



Missouri High School Baseball Coaches Association

Message for President Andy Jackson

President's Message:

On behalf of the entire Executive Committee, I would like to say thanks to everyone involved in making the 2009 clinic a great success. Our numbers were very solid once again, our speakers great, and we had the most vendors we have ever had. Needless to say, it is a great time to be a high school baseball coach in Missouri.

A special thanks to Michael Hunt for all his work with the newly formed Legislative Committee and to George Blasé from MSHSAA for his guidance in helping us form a plan. Our play-off proposal has made the questionnaire and will be voted on this spring. We as coaches need to get out and promote the idea.

A special thanks to all members of our executive committee for all the hours they give to making our association one of the best in the nation. It is no coincidence that we won the prestigious JEM Award, which is given to the most active state association at the national level, for the second year in a row at the BCA Clinic in Chicago. Hopefully with the support of more coaches across the state who join our association and get involved, we can make it a 3-Peat.

Please note that in your MSHSAA baseball rules packet there is a form that should serve as a reminder to all coaches about the important dead-lines for different awards offered by the MHSBCA. Do your players justice and make sure and get the nomination forms in on time. The greatest thing we do as an organization is honor the players, coaches, and facilities in our great state that deserve to be recognized.

In closing, I would like to thank the association for allowing me to serve as a president for the past two years. It has without a doubt been one of the most rewarding experiences of my career as a baseball coach.

Best of luck this spring,

Andy Jackson
MHSBCA President
Head Baseball Coach
Kirksville Sr. High

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MHSBCA Legislative Issues Questionnaire Results

Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill out a questionnaire at the clinic. We had a total of 87 surveys returned. Although I would have liked for this number to be higher, we will use the results as a representation of our association as a whole. In the table below, you can find the results:

MHSBCA Legislative Questionnaire Results

Total Surveys	87				
Class 4	43				
Class 3	25				
Class 2	14				
Class 1	5				
	<u>% in favor</u>				
In favor of Dead Period	Yes	20	No	66	23%
In favor of last week of June, 1st week of July	Yes	13	No	74	15%
In favor Pre-Season Scrimmages	Yes	73	No	13	84%
In favor of a change in current playoff system	Yes	69	No	13	79%
In favor of current playoff proposal	Yes	71	No	11	82%
In favor of 5 classes	Yes	51	No	22	59%
In favor of mercy rule in post-season	Yes	50	No	26	57%
In favor of pre-determined sites for playoffs	Yes	35	No	33	40%

So where do we go from here? First of all, on the 'Dead Period' and playoff proposal issues, please talk to your administration and share the results. The playoff proposal has made the questionnaire, and is being presented as an option for all classes. Work is still being done on the dead period issue, but it is important that we as baseball coaches have our voice heard as this could have a major impact on those of us who are involved with coaching summer baseball.

Next, I will take the results from the questionnaire regarding pre-season scrimmages or jamborees and construct a proposal to present to the Baseball Advisory Committee at the June meeting. Many good suggestions were made on this topic, but the majority involved some type of jamboree setting with multiple teams playing shortened scrimmages at one site. This type of structure with some built in flexibility is probably our best option.

Finally, with the majority being in favor of splitting into 5 classes we will begin work on this issue. As I mentioned at the clinic, this will take a MSHSAA By-Law change. In order for this to happen, someone must write a petition and have it signed by 10% of the member schools participating in baseball in order to get it on the ballot. I have had a few contacts with people interested in helping with this, but if anyone else is interested please let me know. I will assist with this process and George Blasé indicated that he would also help to ensure that the wording used was inline with current writings.

As a coach this is an exciting time for me as I see the beginnings of positive change taking shape for high school baseball in Missouri. Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill out the questionnaire and especially to the coaches who attended the area meetings. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

J. Michael Hunt

Eureka High School

MHSBCA Legislative Committee Chair

MHSBCA 2009 PRE-SEASON RANKINGS

Class 4

1. Ozark
2. Oak Park
3. St. Louis University High
4. Oakville
5. Rolla
6. Parkway South
7. CBC
8. Fort Zumwalt North
9. Marquette
- Vianney

Other receiving votes: Rockhurst, Rock Bridge, & Helias

Class 3

1. Westminster Christian
2. Cape Girardeau Notre Dame
3. Boonville
4. Carl Junction
5. Harrisonville
6. St. Joe Benton
7. Savannah
8. El Dorado Springs
9. Grain Valley
- Excelsior Springs

Class 2

1. Scott City
2. Barstow
3. Conway
4. Blue Eye
5. Fatima
6. Valle Catholic
7. Clearwater
8. West County
9. Carrollton
- Iberia

Class 1

1. Cooter
2. LaPlata
3. Winona
4. St. Elizabeth
5. Bernie
6. Lakeland
7. Leeton
8. Silex
9. Dora
10. Northeast (Cairo)



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The MHSBCA would like to recognize Tony Perkins, Vendor Coordinator, for an outstanding job again this year. We had a great selection of vendors in attendance. The vendors provided us with great door prizes for our raffle drawings.

As always we urge our members to continue to support our sponsors and vendors throughout the year.

MHSBCA 2009 Hall of Fame Luncheon Award Winners

Missouri State High School Baseball - Coopertown Bat's 2008 Coaches of the Year

Class 1A Josh Fisher, Santa Fe HS

Scott White, Stoutland HS

Mitch Wood, Oran HS

Jim Scheer, New Haven HS

Class 2A Lance Amick, Scott City HS

Mark Adams, Barstow HS

Clay Bilyeu, Conway HS

Barry Koenekke, Hallsville HS

Class 3A Steve Pfund, St. Dominic HS

Shawn Mayes, Webb City HS

Jeff Graviett, Cape Notre Dame HS (Tie)

Tim Edwards, Booneville HS (Tie)

Class 4A Mike Essick, Ozark HS

Tony Perkins, Francis Howell HS

Steve Nicollerat, St. Louis University HS (Tie)

Troy Andrews, Oak Park HS (Tie)

Missouri State High School Baseball - Coopertown Bat's 2008 Assistant Coach of the Year

2A

Chris Peterson

Spokane H.S.

3A

Phil Seifert

Pembroke Hill H.S.

3A

Chris Quorti

West Plains H.S.

4A

Justin Williams

Francis Howell H.S.

4A

Darrin Cissell

Francis Howell H.S.

Capital Sand's Field of the Year— Andy Jackson's James "Doc" Gardner Field, Kirksville HS

BCA District 5 National Field of the Year— Andy Jackson's James "Doc" Gardner Field, Kirksville HS

MHSBCA Scholarship Award Winners

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Coach</u>
Tyler Wrinkle	Stoutland High School	2008	Scott White
Andrew Homfeld	Lafayette High School	2008	Josh Hayes
Nolan West	Bolivar High School	2008	Eric Briggs
Anthony Smreker	Hillsboro High School	2008	Eddie Moreno
Bret Schwartz	Blue Springs High School	2008	Marc Hines

Louisville Slugger Newcomer of the Year-Alex Larkin; St. Dominic HS

Pro-Line Player of the Year— Tim Melville; Wentzville Holt HS

MHSBCA 2008 HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

Rick Berlin; Truman High School, Independence, Missouri

Bob Conrad; Crane High School, Crane, Missouri



Bob Conrad
2008 Hall of Fame Inductee
Crane HS, Crane, MO



Rick Berlin
2008 Hall of Fame Inductee
Truman H.S., Independence, MO



Andy Jackson
BCA District 5 & MHSBCA
Capital Sand Field of the Year
Kirksville H.S.



MHSBCA Scholarship
Recipients



Kent Shelley
Keynote Speaker
Johnson County Community
College; Overland Park, KS



Gary Dunahue
Scholarship Recipient
Bret Schwartz, Blue Springs H.S.



Louisville Slugger
Newcomer of the Year
Alex Larkin; St. Dominic HS.



Pro-Line Player of the Year
Tim Melville
Wentzville Holt HS

2009 Annual Awards and Hall of Fame Luncheon



Lance Amick, Class 2A
Coopertown Bat's Coach of the Year
Scott City HS



Steve Pfund, Class 3A
Coopertown Bat's Coach of the Year
St. Dominic HS



Chris Peterson, Class 2A
Coopertown Bat's Asst. Coach of the Year
Spokane HS



Phil Seifert Class 3A
Coopertown Bat's Asst. Coach of the Year
Award accepted by Jeff Diskin



Justin Williams, Class 4A
Coopertown Bat's Asst. Coach of the Year
Francis Howell HS



Darrin Cissell, Class 4A
Coopertown Bat's Asst. Coach of the Year
Francis Howell HS



Jade Samborski Class 3A
Sectional Champions



Richard Wood Class 4A
Sectional Champions

MHSBCA Honorees



MHSBCA Hall of Fame Nomination Form



MEMBER'S NAME: _____ MEMBER'S SCHOOL: _____

You may nominate for as many as three (3) coaches maximum. You must also include your name at the top for the form to be valid! Nominee can be retired or active, just remember nominees must have coached a minimum of 15 years in the state of Missouri.

Send the information to: Brad Mayfield, HOF Chairman at bmayfield@bssd.net OR cats22bb@comcast.net.

Thanks! Hall of Fame Committee

Name of Coach Being Nominated	School or Schools	Yr. Head/Overall	Coaching Record	Conference Champs; District Champs; 1/4 Finals; Sectionals; Semi-finals; State Champs; etc.	VOTE

Questions or Comments you have for the Hall of Fame Committee:

Special notes about the HOF voting:

**** Any coach who has been coaching for 15 or more years is eligible for the Hall of Fame.**

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**Important Dates to Remember
Mark your Calendars NOW!!!**

May 1, 2009	Sr. All-Stars Nomination deadline (check website for updates and forms)
May 3, 2009	Senior All-Stars Selection Meeting in Jefferson City at Capitol Plaza Hotel (check website for updates and forms)
May 30, 2009	Academic All State Nominations (check website for updates and forms)
June 1, 2009	All State Nominations (check website for updates and forms)
June 2009	Jr. Sunbelt Classic in Oklahoma (dates TBA, check website for updates and forms)
June 20, 2009	Sr. All-Stars Series location & times TBA. Rain out date is June 21. (check website for updates and forms)
December 1, 2009	Scholarship application check website for updates and forms)
December 1, 2009	Field of the Year (check website for updates and forms)
December 1, 2009	Asst. coach of the Year (check website for updates and forms)
December 1, 2009	Pro-Line Player of the Year (check website for updates and forms)
December 1, 2009	Louisville Slugger Newcomer of the Year (check website for updates and forms)
December 3-6, 2009	BCA Convention in Tucson, Arizona (check website for updates and Forms)
January 22-24, 2010	MHSBCA Honors Luncheon and Clinic at Capitol Plaza in Jefferson City, MO ** Note the MHSBCA clinic has been moved back one week to accommodate the MSHSAA Rules Meeting

