

62ND ANNUAL



Hall of Fame Banquet

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St. Louis Park, Minnesota

'KEEPERS OF THE GAME'



Our Hall of Fame Banquet

Among the several guiding principles of the MFCA is to preserve the past, recognize achievement and honor accomplishment. The MFCA Hall of Fame Awards Celebration is an evening of joy, pride and gratitude to those 'Keepers of the Game' who, through their dedication to the Game, have earned the admiration, thanks and praise of colleagues and community in an evening of celebration.

The MFCA is proud to recognize these extraordinary 'Keepers' who yesterday, today, and we know will tomorrow, represent the very best values of the MFCA and of the game itself. There are few fraternities like the fraternity of football coaches and few huddles like the huddle of the GAME.

This evening, as we honor achievement and accomplishment, let us all renew our commitment to football, its everlasting preservation, and its vital role in the fabric of our lives.

Ron Stolski
Executive Director, MFCA
Proud 'Keepers of the Game'





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The Hall of Fame Induction Process

The Minnesota Football Hall of Fame honors those unique individuals whose efforts in coaching, administration and promotion of football have been truly outstanding.

Hall of Fame nomination forms are submitted to the Football Coaches Association Officers and Hall of Fame Committee members. The selection committee meets each winter to review the Hall of Fame nominees and make selections.

The Hall of Fame inducts members into one of three divisions:

- 1 The Citation Division** honors support to the promotion of high school football over a long period of time.
- 2 The College Division** honors college football coaches, players, and support personnel who have achieved a standard of excellence over many years.
- 3 The High School Division** honors our football coaching colleagues who have spent the majority of their professional years serving the high school student athletes of Minnesota.

MFCA Officers

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Ron Stolski, Brainerd

PRESIDENT
Ben Burk, Lakeville South (6A)

1ST VICE PRESIDENT
Trevor Carrier, Houston (9M)

2ND VICE PRESIDENT
Cullen Nelson, Chanhassen (5A)

SECRETARY TREASURER
Jim Dotseth, Minneapolis



*Ron Stolski,
Executive Director*



*Ben Burk
President*

Program

Master of Ceremonies	Ray Kirch, MFCA Clinic Committee
Invocation	Dwight Lundeen, Becker
Welcome	Ron Stolski, Executive Director, MFCA
Don Swanson Award.....	Ray Kirch
Jerry Kill Power of Influence Award	Jon Bakken
9-Man Coaches of the Year	Ray Kirch
Hall of Fame Introductions.....	Brent Schimek and Marc Kruger

2026 Hall of Fame Inductees

High School Division:

Ronald Johnson, Gonvick
Jeff Schlieff, Spring Lake Park
John Clark, Jr., Mahnomen-Waubun
Randy Strand, Adrian
Bob Kovich, Lakeville North

College Division:

Glenn Caruso, University of St. Thomas

Class 1A Coaches of the Year	Ray Kirch
Distinguished Service Award.....	Ron Stolski
Class 2A Coaches of the Year	Ray Kirch
Class 3A Coaches of the Year	Ray Kirch
Butch Nash Outstanding Assistant Coach Awards.....	Ray Kirch

2025 Butch Nash Assistant Coach Award Recipients:

<i>Todd Kuhn, Albany Area</i>	<i>Cory Stanger, Monticello</i>
<i>Gerry Suardini, East Ridge</i>	<i>Adam Halverson, Ogilvie</i>
<i>Josh Flug, Edina</i>	<i>Larry Franck, Nevis</i>
<i>Ryan LaPointe, Elk River</i>	<i>Ken Worel, Rogers</i>
<i>Shane Wyandt, Farmington</i>	<i>Adam Gerads, Upsala/Swanville Area</i>
<i>Jason Koch, Hastings</i>	<i>Mike Wallace, Westonka</i>

Class 4A Coaches of the Year	Ray Kirch
Assistant Coach of the Year.....	Ray Kirch
Coaching Service Awards	Ray Kirch
Class 5A Coaches of the Year	Ray Kirch
Class 6A Coaches of the Year	Ray Kirch
Presentation to Outgoing President.....	Ben Burk, Lakeville South
State Coach of the Year	Ray Kirch

Hall of Fame rings donated by Cambria

Presenters

Brent Schimek, Co-Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee

Brent is the Head Football Coach at Deer River. He served as the MFCA President in 2023. He is a member of the Executive Committee and Hall of Fame Committee. Brent is the current President of the MSHSL Board of Directors. Coach Schimek has led the Deer River Warriors to 6 state tournaments the past 8 years.

Ben Burk, MFCA President, Head Football Coach, Lakeville South

Ben Burk is the incoming President of the MFCA for 2026. He has served as the Head Coach at Lakeville South High School since 2019. During that time, his teams have won two state titles (2020, 2021), six sectional titles, and played in the state semi-finals six of his seven seasons as head coach. He is a two-time 6A Coach of the Year. He serves the MFCA on the Executive Committee and the Jerry Kill Power of Influence Committee.

Marc Kruger, Co-Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee

Marc currently serves as the MFCA Hall of Fame Co-Chair. Marc is a member of the MFCA Advisory Board and serves as a MFCA Sub-District Rep. In 2018, Marc was the Section 2AA Coach of the Year.

Dwight Lundeen, Head Football Coach, Becker High School

Dwight Lundeen, Head Football Coach, Becker High School 2014 MFCA Coach of the Year. He serves on the Mr. Football Committee, Awards Committee, and is MFCA liaison with the Minnesota Vikings. Becker won the 3A Prep Bowl in 2005, and 4A Prep Bowl in 2014, 2015, and 2024. Dwight has 417 wins, which is 2nd most in Minnesota football history. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2009. Lundeen has been the head coach at Becker for 56 years. He started the program in 1970 and continues to coach today. In 2010, Dwight was awarded the National Power of Influence recipient award by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA).

Dave Nelson, Chairman of MFCA Hall of Fame Celebration

Dave Nelson has coached at both Blaine and Minnetonka and his teams have made several state playoff appearances. He led both schools to state championship titles - Blaine in 1988 and Minnetonka in 2004. Dave served as MFCA President in 2002 and was named State Coach of the Year in 2004. In 2014, he was named MFCA Clinic Man of the Year and was inducted into the MFCA Hall of Fame. He's a member of the Executive Committee, Awards Committee and the Tackle Cancer Committee. Dave was awarded the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Power of Influence Award in 2020.

Ron Stolski, Executive Director MFCA

1983 MFCA President; 2006 American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) national Power of Influence recipient; 2008 Hall of Fame inductee. The 2019 season was his 58th as head coach and he currently ranks 3rd in wins among all Minnesota coaches with 389. He is on several MFCA committees and is chair of the very successful MFC Clinic that was held this weekend here at the Doubletree. In 2010 he was named MFCA Coach of the Year.

Jon Bakken, Power of Influence Committee Chair

Jon is a veteran Minnesota football coach who spent 34 years as head coach at Waterville-Elysian-Morristown High School before serving on the St. Olaf College football staff and later as offensive coordinator at Lakeville South High School, leading teams to multiple conference titles and state championships. He is an active member and past leader in the Minnesota Football Coaches Association, a Hall of Fame inductee, and recipient of state Coach of the Year honors for his contributions to the sport. Bakken's coaching career reflects a lifelong commitment to developing players and strengthening football programs across Minnesota.

Ray Kirch

Ray has served the MFCA for the past 20 years as part of the Spring Clinic Committee. As an athletic administrator, he's had the privilege to work alongside some outstanding high school football coaches and programs. He's recently been inducted into the MnIAAA and he serves the MSHSL as the Region 5AA Executive Secretary..

The Butch Nash Outstanding Assistant Coaches Award



The Butch Nash Award is one of the most significant recognitions of the MFCA awards. Named in honor of the legendary Gopher Football assistant coach, George “Butch” Nash, the award recognizes those coaches who represent what is best in assistant coaches everywhere.

Butch was respected, honored and revered by all whose lives he touched: players, colleagues and public. During his extraordinary career as a Gopher assistant coach, he exemplified the endearing qualities of coaching competency, unconditional loyalty, integrity, many years of dedicated service, pride in his profession, and unrivaled passion for the Golden Gophers and the game he loved.

The MFCA is proud to recognize those coaches who have, over a career, demonstrated the qualities embodied in a true legend and one of the original ‘Keepers of the Game.’



Butch Nash Award Past Recipients

1984

Ken Bey, Owatonna
Hal Dvorak, Rochester John Marshall
Bill Franti, St. Cloud Tech
Denny Luke, Hutchinson
Monte Miller, Minneapolis Patrick Henry
Steve Nunnink, Brainerd
Jim Roback, Coon Rapids

1985

John Dunbar, Zumbrota
Paul Gasner, Totino-Grace
Larry Junkermeier, White Bear Lake
Ron Juell, Albany
Arv Soma, Fairmont
Bernie Wesloh, Brooklyn Center

1986

Victor Berra, Burnsville
Don Callisto, Le Center
Ron Domschot, Alexandria
Tom Foley, Stillwater
Rich Lees, Austin
Jake Lynch, Bloomington Jefferson
Larry Senrick, Fridley
Tom Smith, New Richland-Hartland

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Butch Nash Award Past Recipients

1987

Dean Allen, Cambridge
Colin Anderson, Elk River
Ed Draheim, Owatonna
Jim Fehrman, Medford
Brian Kispert, Richfield
Doug Spray, Montevideo
Leo Traurig, New Ulm
Dan Tschimperle, Silver Lake

1988

Jerry Carlson, Cambridge
Eldon Dahl, Pipestone
Doug Darnell, Brooklyn Center
Donn Drommerhausen, Stillwater
Mike Flynn, Granite Falls
Charles Johnson, Princeton
Richard Johnson, Lakeville
Ken Zwach, Wayzata

1989

Ron Beachy, Staples-Motley
Richard Bird, Bloomington Jefferson
Bill Braun, Ely
Don Kuiper, Worthington
John Peterick, Mahanomen
Marv Peters, Rochester Lourdes
Roger Stelljes, Park Center
Gary Von Holtum, Janesville

1990

Dennis Booren, St. Peter
Tom Critchley, Hawley
LeRoy Erickson, Buffalo
Norm Fieg, Bloomington Kennedy
Dominic Hillesheim, Triton
Dan Ratzloff, Pipestone
Jim Tetzloff, Faribault

1991

Tom Chirhart, Becker
Jeff Ferguson, Blaine
Jim Herman, Forest Lake
Dave Jewison, Rochester Lourdes
Jim Rolbiecki, Minneota
Dave Thielman, Richfield
Jack Willhite, St. Louis Park
Richard Zeman, Lakeville

1992

Steve DuBois, Kasson-Mantorville
Bob Hooper, Detroit Lakes
Tom Idstrom, Irondale
Lowell Kutches, Blaine
Dennis Malherek, Bloomington Jefferson
Jeff Olson, St. Peter
Bruce Schmidt, International Falls
Bob Stewart, Mounds View

1993

Richard Klein, Stillwater
James Bock, Breckenridge
Bruce Nelson, Eagan
John Mithun, Chokio-Alberta
Paul Bengston, Hopkins
James Slifka, Medford
Walter Malmstrom, Mahtomedi
Bernie Litecky, Totino-Grace

1994

Bud Bjornaraa, Apple Valley
Robert Lingen, Stephen
Howard LaVigne, International Falls
Roger Trobec, Sartell
Dean Baldrey, Granite Falls-Clarkfield
Karl Deis, Mora
Gary Burr, Farmington
Chet Stevenson, Brainerd

1995

James Knutson, Lakeville
Joseph Brisson, Browerville
Gary Walter, St. Michael-Albertville
William Krugman, Albany
Joe Roberts, Luverne
Terry Bodeen, Braham
Stephen Collins, New Prague

1996

Gary Hansen, Chatfield
Mike Thomas, Edina
Michael Scanlan, Cretin-Derham Hall
Oscar Blegen, Anoka
Roger Jones, Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop
Larry Otterblad, Silver Bay
Vince Conway, Hill-Murray
Gary Gauffin, Mora

1997

Terry Althoff, Luverne
Joel Andrychowicz, Henry Sibley
Dale Bockovich, Cook County
Charles Madson, Faribault
Bruce Rosenow, Hutchinson
James Sutherland, Bertha-Hewitt
Bob Vanderhoof, Northfield

1998

Jefferson Bernards, Kasson-Mantorville
Melvin Anderson, Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa
Gary Dahlberg, Deer River
Mark Embretson, Brainerd
Wayne Dietz, Woodbury
Dennis Foreman, Eagan
Rory Johnson, Proctor
Dave Wicker, Minneapolis Patrick Henry
Kevin Nowotny, Adrian

1999

John Schilling, McLeod West
Dick Braun, Fertile-Beltrami
Mike McCarney, Battle Lake
Dan Alsbury, Byron
Roger Elzenga, Windom
Mike Kleinschmidt, Albany
Shannon Gerrety, Blaine

2000

Frank Drazkowski, St. Charles
Kerry Linbo, Byron
John Rasmussen, Sauk Rapids
Bradley Schmidt, Verndale
Dennis Stockmo, Minneapolis Roosevelt
Rick Swanson, Blaine

2001

Bill Douchette, Silver Bay
Terry Hartman, Hastings
Doug Heruth, Blaine
Wally Larson, Eagan
Lee Rebstock, Jordan
Rick Schmiedeberg, Warren-Alvarado-Oslo
Dennis Trydahl, Breckenridge
Jeff Wagner, Waterville-Elysian-Morristown

2002

Doug Torgerson, Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City
Tom Dahlberg, Hastings
Jeff Ramey, Brainerd
Brian Kvebak, Mankato East
Richard Hest, Eagle Valley
John Rosholt, Watertown-Mayer
David Swanberg, Le Sueur-Henderson
Mike Carroll, Rochester Lourdes

2003

Tim Anfenson, St. Michael-Albertville
Dave Enge, Anoka
Pat Hinnenkamp, Totino-Grace
Bob Kovich, Lakeville
Ron Randall, Plainview/Elgin-Millville
Rory Sanders, Tartan
Doug Schutte, McLeod West
George Soukup, Minnetonka
Mike Quist, Alexandria

2004

Bill Baumann, North Branch
Lee Eklund, Hawley
Mick Goudy, Rogers
Keith Howard, Elk River
Mark O'Neill, Champlin Park
Tom Sand, Jordan
Tim Seaton, Verndale
Tracey Wensloff, Roseau

2005

Glen Bernard, Rushford-Peterson
Charlie Cornell, Thief River Falls
Dan Dymoke, Minneapolis Roosevelt
Mike Gaffaney, Yellow Medicine East
Mark Herbes, Upsala
Jake Moore, Hastings
Rob Nielsen, Detroit Lakes
Joel Thompson, Mora

2006

Craig Brenner, BOLD
Dave Comer, Lakeville South
Dan Hennen, Eden Prairie
Gregory Hills, Rush City
Bruce Huber, Triton
Lyle Rambow, Morris Area
Mitchell Thompson, Rushford-Peterson
Mark Weitalla, Northfield

2007

Alan Amdahl, Albany
Vaughn Glasener, Melrose
Mark Johnson, Minneapolis Roosevelt
Robert Nickleby, Woodbury
Derek Parendo, Proctor
Delles Solie, Owatonna
David Style, Glencoe-Silver Lake

2008

Scott Berning, St. Michael-Albertville
Jeff Briard, Springfield
Dick Gaughran, Eden Prairie
Steve Guider, Blaine
Patrick Hudak, Farmington
Scott Parsons, Brainerd
Vern Schnathorst, Detroit Lakes
Jon Thielen, Eden Valley-Watkins

2009

Jay Anderson, Totino-Grace
Roger Erickson, Lake of the Woods
Chad Gustafson, New London-Spicer
Terence Kent, Kittson County Central
Paul Lemke, Glencoe-Silver Lake
Tim Olson, Thief River Falls
Scott Palmer, Buffalo
Scott Swansson, Woodbury

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Butch Nash Award Past Recipients

2010

Mike Allen, Northfield
Kirk Golberg, Lakeville South
Greg Johnson, Delano
Mark Johnson, Rocori
Mike Labine, Detroit Lakes
Jeff Moore, Verndale
Jeff Moritko, Totino-Grace
Charlie Reed, Cretin-Derham Hall

2011

Joel Baumgarten, Rocori
Michael Boomer, Cook County
Rick Haley, Delano
Thomas Pink, Northome
Patrick Rieder, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton
Mark Ritter, Eden Prairie
Will Wackman, Spring Lake Park
Ralph Weber, Anoka

2012

Marc Achterkirch, Owatonna
Mark Elmer, Stillwater
John Jensen, Rochester Lourdes
David Larson, Hutchinson
Roger Lindahl, Benson
John McEachran, Perham
Paul Ruud, Glencoe-Silver Lake
Daren Sagedahl, BOLD

2013

Bill Aufdenkamp, Frazee
Daniel Brinkman, Hutchinson
Darby Carlson, St. Michael-Albertville
David Meyer, Detroit Lakes
Matt Myrvik, Minneota/Lincoln HI
Jeff Saueressig, Chisago Lakes
John Schultz, New Richland-HEG

2014

Gary Andersen, Fairmont
Josh Austad, Rocori
Bryan Brighton, Plainview-Elgin-Millville
Greg Clough, Minnetonka
Keith Cornell, St. Michael-Albertville
Steve Drewlo, Blaine
Mark Madigan, Simley
Jason Moden, Osseo
Conley Natvig, Browerville
David Rocheleau, Pierz
Todd Stokke, Lewiston-Altura
Doug Wanous, Owatonna

2015

Wayne Beisel, Winona
Thomas Doyscher, Norwood Young America
Bill Kinnunen, Grand Rapids
Patrick Klubben, St. Peter
Michael Langer, Brainerd
Mike Lundeen, Becker
Burt Roberts, Woodbury
Brett Schmidt, Hawley
Blaine Schnaible, Marshall
Tom Sola, Northfield
Phil Trowbridge, Barnesville
Lindsay Wallace, Delano
Matt Watson, Centennial

2016

Adam Birkholz, Lester Prairie/Holy Trinity
James Bohaty, Moose Lake-Willow River
Gary Cornell, Virginia
Michael Cross, Elk River
Clint Ewald, St. Louis Park
Todd Johnson, Mahnomen
Andrew Lancaster, Browerville/Eagle Valley

2016 (continued)

Scott McLachlan, Albany
Rob Pederson, Eden Valley-Watkins
Greg Powell, Big Fork
John Rockwell, Columbia Heights

2017

Joe Basil, Maple Grove
Michael Breyen, Elk River
David Carlson, Barnum
Bryan Dammann, Minnetonka
Curt Hahn, St. Michael-Albertville
Peter Heryla, Columbia Heights
Thomas Quiram, Le Sueur-Henderson
Darrell Salmi, Stillwater
Neil Tesdahl, Crosby-Ironton
Mark Thornton, Northfield
Rod Tollefson, Sibley East

2018

Aaron Ferrier, Redwood Valley
Jeff Flugum, Apple Valley
Ron Fuchs, Paynesville Area
Dan Gross, BOLD
Roger Hanson, East Grand Forks
Josh Hofstedt, Cannon Falls
James Mulcahy, Perham
Curt Olson, Underwood
Chad Pothan, Lakeville North
Christopher Riley, Zimmerman
Dave Shoemaker, Minnetonka
Steve Sussner, Minneota

2019

Aron Anderson, Brainerd
Hokan Bengtson, Becker
Dan Douglas, Montevideo
David Ellefson, Hutchinson
Dave Foster, Cromwell
Mark Hemberger, NCE-UH
Ty Houglum, Mora
Brian Hovland, Underwood
Brad Johnson, Fairmont
Matthew Jones, Verndale
Michael Kuntz, Chisago Lakes
Robert Larson, Mahnomen/Waubun

2020

Jeff Boonstra, New London Spicer
Joe Coenen, Chanhassen
Todd Hamer, Lakeville North
Gregory Johnson, Verndale
Mark Harris, Stillwater
Kevin Hulke, Minnesota Valley Lutheran
John Kyvig, Andover
Matt Nelson, Kasson-Mantorville
Andrew Stephenson, Spring Lake Park
Michael Wenninger, Luverne
Daniel Svoboda, Glencoe-Silver Lake

2021

Jason Albrecht, Lakeville North
Steve Alger, St. Peter
Jesse Barnacle, DGF
Cory Bedel, Hancock
Jim Bentson, Pillager
Andy Dahl, MLWR
Terry Donovan, Kasson-Mantorville
Duane Ferber, NRHEG
Jeff Gabrielson, New London Spicer
Jon Gilmer, Lakeville South
Craig Larson, Fertile-Beltrami
Jim McKeon, Bemidji
Daniel Storlie, Byron

2022

Chad Anderson, Totino Grace
Bryan Cook, Mora
Jerry Eggermont, Owatonna
Greg Ellsworth, Mankato West
Eric Graham, Cambridge-Isanti
Mike Johnson, Edina
Glenn Mogensen, Farmington
Todd Mortimer, Warren-Walvarado-Oslo
Troy Nelson, Brainerd
Michael Puhmann, Stillwater Area
Neil Steffes, Fertile-Beltrami
Dirk Wells, Lakeville South

2023

Travis Armstrong, Blue Earth
Mike DeWulf, Nevis
Tom Fritze, Hastings
Mark Griffin, Eden Prairie
Timothy Hernandez, St. Thomas Academy
Matt Kittelson, Blooming Prairie
Adam Langer, Eden Valley-Watkins
Shane Minske, Lakeville South
Chad Olson, Farmington
Chris Otterness, Kasson-Mantorville
Matt Skala, Owatonna
Matthew Smude, Blaine
Adam Spurrell, Maple Grove
Eric Teders, Waseca
Andy Zigan, Monticello
Tom Zupke, Mayer Lutheran

2024

Josh Borass, Zumbrota-Mazeppa
Gavin Duncanson, St. Michael-Albertville
Michael Fairbanks, Deer River
Jason Grandstrand, Goodridge-Grygla
Troy Gunderson, Grand Rapids
Chris Meyer, Monticello
Vichita Ounchitch, Warroad
Troy Robinson, Becker
Chris Rousemiller, Lakeville South
Scott Schmelzle, Lakeville North
Aaron Swartout, Bloomington Jefferson
Scott Tiedens, Shakopee
Eric Vande Berg, Eastview
Matt Webb, Rogers
Ken Weikel, Andover
Kevin Werk, Medford

2025

Todd Kuhn, Albany Area
Gerry Suardini, East Ridge
Josh Flug, Edina
Ryan LaPointe, Elk River
Shane Wyandt, Farmington
Jason Koch, Hastings
Cory Stanger, Monticello
Adam Halverson, Ogilvie
Larry Franck, Nevis
Ken Worel, Rogers
Adam Gerads, Upsala/Swanville Area
Mike Wallace, Westonka

2025 Minnesota Sub-District Coaches of the Year

COACH	SUB-DISTRICT	SCHOOL	CLASS
Andy Hill	Metro East	Woodbury	6A
Chauncey Williams	Metro Maroon	Hopkins	6A
Mike Diggins	Metro North	Centennial	6A
Nick Keenan	Metro North	Champlin Park	6A
Ben Burk	Metro South	Lakeville South	6A
Adam Spurrell	Metro West	Maple Grove	6A
Carson Yaggie	Mid Northwest Central	Breckenridge	1A
Aaron Pfeiffer	Mid Northwest North Central	Staples-Motley	1A
John Clark Jr.	Mid Northwest Valley Plains West	Mahnomen/Waubun	1A
Jay Loven	Mid Northwest Gold	Upsala/Swanville Area	1A
Ryan Kasowski	Mid Northwest Red	East Grand Forks	3A
Paul Clark	Mid Northwest North	Pillager	2A
Brandon Neseth	Mid Northwest North	Triton	2A
Tom Schuller	Mid South Brown	Jackson County Central	2A
Chris Mensink	Mid South Green	Fillmore Central	1A
Chad Johnston	Mid South White	Minneota	1A
Erik Hermanson	Mid South Gold	Cleveland	2A
Adam Meyer	Mid South Purple	Springfield	1A
Sam Steier	Mid South Silver	Waterville-Elysian-Morristown	2A
Adam Tri	Mid South Teal	Eden Valley-Watkins	2A
Adam Birkholz	Mid West Central Black	Howard Lake Waverly Winsted	3A
Luke Mitchell	Mid West Central Blue	Holdingford	2A
Matt Walter	Mid West Central Copper	Annandale	3A
Danny Saehr	Mid West Central White	Pierz	3A
Dave Westerman	North North	Littlefork-Big Falls	9M
Jared Hoemberg	North South	Bertha-Hewitt	9M
Jeff Gronner	North South	Cromwell-Wright Area	9M
Dave Louzek	Northeast Blue	Moose Lake-Willow River	2A
Greg Spahn	Northeast Red	Grand Rapids	4A
Robert Minkkinen	Northeast Silver	Barnum	1A
Bill Magnuson	Northeast White	Pequot Lakes	3A

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2025 Minnesota Sub-District Coaches of the Year

COACH	SUB-DISTRICT	SCHOOL	CLASS
Dave Muetzel	Northstar East Gold	Mahtomedi	5A
Travis Walch	Northstar East Maroon	St. Thomas Academy	5A
Mike Empting	Northstar North	Alexandria	6A
Cullen Nelson	Northstar South Gold	Chanhassen	5A
Brent Yule	Northstar South Maroon	Northfield	5A
Andy Pierskalla	Northstar West Gold	Monticello	5A
John Stewart	Northstar West Maroon	Spring Lake Park	5A
Ben Halder	Skyway Brass	Byron	4A
Terry Bahlmann	Skyway Copper	Marshall	4A
Jim Gunderson	Skyway Gold	Holy Angels	4A
Wyatt Russek	Skyway Green	Delano	4A
Joe McPherson	Skyway Green	Orono	4A
Dan Hughes	Skyway Green	Zimmerman	4A
Adam Frey	Skyway Orange	St. Croix Lutheran	3A
Jay Anderson	Skyway Maroon	Totino Grace	4A
Chris Grabowska	Skyway Platinum	Fergus Falls	4A
Rob Reeves	Skyway Yellow	Hill-Murray	4A
Scott Gangl	Skyway Twin City Red	Spectrum	3A
Richard Magembe	Skyway Twin City Red	St. Paul Johnson	4A
Rex Metzger	South West	Hills-Beaver Creek	9M
Isaac Jenniges	South West	Red Rock Central	9M
Tony Poncelet	Southeast Black	Goodhue	2A
Mitch Schiltz	Southeast Blue	Pine Island	3A
Mike Kessler	Southeast Yellow	Rochester Lourdes	2A
Paul Tollefsrud	South East	Mabel-Canton	9M
Korey Fry	West South	Hillcrest Lutheran	9M
Cory Waling	West North	Kittson County Central	9M

2025 Minnesota Section Coaches of the Year

CLASS: 9M - SECTION COACH

- 1 Paul Tollefsrud, Mabel-Canton
- 2 Isaac Jenniges, Red Rock Central
- 3 Rex Metzger, Hills-Beaver Creek
- 4 Korey Fry, Hillcrest Lutheran Academy
- 5 Jeff Gronner, Cromwell-Wright
- 6 Brian Nelson, Fertile-Beltrami
- 7 Steven Anderson, Cook County
- 8 Cory Walling, Kittson County Central

CLASS: 1A - SECTION COACH

- 1 Chris Mensink, Fillmore Central
- 2 Tyler Helland, Lester Prairie
- 3 Patrick Freeman, Murray County Central
- 4 Chad Johnston, Minneota
- 5 Jay Loven, Upsala/Swanville Area
- 6 Carson Yaggie, Breckenridge
- 7 Robert Minkinen, Barnum
- 8 John Clark Jr., Mahnomon/Waubun

CLASS: 2A - SECTION COACH

- 1 Carl Fruechte, Caledonia
- 2 Sam Steir, Waterville-Elysian-Morristown
- 3 Tom Schuller, Jackson County Central
- 4 Tony Poncelet, Goodhue
- 5 Adam Tri, Eden Valley-Watkins
- 6 Luke Mitchell, Holdingford
- 7 Dave Louzek, Moose Lake-Willow River
- 8 Bryan Strand, Barnesville

CLASS: 3A - SECTION COACH

- 1 Mitch Schiltz, Pine Island
- 2 Connor Wilkie, Holy Family Catholic
- 3 Brad Wendland, Waseca
- 4 Charles Adams III, Minneapolis North
- 5 Matt Walter, Annandale
- 6 Jim Jackman, Litchfield
- 7 Danny Saehr, Pierz
- 8 Anthony Soderberg, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton

CLASS: 4A - SECTION COACH

- 1 Joel Swanson, Kasson-Mantorville
- 2 Terry Bahlmann, Marshall
- 3 Rob Reeves, Hill-Murray
- 4 Jay Anderson, Totino Grace
- 5 Brad Anderson, Benilde-St. Margaret's
- 6 Joe McPherson, Orono
- 7 Greg Spahn, Grand Rapids
- 8 Chris Grabowska, Fergus Falls

CLASS: 5A - SECTION COACH

- 1 Denny Holcombe, Rochester Mayo
- 2 Cullen Nelson, Chanhassen
- 3 Travis Walch, St. Thomas Academy
- 4 Kim Royston, Cretin-Derham Hall
- 5 Ryan Galindo, Minneapolis Washburn
- 6 John Stewart, Spring Lake Park
- 7 Steve Hamilton, Elk River
- 8 Mike Empting, Alexandria Area

CLASS: 6A - SECTION COACH

- 3 Ben Burk, Lakeville South
- 5 Mike Diggins, Centennial
- 6 Jared Essler, St. Michael-Albertville
- 6 Kevin Feeney, Moorhead
- 6 Adam Spurrell, Maple Grove
- 6 Mark Esch, Minnetonka
- 6 Mike Grant, Eden Prairie
- 6 Jason Potts, Edina

State Coaches of the Year

1965

Bill Severin
Grand Meadow, Region I

1966

Stav Canakes
Edina, Region V

1967

Tom Mahoney
Fairmont, Region II

1968

Jerry Sullivan
Minneapolis Roosevelt, Region V

1969

Art Haas
Austin, Region I

1970

Gary Gustafson
North St. Paul, Region IV

1971

George Larson
Cambridge, Region IV

1972

George Wemeier
Minneapolis Washburn, Region V

1973

Dick Lawrence
Eveleth, Region VII

1974

John Drews
Rochester John Marshall, Region I

1975

Bob Swanson
Mountain Iron, Region VII

1976

Lyle Eidsness
St. Peter, Region II

1977

Paul Benson
Granite Falls, Region III

1978

Jim Simser
New Richland-Hartland, Region I

1979

Ron Raveling
Columbia Heights, Class AA

1980

Les E. Drechsel
Crookston, Class A

1981

Gary Roebuck
Holdingford, Class B

1982

George Thole
Stillwater, Class AA

1983

Ron Scott
Coon Rapids, Class AA

1984

Grady Rostberg
Hutchinson, Class A

1985

Norm Johnson
Minneapolis Roosevelt,
Class AA

1986

George Larson
Cambridge, Class A

1987

Dave Brokke
Granite Falls, Class B

1988

Gerhard Meidt
Minneota, Class C

1989

Jim Mader
Albany, Class A

1990

Ken Baumann
Mahnomen, Class C

1991

Neal Hofland
Chokio-Alberta, Class 9 Man

1992

Larry Thompson
Lakeville, Class AA

1993

Rick Manke
Detroit Lakes, Class A

1994

DeWayne Johnson
Anoka, Class AA

1995

Ken Jacobson
Chatfield, Class C

1996

Clark Bergloff
Mora, Class A

1997

Bob "Bubba" Sullivan
Northfield, Class 4A

1998

Keith Bergstedt
Cromwell, Class 9 Man

1999

Lyle Anderson
Cook County, Class 1A

2000

Mike Grant
Eden Prairie, Class 5A

2001

Flint Motschenbacher
Detroit Lakes, Class 4A

2002

Mike Mahlen
Verndale, Class 9 Man

2003

Dave Dose
Glencoe-Silver Lake, Class 3A

2004

Dave Nelson
Minnetonka, Class 5A

2005

Mark Kroulik
Stephen-Argyle, Class 9 Man

2006

Jim Reinhardt
Rushford-Peterson, Class 1A

2007

Jeff Ferguson
Totino-Grace, Class 4A

2008

Carl Fruechte
Caledonia, Class 2A

2009

Jon Bakken
Waterville-Elysian-Morristown
Class 2A

2010

Ron Stolski
Brainerd, Class 5A

2011

Carl Lemke
St. Croix Lutheran, Class 3A

2012

Brent Schroeder
Caledonia, Class 2A

2013

Jeff Williams
Owatonna, Class 5A

2014

Dwight Lundeen
Becker, Class 4A

2015

Gary Sloan
Grand Meadow, Class 9 Man

2016

Jeff Ferguson
Totino-Grace, Class 6A

2017

Leo Pohlkamp
Pierz, Class 3A

2018

Mike Kesler
Rochester Lourdes, Class 3A

2019

Chad Gimbel
Blooming Prairie, Class 1A

2020

Justin Reese
Fridley, Class 4A

2021

Andy Rostberg
Hutchinson, Class 4A

2022

Chad Johnston
Minneota, Class 1A

2023

Cullen Nelson
Chanhassen, Class 5A

2024

Steve Hamilton
Elk River, Class 5A

2025

Announced at Awards Banquet

Minnesota Class Coaches of the Year

- 1980**
9M Clifford Sense, Wellcome
C Tony Thiel, Battle Lake
B David Main, Gaylord
A Joe Mayer, Rochester Lourdes
AA Ron Raveling, Columbia Heights
- 1981**
9M Keith Swanson, Hoffman-Kensington
C John Gross, Medford
B Ken Baumann, Mahnomen
A Les Drechsel, Crookston
AA Dick Hanson, Burnsville
- 1982**
9M Bill White, Westbrook
C Dennis Weimerskirch, Belgrade
B Bill Beck, Appleton
A Tom Mahoney, Fairmont
AA George Thole, Stillwater
- 1983**
9M "Buz" Rumrill, Silver Lake
C Dick Strand, Southland
B Robert Youso, Moose Lake
A Grady Rostberg, Hutchinson
AA Ron Scott, Coon Rapids
- 1984**
9M Dan Motschenbacher, Norman County West
C Del Elston, Harmony
B Dave Brokke, Granite Falls
A Grady Rostberg, Hutchinson
AA Dick Walker, Richfield
- 1985**
9M Dale Svaren, Oklee
C Ken Belanger, Zumbrota
B Bruce Harding, Sandstone-Finlayson-Askov
A Clark Bergloff, Mora
AA Norm Johnson, Minneapolis Roosevelt
- 1986**
9M Warren Keller, Argyle
C Jerry Tietje, Sherburn
B Bob Peterson, Esko
A George Larson, Cambridge
AA Roger Lipelt, Wayzata
- 1987**
9M "Buz" Rumrill, Silver Lake
C Gerhard Meidt, Minneota
B Dave Brokke, Granite Falls
A Larry Thompson, Lakeville
AA Dick Walker, Richfield
- 1988**
9M Terry Ogorek, Hallock
C Gerhard Meidt, Minneota
B Mike Belseth, Breckenridge
A Larry Thompson, Lakeville
AA Dave Nelson, Blaine
- 1989**
9M Dean Rasmussen, St. Clair
C Jon Bakken, Waterville-Elysian
B Charles Sundeen, Gibbon
A Jim Mader, Albany
AA Dick Hanson, Burnsville
- 1990**
9M Roger Goerisch, South Central
C Ken Baumann, Mahnomen
B Warren Olson, Brooklyn Center
A Dean Taylor, Sartell
AA DeWayne Johnson, Anoka
- 1991**
9M Neal Hofland, Chokio-Alberta
C Gary Graham, Browerville
B Steve Solem, BOLD
A Bob Jackson, Spring Lake Park
AA Larry Thompson, Lakeville
- 1992**
9M Mark Kroulik, Stephen
C Gene Stritesky, Ogilvie
B Willie Rauen, Pine Island
A Rick Manke, Detroit Lakes
AA Larry Thompson, Lakeville
- 1993**
9M Neal Hofland, Chokio-Alberta
C Ken Baumann, Mahnomen
B Gary Fasching, St. Cloud Cathedral
A Rick Manke, Detroit Lakes
AA Paul Miller, Apple Valley
- 1994**
9M Terry Ogorek, Kittson County Central
C Ken Jacobson, Chosen Valley
B Don Henderson, Triton
A Dean Taylor, Sartell
AA DeWayne Johnson, Anoka
- 1995**
9M Keith Bergstedt, Cromwell
C Ken Jacobson, Chatfield
B Mike Holzer, Kingsland
A Frank Fredlund, St. Peter
AA George Thole, Stillwater
- 1996**
9M Mike Mahlen, Verndale
C Mike Malmberg, Hawley
B John Thiel, Breck
A Clark Bergloff, Mora
AA Mike Grant, Eden Prairie
- 1997**
9M Mike Mahlen, Verndale
1A Lyle Anderson, Cook County
2A Jon Bakken, Waterville-Elysian
3A Jim Mader, Albany
4A Bob "Bubba" Sullivan, Northfield
5A Mike Grant, Eden Prairie
- 1998**
9M Keith Bergstedt, Cromwell
1A Lyle Anderson, Cook County
2A Ken Baumann, Mahnomen
3A Larry Herm, Foley
4A Grady Rostberg, Hutchinson
5A Gary Halvorson, Woodbury
- 1999**
9M Jim Guetter, Stephen-Argyle
1A Lyle Anderson, Cook County
2A Jon Bakken, Waterville-Elysian-Morristown
3A Stuart Nordquist, International Falls
4A Rick Sutton, Mankato West
5A Rich Kallok, Cretin-Derham Hall
- 2000**
9M Stan Olson, LeRoy-Ostrander
1A Dean Deibele, Sleepy Eye Public
2A Don Henderson, Triton
3A Dave Dose, Glencoe-Silver Lake
4A George Larson, Cambridge-Isanti
5A Mike Grant, Eden Prairie
- 2001**
9M Richard Risbrudt, Hillcrest Lutheran
1A Curtis Strand, McLeod West
2A Terry Karlsgodt, Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City
3A Tom Schuller, Jackson County Central
4A Flint Motschenbacher, Detroit Lakes
5A Bob Majeski, Hastings
- 2002**
9M Mike Mahlen, Verndale
1A Jim Reinhardt, Rushford-Peterson
2A Clay Anderson, Norwood-Young America
3A Bill Ihrke, Plainview/Elgin-Millville
4A Rick Sutton, Mankato West
5A Mike Grant, Eden Prairie
- 2003**
9M Mark Kroulik, Stephen-Argyle
1A Clair Austin, Goodhue
2A John Thiel, Breck
3A Dave Dose, Glencoe-Silver Lake
4A Jeff Ferguson, Totino-Grace
5A Larry Thompson, Lakeville
- 2004**
9M Mark Kroulik, Stephen-Argyle
1A Jim Reinhardt, Rushford-Peterson
2A Leo Pohlkamp, Pierz
3A Bruce Nelson, East Grand Forks
4A Jeff Ferguson, Totino-Grace
5A Dave Nelson, Minnetonka
- 2005**
9M Mark Kroulik, Stephen-Argyle
1A Paul Dunn, Springfield
2A Ray Tri, Eden Valley-Watkins
3A Dwight Lundeen, Becker
4A Wally Malmstrom, Mahtomedi
5A Brad Anderson, Wayzata

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Minnesota Class Coaches of the Year

2006

- 9M** Mark Kroulik, Stephen-Argyle
- 1A** Jim Reinhardt, Rushford-Peterson
- 2A** Don Henderson, Triton
- 3A** Dave Dose, Glencoe-Silver Lake
- 4A** Jeff Ferguson, Totino-Grace
- 5A** Mike Grant, Eden Prairie

2007

- 9M** Mark Kroulik, Stephen-Argyle
- 1A** Clair Austin, Goodhue
- 2A** Carl Fruechte, Caledonia
- 3A** Dave Dose, Glencoe-Silver Lake
- 4A** Jeff Ferguson, Totino-Grace
- 5A** Mike Grant, Eden Prairie

2008

- 9M** Jason Freed, Houston
- 1A** James Cortez, Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg
- 2A** Carl Fruechte, Caledonia
- 3A** Scott Tschimperle, Glencoe-Silver Lake
- 4A** Mark Esch, Mankato West
- 5A** Shannon Gerety, Blaine

2009

- 9M** Mark Kroulik, Stephen-Argyle
- 1A** Chad Johnston, Minneota
- 2A** Jon Bakken, Waterville-Elysian-Morristown
- 3A** Dan Essler, New London-Spicer
- 4A** Jeff Ferguson, Totino-Grace
- 5A** Mike Scanlan, Cretin-Derham Hall

2010

- 9M** Jeff Gronner, Cromwell
- 1A** Denny Lux, New Ulm Cathedral
- 2A** Don Seipkes, Ottertail Central
- 3A** Mike Kesler, Rochester Lourdes
- 4A** Marc Franz, Rogers
- 5A** Brad Anderson, Wayzata

2011

- 9M** Andrew Fleischman, Edgerton/Ellsworth
- 1A** Cory Larson, Dawson-Boyd
- 2A** Brent Schroeder, Caledonia
- 3A** Carl Lemke, St. Croix Lutheran
- 4A** Mike Rowe, Rocori
- 5A** Mike Grant, Eden Prairie

2012

- 9M** Steve Jipson & Brian Dahl, Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley
- 1A** John Clark, Jr., Mahanomen
- 2A** Brent Schroeder, Caledonia
- 3A** Randy Kuechenmeister, Blue Earth Area
- 4A** Andy Rostberg, Hutchinson
- 5A** Jeff Ferguson, Totino-Grace
- 6A** Mike Grant, Eden Prairie

2013

- 9M** Gary Sloan, Grand Meadow
- 1A** John Clark, Jr., Mahanomen
- 2A** Jeff Johnson, Chatfield
- 3A** Carl Lemke, St. Croix Lutheran
- 4A** Andy Rostberg, Hutchinson
- 5A** Jeff Williams, Owatonna
- 6A** Mike Grant, Eden Prairie

2014

- 9M** Gary Sloan, Grand Meadow
- 1A** Charles Adams III, Minneapolis North
- 2A** Luke Mitchell, Holdingford
- 3A** Mike Kesler, Rochester Lourdes
- 4A** Dwight Lundeen, Becker
- 5A** Rex King, Simley
- 6A** Jeff Ferguson, Totino-Grace

2015

- 9M** Chuck Ross, Underwood
- 1A** Chad Johnston, Minneota
- 2A** Brent Schroeder, Caledonia
- 3A** Leo Pohlkamp, Pierz
- 4A** Chad Sexauer, South St. Paul
- 5A** Jared Essler, St. Michael-Albertville
- 6A** Derrin Lamker, Osseo

2016

- 9M** Gary Sloan, Grand Meadow
- 1A** Charles Adams III, Minneapolis North
- 2A** Carl Fruechte, Caledonia
- 3A** Mike Kesler, Rochester Lourdes
- 4A** John Cassellius, Winona
- 5A** Steve Hamilton, Elk River
- 6A** Jeff Ferguson, Totino Grace

2017

- 9M** Zach Hauser, Spring Grove
- 1A** Chad Johnston, Minneota
- 2A** Clay Anderson, Pipestone Area
- 3A** Leo Pohlkamp, Pierz
- 4A** Jim Gunderson, Academy of Holy Angels
- 5A** Jeff Williams, Owatonna
- 6A** Jared Essler, St. Michael-Albertville

2018

- 9M** Zach Hauser, Spring Grove
- 1A** Steve Solem, BOLD
- 2A** Bryan Strand, Barnesville
- 3A** Mat Mahoney, Fairmont
- 4A** Merrill Pavlovich, Delano
- 5A** Jeff Williams, Owatonna
- 6A** Brian Vossen, Lakeville North

2019

- 9M** Tim Kirk, Mountain Lake Area
- 1A** Chad Gimbel, Blooming Prairie
- 2A** Dave Louzek, Moose Lake-Willow River
- 3A** Ryan Weinandt, Dassell-Cokato
- 4A** James Herberg, Rocori
- 5A** Bryan Dahl, Chaska
- 6A** Lambert Brown, Wayzata

2020

- 9M** Chad Christianson, Hancock
- 1A** Dean Aurich, Mayer Lutheran
- 2A** Randy Kuechenmeister, Blue Earth Area
- 3A** Mike Kleinschmidt, Albany
- 4A** Justin Reese, Fridley
- 5A** Kevin Feeney, Moorhead
- 6A** Ben Burk, Lakeville South

2021

- 9M** Trevor Carrier, LeRoy-Ostrander
- 1A** Dean Aurich, Mayer-Lutheran
- 2A** Jeff Johnson, Chatfield
- 3A** Ryan Weinandt, Dassell-Cokato
- 4A** Joel Swanson, Kasson-Mantorville
- 5A** JJ Helget, Mankato West
- 6A** Ben Burk, Lakeville South

2022

- 9M** Dan Zubich, Mountain Iron-Buhl
- 1A** Chad Johnston, Minneota
- 2A** Bryan Strand, Barnesville
- 3A** Chad Gustafson, New London Spicer
- 4A** Chris Mensen, Simley
- 5A** Steve Hamilton, Elk River
- 6A** Matt Lombardi, Maple Grove

2023

- 9M** Shawn Klimek, Nevis
- 1A** Chris Moscho, Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa
- 2A** Adam Tri, Eden Valley-Watkins
- 3A** Garrett Mueller, Stewartville
- 4A** Andy Rostberg, Hutchinson
- 5A** Cullen Nelson, Chanhassen
- 6A** Mike Diggins, Centennial

2024

- 9M** Brian Nelson, Fertile-Beltrami
- 1A** Chad Johnston, Minneotta
- 2A** Drew Potter, Staples-Motley
- 3A** Garrett Mueller, Stewartville
- 4A** Terry Bahlmann, Marshall
- 5A** Steve Hamilton, Elk River
- 6A** Adam Spurrell, Maple Grove

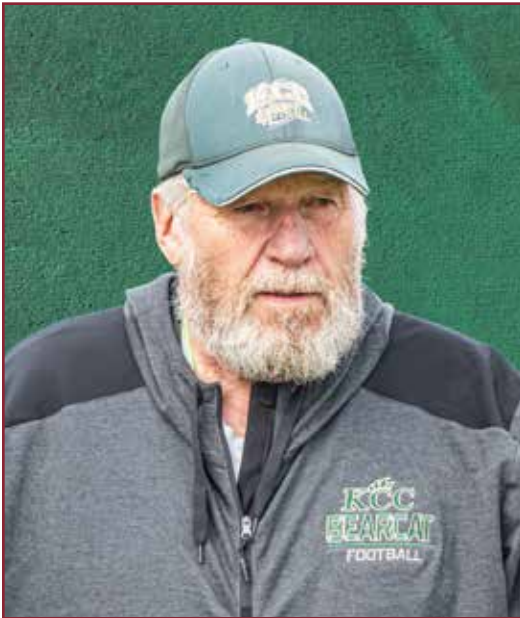
2025

- 9M** Rex Metzger, Hills-Beaver Creek
- 1A** Chris Mensink, Fillmore Central
- 2A** Tom Schuller, Jackson County Central
- 3A** Natt Walter, Annandale
- 4A** Greg Spahn, Grand Rapids
- 5A** John Stewart, Spring Lake Park
- 6A** Jason Potts, Edina

MFCA Assistant Coaches of the Year

YEAR	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS
1989	Paul Gasner	Totino-Grace	A
1990	Jerry Foley	Stillwater	AA
1991	John Peterick	Mahnomen	C
1992	Bob Hooper	Detroit Lakes	A
1993	Jerry Carlson	Cambridge	AA
1994	Roger Trobec	Sartell	A
1995	Jeff Olson	St. Peter	A
1996	Steve Nunnink	Brainerd	AA
1997	Dale Bockovich	Cook County	1A
1998	Kevin Nowotny	Adrian	1A
1999	Gary Hansen	Chatfield	2A
2000	Mike Kleinschmidt	Albany	3A
2001	Bruce Nelson	Eagan	5A
2002	Bruce Rosenow	Hutchinson	4A
2003	Bernie Litecky	Totino-Grace	4A
2004	Doug Heruth	Blaine	5A
2005	Glen Bernard	Rushford-Peterson	1A
2006	Richard Johnson	Lakeville South	5A
2007	Conroe LeRoy Erickson	Buffalo	5A
2008	Mark Voitalla	Northfield	4A
2009	Jay Anderson	Totino-Grace	4A
2010	Mick Goudy	Rogers	4A
2011	Mark Ritter	Eden Prairie	5A
2012	Bob Kovich	Lakeville North	6A
2013	Marc Achterkirch	Owatonna	5A
2014	Dan Brinkman	Hutchinson	5A
2015	Jeff Wagner	Waterville-Elysian-Morristown	2A
2016	Will Wackman	Spring Lake Park	5A
2017	Greg Clough	Minnetonka	6A
2018	Paul Lemke	Glencoe-Silver Lake	3A
2019	Aron Anderson	Brainerd	5A
2020	Doug Wanous	Owatonna	5A
2021	Matt Myrvik	Minneota	1A
2022	Charlie Reed	Woodbury	6A
2023	Mike Johnson	Edina	6A
2024	Phil Trowbridge	Barnesville	2A
2025	Terry Kent	Kittson County Central	9M

2026 Assistant Coach of the Year Award



Terry Kent Kittson County Central Assistant Coach of the Year Award

Terry Kent is a 1972 graduate of Freeborn High School in southern Minnesota. He went on to attend Rochester Junior College, where his hopes of playing football were derailed by two knee surgeries. In 1974, he enrolled at Bemidji State University, but a third knee surgery ended any remaining hopes of collegiate athletics.

After graduating, Terry spent one semester as a long-term substitute teacher at Kimball High School before returning to Bemidji State to complete a degree in Elementary Education. He began his teaching career in Lancaster in 1978 as a reading and spelling teacher for grades 4-6 – a position he held for 33 years.

Terry began his coaching career that same fall, coaching all three volleyball teams for six years and serving as head girls basketball coach for ten years. His football coaching career began in 1986 with head coach Brad Homstad leading the Lancaster Cardinals. Over the years, he coached through several cooperative team transitions – first as the Kittson County North Cougars (co-op with Humboldt High School), followed by the North Star Jaguars (co-op with Karlstad). During that time, Brad Homstad retired, and Cory Waling served one season as head coach of the Jaguars.

The program then entered a cooperative with Hallock, becoming the Kittson County Central Bearcats under head coach Terry Ogorek. After three years, Cory Waling assumed the head coaching role, where he continues today.

Throughout his football career, Terry has coached both the offensive and defensive lines and has served as defensive coordinator for the past 35 years. His teams have appeared in 13 section finals and advanced to the state tournament seven times, compiling an overall record of 252 wins and 145 losses over 40 years of coaching.

Terry was honored with the Butch Nash Award in 2009 and was named District 9 West - Subdistrict North Coach of the Year in 2020.

For Terry, coaching has always been about more than football – it's about helping young people build character, learn accountability, work hard, support one another, and grow into the people they are meant to become. Like many coaches, he originally went into coaching because of his love for football and the opportunity to be part of the game. Over the years, that passion grew into something more – a commitment to helping young people become good people, learn perseverance, and navigate life's challenges. He often says that being around students keeps him young at heart, and he now has the privilege of coaching the sons of former players.

Terry married Kathy Hanson in 1983. Kathy and her father established Kent Limousin cattle in Lancaster. Kathy passed away in 1997 after a battle with pancreatic cancer. Following her passing, football became an integral part of family life for Terry and his two young children, Danika and Dylan, who became regulars at practices and post-game film review, forming lifelong friendships with the other coaches' families.

Dylan served as a team manager until he began playing junior varsity football and later went on to play quarterback on a Kittson County Central team that advanced to the state tournament. Danika kept stats for the varsity team throughout high school. Kittson County Central football remains a staple of their fall schedules today.

Terry continues the farming and ranching operation and is in the process of passing it on to Danika and her husband, Allan. Over the years, many of Terry's former and current players have worked alongside him on the farm. Danika also works remotely as a consultant for equine veterinary practices across the country. Dylan and his wife, Kayleigh, live in Grand Forks, North Dakota, with their children, Parker and Cooper. Dylan is employed by Sanford Health as a Doctor of Physical Therapy.

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Ronald Johnson

Gonvick

High School Division

"Do the little things right and the big things will take care of themselves."

"Don't let something special become ordinary."

"The will to win is not as important as the will to prepare."

These are life lessons learned from a coach.

Coach Ron Johnson says football has been instrumental in his life since he put on a leather helmet in 7th grade and played six-man football. He went from there to play as a running back for Bemidji High School graduating in 1960.

Football continued to be a focal point when he enlisted into the United States Air Force. He was recruited to play on the Chateauroux Air Base football team in France during the two years he was stationed there. His team played other military bases throughout Europe. He was voted Most Valuable Player each of those two years and was selected to the All-European Football Team.

Returning home, Ron enrolled in college at Bemidji State University using his G.I. Bill benefit and a football scholarship to pay for his education. He was a football walk-on as a running back and lettered all four years.

After earning his degree and coaching certificate, Ron's first teaching and coaching position was in Gonvick, Minnesota. He coached there for 32 years compiling 205 wins, 11 conference titles, 4 state tournament appearances including two in the state semi-finals. During this time, he was voted Conference Coach of the Year 7 times and Section Coach of the Year once. Although Coach Johnson's list of accomplishments is impressive, the most impressive part of his career is his commitment to teamwork, integrity, and building character in the minds and hearts of his players and students. When Coach Johnson was notified he would be inducted into the hall of fame his first response was "It's the players that deserve the credit."

Ron states that football enabled him to see Europe, helped him finance college which enabled him to teach and coach young people on life lessons learned in football. Football also gave him an opportunity to work with fine football players and great assistant coaches including his son who assisted in Ron's final year of coaching.

Football has been a common denominator throughout Ron's life and he says he still get excited when the Friday night lights come on!

He extends his gratitude to the Minnesota State Football Coaches Association for this honor; to all of his assistant coaches and former players; and to his wife of 57 years, two sons and wives and six grandchildren for their unending support all these years.

Coach Johnson is truly a teacher of life and a coach of character.

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Jeff Schlieff

Spring Lake Park

High School Division

Jeff graduated from Mounds View high school in 1981. He went to Augsburg College and wrestled there for Jeff Swenson, graduating in 1986 as an All-American.

Jeff started his football coaching career at Mounds View in 1982, as a 9th grade coach for legendary coach Gary Engen. Two years later Gary promoted him to defensive coordinator which he coached for 9 years. Schlieff was hired as the Mounds View's head wrestling coach in 1986, where he brought the Mustangs to the State tournament in 1992.

Spring Lake Park hired Schlieff as their head football coach in 1993 where he enjoyed the next 25 years of teaching and coaching. The Panthers compiled a 181-82 record over those years and had 8 conference and 5 section championships. He also had the honor of coaching in 2 All Star games over his career. He has also assisted in coaching baseball, tennis, golf and wrestling at Mounds View and Spring Lake Park.

More than wins and losses, Jeff is most proud of the relationships formed with players and coaches. When former players say they learned valuable life lessons while participating in the program, that is the highest compliment and validation for him.

He would like to thank all the people who made Panther Football successful in those 25 years. The players, coaches and their families, school officials, parents, and mostly his family including wife Noreen and daughters Molly and Emily.

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John Clark, Jr.
Mahnomen-Waubun
High School Division

John Clark, Jr. is a 1990 graduate of Waubun High School. He attended Northland Community College and then Moorhead State University. He participated in four sports at Northland: football, basketball, golf and baseball. While at Northland, he won two JUCO state titles, one in basketball and an individual golf title. He is a member of the Northland Athletic Hall of Fame. He graduated from Moorhead State with a degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Coaching.

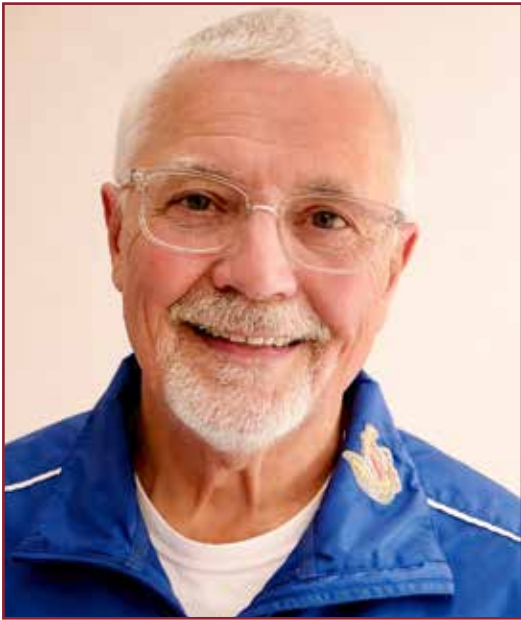
John has coached a variety of sports at Mahnomen High School. These include football, basketball, golf, and summer youth baseball. He was head girls basketball coach for two years before becoming the boys basketball coach for the past 23 years. His teams have one state tourney appearance in basketball. He holds the school record for winning percentage in a season with a record of 21-1 in the 2020-2021 season. John was also Athletic Director for 20 years.

John coached junior high football in 1999, was an assistant coach on the varsity in 2000, and took over head coaching duties in 2001. In 25 seasons as head coach, he has compiled a record of 238 - 48. His teams have won 17 Section titles, three State titles (2012, 2013, 2018), with one State Runner Up finish (2011). The 2018 State Championship was extra special as his dad, Bomber, and brother, Paul, were assistant coaches. He has been named Class A Coach of the Year twice. John had the honor of being selected to coach twice in the Minnesota All Star game under coaches Dwight Lundeen and Jeff Ferguson.

John has been married to his wife Jackie for 29 years. They have three children: Hallie, Sydney and Carter. John and Jackie greatly enjoy spending time with their kids, but two grandchildren (PJ and Amiyah) rule the roost now. When not coaching, you will find John on the golf course or in a boat trying to catch walleyes with his father. John feels extremely blessed with the great coaching staff that he has, most have been there for over 20 years. He says without hesitation that he would not be here without them. They are life-long friends, and he cherishes the camaraderie that they have together.

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Randy Strand

Adrian

High School Division

Randy Strand graduated from Tracy High School, Tracy MN in 1974. While in high school he played football, basketball, and baseball for the Tracy Scrappers. A three-time letter winner in football, he was a Tri-Captain his junior and senior year. Randy earned varsity letters his junior and senior seasons in both basketball and baseball and was voted Tracy's Athlete of the Year his senior year.

Randy continued his education at Moorhead State University in Moorhead MN where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. He played one season of college football for the Dragons while at Moorhead. Upon graduating from MSU, Randy began his teaching and coaching at Adrian Public Schools in Adrian MN in the fall of 1978. There he taught elementary school for 38 years, 33 years as a sixth grade instructor while finishing the last five years in fifth grade. Randy's coaching career began at the junior high level where he coached Junior High Football and Junior High Boys Basketball. After one season in the Junior High programs he moved up to the Junior Varsity level where he spent a couple seasons before accepting the varsity assistant position in both football and boys basketball. Randy took over the Dragon's Head Football position in 1985, a job he would keep for 33 seasons. During that span he and his coaching staff compiled 238 wins with 112 losses. Winning 10 Conference Championships, the Dragons advanced to 10 Sectional Championship games, where they won six titles. Four of those teams (1997, 1998, 2007, and 2009) reached the Minnesota State Class A Championship games. He was selected Conference Coach of the Year nine times and six times Section 3A Coach of the Year. Randy was also a member of the coaching staffs for the 1999 and 2016 All-Star Football Games..

After being an assistant varsity boys basketball coach for five seasons (1980-1985) Randy took over the Adrian girls' basketball program. It would be a position he held from 1986-2018. Over his 32 years his teams won 488 games while claiming eight conference championships. His teams competed in eight subsection finals and advanced three times to section finals. His 2008-2009 team would become Adrian's first girls' state basketball tournament team. He was selected by his coaching peers as SubSection Coach of the Year six times, twice selected Section 3A Coach of the year. For his 2007-2008 GBB Season the MN Lynx selected him for Coach of the Year and he served as head coach for the Class A All Stars in 2009. Randy was inducted into the Minnesota Girls Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2013.

An advocate of high school athletics Randy served on the Minnesota State High School League Region 3 Committee from 2007-2011. While serving on that committee he was selected as chairman of girls' basketball. Randy also served as MGBCA Section 3A representative for several years.

Randy has been married to his wife Lisa for 40 years. Together they have three children: Brittini (Brandon) Huron SD, Reid (Becky) Worthington MN, and Dru (Tatyanna) Huron SD. They have five grandchildren Greysen, Blayne, Kally, Wyatt, and Knox. Randy is currently working for 3-B Farms of Adrian MN and has worked on farms in the spring and summers since 1978. He enjoys following high school sports, hunting, and golfing. Spending time RV camping is also a favorite pastime for Randy and Lisa. On a final note: Coach Strand would like to acknowledge and THANK all the student-athletes, assistant coaches, parents, and family members that have made this award possible. Their commitment, dedication, and hard work has put me in position to accept an award like this on their behalf. I would also like to thank the MFCA for this honor.. "It just doesn't get any better than high school sports."

2026 Hall of Fame Inductees

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Bob Kovich

Lakeville North

High School Division

A teacher and coach, **Bob Kovich** worked at Lakeville High School, now Lakeville North High School, for 35 years. As an Assistant Coach and Offensive Coordinator for the Panthers, he considers himself lucky to have worked with and learned from three outstanding head coaches—Larry Thompson, Mike Zweber and Brian Vossen. Coaching with his best friends and many former Panther football players who came back to coach made the experience not just special but also fun.

Perhaps most important to him were the relationships developed with his players, which continued after they moved on from Lakeville. Bob spent many Saturdays watching former Panthers who played football in college and many other weekends attending their weddings. Watching his players mature and grow as men, husbands and fathers has been a real blessing.

Bob has been fortunate to learn from attending football clinics all over the country but especially the MFCA Clinic, which he considers the best of all of them. In addition to the coaching content, the ability to build relationships with football coaches from schools throughout Minnesota has been invaluable and enjoyable.

Favorite memories of his coaching career include: Friday nights at Lakeville North (there's no place like it!); receiving the Butch Nash Award; receiving the Assistant Coach of the Year Award; coaching and serving as the Offensive Coordinator on the winning side of the 2010 All-State football game; winning three state championships at Lakeville; and the consistent success of the Panther football program. He wants to thank his wife, Sally, and son, Ryan, for being his biggest fans and true Lakeville supporters.

2026 Hall of Fame Inductees

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Glenn Caruso

University of St. Thomas

College Division

Coach Caruso, 51, is a six-time National Coach of the Year; the most among all current college football coaches. Caruso is entering his 19th year guiding the Tommies in 2026. Caruso ranks in the top 10 longest tenure among all D-I football head coaches, he is the Pioneer League's longest tenured coach at their school and is on a short list of coaches to be named Coach of the Year in both Division III & Division 1.

Upon arriving at St. Thomas, Caruso inherited a program that finished 2-8 the previous season and Caruso's Tommies started a journey unlike no other in college football. The Tommies dominated the 2010's, amassing a 110-17 record, claiming 7 conference championships and 8 trips to the NCAA postseason. His leadership launched a four-year surge from 2008-2012 that saw the Tommie climb from a No. 206 national ranking (out of 236 teams) all the way to No. 2. After being involuntarily dismissed from the MIAC, the program led the unprecedented move to Division 1, marking the 1st time an athletic department jumped directly from Division 3 to Division 1, and in just their second season of D-1 competition, claimed the University's 1st ever team Championship winning the PFL championship in undefeated fashion. Caruso also received Pioneer Football League Coach of the Year honors and was voted by his peers as a finalist in the voting for the Eddie Robinson FCS National Coach of the Year. The team finished the year ranked 19th in the FCS Coaches' Poll after being ranked 128th of 128 teams just 18 months earlier.

Prior to the D-1 era, Caruso's Tommies recorded the MIAC's longest win streak over conference opponents (34 games, 2014-2018) in the nearly 100 years of league play; breaking the prior record of 32 also set by Caruso's Tommies from 2009-2013. They also won 36 consecutive regular-season games during this stretch. UST posted three consecutive 10-0 regular-season marks from 2010-12, an unparalleled feat in MIAC football. Out of 666 NCAA football programs, he was one of just three head coaches - joining Mount Union's Larry Kehres and Boise State's Chris Petersen, to lead the same school to 11 or more wins in each of the four seasons and combined for the longest active home winning streak at any NCAA level, with 26 straight home victories; spanning over 2,500 days.

Caruso & the Tommies won over 85% of their games including nearly 90% of his games against MIAC opponents. Caruso's Tommies ranked in the top 1% in total winning percentage among all 660 NCAA teams in the 2010s decade - alongside programs such as Alabama and North Dakota State. Following the D-1 transition, the Tommies have won 82% of their contests League opponents; becoming the first and only program in FCS history to win a conference championship in their first two seasons in D-1.

Throughout his career, Caruso's teams have been a model of growth & consistency. Prior to St. Thomas, Caruso inherited a Macalester program that was 0-9 the previous fall and guided the Scots to records of 2-7 then 4-5. He took over a St. Thomas program coming off a 2-8 season and has posted records of 7-3, 11-2, 12-1, 13-1 and 14-1 in his first five seasons; marking the 1st time in college football that a coach improved his record in 7 straight seasons. The Greenwich, CT native helped lead his teams to two state championship football teams at Greenwich High School before playing his college football at Ithaca College for Hall of Fame Coach Jim Butterfield.

Together, Coach Caruso and wife Rachael have proudly raised their family in St. Paul. Their daughter Anna is a senior at UST and captain of the St. Thomas Softball team, winning the University's 1st ever Women's Division-1 Championship last Spring. She's also shared the sideline with her father for the past 4 years serving as the head of In-Game Strategy and Data Research for the football team. Cade, a sophomore Business Finance major at St. Thomas is also a linebacker for the Tommies. Truman is a senior in high school, a Football and Track athlete at St. Thomas Academy; and can be seen on the sidelines of Tommie games as one of the team's photographers.

Through their Coach-Of-The-Year awards, Caruso & his Family have founded "Bucky's Pride" foundation created in 2010 named after his dad Frank "Bucky" Caruso and raised over a half of a million dollars for charitable organizations including, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; Habitat for Humanity, the University of Minnesota Cancer Research, Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital, and the Boy's & Girl's Club of America.

Distinguished Service Award



Bill Magnuson

Pequot Lakes

Distinguished Service Award

Bill is a graduate of Park Rapids Area High School (1986) and the University of Minnesota-Morris, where he was a two-time NAIA All-American running back for the Cougars. After college, Bill student taught in Willmar, Minnesota, and coached football under the great Deryl Ramey. After three years in Willmar, Magnuson landed his first teaching job (7th and 9th grade Science) in Windom, Minnesota. While at Windom, he served as the head football coach for 5 years after assisting in the first year. After marrying his beautiful wife, Loni, in July of 2000, he accepted a teaching position in the Sauk Rapids-Rice School District. In his first year in Sauk Rapids, he assisted longtime head coach Ken Hill, and then, in 2001, took over as the Storm's head football coach for the next 15 years. In the fall of 2016, Magnuson accepted a new position as a 7th-grade Life Science teacher in the Pequot Lakes school district. He was an assistant varsity football coach under former NFL kicker Chip Lohmiller for 2 years before taking over as the head football coach in the fall of 2018. After 30 years of teaching, Bill accepted the position as Activities Director in 2024 and remains the Patriots' head football coach.

In his 28 years as a head football coach, Bill's teams have won 5 section championships, finished as section runner-up 5 times, and were the state runner-up in Class B in 1996 (Windom). Coach Mags has coached in many other areas, including both middle school and high school basketball and baseball. He is also a very active member of the MFCA (Minnesota Football Coaches Association), especially in the All-Star game (32 years of involvement). Bill and Loni now reside in Breezy Point, MN, and have three sons: Bode - 23, Riggs - 21, and Tade - 17. Coach Mags gives God the glory for his long and fulfilling career in education and football. He is equally grateful for the countless mentors, colleagues, and influences who have shaped his coaching philosophy during both his playing days and his years on the sidelines.

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Distinguished Service Awards

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Distinguished Service Award Past Recipients

1990	Jim Lano, Normandy Inn	2009	Brad Madson, Minnesota Vikings
1991	Bud Olson, Bud Olson Awards	2010	TCF Bank Stadium
1992	Bob Roy, St. Louis Park High School	2011	Dave Lee, WCCO Radio
1993	Don Swanson, Minneapolis Patrick Henry High School	2012	Mike Turner, Varsity Photos, Inc. & Varsity Awards
1994	Bill Etter, Chi Chi's Restaurant	2013	Dave Giles, MFCA Historian
1995	Tom Mahoney, Fairmont High School	2014	Kevin Merkle, Minnesota State High School League
1996	Joe Samuelson, Stillwater High School	2015	Jim Becker, Eagan
1997	Dick Walker, Richfield High School	2016	John Gross, Medford
1998	Jim Dotseth, Minneapolis Patrick Henry High School	2017	Dan O'Brien, University of Minnesota
1999	Randy Shaver, KARE 11 TV	2018	John Reglein, The Graphic Edge
2000	Jim Simser, Fairmont High School	2019	Claud Allaire, MFCA Clinic
2001	Butch Nash, University of Minnesota	2020	Dave Nelson, Tackle Cancer
2002	Jostens	2021	Jeff Ferguson, MFCA Recruiting Fair
2003	Ralph Anderson, Becker County Record and Detroit Lakes Tribune	2022	Will Wackman, Spring Lake Park High School
2004	Gordon Shaw, University of Minnesota	2023	Marc Bachman, St. Peter High School
2005	Bill Hoag, Varsity Gold	2024	Roseann Giovanatto-Shaver, The Randy Shaver Cancer Research & Community Fund
2006	Healy Awards	2025	The Community of Randolph
2007	Doubletree Park Place Hotel, Minneapolis	2026	Bill Magnuson, Pequot Lakes
2008	Dave Fritze, Minnesota High School All-Star Football Game		

Service Awards

55-YEAR SERVICE AWARD

Mike Mahlen, Verndale

45-YEAR SERVICE AWARD

Dave Nelson, Blaine & Minnetonka

40-YEAR SERVICE AWARD

Joel Swanson, Kasson-Mantorville

35-YEAR SERVICE AWARD

Jeff Erdmann, Rosemount

30-YEAR SERVICE AWARD

Jeff Williams, Owatonna

Steve Hamilton, Elk River

200 Wins

Carl Freuchte, Caledonia

Winners of 200+ Games

RANK	WINS	LOSS	TIES	COACH	SCHOOL	YRS	WIN %	HOF
1	440	143	3	Mike Mahlen	Verndale	57	0.753412969	2009
2	417	172	3	Dwight Lundeen	Becker	56	0.706925676	2009
3	401	87	0	Mike Grant	Eden Prairie	43	0.821721311	2014
4	389	182	5	Ron Stolski-r	Brainerd	58	0.6797	2008
5	315	158	0	Merrill Pavlovich-r	Delano	46	0.666	2011
6	307	66	6	George Larson-r	Cambridge	40	0.8179	1994
7	304	150	0	Carl Lemke-r	St. Croix Lutheran	46	0.6696	
8	297	113	0	Terry Bahlmann	Marshall	42	0.724390244	2023
9	291	78	0	Steve Solem-r	BOLD	33	0.7886	2015
10	287	66	2	Ken Baumann-r	Mahnomen	32	0.8113	2002
11	285	69	2	George Thole-r	Stillwater	31	0.8034	2000
12	279	89	0	Jon Bakken-r	Waterville-Elysian-Morristown	33	0.7582	2014
13	279	151	0	Karl Deis-r	Mora	55	0.6488	2021
14	277	89	1	Grady Rostberg-r	Hutchinson	34	0.7561	1999
15	276	84	0	Leo Pohlkamp-r	Pierz	33	0.7667	2016
16	275	133	2	Stuart Nordquist-r	International Falls	41	0.6732	2001
17	269	115	2	Jim Roforth-r	Osakis	45	0.6995	2002
18	267	124	0	Dave Nelson-r	Minnetonka	36	0.6829	2014
19	266	160	0	Don Seipkes-r	Ottertail Central/Henning	43	0.6244	2013
20	263	86	2	Neal Hofland-r	Chokio-Alberta	35	0.7521	2005
21	260	132	10	George Smith-r	Mahtomedi	43	0.6592	1994
22	259	102	9	Les Dreschel-r	Red Lake Falls/Crookston	40	0.7122	1993
23	259	105	13	John Hansen-r	Osseo	40	0.7042	1992
25	259	143	0	Larry Thompson-r	Lakeville South	38	0.6443	2014
26	256	94	8	Tom Mahoney-r	Fairmont	38	0.7263	1990
27	256	114	0	Dean Aurich r	Mayer Lutheran	36	0.691891892	2021
29	251	84	0	Don Henderson-r	Triton	31	0.7493	2016
31	246	137	0	Terry Karlsgodt-r	Atwater-Grove City- Cosmos	39	0.6423	2011
33	241	60	0	Dave Louzek	Moose Lk/Willow River	27	0.800664452	2025
34	241	91	0	Dave Nigon-r	Totino Grace	31	0.7259	2003
35	240	41	0	Chad Johnston	Minneota	24	0.854092527	
36	238	48	0	John Clark Jr.	Mahnomen/Waubun	25	0.832167832	2026
37	238	112	0	Randy Strand-r	Adrian	33	0.68	2026
39	237	63	0	Andy Rostberg	Hutchinson	27	0.79	2025
41	237	64	0	Tom Schuller	Jackson County Central	27	0.787375415	2025
42	236	79	0	Gerhard Meidt-r	Rothsay/Minneota/Big Lake	32	0.7492	1999
43	233	108	3	Buz Rumrill-r	Glencoe/Silver Lake	33	0.6817	1999
44	230	65	0	Jim Mader-r	Albany	26	0.7797	2003
45	230	84	0	Gary Sloan-r	Grand Meadow	29	0.7325	2022

r = Retired

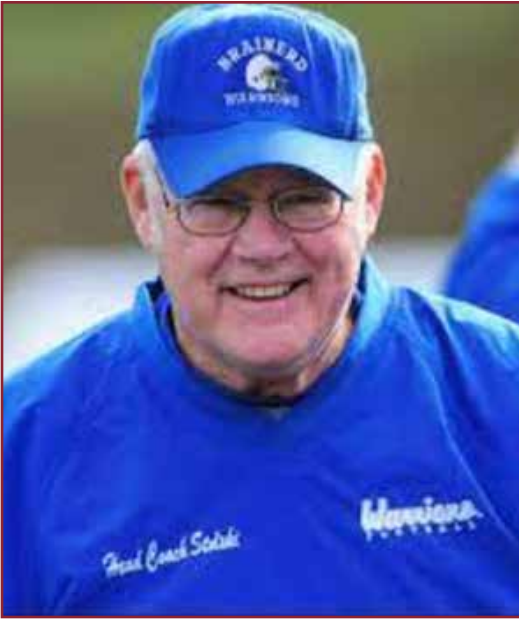
Winners of 200+ Games

RANK	WINS	LOSS	TIES	COACH	SCHOOL	YRS	WIN %	HOF
47	230	138	1	Roger Lipelt-r	Wayzata/Providence	40	.6247	2001
48	226	149	0	Jeff Erdmann	Rosemount	36	.602666667	
49	223	91	1	Jim Simser-r	Fairmont/New Richland-H	32	.7095	2000
50	223	92	0	Jeff Williams	Owatonna	30	.707936508	2024
51	222	91	0	Stan Olson-r	LeRoy-Ostrander	30	.7093	2004
52	221	97	0	Dave Brokke-r	Granite Falls/YME	31	.695	2007
53	220	74	0	Clark Bergloff-r	Mora	29	.7483	2003
54	220	127	1	Don Stueve-r	Fergus Falls	37	.6336	2011
55	217	138	0	Joe Scoblic-r	Lester Prairie	35	.611267606	
56	216	130	6	Billy Beck-r	Lac Qui Parle Valley	39	.6222	1997
57	215	101	0	Brian Nelson	Fertile-Beltrami	31	.680379747	
58	214	83	0	Chad Gimbel	Blooming Prairie	29	.720538721	
59	214	141	0	Bob Jackson-r	White Bear Lake/SLP	35	.6028	2019
61	212	64	0	Gary Graham-r	Browerville	25	.7681	2004
62	212	83	8	Kenneth "Red" Wilson-r	Bemidji	34	.7129	1974
63	212	121	2	DeWayne Johnson-r	Anoka	33	.6358	2009
64	209	91	0	Jerry Wallskog-r	LeCenter/BDRSH/Monty	31	.6967	1998
65	208	134	0	Bubba Sullivan-r	Northfield	31	.6082	2022
66	207	92	0	Terry Ogorek-r	Kittson County Central	30	.6923	2012
67	207	109	2	Andy Nelson-r	Lake Benton/Verdi	34	.6541	1994
68	206	46	0	Carl Fruechte	Caledonia	24	.817460317	2024
69	206	89	0	Ron Johnson-r	Clearbrook/Gonvick Tr.	31	.6983	2026
70	205	58	2	Dick Hanson-r	Burnsville	25	.7774	2012
71	204	92	0	Terry Highum-r	Lanesboro	31	.6892	
72	204	144	0	Randy Kuechenmeister	Blue Earth Area	35	.586206897	2023
73	203	66	1	Stav Canakes-r	Edina	27	.7537	1992
74	202	106	13	Bruce Frank-r	Le Sueur	37	.6495	1985
75	202	120	2	Con Natvig-r	Swanville	33	.6265	2007
76	202	147	0	Richard Risbrudt-r	Fergus Falls	35	.5788	2017
77	200	65	0	Rich Kallok-r	Cretin-DH	22	.7547	2006
78	200	77	3	Bob Youso-r	Moose Lake/Willow River	30	.7196	1991
79	200	89	0	Ken Mauer-r	St. Paul Harding	32	.692	1993
80	200	111	0	Dean Taylor-r	Sartell/St. Cloud Cathedral	32	.6431	2004

r = Retired



2026 Don Swanson Award



Ron Stolski

Brainerd

Don Swanson Award

Ron Stolski graduated from Patrick Henry High School in 1957; received his B.A. from Macalester College in 1962, and his M.A. from St. Cloud University in 1972.

Ron started as a classroom teacher in English and Physical Education from 1962-1975. His duties included coaching a variety of sports including football, basketball, baseball, and track as well as the advisor to the class play and yearbook. He was the head football coach at five Minnesota schools: Kensington (8 man), 1962-63, Slayton, 1964; Princeton 1965-70; Park Center 1971-75; and Brainerd 1975- 2019, for a total of 58 years as head coach, 44 of those years in Brainerd. He retired as coach in 2019 with 389 total victories—300 plus in Brainerd; all credited to great assistants and kids at every stop in a coach's journey. Ron was also Athletic Director at Brainerd High School from 1975-1999.

Ron has served as the Executive Director of the Minnesota Football Coaches Association since 2005.

Ron has also served as the past president of the Minnesota Football Coaches Association; past president of the MN Athletic Directors Association, co-author of the MN Football Playoff Format (1982), original member (1972) of MN All-Star Game Committee (player selection chair); member NIAAA board of directors (3 yr. term); MN Football COY, MN AD of the year, originator of the MN AD's Hall of Fame; member of numerous MSHSL committees, including Advisory and 'Triple A'; chair of the MFCA 'Keepers of the Game' Clinic, frequent clinic and conference speaker, and contributor to publications. Ron is a lifetime member of the MSHSL, MHSCA, and the MFCA. He has been an AFCA lifetime member (since 1969) and is a current member of the AFC advisory.

Ron has been the recipient of numerous honors and coaching awards, including the Minnesota and AFCA Power of Influence; MN Viking Coach of the Year; MN High School COY; Nike AD of the Year, John Gagliardi COY; U.S. Marines 'Semper Fi' Coach of the Year, as well as several conference, section, and district championships; He made 12 appearances in the State Playoffs, including one state runner-up and several Final Fours. He is a member of nine Halls of Fame, including the MN High School League, MN AD'S, MN COACHES, Macalester college, NHSCA, MHSCA, etc.

Ron has been married to his high school sweetheart, Sharron, for 65 years; they have 4 children, 17 grandchildren, and 17 great grandchildren.

2026 Don Swanson Award

2010	Mike Watson	Centennial
2011	Wayne "Ribsy" Petermeier	Browerville
2012	Conley Natvig	Swanville, Swanville-Grey Eagle, Browerville
2013	John Gross	Medford
2014	Rob Nielsen	Detroit Lakes
2015	Terry Turek	Le Sueur-Henderson
2016	Dave Nelson	Minnetonka
2017	Bill Magnuson	Pequot Lakes
2018	Dave Fritze	Eagan
2019	Jim Dotseth	MFCA Secretary Treasurer
2020	Scott Tschimperle and Paul Lemke	Glencoe-Silver Lake
2021	Beau LaBore and Dave Nigon	Exhibit Manager/MFCA Clinic
2022	Nick David	Mound Westonka
2023	Rick Sutton	Farmington
2024	Clay Anderson	Kimball
2025	Will Wackman	Spring Lake Park
2026	Ron Stolski	Brainerd

The Don Swanson Award represents exemplary service to the MFCA. It is presented annually to a member of our association who personifies what the late **Don Swanson** exemplified: unconditional service to and for football in Minnesota. "Swannie" was a respected teacher, coach, administrator and friend to all who knew him. His passing in 2009 left us all with a void.

He was a proud graduate of South High school and Gustavus Adolphus College and a lifelong educator in the city of Minneapolis. His work as part of the MFCA clinic is legendary and he will never be replaced. In honoring "Swannie," we remember his sense of humor, his quick wit, his engaging charm, and, most importantly, his tireless efforts on behalf of students and coaches. He was one of our finest – a true 'Keeper of the Game.'



Jerry Kill Power of Influence Award



Jeff Erdmann

Rosemount

Jerry Kill Power of Influence Award

Jeff and his wife, Ruth, have been married since 1993 and are the proud parents of Kennedy, Jackson, and Lara—three children they are proud of for being good people who strive to make society better. Jeff shares that Ruth is his greatest inspiration. Her authenticity and commitment to living her values have deeply influenced Jeff’s own journey, challenging him to align his actions with his beliefs in both his professional and personal life.

A three-sport student athlete at Lewiston-Altura High School, Jeff went on to earn his B.A. from Gustavus Adolphus College, where he played football and captained the 1989 team. He later completed his M.A. in Athletic Administration from the University of St. Thomas.

Over a 36-year career as a social studies teacher and head football coach, Jeff has served at NRHEG, Cannon Falls, Winona, and for the past 27 years at Rosemount High School. At Rosemount, he has built a program centered on valuing every individual and honoring the collective effort required for team success. The program’s long-standing motto reflects that vision: “Glory is achieved when the many come together to form that which is invincible, the Power of One.” Across his career, the coaching staffs Jeff has been part of have earned 13 district championships, 12 conference championships, six state semifinal appearances, and three Prep Bowl appearances.

Beyond the traditional game, Jeff has played a pivotal role in developing and promoting girls’ flag football in Minnesota. As a consultant for the Minnesota Vikings and head coach of Rosemount’s girls flag football team, he has helped expand opportunities for female athletes statewide. Over the past five summers, he has led a girls-only flag football league averaging 150 participants each year. In just two seasons, Rosemount’s girls flag team has compiled a 21-1 record, won the Vikings NFL Flag Regional Championship, and became the first Minnesota team to reach the Sweet 16 at the NFL Flag National Championships in Canton, Ohio.

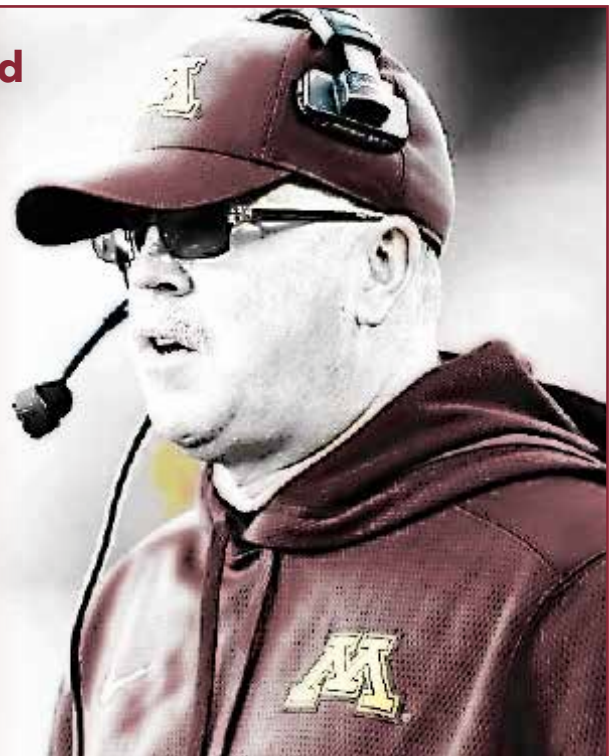
Throughout his career, Jeff has remained committed to building inclusive cultures where personal growth fuels team success. He continues to pursue authenticity in leadership—standing up for marginalized communities and advocating for fairness, dignity, and constitutional rights for all Minnesotans.

The Jerry Kill Power of Influence Award

honors a deserving high school football head coach for his effect on his players, school and community.

The selected coach embodies the life-changing qualities of respect and inspiration, and has caused student-athletes and others to want to emulate their honesty, patience and modesty. Their positive influence is reflected in their community service, their mentoring and role modeling, and finally, measured by the lives he has touched and changed.

The MFCA award recipient is then nominated for the national Power of Influence Award, which is presented jointly by the American Football Coaches Association and the American Football Coaches Foundation.



Jerry Kill Power of Influence Award

2006	.. Ron Stolski*	..... Brainerd High School
2007	.. Mike Mahlen	..... Verndale High School
2008	.. Dave Hylla	..... Proctor High School
2009	.. Dave Nelson*	..... Minnetonka High School
2010	.. Dwight Lundeen*	..... Becker High School
2011	.. Jeff Ferguson	..... Totino-Grace High School
2012	.. Paul Mork	..... White Bear Lake/New Life Academy
2013	.. Mark Froehling	..... Farmington
2014	.. Bob "Bubba" Sullivan	..... Northfield
2015	.. Jon Bakken	..... Waterville-Elysian-Morristown
2016	.. Don Seipkes	..... Ottertail Central
2017	.. Jeff Schlieff	..... Spring Lake Park
2018	.. Tom Lenarz	..... Cloquet
2019	.. Dave Louzek	..... Moose Lake-Willow River
2020	.. Charles Adams III	..... Minneapolis North
2021	.. Steve Jipson	..... Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley (Posthumously)
2022	.. Rodney Lossow	..... Minneapolis South
2023	.. Bryan Strand	..... Barnesville
2024	.. Beau LaBore	..... Stillwater
2025	.. Tom Nelson	..... Two Harbors
2026	.. Jeff Erdmann	..... Rosemount

*Also received National Power of Influence Award.



Jeff Erdmann

Previously Inducted Hall of Famers

1965

Bernie Bierman
Jake Christiansen
Frank Cleve
Bernie Cole
Vern Morrison
Bronko Nagurski
Ted Peterson
Lew Swearingen

1966

Les Barnard
Bert Baston
John Gagliardi
Red Hastings
Lefty Ranweiler

1967

Paul Giel
Francis "Pug" Lund
Joe Markley
Cliff Morlan
Louis Todnem

1968

Lee Brockmeyer
Sid Hartman
Elmer Wigen
Charles "Bud" Wilkinson

1969

C.P. Blakeslee
Dick Bradley
Jim Byrne
Ray Christensen
Pete Guzy
Lloyd Hollingsworth

1970

Adrian Christensen
Jake Christiansen
Harry Peter "Bud" Grant
Walter "Butch" Hertz
Les Knuti
Frank O'Rourke
Wendell Vlasin
Ed Widseth

1971

Russell "Butzie" Maetzold
Manny Marget
George "Butch" Nash
Harold M. "Snooks" Sullivan

1972

William F. Broekmeier
Jerry Krueger
Jim Lee
Fred Vant Hull
Dick Wildung

1973

Ralph Anderson
Jerry Dahlberg
Chuck Elias
Marv Helling
Bruce Smith
Earl Teas

1974

Jerry Ekstein
Odis LeGrand
Edor Nelson
Doc Watson
Kenneth "Red" Wilson

1975

Bob Collison
Art Haas
Russ Helleckson
Bernie Lusk
Dick Mahar
Les Nell

1976

Kermit Anderson
Will Gullickson
Dwayne Hoberg
Jack Malevich
Jim Pederson
George Roscoe
Murray Warmath

1977

Art Avis
Jim Carrington
Lee Krough
Frank "Butch" Larson
Herschel Lysaker
Jim McLaughlin
Leo Sebastian

1978

Chuck Dixon
Chauncey Martin
Ted Meinhover
Roy "Chip" Rasmussen
George Reedy
Marty Rossini
John Vucinovich

1979

Bruce Bakke
Herman Frickey
Bill Hansen
LeRoy McMahon
Dick Mulkern
Harry Newby
Milt Osterberg
Bob Shrank
Steve Silianoff
Lloyd Stein

1980

Bruce Bennet
Neal Davis
Jim Gustafson
Jim Molnar
Norm Wagner
Jim Wallace

1981

Lou Barle
Irv Nerdahl
Glenn Redmann
Clayton Tonnemaker

1982

Bob Gove
Wally Hitt
Don Nylund
Gary Olson
Dale Scholl

1983

Jim Gotta
Joe Mrkonich
Stan Nelson

1984

Tom Briere
Jim Henkes
Dick Lawrence

1985

Bruce Frank
Giffy O'Dell
Don Riley
Bob Roy
Don "Swannie" Swanson

1986

Ralph Hagberg
Charles Halsted
Peter Herges
Oiva Ike Pesonen
Cliff "Jiggs" Senne

1987

Terry Egerdahl
Lauren "Huns" Hagge
Donald "Bill" McMoore
Jerry Sullivan
Angelo L. Taddie

1988

Herb Claffy
Mac Dahl
Art Fredrickson
Ralph Peterson
Ron Raveling
Cal Stoll

1989

John Drugg
Don Fox
Jim Griffin
Bill Severin
Harvey Shew
Tony Thiel

1990

Roland Bromberg
Gary Gustafson
Tom Mahoney
Bob O'Neill
Dick Rezanka
Al Siegle

1991

Morgan Brandup
John Davies
Earl Gramling
Roy Hokkanen
Ron Scott
Bob Youso

1992

Stav Canakes
Dan Devine
John Hansen
Joe Mayer
Warren Olson
George Wemeier

1993

Les Drechsel
Ken Mauer
Tom Porter
Dana Powers
Dick Walker

1994

Dick Bakke
George Larson
Jim Malosky
Andy Nelson
Marsh Nelson
George Smith

1995

Gerry Brown
Bruce Frank
Norm Johnson
Bob Peterson
Pat "Bruno" Waldner

1996

Jim Christopherson
Marv Gunderson
Mike Morrissey
Lloyd C. Petersen

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Previously Inducted Hall of Famers

1997

Bill Beck
John Drews
Ross Fortier
Andy Lia
Jerry Peterson

1998

John Conzemius
Frank Fredlund
Bob Sullivan
Jerry Wallskog
Wes Wistrom

1999

Bill Martin
Gerhard Meidt
Grady Rostberg
"Buz" Rumrill
Mal Scanlan
Omer Sieben

2000

Jerry Hegna
Andy McCarty
Elmer Menage
Ed Mettner
Jim Simser
George Thole

2001

Ken Belanger
Don Bertek
John Gross
Roger Lipelt
Stuart Nordquist
Keith Swanson

2002

Ken Baumann
Herschel "Pepper" Lysaker
Rick Manke
Paul Mork
Willie Rauen
Jim Roforth

2003

Lyle Anderson
Clark Bergloff
Jim Mader
Dave Main
Dave Nigon
Dick Strand

2004

Gary Graham
Stan Olson
Deryl Ramey
Randy Shaver
Dean Taylor

2005

Neal Hofland
Ken Jacobson
Dick Jonckowski
Donavon Larson
Terry McLean
Jerry Sonnek

2006

Ken Hill
Gordon Hinck
Rich Kallock
Charles Kavanagh
Stan Skjei
Dick Tressel

2007

Keith Bergstedt
Dave Brokke
Robert Hage
Dan Kostich
Conley "Con" Natvig
Tom Witschen

2008

Don Elston
Mario Lucia
Jim Sims
Ron Stolski
Gary Trimble

2009

Roger French
Dave Hylla
DeWayne Johnson
Dwight Lundeen
Mike Mahlen

2010

Dave Dose
Jim Dotseth
Dennis Hale
Jim Reinhardt

2011

Terry Karlsgodt
Mark Kroulik
Bob Majeski
Merrill Pavlovich
Don Stueve
Darrel "Bozo" Wincek

2012

Earl Bauman
Paul Gasner
Dick Hanson
Steve Nunnink
Terry Ogorek
Tyrone Wacker

2013

Jerry Carlson
Jerry Foley
Ivan Kroulik
Steve Ott
Don Seipkes
Gene Stritesky

2014

Jon Bakken
Dave Fritze
Mike Grant
Tom Idstrom
Dave Nelson
Larry Thompson
Marc Trestman

2015

Jeff Ferguson
Paul Miller
John Sherman
Steve Solem

2016

Don Henderson
Steve Johnson
Bernie Litecky
Rand Middleton
Flint Motschenbacher
Leo Pohlkamp

2017

Brad Anderson
Larry Knutson
Richard Risbrudt
Mike Scanlan
Curtis Strand
Rick Sutton

2018

Mike Belseth
Mike Bialka
Steve Fedie
Doug Torgerson
Ray Tri
Terry Turek

2019

Doug Heruth
Bob Jackson
Mike Max

2020

Walter Hunting
Jeff Mumm
Mike Quist
Mike Turner
Karl Urbaniak

2021

Bill Bailey
Karl Deis
Terry Horan
Mike Plinske
Richard Robinson

2022

Dean Aurich
Gary Fasching
Rob Nielsen
Gary Sloan
Bubba Sullivan
William White

2023

Terry Bahlmann
Randy Kuechenmeister
Chuck Ross
Doug Ekmark
Darrell Thompson

2024

Dan Essler
Carl Fruechte
Stuart Groskreutz
Mike Kleinschmidt
Wayne "Ribsy" Petermeier
Jeff Williams

2025

Clay Anderson
Craig Anderson
Greg Clough
Dave Louzek
Andy Rostberg
Tom Schuller

2026

Glenn Caruso
John Clark, Jr.
Bob Kovich
Ronald Johnson
Jeff Schlieff
Bryan Strand

MFCA Code of Ethics

PREAMBLE

One of the distinguishing characteristics of a profession in education may be that its members are cognizant of, and perhaps dedicated to, rendering a service to humanity. As educators who choose to coach football, we must understand that the justification for football is that it provides educational and physical values for those who play the game, and the game essentially belongs to the players who choose to play it. The welfare of the game depends on how coaches live up to the spirit and letter of ethical conduct, and how coaches, as educators, model ethical conduct, and remain mindful of the trust and confidence placed in them by colleagues, players and the public.

PURPOSE

This code of ethics has been developed to protect, promote, and preserve the best interests of the game and the coaching profession. Its primary purpose is to clarify and distinguish ethical and professional practices from those which are detrimental. Its secondary purpose is to emphasize the value of football as an experience that contributes to the overall education of the student-athlete and to stress proper functions in relation to schools, players and the public.

ARTICLE ONE | Responsibility To Players

1. Coaches shall be aware of the tremendous influence they have on the education of the student-athlete; therefore, they shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character and integrity.
2. Coaches shall follow or create and enforce a set of training rules for players that reflect the positive values of abstaining from drugs, alcohol and tobacco.
3. Coaches shall never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players.
4. Coaches shall not exert pressure on faculty members to give players special consideration.
5. Coaches shall show respect to all players by treating them with integrity and honesty in both verbal and nonverbal behavior, regardless of their role or contribution to the team.
6. Coaches are responsible for their players' actions on the field and must not permit them to perform with the intent of causing injury to opposing players.
7. Coaches shall not seek unfair advantage by teaching deliberate unsportsmanlike behavior to players; they shall instruct players to play within the written rules and within the spirit of the game at all times.

ARTICLE TWO | Professional Behavior

1. Coaches shall exemplify the highest moral character, behavior and leadership.
2. Coaches shall display modesty in victory and be gracious in defeat.
3. Coaches shall promote ethical relationships among fellow coaches.
4. Prior to, and following contests, coaches for the competing teams should meet and exchange cordial greetings to set the correct tone for the event.

ARTICLE THREE | Sportsmanship

1. Coaches shall exhibit, model and teach good sportsmanship.
2. Coaches shall exert their influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators, both directly and by working closely with cheerleaders, pep clubs, booster groups, parents and administrators.

ARTICLE FOUR | Scouting

It is considered ethical to scout opponents only during games and agreed upon scrimmages, and within the designated rules of the conference or section by-laws. The head coach is responsible for the actions of his scouts.

ARTICLE FIVE | Relationships With Game Officials

Coaches shall respect the integrity and judgment of the game official. Coaches shall not indulge in conduct which would incite players or spectators against officials. Public criticism of officials is considered unethical.

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