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STAY CONNECTED BY BECOMING AN OFFICIAL

They don't make the headlines, their names are not in the box scores and they don't make the all-star teams, but perhaps the most important individuals in high school sports are the contest officials.

These individuals are so important that, in fact, there would be no organized competitive sports at the high school level without the men and women who officiate these contests every day across the country. Subtract the dedicated men and women who officiate high school sports and competitive sports would no longer be organized; they would be chaotic.

In some areas, high school officials are retiring faster than new licenses are being issued. And junior varsity, freshmen and middle school games are being postponed – or even cancelled – because there are not enough men and women to officiate them.

Anyone looking for a unique way to contribute to the local community should consider becoming a licensed high school official. For individuals who played sports in high school, officiating is a great way to stay close to the sport after their playing days have ended. Officiating helps people stay in shape, expands their social and professional network and offers part-time work that is flexible, yet pays. In fact, officiating is a form of community service, but with compensation.

Another benefit of officiating is that individuals become role models so that teenagers in the community can learn the life lessons that high school sports teach. Students learn to respect their opponents and the rules of the game and the importance of practicing good sportsmanship thanks, in part, to those men and women who officiate. And the objectivity and integrity that high school officials display is an example that every young person needs to observe firsthand. In short, communities around the country will be stronger because of the life lessons that high school officials help teach the next generation.

Officiating is a great way to stay connected to sports and to give back to the local high school and community. We need dedicated men and women to become involved so that high school sports can continue to prosper for years to come.

Individuals interested in learning more about becoming a high school official, and even begin the application process, can do so at HighSchoolOfficials.com.

By Bob Gardner, Executive Director of the National Federation of State High School Associations and Bernard Childress, Executive Director of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE RECOGNITION

TSSAA is proud to honor Mike Petrone. Mike is the boys' basketball coach at White House Heritage High School. Mike has been at White House Heritage for the past sixteen years where his teams have won five district championships and he was named as the District Coach of the Year for the 2016-2017 season. While at Heritage, every child that has participated in the high school basketball program has won or played for a district championship.

Coach Petrone has also had high school coaching stops at Centennial and Father Ryan High School. He has accumulated 450 victories in his basketball coaching career.

Mike has also coached at Vanderbilt University alongside Eddie Fogler and C.

M. Newton. He is presently in his 18th year as a coach at Trevecca. He has also been the head men's coach at Cumberland University.

Mike and his wife, Donna reside in Nashville.

TSSAA is proud to salute Mike Petrone for his outstanding accomplishments in coaching and the positive influence he has had and will continue to have on all the students at White House Heritage.



UPCOMING STATE TOURNAMENTS



Division II Basketball

March 1-3
Allen Arena
Lipscomb University, Nashville

Division I Girls Basketball

March 7-10 |
Murphy Center
MTSU, Murfreesboro

Division I Boys Basketball

March 14-17
Murphy Center
MTSU, Murfreesboro

2018 MR. AND MISS BASKETBALL FINALISTS

The Mr. and Miss Basketball awards will be presented to the top girls and boys in five classifications of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association on the floor of Murphy Center on the campus of MTSU on Tuesday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m.

A statewide committee of sportswriters selected winners based on performance during the 2017-2018 regular season. Academics and character were also taken into consideration. High school head basketball coaches and members of the media nominated the finalists.

This is the 34th year that the Mr. and Miss Basketball Awards have been presented to Tennessee's best high school basketball players.

The draw for the Division I boys' state basketball tournament will be held prior to the Mr. and Miss Basketball Awards on the floor of the Murphy Center at

5:00 p.m. The draw for the Division I girls' state tournament brackets is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 4 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Murfreesboro.

Div. II-A Miss Basketball Finalists

Casey Collier, Knoxville Webb
Ashton Hulme, USJ
Ashlyn Pittman, Friendship Christian

Div. II-AA Miss Basketball Finalists

Sydni Harvey, Brentwood Academy
Savanna Owens, Briarcrest
Dontavia Waggoner, Ensworth

Class A Miss Basketball Finalists

Tess Darby, Greenfield
Chloe Moore, Greenfield
Courtney Pritchett, Pickett County

Class AA Miss Basketball Finalists

Gracee Dishman, Cumberland Co.
Taylor Lamb, South Greene
Akira Levy, Upperman

Class AAA Miss Basketball Finalists

Brinae Alexander, Riverdale
Elizabeth Dixon, Ridgeway
Rhyne Howard, Bradley Central

Div. II-A Mr. Basketball Finalists

C.J. Gettelfinger, Grace Christian
Keon Johnson, The Webb School
Malik Riddle, Rossville Christian

Div. II-AA Mr. Basketball Finalists

Jr. Clay, McCallie
Darius Garland, Brentwood Academy
Cedric Henderson, Jr., Briarcrest

Class A Mr. Basketball Finalists

Arecko Gipson, MASE
Jackson Hicks, Oakdale
Caden Mills, Van Buren County

Class AA Mr. Basketball Finalists

Kadrion Johnson, Marshall County
Jayden Lockett, East Nashville
Jessie Walker, Brainerd

Class AAA Mr. Basketball Finalists

Mark Freeman, Southwind
Tyler Harris, Cordova
Alex Lomax, Memphis East

NEWS AND NOTES

NINE TO JOIN THE TSSAA HALL OF FAME AT ANNUAL INDUCTION CEREMONIES APRIL 14

The 2018 TSSAA Hall of Fame inductees have been selected. Nine new members will be inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame at the annual luncheon at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Murfreesboro on Saturday, April 14, 2018.

The Hall of Fame luncheon will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 14. The luncheon is to not only honor the new inductees and their families, but to honor all past inductees into the TSSAA Hall of Fame. Tickets will go on sale on Monday, February 5. You may purchase the tickets at \$25.00 each by visiting our website (www.tssaa.org). Please print off the ticket form and mail it to our office along with a check or money order. All ticket orders will be available for pick-up on the day of the luncheon. There will be NO ticket sales at the door.

Bill Quarles—Educator and administrator in Jefferson County for over 40 years; Assistant Principal and Athletic Director at Jefferson Co. High School from 1977 – 1992; Served as Athletic Director as well as basketball and tennis coach at Jefferson City High School from 1966 – 1975; very instrumental in the development of multiple sports programs during his time at Jefferson Co.; Retired from Jefferson Co. School System in 2005

Sam Miles—Longtime administrator and coach in West Tennessee; coached basketball at Trenton Peabody and Dyersburg for over 10 years; Principal at Peabody High School from 1983 – 1995; Principal at Dyersburg High School from 1995 – 2006; served on TSSAA Board of Control for 12 years (1994 – 2006); Henry County Director of Schools from 2008 – 2012; employed by State Department of Education as a teacher evaluator; Retired in July of 2015

Barbara Campbell—Teacher and coach for 35 years, with 30 of those at Brentwood High School; began career in Texas before her first coaching job in Tennessee in 1988; has coached volleyball for 30 years and softball for 7 during her 30-year tenure at Brentwood; overall record of 1627-292; ranked 3rd nationally and 1st in Tennessee for most wins; 25 state tournament appearances; 7 state runner-ups; 13 TSSAA state championships

Robin Dieterich—Began coaching career in 1979 at Father Ryan High School; has coached boys' and girls' soccer for almost 40 years; has coached in developmental soccer programs, club programs, and head coaching at both Brentwood High School and Father Ryan High School; his girls' and boys' teams have a combined 8 TSSAA state championships; the boys' and girls' teams both won in the same school year in 2012 – 2013; has compiled over 300 career wins and carries a 64% winning percentage; continues to serve as both boys' and girls' soccer coach at Father Ryan

Don Freudenthal—Longtime softball coach at Ezell-Harding Christian School with over 800 career wins; his teams made 19 TSSAA state tournaments, winning 13 titles and finishing runner-up 3 times; overall state tournament record of 56-11; served as athletic director from 2008 – 2014; middle school principal from 1987 to 2008; retired from coaching in 2014

George Quarles—Maryville High School head football coach for 18 years; made 15 appearances in the BlueCross Bowl state championships; 11 TSSAA State titles; 16 region titles; record of 250 wins and 16 losses; from 2004-2008 his teams held a 74-game winning streak and from 2013-2015 his teams held a 44-game winning streak; 8 undefeated seasons; lost only 9 of his last 249 games; left Maryville after 2016 season to become the Associate Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator at Furman University

Jim Whitby—Longtime boys' basketball coach at Obion Co. Central High School for 19 years (1982 – 2001) and Lake Co. High School for 9 years (2001 – 2010) amassed over 850 career wins; TSSAA State Champions in Class AA in 1986...his son, Cannon, played on the '86 state championship team and at the time set 5 state tournament records and scored 45 points in the championship game...his teams made a total of 3 TSSAA State tournament appearances

John Caldwell—Registered as a TSSAA basketball official in 1965; officiated 13 District, 7 Regional, and 4 Sub-State tournaments; worked the 1975 TSSAA Girls' State Basketball tournament and the 1978 Boys' State Basketball tournament; served as a TSSAA basketball supervisor from 1978 – 1988; Assigner for Memphis and Shelby Co. from 1978 – 1985; instructor at TSSAA summer official's camps; received TSSAA 50-year Award of Merit in 2015; officiated college basketball from 1968 - 1986

Ron Bargatze—Coach B or "RB" was a high school basketball coach at Cocke Co. High School before heading to the college ranks; had stints at Belmont, Tennessee Tech, Vanderbilt, Trevecca, and Austin Peay State University; extensive career in sports broadcasting; radio color analyst for Vanderbilt basketball, OVC basketball and TSSAA football and basketball for over 30 years; in addition to basketball, has also called state golf and bowling championships for the TSSAA NFHS Network; Director of Sports Medicine for Baptist Hospital and created a partnership with TSSAA that provided trainers and sports medicine staff at all state championship sites; sponsored a summer leadership program that led to the Right Team Student Services program that is still a part of TSSAA today