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TEAMING UP TO IMPROVE SPORTS CULTURE

The TSSAA has been working with the Tennessee Titans Foundation and the NFL to promote an initiative highlighting educational athletics.

WHAT IS THE INSIDEOUT INITIATIVE?

The purpose of the InSideOut Initiative is to transform the current “win-at-all-costs” sports culture where the value is often defined by the scoreboard, into one that defines and promotes sports as a human growth experience.

The InSideOut Initiative provides a blueprint for systemic change. We must become aware of the purpose of sport in our children’s lives, align school communities around this purpose, provide education to school community stakeholders and hold all involved accountable to clearly defined expectations.

THE APPROACH

For sports to provide students with human growth and moral development opportunities, we must move beyond defining success by the scoreboard and create space in the culture for a higher purpose.

The InSideOut Initiative provides a blueprint for systemic change through the InSideOut System and the InSide-Out Philosophy that defines and elevates the purpose, teaches a common language, provides resources and curriculum and employs strategies that



hold school communities accountable to developing the human potential of students.

Through a well-defined pathway, supportive leadership and intentional coaching, school communities successfully reclaim the educational purpose of sports.

THE SYSTEM

The InSideOut System provides a pathway for systemic change—moving educational communities through a four-part process centering on Awareness, Alignment, Action, and Accountability.

- **Awareness**– Defines the purpose of education-based athletics
- **Alignment**– Instills a common language
- **Action**– Provides education, resources and tools
- **Accountability**– Establishes clear expectations, policies and procedures

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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE RECOGNITION

The TSSAA is proud to recognize Ron Bargatze as its contributor. The name Ron Bargatze is synonymous with sports in Middle Tennessee.

Ron played football, basketball, and baseball at Antioch High School and then went on to succeed at the college level in basketball and baseball at Belmont University. After receiving his degree at Belmont, he went on to pursue a Master of Arts at Middle Tennessee State University.

Ron began an illustrious career as a college coach in both basketball and baseball as an assistant at his alma mater, Belmont. He then went on to coach basketball on the prep level at Cocke County High School in Newport, TN. After one year, he returned to the college ranks as a head baseball and assistant basketball coach at Tennessee Tech University. He served as an assistant men's basketball coach at Vanderbilt under Roy Skinner and then wrapped up his coaching career with stints as head coach at Trevecca Nazarene University and Austin Peay State University.

"RB" or "Coach B," as he is known to many, has an extensive career in sports broadcasting. He has served as a radio color analyst for Vanderbilt basketball, OVC basketball, and has worked football and basketball games for TSSAA for over 30 years.

More recently, RB has called games for several different sports for the TSSAA. While most of his work has been in basketball, he has also worked the state golf championships and state bowling championships as play-by-play or color for the TSSAA NFHS Network.

Ron worked as the Director of Sports Medicine for Baptist Hospital for a time and in that time he created a partnership with TSSAA that led to providing trainers and sports medicine staff at all state championship sites. He also sponsored a summer leadership camp (SASI) for student athletes and coaches from schools all over the state. This led to the Student Services Program that is still a part of the TSSAA today. His cousin, Stephen Bargatze, now leads this program with his comedy and magic act.



Ron is a member of the Nashville Baseball Hall of Fame, Belmont University Athletic Hall of Fame, and Trevecca Nazarene University Athletic Hall of Fame.

When he isn't calling games for TSSAA he is working in Business Development for Hewlitt-Spencer, LLC or can be found on the golf course. He is an avid golfer who has been the TN Golf Association Super Senior State Champion as well as the Senior Club Champion at Old Hickory Country Club.

Ron and his wife, Wendy, reside in White House, Tennessee and they run a bed and breakfast at their home called Antler Ridge. They have been married for 25 years and between them have five children and four grandchildren.

The TSSAA appreciates Ron and the contributions he has made to TSSAA for over 30 years.

UPCOMING STATE TOURNAMENTS

State Bowling Tournament

Smyrna Bowling Center,
Smyrna

January 18-20

State Dual Wrestling Championships

Williamson Co. Ag-Expo
Center, Franklin

February 2-3

State Wrestling Championships

Williamson Co. Ag-Expo
Center, Franklin

February 15-17

Recent Legislative Council and Board of Control Action

The Legislative Council met on December 6, 2017 and the Board of Control met on January 11, 2018. Below highlights from both meetings.

The Council approved a proposed change to Article IV, Section 8 (TSSAA Sports Calendar) of the TSSAA Bylaws submitted by Alcoa High School.

The amendment will address the current calendar guidelines for wrestling and girls' wrestling. The amendment changes the maximum number of regular season contests from 18 dates to 22 dates which would move it closer to the current guidelines for basketball (24). There will not be a change to the second part of the guideline that states an individual shall wrestle no more than 55 matches, excluding forfeits, in the regular season.

The Council approved proposed changes to Article II, Section 18 (Amateur Rule) and Sections 19 and 20 (Award Rule).

Section 18. A student who has never used and is not using his/her knowledge of athletics or his/her athletic skill for pay in the sports which this Association governs and who has always contested under his/her own name is an amateur. (Accepting money for officiating athletic contests or for working as an employee in a city or county recreation program is not a violation of this regulation.) A student who violates the amateur rule shall be ineligible for 12 months in the sport in which the violation occurs. Such a student

may be reinstated as an amateur after a period of one calendar year from the time he/she was declared ineligible has elapsed, provided he/she has not violated the amateur rule during this period. Bowling, golf and tennis students will abide by USBC, USGA, and USTA regulations in accepting pay, items of commercial value, and awards.

Section 19. A student may accept a medal, trophy, state championship ring, high school letter, sweater, jacket, shirt, blazer or blanket but nothing else of commercial value. (A sweater, jacket, shirt, blazer or blanket must carry the high school letter or other appropriate award emblem.) Acceptance of forbidden awards will cause a student to become ineligible for 12 months in the sport in which the violation occurs. Bowling, golf and tennis students will abide by USBC, USGA, and USTA regulations in accepting awards.

Section 20. A member school that has any connection with the presentation of a forbidden award — such as assisting in the selection of the person to receive the award, permitting the award to be given at a school function, or holding the award for a student until he/she has graduated — shall be subject to suspension from tournament play in the involved sport(s) for one season.

Board of Control Action

- The Board voted to extend the contract of the Executive Director, Bernard Childress, for the next three years.
- The Board voted to approve the request of Crosstown High School for TSSAA membership

beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. Crosstown High School is a new public charter school under the Shelby County Board of Education. It plans to open with 9th graders the first year and add a grade each year. Projected enrollment is 150 students. They will participate in Division I, Class A, District 15 in basketball, baseball, volleyball, and softball, West (Small) in track and field, cross country, golf, and tennis, and District 19 in Bowling.

- The Board voted to approve the request from Knoxville Catholic High School to move to Division II beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.
- The Board voted to allow Grace Christian Academy (Franklin) to move to Division II in all sports beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.