action at some of our schools. It is our intention to post these ideas, and suggestions on the TSSAA website so that all member schools will have the chance to make positive changes in their school.

In addition to the learning sessions at the conference students also had the chance to attend a WNBA Basketball game. The Indiana Fever played the Miami Sol, and entrance to the game for all participants was included in the registration fee. A tour of the NCAA Hall of Champions was also in the itinerary for all participants on Saturday. Half of the day on Saturday was spent touring this wonderful facility that was built to honor all of the champions in the history of NCAA sports. The other half of Saturday afternoon was devoted to community service. The participants were bused to different sites across the city of Indianapolis to clean parks, plant flowers and grass, and spread mulch.

Overall each person who attends the conference is given the opportunity to learn leadership skills that they can take back to their schools and communities. As a group however we did come up with a plan of action for our state, and several different ideas were discussed due to each school being different. These ideas will be listed on the TSSAA website soon. We hope you take the time to try and put one or more of them in action at your school, and join us in trying to make positive changes across the state.

**Cumberland County High School**  
Adult– Jason Atkinson  
Students– Heather DeLorenzo, Adam Carlton

**Lawrence County High School**  
Adult– Jon Weathers  
Students– Allison Moore, Brooke Beck

**Crockett County High School**  
Adult– Jared Foust  
Students– Meagan Ward, Josh Baird

**Webb School of Knoxville**  
Adult– Jay Moore  
Student– Ryan Walker

**Kingsport High School:**  
Adult– Katie Paduch  
Students– Lauren Carrico, Jeff Morrison

# SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Listed below are individuals nominated during the year to receive special recognition for going the extra mile to do what's right. Each individual and/or school listed received a handwritten card from TSSAA commending them for their effort.

INDIVIDUAL(S) RECOGNIZED	NAME OF SCHOOL (IF APPLICABLE)	REASON FOR RECOGNITION
Eddie Coleman, Basketball Official		Commended for going the extra mile and donating money to the visiting team toward a meal after a game.
Greg Ledbetter, Official		Commended for maintaining proper control and a sense of sportsmanship during games.
Dave McCulley, Sports Director of WTNE		Commended for doing an outstanding job covering West Tennessee basketball games on WTNE radio.
Gary Pettway, Official		Commended for maintaining proper control and a sense of sportsmanship during games.
Joe Watson, Official		Commended for maintaining proper control and a sense of sportsmanship during games.
Chris Turner		
Student-Athlete and Wrestling Team	Clarksville H.S.	Commended for their help and Chris' leadership during the State Wrestling Tournament.
Brittany Potts, Soccer Player	Franklin H.S.	Commended for her exemplary behavior during and following soccer matches and for praise given to teammates and opponents.
Clint Parnell, Principal	Goodpasture Christian School	Commended for maintaining a great environment for high school football games.
Anthony Gilchrist, Athletic Director		
Ron Burham, Girls Basketball Coach	Hardin County H.S.	Commended for providing visiting team a pre-game meal and sportsmanship displayed during the contest.
Rick Kriesky, Principal	Henry County H.S.	Commended for exceptional treatment towards officials during basketball contests.
Jackie McGee, Principal		
Rod Sturdivant, Athletic Director	Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central H.S.	Commended for outstanding courtesy, hospitality, and sportsmanship shown during football games.
Michael Fleck, Soccer Coach	Hunters Lane H.S.	Commended for outstanding sportsmanship displayed during soccer season.
Mike Mansfield,		
Assistant Principal and Football Coach	Huntingdon H.S.	Commended for displaying utmost respect for the officials during football games.
Jim Hardegree, Football		
Coach Phil Rogers, Athletic Director		
and Assistant Principal	Jackson Central Merry H.S.	Commended for doing an outstanding job hosting play-off game.
Phil Rogers, Assistant Principal		
and Athletic Director	Jackson Central Merry H.S.	Commended for outstanding job done coordinating and hosting a football play-off game.
John DeBakker, Athletic Director		
Jeff Schiding, Soccer Coach	Knoxville Catholic H.S.	Commended for team conducting themselves in first class manner during soccer match.
Benny Pace, Principal		
Mike Tatum, Athletic Director	Lewis County H.S.	Complimented for serving as outstanding host and exemplifying great sportsmanship during football contests.
Kerlon Kirkpatrick, Soccer Coach	Maplewood H.S.	Entire soccer team commended for showing respect for their opponents during every contest.
Nancy Pruitt, Principal	Marshall County H.S.	Commended for promoting good sportsmanship and setting the right tone during pre-game conference at basketball contests.
David Messer, Principal		
Jerry Thompson, Athletic Director	Maryville H.S.	Commended for going the extra mile and providing outstanding setting for football contests.
David Balthrop, Assistant Principal		
and Athletic Director	Northwest H.S.	Commended for making a very significant effort to provide refreshments, adequate dressing facilities for officials, and overall sportsmanlike atmosphere for athletic contests.
Howie Sompayrac, Athletic Director		
Blake Martin, Soccer Coach	Notre Dame H.S.	Commended for team conducting themselves in first class manner during soccer match.
Wayne Hobbs, Principal		
Bobbie McMasters, Assistant Principal		
Chris Perkins, Coach and P.A. Announcer	Richland H.S.	Commended for promoting good sportsmanship and setting the right tone during pre-game conference at basketball contests.
Joe Bridges, Athletic Director	Ripley H.S.	Commended for positive atmosphere and treatment of officials during football games.
Ronald Cabbage, Principal	Rutledge H.S.	Commended for helping out an official in an emergency situation.
Robbie Veasay, Football Coach	Southern Baptist Educational Ctr	Commended for his team demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship during football season.
Mark Lamberth, Soccer Coach	White House H.S.	Commended for outstanding sportsmanship displayed during soccer season.



## We can Learn a Lot from Our Kids

Last year, the Tennessee Middle School Athletic Association implemented a sportsmanship policy which dealt with the ejection of coaches and players for unsportsmanlike conduct. This policy was almost identical to the one being used in high school.

As I sat at my desk, I suddenly found myself asking why our middle school committee had to spend the majority of their time the preceding year developing a policy to consistently deal with unsportsmanlike behavior. Before I attempt to answer that question, please let me share what was being done to address this issue in middle school and why it was once that way. Our policy for years was simple. The principal was responsible for administering disciplinary action anytime a coach or player was ejected from a contest. We only recommended that the principal consider following the high school policy and set the coach or player out a minimum number of contests. This worked great for a long period of time for two reasons. First, we were having very few coaches and players being ejected. Second, our middle school principals who had to deal with this issue were very cooperative and ninety-nine percent of them did exactly what was asked. Some principals even went a step further and enforced tougher disciplinary action.

I am reminded of one situation where a principal dismissed a coach from his coaching duties because he was ejected from a middle school basketball game. Needless to say, we have not had another coach or player ejected from that school. I applaud and thank every principal who did what was asked of them. So, why is the current policy necessary? It is not for the ninety-nine percent who do what is asked or more. It is for the one percent who will not take the necessary steps required to keep unsportsmanlike incidents under control.

As I sit and think, I find myself wondering why some of us get so upset at middle school games. Most of the time, we have the youngest officials and most inexperienced coaches in charge of youngsters trying to learn the basic fundamentals of a sport. It is a training ground for all three groups. The problem develops when a coach, player, or official's ego makes them think that they already know it all. Reality check! You are always learning and can get better by listening and

being more cooperative.

It is my belief that we put too much emphasis on wins and losses—especially at the middle school level. We need to spend more time teaching citizenship and fundamentals. Thirty minutes after a game, the real truth is that the majority of the people who were in attendance do not even care who won or lost. The coaches may care. A few parents may be upset because their child did not play as much as they thought he or she should have. But you can be guaranteed, our young student athletes have moved on with their lives. So in the big picture called life—no one really cares because athletics at this level should be about student participation and happiness.

As long as students are getting an opportunity to participate and do their very best, we should encourage and applaud their efforts. In my opinion, we need to spend more time doing this and less time downing them when a game is lost. Then we have the nerve to ask ourselves why approximately seventy percent of young people stop participating once they reach fifteen or sixteen years old. Reality check number two! Over zealous adults are the reason. Coaches getting upset, screaming, and trying to officiate instead of coaching is a turn-off to kids. I always told my coaches that they needed to coach their kids and not worry about officiating. If they wanted to help officiate the contest, I needed another coach because they could not do both.

Parents who demand that their child play every minute of a contest are also a turn-off to kids. These are the ones who think that their child must play all the time in order to get a college scholarship. The real truth is they are trying to live their athletic careers through their children. Reality check number three! It cannot be done. Only approximately two percent of high school athletes are talented enough and get an opportunity to play at the next level.

Having fun and participating is what is most important to students in middle and high school. Yes, they have a desire to be competitive and win. They do not, however, consider winning a matter of life or death. Once again, we need to step back and take a lesson from our kids.

Maybe, they will be able to teach some of us about life.

# BLUE CROSS BOWL



## Division I Teams Vying for BlueCross Bowl Crown Championship set for December 6 – 7

The March to Murfreesboro is well underway for schools across the state, and the competition is heating up as teams strive for a berth in the BlueCross Bowl— the TSSAA Division I State Football Championships. Sponsored by BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, the third annual BlueCross Bowl will be played at Floyd Stadium on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Dec. 6-7, 2002. “We’re proud of our sponsorship of the BlueCross Bowl and our continued relationship with TSSAA,” said Ron Harr, senior vice president for BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee. “This partnership provides an important avenue for us to help promote physical fitness, teamwork and leadership development in youth and to educate them about the potential dangers of performance-enhancing drugs.”

According to a 2001 survey conducted by the BlueCross BlueShield Association, 74 percent of adults believe that the use of performance-enhancing drugs (PEDs) has become a problem at all levels of athletic competition. Additional findings from the 2001 Monitoring the Future Study show that 3.7 percent of 12th graders in the United States reported using steroids at least once in their lives and 44.4 percent said

that it is "fairly easy" or "very easy" to get steroids.

"These figures are alarming because we care about the health of all Tennesseans, especially our children," Harr said. "Young athletes who see performance-enhancing drugs as a shortcut to increased strength and enhanced performance don't realize the potentially adverse effects or the irreparable damage to their bodies."

Research shows that PEDs can pose life threatening health consequences, including high blood pressure, strokes, blood clots, and heart, liver and kidney disease.

Recognizing that the use of performance-enhancing drugs is a quietly growing public health problem, the BlueCross BlueShield Association formed the Healthy Competition Foundation in 1999. The program seeks to educate athletes, their peers and family members about the dangers of PEDs and sports supplements. Components of the program include the Healthy Competition pledge, educational materials and promotional supplies. A brochure directed at young athletes is available from BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee. Copies of Winners Don't Need Drugs to Compete can be requested by writing: BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, Attn: Mary Thompson, 801 Pine St. 8P, Chattanooga, TN 37402. Information is also available online at [www.healthycompetition.org](http://www.healthycompetition.org).

For more information about the 2002 BlueCross Bowl, visit the TSSAA Web site at [www.tssaa.org](http://www.tssaa.org).

## BLUE CROSS BOWL FACT SHEET

**EVENT:** The BlueCross Bowl

TSSAA Division I Football Championships

Sponsored by BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, Inc.

**LOCATION:** Middle Tennessee State University Murfreesboro, Tennessee

**STADIUM:** Floyd Stadium/Horace Jones Field

The newly renovated, 31,000-seat stadium played host to its first game on Sept. 5, 1998. The stadium is a state-of-the-art facility from the prospective of fans, players and staff.

**DATES:** Fri.-Sat., Dec. 6-7, 2002

**TIMES:** (All times Central Standard Time)

Fri., Dec. 6

3:30 p.m. – 1A Championship

7 p.m. – 2A Championship

Sat., Dec. 7

Noon – 3A Championship

3:30 p.m. – 4A Championship

7 p.m. – 5A Championship

**FORMAT:** 32-team field (each classification) consisting of a First Round, Second Round, Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Championship

**TICKETS:** Tickets are \$10 for general admission (there is no reserved seating) and are good for admission to all games played on day purchased. Tickets are sold only on game day.

**MEDIA:** TSSAA

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**WEB SITE:** [www.tssaa.org](http://www.tssaa.org) - results, scores, live broadcasts

[www.tennessee.ihigh.com](http://www.tennessee.ihigh.com) - feature stories, results

[www.wbfg965.com](http://www.wbfg965.com) - live broadcasts

**RADIO:** Tennessee Sports Radio Network, [www.tssaa.org](http://www.tssaa.org) and [www.wbfg965.com](http://www.wbfg965.com)

**HISTORY:** 1969 - First year of playoffs. Four teams from each of the three classifications played in a two-round playoff.

1972 - Playoff format was expanded to eight teams from each classification.

1977 - Playoff format was expanded to 16 teams from each classification.

1985 - Playoff format was expanded to 32 teams from each classification.

1993 - Football classification expanded from three to five classes.

1997 - Schools divided into two divisions based on whether or not financial aid was a part of the school's athletic program. Schools that offer financial aid were placed in Division II, while the remaining schools were placed in Division I. This creates seven championships, five for Division I and two for Division II.

2000 - Division I Championships named The BlueCross Bowl and relocated to MTSU's Floyd Stadium. The Division II Championships are still named The Clinic Bowl and hosted by the Nashville Area Junior Chamber of Commerce at Vanderbilt University.

**2001 CHAMPIONS:**

1A – Ezell-Harding
2A – Goodpasture
3A – Austin-East
4A – Maryville
5A – Riverdale

### About the BlueCross Bowl

BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee is proud to partner with the TSSAA as sponsor for the BlueCross Bowl, Tennessee's high school football championships. BlueCross supports healthy competition and encourages athletes to work hard and play fair by not using performance-enhancing drugs. Promoting healthy competition is one more way BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee provides hope, health and security to millions of Tennesseans.

# Who Is on Your Sideline?

by Chris Snoddy, Director of Sports Medicine Outreach

As the school year begins, some very important questions about medical coverage should be asked. Every coach and administrator should ask and know who is responsible and if those responsible are licensed appropriately. Just because they say they are and they have on a shirt with a logo on it may not mean what you think it does. Who is there daily? Who is there on game day? What is their medical role? Are they licensed in that role?

Perhaps this analogy will help. As a licensed driver you have some duty to report unlicensed drivers. A principal or superintendent has a greater duty to be absolutely sure the bus driver has a valid license. That same duty exists for medical coverage for your athletes.

When the medical person shows up at your school do you know what they are licensed to do? Do you know what the state law allows them to do: What do all those initials after their name mean? Below is a brief description of what the initials stand for and what the license allows that person to practice. This is known as the Scope of Practice.

**A.T.C./L** – Athletic Trainer Certified/Licensed. Evaluate athletic injuries and conditions, determine the need for further care and transportation if needed, carry out the practice of prevention, recognition, evaluation, management, and rehabilitation of athletic injuries, authorized to use physical modalities and mechanical devices, and works under a physician. The licensed individual must have a college degree and pass a national certification exam. They must also be licensed by the State of Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners and understand return to play guidelines.

**EMT** – Emergency Medical Technician. Licensed by the state, must be at least 18 years old. They can assist with patient self-medication. They cannot make decisions to administer medication, can do airway adjuncts. They cannot start IV's but can monitor them. They are licensed by the State to provide primary first aid.

**MD** – Medical Doctor licensed by the State. They must have a college degree and be a graduate of an approved medical school. They must have passed the state medical exam, can suture, can perform surgery, prescribe medication, oxygen, and physical therapy.

**DO** – Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. They are more common in Florida and the North. Licensed by the State of Tennessee. They are similar to a Medical Doctor yet they also have formal training in joint manipulation.

**DC** - Doctor of Chiropractic Medicine. They can perform musculoskeletal assessment and care. They cannot suture or prescribe medication. They have formal training in joint manipulation and massage and modalities.

**PARAMEDIC** – Same as EMT plus they can start IV's, administer drugs as needed, use a manual defibrillator, and advanced airway. They are licensed by the State of Tennessee.

**FIRST RESPONDERS** – Must be at least 18 years old, can access vital signs, basic first aid, and oxygen administration. This can be a fire fighter or law officer with training.

**WHISTLE NOTES**



**Solution or Problem?**

Registration, Rules Book Package, State Rules Meeting, Pre-Season Guide, Local Association Meetings, Study, Scrimmages, On-Field Clinics: This is our progression that leads up to each season. The ultimate goal is to get on the field or court and work. Anything after that is just “icing on the cake”.

Last year TSSAA registered 3,754 officials overall. We registered 1,292 officials in football; 224 in volleyball; 430 in soccer; 128 in wrestling; 1,418 in basketball; 838 in baseball, and 678 in softball. The responsibility of officials is to learn the rules, understand the accepted mechanics, and display the proper signals. The key is to be able to do this quickly in the heat of the contest. It takes opportunities to acquire this experience.

A good rule of thumb for officials is to be professional, hustle, and to firmly and fairly enforce the rules. If officials can additionally communicate and have the ability to handle controversy or unusual situations, then they have an excellent rate of survival. Sometimes we, as officials, create the problems. Obvious poor attitude or arrogance creates an image that can create problems, just as well as a series of ill-thought-out no-calls. Officials must be aware of their impact on a game.

Some officials create problems where none exist. Lack of experience or lack of competency can lead officials to look for opportunities to show their expertise or exercise their power. The official’s job is simple – to enforce the rules of the game, not make up your own. When an official begins to selectively apply the rules, problems will occur.

Do you, as an official, start calling more fouls to get a point across? Maybe you had a bad day at work or the coach on the sideline has crossed the line. Why not firmly and fairly enforce the rules throughout the contest? These attitudes, as well as negative statements made, can wreck a great game and an educational opportunity. Address players and coaches the way you would prefer to be addressed, should the need arise. Control your emotions as an official when dealing with players and coaches. Officials should prepare themselves mentally for each game and recognize that they are just one part of this educational athletic opportunity.

If we blow a call, don’t make another mistake to cover for the first. The uniqueness of the officiating experience is a way to give something back to a sport. The games we play cannot occur without sports officials. We should work hard to realize our place in the game. We need to remember to be as professional as possible, look sharp, and work on our abilities to communicate, then take our knowledge of the rules and firmly and fairly enforce the rules. We will then have a positive experience for all involved. By hustling and using proper mechanics and signals, we can send a very positive message that athletics can be fun, in addition to an opportunity to enjoy participation.

Many ideas and comments in this article have been taken directly from an article entitled “Leadership Officiating” by Referee Magazine. Some comments are those of Dr. Roy Askins, a sports officials and behavioral science professor from Fallon, Nevada. The article was written by Dr.

Peter Sacco, a psychologist and freelance writer living in Niagara Fall, Ontario.

**A Special Thank You**

Thank you to Carl Matherly for the copies of the missing “Looseball” from 1991 and 1993. Mr. Matherly is the former principal of Sullivan South High School. He was on the TSSAA Board of Control from 1964 until his retirement in 1987. Mr. Matherly’s last nine years on the Board of Control were spent as TSSAA president.

This issue of the TSSAA News recognizes the officials who worked the state championship series last spring in baseball, softball, and soccer.

**2002 TSSAA BOYS’ STATE SOCCER OFFICIALS**

- MIDDLE TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION  
Paul Beck, Jamie Clary, Marco Lee, Jeff Gillies, Coz Minetos
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- SOUTHEAST ASSOCIATION  
Mark Burzynski, Buddy Edging, Randy Lynsky, Bill Sisk  
Vann Sizemore, Hiko Waldon, Tim Webb
- TRI-CITIES ASSOCIATION  
Jason Booher, Frank de Nobriga, Clayton Massey, David Strickland
- WEST TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION  
Mike Bryant, Kenny Dold, Andy Hill, Mike Pitoniak

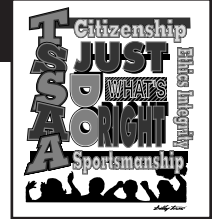
**2002 TSSAA GIRLS’ STATE SOFTBALL OFFICIALS**

- Bill Wheatley, Jackson Association
- Donald Haley, Northwest Association
- Rick Taylor, Chattanooga Association
- Ed Clark, Knoxville Association
- Richard Pearson, Waverly Association
- Johnny Dorsey, Clarksville Association
- Jim Beyersdorf, Memphis Association
- Ken Chapman, Murfreesboro Association
- Monte Wilson, Sequatchie Valley Association
- Erica Bradley, Nashville Association
- Jeanette Caldwell, Nashville Association
- Mike Barnes, Hendersonville Association

**2002 TSSAA BOYS’ STATE BASEBALL OFFICIALS**

- ATHENS ASSOCIATION  
David Ezell, Scott Hutsell, Danny Jones
- CHATTANOOGA ASSOCIATION  
Bill Elliott, Harley Grant, John Holder
- COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION  
Keith Click, David Kincaid, Duane York
- COOKEVILLE ASSOCIATION  
Danny Fox, Steve Haggard, Gary Tinsley
- JASPER ASSOCIATION  
Jody Hargis, Dennis Jones, Steve Trussler
- KNOXVILLE ASSOCIATION  
Phillip Freels, Eddie Turpin, Bart Walker
- MEMPHIS ASSOCIATION  
James Appling, Lorenzo Jones, John Stephenson
- MURFREESBORO ASSOCIATION  
Mike Counts, Tony Michael, Brian Norfleet
- NASHVILLE ASSOCIATION  
Rick Fox, Jeff Murphy, Dorris Sullivan
- NORTHWEST  
Allen Cary, Mike Kimmons, Jimmy Meeks
- TRI-CITIES  
Dale Ford, Dean Hurley, Gary Maxwell
- TULLAHOMA ASSOCIATION  
Morris Hobbs, Mike Sneed, Binns Jordan
- WAVERLY ASSOCIATION  
Rick Martin, Mark Newman, James Riley

# TSSAA ROLL OF HONOR



The TSSAA member schools having no player ejections for unsportsmanlike conduct, no coach ejections, and no major unsportsmanlike incidents reported during 2001-02.

## TSSAA MEMBER HIGH SCHOOLS

Bolton High School  
 Claiborne Co. High School  
 Greenback High School  
 Greenbrier High School  
 Harding Academy  
 Hillcrest High School  
 Hixson High School  
 Houston Co. High School  
 LaVergne High School  
 Memphis East High School

Middleton High School  
 Midway High School  
 Oakland High School  
 Pearl Cohn High School  
 Polk Co. High School  
 Ridgeway High School  
 South Pittsburg High School  
 St. Agnes Academy  
 St. Andrew's - Sewanee School  
 Sunbright High School  
 West Greene High School

## TSSAA MEMBER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Athens Junior High  
 Bellevue Junior High  
 Chickasaw Junior High  
 E. W. Grove Junior High  
 Fairview Junior High  
 J. D. Jackson Junior High  
 Lanier Junior High  
 Unity Junior High  
 Westwood Junior High

TSSAA would like to congratulate and recognize the officials listed below for their years of service in officiating high school sports in the state of Tennessee. We appreciate their support and dedication to high school sports in the state of Tennessee. TSSAA will recognize the recipients of the 25, 40, and 50 year awards in this issue of the NEWS and we will recognize the recipients of the 5, 10, and 15 year awards in following issues.

### OFFICIALS RECEIVING 50 YEAR AWARDS

MANNING, GUS	KNOXVILLE
MOSER, THOMAS	VONORE
PITTMAN, HENRY C.	BARTLETT
WILLIAMS, JIMMIE M .	BRIGHTON

### OFFICIALS RECEIVING 40 YEAR AWARDS

BORDEN, JR., JACK N.	COOKEVILLE
JONES, SR., TROY A.	MCMINNVILLE
MELTON, BILL	MOSS
SMITH, JR., WILLIAM T.	FRANKLIN
TODD, JOHN I.	MURFREESBORO
WHEATLEY, BILL	JACKSON
WHITE, THOMAS F.	DYERSBURG

### OFFICIALS RECEIVING 25 YEAR AWARDS

BRIGHT, BEN H.	BENTON
CLARK, DALE	COOKEVILLE
CLOUD, JR., WILLIAM M.	CLARKSVILLE

FRAZIER, ROBERT A. L.	HUNTSVILLE
GENTRY, JR., CHARLES C.	CLARKSVILLE
GRIFFIN, ANDY	HENDERSONVILLE
KLEIN, ROBERT M .	CLEVELAND
KNIGHT, JERRY W	CLARKSVILLE
LOWRY, RICHARD C	BRENTWOOD
MARKS. WM FRANK	PULASKI
MASON, DAVID S.	BRENTWOOD
MELTON, KEN	MCMINNVILLE
NAVE, JR., GILBERT	NASHVILLE
RUSSELL, ROBERT M.	GREENEVILLE
SNIDER, RONALD D.	DRESDEN
THOMAS, CASSELL	MEMPHIS
TOMLINSON, DAVID R.	LEBANON
TYREE, BEN	BRENTWOOD
WARD, JIM G.	MURFREESBORO
WHEELER, OWEN	NASHVILLE
YOKLEY, JR., CLEVE	NASHVILLE

# 2001-2002 SUMMARY OF REPORTED UNSPORTSMANLIKE INCIDENTS

	FOOTBALL	GIRLS SOCCER	VOLLEYBALL	BASKETBALL - BOYS	BASKETBALL - GIRLS	WRESTLING	BASEBALL	SOFTBALL	BOYS SOCCER	CROSS COUNTRY	TRACK - BOYS	BOYS TENNIS	ALLSPORTS
Total Players Ejected	101	12	0	67	15	16	51	4	105	0	0	0	371
Players Ejected for Unsportsmanlike Conduct	34	6	0	52	4	16	48	4	83	0	0	0	247
Players Ejected for Fighting or Obscene Gesture	67	6	0	15	11	0	3	0	22	0	0	0	124
Players Ejected Second Time-Unsportsmanlike Conduct	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	4
Players Ejected Second Time-Fight/Obscene Gesture	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Coaches Ejected	9	6	1	14	2	1	23	5	10	0	0	0	71
Coaches Ejected A Second Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Unsportsmanlike Incidents	2	2	0	7	4	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	20

<b>FOOTBALL</b>	<u>92-93</u>	<u>93-94</u>	<u>94-95</u>	<u>95-96</u>	<u>96-97</u>	<u>97-98</u>	<u>98-99</u>	<u>99-00</u>	<u>00-01</u>	<u>01-02</u>
Total Players Ejected	113	92	80	79	119	115	122	126	132	101
Players Ejected for Unsportsmanlike Conduct	0	0	0	0	45	39	42	38	34	34
Players Ejected for Fighting or Obscene Gesture	0	0	0	0	74	76	80	87	97	67
Players Ejected for 2nd Time- Unsportsmanlike Conduct	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Players Ejected for 2nd Time- Fight/Obscene Gesture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Coaches Ejected	6	8	8	5	5	4	2	3	2	9
Coaches Ejected A Second Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsportsmanlike Incidents	8	13	4	3	7	0	0	0	2	2

<b>GIRLS' SOCCER</b>	<u>92-93</u>	<u>93-94</u>	<u>94-95</u>	<u>95-96</u>	<u>96-97</u>	<u>97-98</u>	<u>98-99</u>	<u>99-00</u>	<u>00-01</u>	<u>01-02</u>
Total Players Ejected	14	16	19	19	21	21	24	20	21	12
Players Ejected for Unsportsmanlike Conduct	0	0	0	0	13	15	21	9	11	6
Players Ejected for Fighting or Obscene Gesture	0	0	0	0	8	6	3	11	9	6
Players Ejected for 2nd Time- Unsportsmanlike Conduct	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Players Ejected for 2nd Time- Fight/Obscene Gesture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Coaches Ejected	1	3	0	0	4	0	1	5	2	6
Coaches Ejected A Second Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsportsmanlike Incidents	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2

<b>VOLLEYBALL</b>	<u>92-93</u>	<u>93-94</u>	<u>94-95</u>	<u>95-96</u>	<u>96-97</u>	<u>97-98</u>	<u>98-99</u>	<u>99-00</u>	<u>00-01</u>	<u>01-02</u>
Total Players Ejected	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Players Ejected for Unsportsmanlike Conduct	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Players Ejected for Fighting or Obscene Gesture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Players Ejected for 2nd Time- Unsportsmanlike Conduct	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Players Ejected for 2nd Time- Fight/Obscene Gesture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coaches Ejected	1	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	1
Coaches Ejected A Second Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsportsmanlike Incidents	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

<b>BASKETBALL - BOYS</b>	<u>92-93</u>	<u>93-94</u>	<u>94-95</u>	<u>95-96</u>	<u>96-97</u>	<u>97-98</u>	<u>98-99</u>	<u>99-00</u>	<u>00-01</u>	<u>01-02</u>
Total Players Ejected	36	50	16	22	71	71	66	64	96	67
Players Ejected for Unsportsmanlike Conduct	0	0	0	0	53	45	44	46	60	52
Players Ejected for Fighting or Obscene Gesture	0	0	0	0	17	26	22	17	36	15
Players Ejected for 2nd Time- Unsportsmanlike Conduct	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Players Ejected for 2nd Time- Fight/Obscene Gesture	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
Coaches Ejected	20	11	48	35	22	24	17	15	16	14
Coaches Ejected A Second Time	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsportsmanlike Incidents	18	22	7	7	10	3	5	3	12	7

<b>CROSS COUNTRY</b>	<u>92-93</u>	<u>93-94</u>	<u>94-95</u>	<u>95-96</u>	<u>96-97</u>	<u>97-98</u>	<u>98-99</u>	<u>99-00</u>	<u>00-01</u>	<u>01-02</u>
Total Players Ejected	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Players Ejected for Unsportsmanlike Conduct	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

<b>TENNIS BOYS</b>	<u>92-93</u>	<u>93-94</u>	<u>94-95</u>	<u>95-96</u>	<u>96-97</u>	<u>97-98</u>	<u>98-99</u>	<u>99-00</u>	<u>00-01</u>	<u>01-02</u>
Total Players Ejected	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Players Ejected for Unsportsmanlike Conduct	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0



<b>BASKETBALL - GIRLS</b>	<b>92-93</b>	<b>93-94</b>	<b>94-95</b>	<b>95-96</b>	<b>96-97</b>	<b>97-98</b>	<b>98-99</b>	<b>99-00</b>	<b>00-01</b>	<b>01-02</b>
Total Players Ejected					31	19	16	33	20	15
Players Ejected for Unsportsmanlike Conduct					13	9	8	15	7	4
Players Ejected for Fighting or Obscene Gesture	Included	Included	Included	Included	18	10	8	18	13	11
Players Ejected for 2nd Time– Unsportsmanlike Conduct	In	In	In	In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Players Ejected for 2nd Time– Fight/Obscene Gesture	Boys' Numbers	Boys' Numbers	Boys' Numbers	Boys' Numbers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coaches Ejected					5	7	8	11	13	2
Coaches Ejected A Second Time					0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsportsmanlike Incidents					7	0	0	0	1	4

<b>WRESTLING</b>	<b>92-93</b>	<b>93-94</b>	<b>94-95</b>	<b>95-96</b>	<b>96-97</b>	<b>97-98</b>	<b>98-99</b>	<b>99-00</b>	<b>00-01</b>	<b>01-02</b>
Total Players Ejected	0	1	4	4	17	15	12	27	19	16
Players Ejected for Unsportsmanlike Conduct	0	0	0	0	14	12	12	25	17	16
Players Ejected for Fighting or Obscene Gesture	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	2	2	0
Players Ejected for 2nd Time– Unsportsmanlike Conduct	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Players Ejected for 2nd Time– Fight/Obscene Gesture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coaches Ejected	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	1
Coaches Ejected A Second Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsportsmanlike Incidents	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

<b>BASEBALL</b>	<b>92-93</b>	<b>93-94</b>	<b>94-95</b>	<b>95-96</b>	<b>96-97</b>	<b>97-98</b>	<b>98-99</b>	<b>99-00</b>	<b>00-01</b>	<b>01-02</b>
Total Players Ejected	0	1	0	0	71	42	47	59	58	51
Players Ejected for Unsportsmanlike Conduct	0	0	0	0	68	42	47	58	57	48
Players Ejected for Fighting or Obscene Gesture	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	3
Players Ejected for 2nd Time– Unsportsmanlike Conduct	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Players Ejected for 2nd Time– Fight/Obscene Gesture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coaches Ejected	13	12	13	13	15	10	16	19	16	23
Coaches Ejected A Second Time	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Unsportsmanlike Incidents	4	1	2	2	1	0	1	0	3	2

<b>SOFTBALL</b>	<b>92-93</b>	<b>93-94</b>	<b>94-95</b>	<b>95-96</b>	<b>96-97</b>	<b>97-98</b>	<b>98-99</b>	<b>99-00</b>	<b>00-01</b>	<b>01-02</b>
Total Players Ejected	2	0	0	0	4	2	3	5	9	4
Players Ejected for Unsportsmanlike Conduct	0	0	0	0	3	2	3	5	6	4
Players Ejected for Fighting or Obscene Gesture	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0
Players Ejected for 2nd Time– Unsportsmanlike Conduct	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Players Ejected for 2nd Time– Fight/Obscene Gesture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coaches Ejected	4	2	2	1	1	5	9	5	3	5
Coaches Ejected A Second Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsportsmanlike Incidents	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

<b>BOYS' SOCCER</b>	<b>92-93</b>	<b>93-94</b>	<b>94-95</b>	<b>95-96</b>	<b>96-97</b>	<b>97-98</b>	<b>98-99</b>	<b>99-00</b>	<b>00-01</b>	<b>01-02</b>
Total Players Ejected	90	116	151	150	217	165	187	139	114	105
Players Ejected for Unsportsmanlike Conduct	0	0	0	0	198	148	146	89	82	83
Players Ejected for Fighting or Obscene Gesture	0	0	0	0	16	17	29	46	28	22
Players Ejected for 2nd Time– Unsportsmanlike Conduct	3	6	7	9	3	4	6	3	2	2
Players Ejected for 2nd Time– Fight/Obscene Gesture	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	3	0
Coaches Ejected	2	2	6	3	4	3	3	7	4	10
Coaches Ejected A Second Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsportsmanlike Incidents	6	7	4	5	3	2	3	0	3	3

<b>TRACK - BOYS</b>	<b>92-93</b>	<b>93-94</b>	<b>94-95</b>	<b>95-96</b>	<b>96-97</b>	<b>97-98</b>	<b>98-99</b>	<b>99-00</b>	<b>00-01</b>	<b>01-02</b>
Total Players Ejected	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Players Ejected for Unsportsmanlike Conduct	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Coaches Ejected	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

<b>ALL SPORTS</b>	<b>92-93</b>	<b>93-94</b>	<b>94-95</b>	<b>95-96</b>	<b>96-97</b>	<b>97-98</b>	<b>98-99</b>	<b>99-00</b>	<b>00-01</b>	<b>01-02</b>
Total Players Ejected	257	276	270	272	554	450	477	474	469	371
Players Ejected for Unsportsmanlike Conduct	0	0	0	0	410	312	323	286	275	247
Players Ejected for Fighting or Obscene Gesture	0	0	0	0	139	138	142	182	189	124
Players Ejected for 2nd Time– Unsportsmanlike Conduct	3	6	8	10	5	4	6	8	3	4
Players Ejected for 2nd Time– Fight/Obscene Gesture	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	1	4	1
Coaches Ejected	49	40	76	51	62	53	57	65	59	71
Coaches Ejected A Second Time	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Unsportsmanlike Incidents	44	44	18	20	30	5	10	3	22	20

# SPORTSMANSHIP REVIEW

One of the most important agenda items at the TSSAA Board of Control meeting each time is the sportsmanship review. This includes a review of the previous school year's positive efforts by member schools in the areas of sportsmanship and citizenship.

As educators, we must all recognize that the athletic fields and gymnasiums are classrooms in which teaching is foremost in the development of character, integrity, sportsmanship, and teamwork. Each of us involved in this educational opportunity must work together in order to fulfill our roles and responsibilities. We should all see gymnasiums and playing fields as classrooms, which are extensions of the regular school setting. Principals have been asked to prepare written guidelines to ensure proper administration of all athletic contests. The host school shall be responsible for providing sufficient security to ensure orderly conduct on the part of all spectators. Member schools are responsible for the conduct of their own fans and students at every athletic contest, regardless of where it may be held.

## **Game Administrators**

Coaches, players, and fans are expected to conduct themselves in a positive, sportsmanlike manner at all times. To ensure these issues are properly addressed, our Board of Control, again this year, is requiring that a Game Administrator be appointed by the principal of each host school to supervise every varsity athletic contest in football, basketball, girls' soccer, and soccer. The Game Administrator must be someone other than the participating coaches. Ideally it should be a principal, athletic director, or another school administrator, but it may be the principal's or athletic director's designee due to staff commitments.

The Game Administrator of the host school is required to conduct one meeting that must include the head coaches, officials, and security personnel prior to the start of each varsity contest in football, basketball, girls' soccer, and soccer. Included in the pregame discussion is to be a review of the expected behavior of everyone involved in the contest. This should be a very positive meeting that sets the tone for an enjoyable contest.

## **Fans & Athletes**

Our Board has asked this year that each school continue to focus on fan control at athletic contests. We are asking the principals of each member school to require their coaches to have a pre-season meeting with their parents. Included in this meeting should be a discussion of appropriate behavior and expectations of parents during athletic contests. Administrators and coaches must let their parents know that the school is held responsible for the conduct of their fans whether at home or on the road. We all realize that many of our parents are our best fans. We need to capitalize on this and encourage them to be positive leaders. Also, we have sent Pre-Season Meeting

Handbook for Administrators that should be shared with everyone involved with your athletic program.

Another area of concern expressed by the TSSAA Board of Control is student-athletes taunting and baiting their opponents. We have especially received an increased number of reports indicating racial slurs are being used among our athletes. This type of behavior should not be tolerated in any shape, form, or fashion. There is simply no place for this type of behavior in the athletic arena. We are asking that the seriousness of this situation be addressed by the administration and coaches to every student-athlete in your school.

## **Unsportsmanlike Conduct**

A major phase of this sportsmanship review is the discussion of the unsportsmanlike incidents. A report of the 2001-02 school year is found on pages 16 and 17 of this issue of the News. Additionally, a review of the past 10 years is also listed. This reflects specific types of situations that have been tracked.

An all-sports summary shows a drastic reduction in three specific areas in regard to player ejections. The number of total players ejected, players ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct, and players ejected for fighting or obscene gestures is drastically down over previous years. This must be recognized, and hopefully the positive efforts of school administrator and coaches have resulted in this result. We know that we are on a journey and do not wish to rest on last year's efforts; however, we must applaud this positive highlight.

This summary does address a recognizable increase in the area of coach ejections. This summary does show that there is an obvious decrease in coach ejections in girls' and boys' basketball, as well as wrestling. All other sports do show an increase, even though volleyball and softball are really negligible.

The total of 71 coach ejections may not seem to be an alarming number given the total contests we play each year. We must, however, realize that number reflects ejections of educators or those given the privilege of representing member schools as non-faculty coaches. We must realize that each ejection is the result of unsportsmanlike conduct in some form or fashion. Depending on the sport in which the coach is ejected, the school must suspend the coach from his/her coaching duties for specific number of game(s). The school is also fined \$250 for the first ejection of each individual coach during a school year. A total of 71 ejections translate into \$17,750 in fines for the 2001-02 school year.

As educators dealing with educational athletics this must be addressed. It should be unacceptable; however, in many situations we have administrators trying to rationalize the unsportsmanlike conduct of their coaches. What is our standard? What is the message that we should be sending? Maybe we should have a new focus for the upcoming year.

Each issue of the TSSAA News lists disciplinary action that was addressed the previous sports season. Hopefully, the

printing of this action can be used in positive way that might help send the message for others.

### **JUST DO WHAT'S RIGHT!**

During the sportsmanship review a major topic is the review of the TSSAA member schools that according to our records made it through the previous school year with no reported incidents of unsportsmanlike conduct. On page 11 in this issue of the News are the 131 high schools and the 9 junior high schools recognized for the 2001-02 school year.

As part of the "JUST DO WHAT'S RIGHT!" program, TSSAA recognizes member schools that have made the effort to remind their athletic family that there is a particular code of conduct, a particular level of expected behavior, and a way to act that is proper if one wishes to be a part of an athletic contest, regardless of how they participate. "JUST DO WHAT'S RIGHT!" focuses on the foundation of what we hope all participants will do. Just do what you are supposed to do in representing yourself, your family, your school and community.

Those schools that received no reported Unsportsmanlike conduct incidents during the 2001-02 season will receive a certificate highlighting the "JUST DO WHAT'S RIGHT!" logo and this effort. We are specifically recognizing proper sportsmanship at athletic contests, but we all understand that the athletic contests are a small part of our educational program.

Local officials associations have been asked to nominate schools that they service that have displayed this overall positive effort to teach, expect, and demand a positive atmosphere of sportsmanship at their particular contests. Member schools have also been asked to nominate individuals or schools for special recognition for going the extra mile to do what's right. Nominations have also come from representatives of the Tennessee Observers Program for Sports. The TOPS observers have shared the positive efforts that have been recognized at athletic contests across our state.

From these nominees and the schools that have received no reported Unsportsmanlike conduct during the previous school year, 27 schools will be selected to receive the A.F. Bridges Award at the divisional level. Three Class A, three Class AA, and three Class AAA schools in each grand division will be recognized for a total of nine schools in each division and 27 schools overall. These schools will be presented "JUST DO WHAT'S RIGHT!" recognition banners at the regional meetings in each grand division of our state during November 2002.

Of these 27 divisional recipients, one school in each class will receive Tennessee's top award for overall outstanding effort in its division. These schools will be presented the A.F. BRIDGES STATE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE. This is the highest award that can be bestowed upon a school to honor its overall efforts to promote citizenship and sportsmanship at

school, and at athletic contests.

The A.F. Bridges Awards program also includes awards for School System Administrator of the Year, Principal of the Year, Athletic Director of the Year, Female Coach of the Year, Male Coach of the Year, Official of the Year, and Contributor of the Year. Recognition will be made in the above-mentioned categories in each of the nine athletic districts in our state. Nominations will be made by a Citizenship/Sportsmanship Committee in each athletic district and final selection by a State Selection Committee.

### **Student Leadership Conference**

During the last two years the Student Services program has sponsored a trip to the National Federation of State High School's Student Leadership Conference, which has been held in Indianapolis, IN each summer. Those schools receiving the A.F. Bridges State Award of Excellence have had first opportunity to select a top male and female underclassman to represent their schools. This is an opportunity for top student leaders to come together and share ideas and concerns. Our representatives and their adult leaders have benefited immensely from this meeting. It is our hope that we will be able to utilize these student leaders in some specific ways in the future to help spread the positive words of sportsmanship and citizenship. Leadership at all levels is very critical to the understanding of true sportsmanship and citizenship.

### **New Scholarship Fund**

This year the TSSAA Board of Control has initiated one additional way to recognize those member schools that continue to send the right message to their athletic families. The 27 schools that are recognized as A.F. Bridges Divisional Finalists for the State Award of Excellence will each receive \$1,000 toward a scholarship to an outstanding student athlete that has shown the positive leadership qualities that represent the essence of good sportsmanship and citizenship. Each school will have an opportunity to select their student by any criteria established by the school. These students will be recognized later during the school year. The TSSAA Board of Control has earmarked \$27,000 toward this scholarship fund.

### **Moving Forward**

We must continue our educational journey to teach and expect proper sportsmanship and citizenship. It will take an all-out effort that involves all of us. We must remember that we are educational athletics. We are about participation and good sportsmanship and citizenship. Sports is very big, but is only a part of the total educational system. This makes us different. Remember the \$17,500 mentioned earlier? This fine money has been designated to fund the A.F. Bridges Sportsmanship Awards Program. Why not use this money in a positive way to recognize positive efforts?

There is so much to be proud of and to recognize.

# OFFICIAL NOTICES OF DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Rules violations by member schools and sanctions imposed. All activities varsity level unless otherwise specified.

SCHOOL	SPORT	VIOLATION	DISCIPLINARY ACTION
<b>Bartlett</b>	Baseball	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next two games. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Battle Ground Academy</b>	Boys' Soccer	Asst coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next game. Coach not allowed to attend game under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Blackman</b>	Baseball (JV)	Playing ineligible player in one game.	School self-reported. School fined \$25. Game forfeited.
<b>Bolton</b>	Boys' Soccer	Players came onto field during altercation.	School fined \$250. School initiated additional disciplinary actions toward ejections for the 2002-03 season.
<b>Bradley Central</b>	Baseball (JV)	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next two games. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Bradley Central</b>	Baseball	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next two games. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Carter</b>	Boys' Soccer	Player came onto the field during altercation.	School fined \$250. School suspended player from next game.
<b>Cascade</b>	Baseball	Playing against a non-approved team.	School self-reported. School fined \$250. Baseball program on probation for 2002-03 season and only permitted to play member schools.
<b>Centennial</b>	Baseball	Asst coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next two games. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Centennial</b>	Baseball	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next two games. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Chattanooga Central</b>	Baseball (JV)	Fan/coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next two games. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Chattanooga Christian</b>	Baseball	Asst coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	**Misapplication of rule. No penalty - no fine.
<b>Chattanooga School for A &amp; S</b>	Boys' Soccer	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next two games. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Chester County</b>	Boys' Soccer (JV)	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next game. Coach not allowed to attend game under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Christian Brothers</b>	Baseball	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next two games. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Chuckey-Doak</b>	Softball	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next two games. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Cleveland</b>	Baseball	Asst coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next two games. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Cocke County</b>	Baseball	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next two games. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Coffee County</b>	Softball	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next two games. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Collierville</b>	Girls' Tennis	Playing ineligible player in four matches.	School self-reported. School fined \$50.
<b>Cookeville</b>	Softball	Asst coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next two games. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Dobyns-Bennett</b>	Baseball	Asst coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next two games. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Dyersburg</b>	Boys' Soccer	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next game. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Dyersburg</b>	Boys' Soccer	Asst coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next game. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Evangelical Christian</b>	Boys' Soccer	Playing ineligible player in one match.	School self-reported. School fined \$50.
<b>Fairley</b>	Baseball	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next two games. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Fairley</b>	Baseball	Second ejection - Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next four games. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$500.

<b>Frank Hughes</b>	Baseball	Use of non-faculty coach, ejection of non-faculty coach, use of non-school personnel as head coach.	School fined a total of \$1000 for violations. Baseball program on probation for remainder of 2001-02 school year and for the 2002-03 school year.
<b>Fulton</b>	Baseball	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next two games. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Gleason</b>	Baseball	Asst coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next two games. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Henry County</b>	Baseball	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next two games. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Hunters Lane</b>	Bowling	Playing ineligible player in multiple matches.	School self-reported. School fined \$250. Matches forfeited.
<b>Jackson North Side</b>	Boys' Soccer	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next two games in 2002-03 season. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Jefferson County</b>	Baseball	Asst coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next two games. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Knoxville Central</b>	Softball	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next two games. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Lexington</b>	Baseball	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next three games. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Loretto</b>	Baseball	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next two games. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Martin Luther King</b>	Baseball	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	Last game of season. Coach to be suspended first two games of 2003 season. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>McMinn Central</b>	Boys' Soccer	Asst coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next game. Coach not allowed to attend game under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Middleton</b>	Baseball	Playing four games prior to opening of season.	School self-reported. Baseball program not permitted to participate in any pre-season scrimmages for the 2003 and 2004 seasons. In 2003, will be permitted to play a maximum of 27 regular season games and three tournaments.
<b>Montgomery Central</b>	Baseball	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next three games. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>North Side</b>	Boys' Soccer	Inappropriate action by player.	Boys' soccer program on probation for 2002-03 season.
<b>Northwest</b>	Baseball	Asst coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next two games. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Ooltewah</b>	Boys' Soccer	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next two games. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Overton (Memphis)</b>	Baseball	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School terminated coach from services.
<b>Powell</b>	Boys' Soccer	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next game. Coach not allowed to attend game under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Springfield</b>	Boys' Soccer	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next game. Coach not allowed to attend game under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Springfield</b>	Wrestling and Boys' Soccer	Playing ineligible player in two wrestling matches and two soccer matches.	School self-reported. School fined \$300. Matches forfeited.
<b>Tennessee Temple</b>	Baseball	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	**Misapplication of rule. No penalty - no fine.
<b>Tyner Academy</b>	Boys' Soccer	Head coach removed team from playing field.	School initiated disciplinary action - removed coach from 5 practice sessions and suspended from 4 games. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension.
<b>Unaka</b>	Baseball	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next two games. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Watertown</b>	Softball	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next game. Coach not allowed to attend game under suspension. School fined \$250.
<b>Wilson Central</b>	Baseball	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next two games. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.

# TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

## TSSAA TECH MINUTE

by Earl Nall

By the middle of August, 142 schools had taken advantage of the online eligibility and scheduling system located on the TSSAA website (tssaa.org). Over 6,000 student-athletes were entered in eligibility and 228 fall schedules were filed. Schools that take advantage of the online system are finding that it saves them time and improves accuracy.

Benefits of using online eligibility are many.

Core information (Name, Birth date and Year entered 9th grade) only has to be entered once in the student's tenure at the school. For example, once this information is entered for an incoming 9th grader, the information never again has to be entered for that student as long as they remain at the school, no matter how many sports they participate in. Each year, the system purges students who are too old or have used all their eligibility.

Another advantage is that the system does not allow an ineligible student to become eligible. As information is entered on the student the system checks dates, academic and resident requirements. If there is a problem the system notifies the school as to the student's eligibility.

When a student becomes eligible the first of the year they are eligible the entire year by TSSAA's eligibility rules. Schools are finding that the online system really speeds up

entering eligibility for students who fall into this category. For example, suppose that all the boys' basketball players were to come from the football team. The person entering basketball eligibility would only have to click a button to make each student eligible. Using the current method of submitting this information to the TSSAA on the eligibility paper form, the person would have to birthday, name, academic and resident requirements all over again, just like they did when the student way made eligible for football.

Finally, use of the online system allows the school to quickly get a participation report for all sports. Schools can quickly find students who participated in more than one sport and get participation numbers for each sport with the click of the mouse.

Schedule entry is also permitted this school year. As schools enter schedules they will quickly see how many games they have entered and can determine if they have scheduled too many games or tournaments. Schools are also notified if another school has them scheduled for a game.

Filing schedules online also helps media, fans, parents and other schools see when a school is playing a game.

If you are interested using the online eligibility system please call the TSSAA office to obtain a username and password, and join the other half of the TSSAA schools that already use the system.

## TSSAA Corporate Sponsors

The corporate sponsors and supporters play an integral part in the TSSAA and the TSSAA State Championships. This year, the TSSAA kicks off the school year with four sponsors, BlueCross BlueShield, the Memphis Grizzlies, Baptist Sports Medicine and Gatorade.

The third annual BlueCross Bowl will be played in Murfreesboro this fall. BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee reminds athletes that goals are accomplished through hard work and determination. So it is important for all athletes to "play hard and play healthy."

The Memphis Grizzlies will be the title sponsor of the Mr. and Miss Basketball Awards Ceremony this spring in Memphis, Tennessee. Last year, the awards ceremony was a tremendous success and this year the Memphis Grizzlies have a few more exciting activities up their sleeves for all award nominees.

Baptist Sports Medicine, the official sports medicine provider of the TSSAA, will continue to provide medical coverage at all State Championships. For all of your orthopedic needs call Baptist Sports Medicine, a department of Baptist Hospital of Nashville, Tennessee at 615-329-5001.

Gatorade, the official isotonic beverage of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association, will continue to play an

important role at the Championships this winter by providing beverages on the court and in the locker room. Gatorade not only offers excellent benefits to the TSSAA, but Gatorade offers excellent benefits to schools across the state through the Gatorade vending program, Gatorade sideline program and the Gatorade will to win program. For more information, please contact Alicia Taylor at 615-833-3007.

Nashville Sporting Goods will also assist you in Gatorade products, so please check-out their advertisement on our website.

### THE OFFICIAL GAME BALL

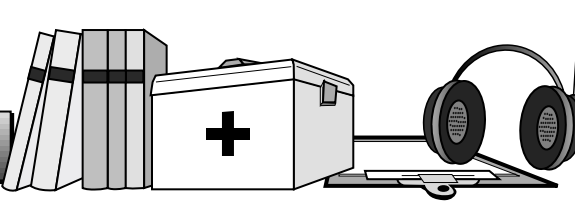
As a reminder, please be aware of the ball contracts that are remain in effect for the 2002-2003, and 2003-2004 school years.

The TSSAA will continue with Rawlings in football, basketball, and baseball. The Rawlings composite ball has been used in the basketball tournament since 2001. The girls' is the EDG3WC285 and the boys' ball is the EDG3WC. The baseball is the raised-seam ball. Worth will continue to furnish softballs for the state tournament.

Tachikara will furnish the state volleyballs and the ball provided will be the SVSWH.

Brine is the official soccer ball.

# COACHES' EDUCATION



## NATIONAL FEDERATION INTERSCHOLASTIC COACHES EDUCATION PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

### PARTICIPANTS APRIL 8TH – 9TH, 2002

Thomas Adkins Jo Byrns High School  
 Tim Adkins  
 Michael Allison Richard Hardy Memorial School  
 Beth Bilyeu Franklin High School  
 John Boucher Brentwood High School  
 Donald Bradshaw Greenbrier High School  
 Bridgett Brown Hillsboro High School  
 Gerard Candela Webb School of Knoxville  
 Charles Clark Rossview High School  
 Eugene Cottrell Rossview High School  
 Kylie Crouch Harpeth Hall High School  
 Marsha Curran Mt. Juliet High School  
 Melissa Dean Jo Byrns High School  
 Harmon Hodge, II Donelson Christian Academy  
 Randy Holt Rutledge High School  
 Angela Hubbard Hume Fogg High School  
 Jeffrey Joffin Columbia Central High School  
 Beatriz Keith Hillsboro High School  
 Ron King Fairview High School  
 Jason Maples Montgomery Central High School  
 Mickey Marley University School of Jackson  
 Jerry McPherson Ezell Harding Christian School  
 Debra Meadors Antioch High School  
 Tony Pendleton  
 Ricky Sanders  
 Mark Sartain Whitthorne Middle School  
 Sheryl Sweeney E.A. Cox Middle School  
 Susan Thornton Harpeth Hall High School  
 Leslie Weed Hillsboro High School  
 Mark Williams Clarksville Academy

### PARTICIPANTS APRIL 27TH – 28TH, 2002

R. Max Arnold, Sr. Dyersburg High School  
 Alan Campbell Houston High School  
 Scott Carr St. Mary's Episcopal School  
 Laura Carter Harding Academy  
 Barbara Cole Peabody High School  
 Andrew Daigle Grove Junior High School  
 Vic Durall Lara Kendall Elementary School  
 Andrew Dye Dyersburg High School  
 Lynn Ferrell Rutherford County Board of Education  
 Michael Gilbert Oakdale School  
 Tim Haney Houston High School  
 Trisha Harris Rutherford County Board of Education  
 Jim Hehe Caywood School  
 Jane Hutchison McGavock Elementary School  
 Johnnie Jones Munford High School  
 Keith Kennedy Westview High School  
 Marc Laureano  
 Blair McCall  
 Karen Meador  
 David Medlock Germantown High School  
 Joy Nelson Dupont Tyler Middle School  
 Gayla Newton Maury County Schools  
 Courtney Patty Webb School of Knoxville  
 Cindy Porter Science Hill High School  
 Donna Rainey Northeast High School  
 Lucy Roberts Rutherford County Board of Education  
 Tim Russell Harding Academy  
 Amanda Sowell Wright Middle School  
 Lucinda Taylor Peabody High School  
 Angela Thompson Glendale Middle School  
 Austin Thompson Ripley High School  
 Todd Winchester Dyersburg High School  
 Eddie Yeh Jackson Central-Merry High School

### PARTICIPANTS JUNE 11TH – 12TH, 2002

Sherry Adkins Clarksville High School

Carol Brown Cumberland County High School  
 Adam Burleson Culleoka High School  
 Amy Burleson Culleoka High School  
 Gary Carver Cosby High School  
 Damien Clayton Lewis County High School  
 Betsy Davis Culleoka High School  
 Don Denbo Montgomery Bell Academy  
 Mary Finley  
 C. Kevin Floyd Franklin Road Academy  
 Jeff Frazier  
 Kim Gossett McMinn Central High School  
 Tim Hammond Clarksville Academy  
 Zach Kittrell Columbia Academy  
 Bruce Knoch Northwest High School  
 Jimmy Malone Joelton Middle School  
 Adam Martin Jefferson County High School  
 Karen Mayberry Chadwell Elementary School  
 James McKee LaVergne High School  
 Ted McKinney Coalfield High School  
 Daniel Miller Lexington High School  
 Jeanette Mize Clarksville Academy  
 Lawrence Mize Clarksville Academy  
 Pamela Morris Sweetwater High School  
 Michael Neal Kingston High School  
 Beverly Norman Culleoka High School  
 Roy Seagraves Goodpasture Christian School  
 Charles Seiberling Goodpasture Christian School  
 Joe Shrader Rutledge High School  
 Leigh Spiceland Northwest High School  
 Sheryl Sweeney E.A. Cox Middle School  
 Roy Tankersley North Junior High School  
 Anne Turner Sylvan Park Elementary School  
 Elizabeth White Eakin Elementary School  
 Mike White  
 Ping Whittaker Eakin Elementary School

### PARTICIPANTS JULY 17TH – 18TH, 2002

Wayne Alexander Central Merry High School  
 Mary Kay Bain White House High School  
 Karen Buck Oakville Mental Health Center  
 Stacey Caruthers Central Merry High School  
 Dianna Cervetti St. Benedict at Auburndale  
 Jimmie Coleman Germantown Middle School  
 Teran Conley Trezevant High School  
 Bill Corum Harding Academy  
 James Counce III Dyersburg High School  
 Ray Craft Bolton High School  
 Carl Cunningham Trezevant High School  
 Sam Daniel Harding Academy  
 Joy Dedman SBEC  
 Russell Dykes Bartlett High School  
 Ted Gleason Franklin High School  
 David Greene Millington Central High School  
 John Harrington Briarcrest Christian School  
 Terry Jones Bolton High School  
 Chris Masterson St. Ann School  
 Markese Nelson Houston High School  
 William Nesbit Germantown High School  
 Jeff Norrid Bartlett High School  
 Carlo Pirani St. Benedict at Auburndale  
 Mark Prudhomme St. Benedict at Auburndale  
 Rhonda Ross University School of Nashville  
 Matt Saunders Briarcrest Christian School  
 Janice Skinner St. Benedict at Auburndale  
 Doris Smith Decatur Co. Board of Education  
 Breck Swanquist Briarcrest Christian School  
 Burney Veazey SBEC  
 Kristie Wilson  
 Wendy Wilson West Carroll High School

## TSSAA NEWS ROUTING REPORT

This routing report is provided to assist principals and athletic directors in ensuring that the TSSAA News is seen by all necessary school personnel.

Each individual should check the appropriate box after having read the News and pass it on to the next individual on the list or return it to the athletic administrator.

- Athletic Director
- Girls Tennis Coach
- Baseball Coach
- Boys Tennis Coach
- Girls Basketball Coach
- Girls Track & Field Coach
- Boys Basketball Coach
- Boys Track & Field Coach
- Girls Cross Country Coach
- Girls Volleyball Coach
- Boys Cross Country Coach
- Wrestling Coach
- Football Coach
- Cheerleading Coach
- Boys Golf Coach
- Girls Golf Coach
- Girls Soccer Coach
- Boys Soccer Coach
- Softball Coach
- Other \_\_\_\_\_



## 2002-2003 REGIONAL RULES MEETINGS

### 2002-2003 TRACK RULES MEETINGS

Wednesday, Jan. 22	7:00 p.m.	Gray, Daniel Boone High School
Thursday, Jan. 23	7:00 p.m.	Knoxville, Webb School
Monday, Jan. 27	7:00 p.m.	Chattanooga, Notre Dame High School
Wednesday, Jan. 29	7:00 p.m.	Memphis, Memphis University School
Thursday, Jan. 30	7:00 p.m.	Jackson, Union University
Monday, Feb. 3	7:00 p.m.	Murfreesboro, Riverdale High School
Wednesday, Feb. 5	7:00 p.m.	Nashville, Hunters Lane High School

### 2002-2003 BASEBALL RULES MEETINGS

January 13	6:00 p.m.	Lewisburg, Marshall County High School
January 15	6:00 p.m.	Cookeville, Cookeville High School
January 16	6:00 p.m.	Chattanooga, Notre Dame High School
January 22	6:00 p.m.	Gray, Daniel Boone High School
January 23	6:00 p.m.	Knoxville, Fulton High School
February 1	9:00 a.m.	Memphis, Memphis University School
February 1	2:00 p.m.	Jackson, University School
February 2	2:00 p.m.	Nashville, Hunters Lane High School

**The TSSAA umpires' camp will be held in Jackson on January 31 – February 2, 2003.**

**There will be umpires' clinics in Chattanooga, Gray and Nashville on the dates and times listed above at those sites. At all umpires' clinics, there will also be a rules meeting for coaches.**

### 2002-2003 SOCCER RULES MEETINGS

Tuesday, Feb. 4	5:00 p.m.	Knoxville, West High School
Wednesday, Feb. 5	5:00 p.m.	Jackson, Union University, Harvey Hal
Thursday, Feb. 6	5:00 p.m.	Nashville, Hunters Lane High School

### 2002-2003 WRESTLING RULES MEETINGS

Monday, Oct. 21	7:00 p.m.	Morristown, West High School
Tuesday, Oct. 22	7:00 p.m.	Chattanooga, Notre Dame High School
Monday, Oct. 28	7:00 p.m.	Nashville, Hunters Lane High School
Tuesday, Oct. 29	7:00 p.m.	Memphis, Memphis University School

### 2002-2003 SOFTBALL RULES MEETINGS

Monday, Jan. 13	7:00 p.m.	Smithville, DeKalb County High School
Wednesday, Jan. 15	7:00 p.m.	Gray, Daniel Boone High School
Thursday, Jan. 16	7:00 p.m.	Knoxville, Northwest Middle School
Wednesday, Jan. 22	7:00 p.m.	Memphis, Board of Education
Thursday, Jan. 23	7:00 p.m.	Jackson, Union University
Monday, Jan. 27	7:00 p.m.	Nashville, Hunters Lane High School
Wednesday, Jan. 29	7:00 p.m.	Chattanooga, Notre Dame High School
Thursday, Jan. 30	7:00 p.m.	Lewisburg, Marshall County High School

### 2002-2003 ADMINISTRATORS' MEETINGS

Monday, Sept. 16	9:00 a.m.	Cookeville, Board of Education - No Middle School Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 17	9:00 a.m.	Gray, Daniel Boone High School - Middle School Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 18	9:00 a.m.	Knoxville, Central High School - Middle School Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 19	9:00 a.m.	Chattanooga, Stadium Club - Finley Stadium - Middle School Meeting
Monday, Sept. 23	9:00 a.m.	Nashville, Baptist Hospital; Plaza Conference Center (20th & Church) - Middle School Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 24	9:00 a.m.	Memphis, Board of Education - Middle School Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 25	9:00 a.m.	Jackson, Union University - Middle School Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 26	9:00 a.m.	Fayetteville, Municipal Building (On the Square) - No Middle School Meeting