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HALL OF FAME LUNCHEON SET

The TSSAA Hall of Fame luncheon will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Murfreesboro, located on Medical Center Parkway. We hope you will make plans to join us **Saturday, April 13, 2019** as we induct a new Hall of Fame class. The 2019 selections will be announced in March.

INSIDEOUT: TRANSFORMING WIN-AT-ALL-COSTS CULTURE

Youth sports has evolved into a \$15 billion industry that promotes early specialization, private one-on-one coaching, multi-team layered participation and a significant financial and emotional investment by parents. Less than 3% of high school athletes will go on to play college athletics and only a fraction of those will ever play professionally. If the value of youth sports comes solely from winning, then millions of kids lose out on the potential for a life-changing human growth experience.



Tennessee will be the next state to launch the InSideOut Initiative, thanks to comprehensive funding from the NFL Foundation. The TSSAA has helped develop a steering committee comprised of representatives from educational and athletic organizations to discuss the initiative and plan for its implementation.

In late August, the Tennessee Titans will host an initial meeting aimed at introducing the program to superintendents, school administrators and school board members from all areas of the state. Later in the school year, additional sessions will be held to engage the leadership at member schools.

“As a professional sports franchise, we find it our responsibility to proactively safeguard the integrity and values which makes sport a fundamental part of our culture. For this reason we are proud to be involved in the launch of the InSideOut Initiative in Ten-

nessee,” said Steve Underwood, President, Tennessee Titans and Nissan Stadium. “We know that sports at the grassroots level shape the future of an athlete, and we are committed to building a foundation of fairness, respect and dignity for every student-athlete in our state.”

Powered by the NFL Foundation and piloted in Colorado and Texas in 2015, the InSideOut Initiative catalyzes partnerships with educational leaders, state athletic associations and local NFL teams to address the brokenness of the sports culture and engages stakeholders in strategic conversations to re-define the role of interscholastic sports in the lives of students and communities. The program has spread to NFL markets in California, Indiana and Ohio.

“The TSSAA is very excited and grateful to be involved with the InSideOut Initiative,” stated Bernard Childress, Executive Director of TSSAA. “Education-based athletics is vitally important to the students and schools across Tennessee. This initiative will help to maintain athletics in its proper perspective by creating a culture that moves beyond defining success by the scoreboard and creates space for a higher purpose.”

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Hall of Fame Nomination Deadline

The deadline for Hall of Fame nominations is November 1. Anyone interested in obtaining a Hall of Fame nomination form should contact Heather Carter at the TSSAA or by visiting the Forms section of the TSSAA website. All nominations must be made using the new form on the website. All nominees should meet at least one of the following criteria: (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. The nomination categories are Administrator, Coach, Official, and Contributor.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE RECOGNITION

TSSAA is proud to recognize Lynn Dearing as its distinguished service honoree as a coach. Coach Dearing is in her 21st year coaching volleyball at Goodpasture Christian School.

She holds an overall record of 642 wins and 195 losses. From 2012-2014 her teams broke a Tennessee state record by winning 86 consecutive matches. Under her leadership, Goodpasture has made 10 TSSAA State Tournament appearances, finishing runner-up in 2003 and 2011. Her Lady Cougars captured five consecutive TSSAA State Volleyball Championships from 2012-2016.

Dearing has been named the All-State/Tennessee Sportswriters Association Coach of the Year, the TSSAA State Coach of the Year, and the National Federation of High School Associations Coach of the Year for all of her coaching accomplishments.

She also served as head girls' basketball coach at Goodpasture Christian School from 2002-2007 and again in 2016-2017. Her teams won the district in both 2016 and 2017.

In high school, Dearing lettered in basketball, volleyball and softball at Upperman before continuing her basketball career at Lipscomb University.

She played for the Lipscomb Lady Bisons from 1992-1996 and helped lead the team to four consecutive trips to the NAIA National Tournament. She finished her career with 1492 points and 593 rebounds, which landed her in the 2017 Lipscomb Athletics Hall of Fame Class. Lynn graduated from Lipscomb in 1996 with a degree in Health and Physical Education. She also holds a Masters in Health and Physical Education from Tennessee State University.



Lynn currently serves as the Assistant Principal and Athletic Director at Goodpasture, along with her duties as head volleyball coach. She is married to Keith and they have three children, Will, Leigh Anne and Jackson.

TSSAA proudly salutes Lynn Dearing for her contributions and dedication to high school athletics in the state of Tennessee.

REQUEST TO HOST HALL OF CHAMPIONS BENEFIT BASKETBALL GAMES

Schools may choose any two dates to play Hall of Champions basketball games between Monday, November 12 and Saturday, November 17, with an unlimited number of games on those two days. These games will not count against the 24 games a school is allowed to schedule during the regular season.

The request to host form is located in your school's TSSAA Portal, and can be entered in electronically by a school administrator. An e-mail will be sent once the request has been approved.

The Hall of Champions Game Financial Report can also be found in the Portal at the conclusion of your contest(s). You will complete a single report for all games hosted. Print and sign a hardcopy of the online financial form to mail in with your check.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Heather Carter at hcarter@tssaa.org or 615-889-6740.

UPCOMING STATE TOURNAMENTS

GOLF

Willowbrook Golf Club
Manchester, TN

DIVISION I - LARGE

September 25-26

DIVISION II

October 1-2

DIVISION I - SMALL

October 9-10

PORTAL TIP

Have you tried **Express Eligibility**? Administrators can quickly submit eligibility records for students who meet the most common eligibility criteria! Under Eligibility, select Express Eligibility and follow the instructions.

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"The fact that there are so many people involved, from Superintendents, school administrators, and school board members, shows how educators across the state value the goals and mission of the InSideOut Initiative," added Childress. "This would not be possible without the support for this program from the NFL Foundation and the Tennessee Titans, and for that we are very appreciative."

For sports to provide students with the human growth and moral development opportunities they deserve, we must move beyond defining success by the scoreboard and create space in the culture for a higher purpose. Tennessee is committed to creating that space, starting now.

Constitution and Bylaws Changes for the 2018-2019 School Year

Article I, Section 3 (Membership)

This change states that, effective with the 2019-20 school year, for post-season tournament competition, all public schools will participate in Division I, and all independent schools will compete in Division II. Public and independent schools may continue to compete against each other during regular season competition.

Article IV, Section 8 (TSSAA Sports Calendar)

This proposal changed the maximum number of regular season contests allowed in girls' wrestling and wrestling from 18 dates to 22 dates. There is no change in the number of matches an individual student-athlete can wrestle, which is 55 matches.

Article II, Section 18 (Amateur Rule) and Sections 19 & 20 (Award Rule)

This amendment simply states the bowling, golf, and tennis students will abide by USBC, USGA, and USTA regulations in accepting pay, items of commercial value, and awards. The statement in the Award Rule that did not allow student-athletes to accept items of commercial value from non-school organizations was removed.

Article I, Section 10 (Rules Meetings for Coaches)

This change requires coaches to attend a state rules meeting or complete the online rules meeting in their sport every year by a set deadline, or the school will be fined \$50.00. The coach must complete a make-up online rules meeting if they missed the face-to-face meeting or did not complete the online meeting by the original deadline. If not, the head coach will not be eligible to coach in the post-season tournament series. The school is still fined if the coach takes the make-up meeting after the original deadline.

TMSAA Article II, Section 21 (TMSAA Independent Game Participation)

This rule only applies to basketball and football at the middle school level. It has not changed at the high school level.

Portal Questions & Answers

How do I submit my rules meeting attendance voucher?

The biggest hurdle to submitting a voucher is signing in to the Portal. Coaches need to sign into the Portal with their email address. Every registered coach has their own TSSAA Portal account linked to their email address. If you're not sure what email address to use, look at your school's directory page on the main TSSAA.org website. Only coaches shown on the directory page are able to submit a voucher, so contact your athletic director if your name is missing.

How long do I have to submit my voucher?

You have until the TSSAA Date of First Contest in your sport to submit your voucher number. This is usually two weeks or more after the last meeting is held which gives coaches ample opportunity to contact the state office if they have any issues.

How do I know my school has rules meeting credit?

Look for a star next to each sport on your school's directory page on the main TSSAA.org website. If there's no star, credit has not been recorded. By the time spring sports begin, every sport except cross country should have a star.

Help! I made a mistake on a student's core information.

You'll need to contact the state office to make corrections to a student's core (name, birth date, grade, etc.) or eligibility information once the student has been marked eligible. In the Portal, click

on the student's name to view the student detail page, then click the blue NEED HELP button on the right side of the screen. In your message, be sure to explain what needs to be corrected.

As a coach, how do I add athletes to my "Eligible Students" list?

If you have been assigned as a coach, you are only able to edit schedules and add *eligible* students to rosters. All management of student core information (eligibility, transfer filings, etc.) must be done at the discretion of the school's athletic director.

How do I update my email address or password?

When signed into the Portal, click on the user's name in the upper-right corner of the page and select My Profile. There are options here for changing your email address, password and other contact information. When you change your email address, you will have to respond to an automatic validation email at the new address before you are able to sign into the Portal again.

Our school is accepting students from another school through a cooperative agreement. How do we get these student's on a roster?

The other school will need to perform the same eligibility and roster tasks for their students as you do for your students. In the end, co-op students will appear on both schools' sport roster. Until the student has been cleared through the eligibility process and added to the other school's roster, he/she will not be visible on the host school's list of eligible students.