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ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2014

First row, from left: Mike Smith, Donnie Roberts, Dr. James Robinson, Florence Weatherly (representing her late husband Eugene Weatherly), Nancy Shoquist, Richard Brown. Second row, from left: Tony Stallworth, Mike Battles, Larry Morris, Alvin Moore, Major Lane, Jim Garner. (Photo by Jay Sailors)



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Principals' & AD's Conference Offers Professional Development Chances

The AHSAA is continually striving to develop ways for administrators and coaches at our member schools to enhance and improve their skills.

One of the many ways we do that is by offering professional development opportunities in such events as the upcoming Principals' and Athletic Directors' Conference, which is set for April 1-2 at the Renaissance Montgomery Convention Center.

This is the seventh annual conference and each one has grown in both the number of professional development sessions offered and the number of high school, junior high and middle school principals and athletic directors who attend.

That trend continues this year as Southeastern Conference Commissioner Mike Slive will be our keynote speaker Wednesday, April 2. His topic will be "Administrative Leadership" and I encourage you to make time in your busy schedule to come to Montgomery to hear his insightful thoughts.

Commissioner Slive's session will be preceded by what has become one of the conference's most popular, well-attended sessions, the "AHSAA Case Studies." We will again review actual cases that the AHSAA has ruled on in recent months to give attendees an up-close and personal look at the application of AHSAA rules.

Attendees will also be able to choose three of the five different break-out sessions on such topics as AHSAA Non-Compliance and the



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Law, NCAA Eligibility Requirements, Title IX Compliance, AHSAA Compliance for Middle Schools and C2C Training for Schedules and Rosters.

The first day of the conference has been set aside for Leadership Training Courses (LTC), the CAA exam and a C2C training session for LEAs and counselors. PLUs are being offered for the conference and for those taking the LTC 502 class.

A full conference schedule, as well as a conference registration form, are available by clicking [here](#).

2014 Hall of Fame Class

Congratulations are in order for the 2014 Class of the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame, which was recently inducted at the 24th annual Hall of Fame Banquet in Montgomery.

Selected were football coaches Mike Battles and Larry Morris; administrators Richard Brown and Jim Garner; girls' basketball coaches Donnie Roberts and Mike Smith; boys' basketball coaches Major Lane, Alvin Moore and Tony Stallworth; volleyball coach Nancy Shoquist; and contributor Dr. James Robinson. Selected in the "Old Timer" category was Eugene Weatherly.

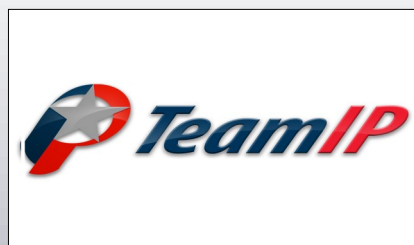
As all the classes before them, the 2014 class consists of 12 tremendous leaders. Their unending dedication is an inspiration to the students, coaches, parents and the communities they serve. They are truly heroes and richly deserve to be a part of the Hall of Fame.

I urge you to stop by the AHSAA office in Montgomery whenever possible and take a walk through the Hall of Fame. You will no doubt find it a memorable experience.

Lastly, I want to thank all our educators, administrators, teachers, coaches, and volunteers, for being servants to the students of our state. Your selfless service allows these valued individuals to attain Hall of Fame status in our children's eyes. Competition and championships are enjoyable, but every day you have the opportunity to develop and teach children life-long educational and athletic lessons, thus making a difference in your students for the rest of their lives.

May God continue to bless you for your service to our students.

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AHSAA Extends Corporate Partner Contract With Wilson Through 2021

The Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) and Wilson Sporting Goods have extended their corporate partner agreement through June 30, 2021.

The agreement continues one of the AHSAA's longest running corporate partnerships for an additional seven years.

"We are very pleased about extending this important partnership," Savarese said. "Wilson has provided tremendous support for the AHSAA championship events and our member schools. We appreciate the investment this valued partner is continuing to make in the youth of our state and what this means for all our member schools. We are proud that our championships will continue using Wilson equipment."

With this arrangement, Wilson will continue to serve as the official contest ball partner of the AHSAA.

"Wilson Sporting Goods is committed to high school athletics in the state of Alabama. We are excited to extend our long-term partnership with the AHSAA," said Matt Navarro, Wilson's Regional Sales Manager – East Region. "We are committed to supporting the needs of AHSAA high schools, coaches and student-athletes by providing high quality products that perform at a championship level. Wilson is proud to be the ball of choice in Alabama."

Wilson balls are used in all AHSAA post-season contests, including the recently concluded Final 48 State Basketball Championships and Super 6 Football Championships.

"I understand and appreciate the impact the AHSAA and its programs have on student-athletes in the state of Alabama,"

Navarro said. "Under the leadership of Mr. Savarese and his staff, the state of high school athletics is at an all-time high. We are proud to call Mr. Savarese and the AHSAA staff partners and friends. I look forward to continuing our relationship for many years to come."

The contract provides the AHSAA balls in the following sports: football, boys' basketball, girls' basketball, baseball, volleyball, boys' soccer, girls' soccer, softball and tennis.

With its affiliation with the AHSAA, Wilson is directly supporting the children, schools and communities of Alabama through its partnership with the AHSAA. For its distinguished past and promising future, the AHSAA is thankful for the commitment and loyalty of generous partners like Wilson Sporting Goods.

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Playing Different Levels of Competition Must Be Regulated By Teams

As we head down the stretch of the spring sports season, let's be cognizant of the rules of fair play that all sports must follow.

Of those rules, there are two specific issues concerning student-athletes who participate in more than one level of competition in a sport during the same season.

LEVELS OF COMPETITION: Student-athletes are allowed to play at more than one level of competition. However, playing two levels of competition on the same day is not allowed. Also, middle school students who "play up" on freshman, high school junior varsity or varsity teams must be enrolled at a feeder school of the high school and can only play the total number of contests allowed at the highest level of competition.

For example, a student enrolled at a feeder middle school plays in six contests and four tournaments for the middle school softball team. The student then moves up to the high school JV team and participates in four contests and one tournament before being moved to the high school varsity team. She is allowed to participate in the total number of contests allowed at the highest level (18); hence, she would have eight regular-season contests remaining – a



Tony Stallworth
Associate Executive Director

total of 18.

Should she play back down with the middle school for two more games, that varsity total would only be six – keeping in mind that the total number of all levels combined could not exceed 18. Middle school rules allow only 14 contests in a season. That total of 18 could not exceed 14 middle school contests, however.

As for total tournaments, she would be allowed to compete in seven regular-season tournaments but would be eligible to participate in three varsity or JV tournaments after her four middle school competitions. It is im-

portant to note, however, that in no instance could she compete in two different level tournaments at the same time or play in two different levels of competition on the same day. The rule also applies for county tournaments as well.

COURTESY RUNNERS: It is important for coaches to remember that participation means entering a contest for at least one play. A courtesy runner for a pitcher or catcher in softball or baseball is considered as participating. Therefore, a courtesy runner in a varsity contest would not be eligible to participate in a lower level JV, freshman or middle school contest in the same day. If the participation was in a regular season invitational or county tournament, then the student would not be eligible to participate in a JV, freshman or middle school tournament at the same time – or in a JV, freshman or middle school county tournament even if it is scheduled at a different time.

TRANSFER STUDENTS: It is also important to remember that students who transfer from another district or another state may participate in a sport only one time in a school year.

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IMPORTANT DATES

April 1

Principals' & Athletic Directors' Conference, Montgomery, LTC Courses, CAA Exam, Other Training

April 2

Principals' & Athletic Directors' Conference, Montgomery, 8 a.m.

District 2 Meeting, Enterprise, 6 p.m.

April 8

Principals Advisory Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

April 8, 9, 11, 14-17

Section Tennis Tournaments

April 9

AHSADCA Advisory Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

District 7 Meeting, Hamilton, 6 p.m.

April 14

Bryant-Jordan Banquet, Birmingham, 6:30 p.m.

April 15

Lemak Award Submission Deadline

AHSAA Central Board Meeting, 10 a.m.

AHSAA Legislative Council Meeting, 2 p.m.

April 16

ASWA Mr./Miss Basketball Luncheon, Montgomery, noon

District 4 Meeting, Southern Union, Opelika, 6:30 p.m.

April 17

MS/JH Principals Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

April 18-19

Baseball Playoffs, 1st round

April 21-22

Boys, Girls 1A-3A State Tennis, Lagoon Park

Boys, Girls 4A State Tennis, Point Mallard, Decatur

April 24-25

Boys, Girls 5A State Tennis, Copeland-Cox Tennis Center, Mobile

Boys, Girls 6A State Tennis, Copeland-Cox Tennis Center, Mobile

April 25-26

1A-4A & 6A Soccer Sub-State Playoffs, 1st round

Baseball Playoffs, Second Round

Section Track Meets

April 28

Section Golf Tournaments

April 29

Sub-State Soccer Playoffs, all divisions

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If that sport was already completed at the previous school, then the transfer student would not be eligible to participate at the new school until the next school year.

OUTSIDE PARTICIPATION: Coaches need to remind players and parents that once a school season starts (plays first contest), there can be no participation on a non-school team in the same sport during the school season of that sport. A school team's season is completed once it plays its last contest. Participation is defined as games or practice.

Any student who participates on an outside team after the school sports season begins is ineligible to join the school team for the remainder of the season.

Please check the 2013-14 AHSAA Handbook for all rules and regulations governing your sport or season.

The Levels of Competition Rule can be found on page 44. It is extracted from the Handbook below.

Rule III (Contests), Section 19. LEVELS OF COMPETITION.

No student shall be allowed to participate in two levels of competition (varsity, junior varsity, B-team, junior high or middle school) in one sport during the same event or on the same day. In football, a student may not participate in games at different levels (or the same level) on consecutive days.

Note: This includes the same activity or sport for such events as county and conference tournaments and meets, section meets, etc., even though these events may be played at different sites over several days.

A student may participate in a sport only one time per school year. If a student transfers from a member school after a season in a certain sport is completed, that student is ineligible to participate in the same sport at the new member school during the same school year. If a student transfers from a member school before the season in a certain sport is completed, that student would be eligible to participate in the same sport at the new school provided its season had not been completed.

Two teams from the same school may not participate in the same division of an event (tournament, meet, match, etc.) in any sport.

An ineligible student is not allowed to participate in any interscholastic contest on any level, including summer contests.

Congratulations To Alabama All-Stars

The Alabama All-Stars represented our state well at the 24th annual Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Basketball Games played at Jackson State University March 21. Our boys won a hard-fought 90-83 decision over Mississippi, and our girls played well in a 95-89 loss.

The players molded quickly into solid teams – a tribute to the coaches and to their own abilities and dedication. The relationships developed in that short time will last them a life time.

The girls were coached by Brant Llewellyn of Lauderdale County and Emanuel Bell of Wenonah. The team was talented, and so was Mississippi. The two teams were evenly matched.

Our boys were coached by Reginald McGary of Parker and Darrell Barber of Midfield. Like the girls' coaches, they did an outstanding job. The talent was excellent and deep. Five players scored in double figures and two more had nine points each and beat a very good Mississippi team.

Sportsmanship was excellent. I know we will be seeing and hearing from many of these talented kids as they move on to the collegiate level next season.

We also thank the Mississippi Association of Coaches (MAC) for hosting the games. It was the first time we have played the all-star games in Mississippi since 2002. Jackson State University was a great site, the MAC and director Johnny Mims were outstanding hosts.

We look forward to the future of the series, which has now been played every year since 1991.

We also look forward to hosting the games next year in Montgomery. This series is about as even as a rivalry



Alvin Briggs
Director, AHSADCA



Alvin Briggs (left) and Steve Savarese (right) congratulate Alabama Boys' All-Star MVP Riley Norris of Albertville.



Alvin Briggs (left) and Steve Savarese (right) congratulate Alabama Girls' All-Star MVP Shakyala Thomas of Sylacauga.

could be. Mississippi and Alabama are even at 12-12 on the girls' side, and our boys have now won three in row to hold a slim 13-11 edge overall.

2014 Alabama All-Star Teams



Alabama Girls
Coaches Brant Llewellyn, Lauderdale County,
and Emanuel Bell, Wenonah



Alabama Boys
Coaches Reginald McGary, Parker, and Darrell Barber, Midfield

Bryant-Jordan Regional Winners Named

The Bryant-Jordan Student-Athlete Program's 96 regional winners for 2014 were recently announced by Bryant-Jordan Director Shelton Thompson.

A total of 48 seniors, eight in each of the AHSAA's current six classifications, were selected as Scholar-Athlete regional winners and 48 in the Student-Achievement division.

All 96 will be recognized at the 2014 Bryant-Jordan Banquet April 14 at the Birmingham Sheraton Hotel Ballroom.

Each student selected was nominated by their respective high school. A committee of school principals chose the area winners and a committee of school administrators in each region then selected the regional winners. The overall and class winners will be selected by a statewide committee comprised of school administrators and state business leaders.

Each regional winner will receive a \$2,500 scholarship and each class winners an additional \$3,000 scholarship. The overall Larry D. Striplin, Jr., Scholar-Athlete Award and the overall Ken and Betty Joy Blankenship Achievement Award state winners will receive an additional \$3,000 each.

The 2014 regional winners:

2014 Bryant-Jordan Student-Athlete Achievement Award Regional Winners

Class 1A

Region 1: Hailey Maxey, Florala



Region 2: Kayla Shufford, McKenzie

Region 3: Verlanda Hopson, Autaugaville

Region 4: Alex Enns, Holy Spirit Catholic

Region 5: Gregory Leach, Cedar Bluff

Region 6: Elysabeth Morales, Jacksonville Christian

Region 7: Emma Easley, Lynn

Region 8: Kennedy Palmer, Athens Bible

Class 2A

Region 1: John Watkins, Leroy

Region 2: Joe Payne, G.W. Long

Region 3: Christina Cowan, Sweet Water

Region 4: Blake Thrower, Reeltown

Region 5: Miracle Mayo, Lanett

Region 6: Alexandra Stimpson, Sand Rock

Region 7: Haley Freeman, Cold Springs

Region 8: Keenan Sparks, Red Bay

Class 3A

Region 1: Marcus Wilson, Geneva

Region 2: Jacob Johnson, Opp

Region 3: Leah Pennington, Sipsey Valley

Region 4: Drake McDonald, American Christian

Region 5: Ryan Burns, Ashville

Region 6: Ashley McKee, Sylvania

Region 7: Andrew Cofer, Good Hope

Region 8: Rhett Bailey, Elkmont

Class 4A

Region 1: Foster Hinton, UMS-Wright

Region 2: Keyana Turner, Ashford

Region 3: Trevon Brown, Beulah

Region 4: Stephen Ellison, Calera

Region 5: Ethan Wooten, Kate Duncan Smith, DAR

Region 6: Katherine Neisler, Jacksonville

Region 7: Andrew Eakes, Ardmore

Region 8: Perri Gilbert, Haleyville

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Class 5A

Region 1: Grant Cooper, Faith Academy

Region 2: Ronnie Reed, Saraland

Region 3: Bryant Horn, Benjamin Russell

Region 4: Kelsey Hunnicutt, Brookwood

Region 5: Haden Ryals, Southside-Gadsden

Region 6: Barrett Crossley, Pinson Valley

Region 7: Anna Wolverton, Pleasant Grove

Region 8: Jordan Gandy, East Limestone

Class 6A

Region 1: Dante Piccini, McGill-Toolen Catholic

Region 2: Derrick Tolbert, Daphne

Region 3: Katorrie Dimarco Bell, Jefferson Davis

Region 4: Maygen Boaz, Chelsea

Region 5: Michaela Smith, Pell City

Region 6: Ryan Childers, Vestavia Hills

Region 7: Chandler Fullman, Hoover

Region 8: Brandon De'Von Davis, Bob Jones

2014 Bryant-Jordan Scholar-Athlete Award Regional Winners

Class 1A

Region 1: Thomas Stubblefield, St. Luke's Episcopal

Region 2: Kelsey Hall, Brantley

Region 3: Colby Chambers, Maplesville

Region 4: Colby Wheeler, Winterboro

Region 5: Grant Benefield, Spring Garden

Region 6: Corey Phillis, Donoho

Region 7: Brianna Johnson, Marion County

Region 8: Amy McKelvey, Shoals Christian

Class 2A

Region 1: Blair Hendricks, Zion Chapel

Region 2: Jared Hall, Samson

Region 3: Mallory Jones, Luverne

Region 4: Joseph Flemming, Prattsville Christian

Region 5: Leah Strain, Woodland

Region 6: Cody McBryar, North Sand Mountain

Region 7: Hall Hastings, Oakman

Region 8: Katie Pepper, Tanner

Class 3A

Region 1: Jonathan Dismukes, Cottage Hill Christian

Region 2: Jordan Smith, Geneva

Region 3: Wesley Curles, Trinity Presbyterian

Region 4: Nelson Brown, American Christian

Region 5: Samuel Pannell, Susan Moore

Region 6: Colby Adams, Holly Pond

Region 7: Emily Sutton, Hamilton

Region 8: Sydney Malone, Deshler

Class 4A

Region 1: Daniel Henderson, Andalusia

Region 2: Hunter Kennedy, Charles Henderson

Region 3: Laura Prestridge, Handley

Region 4: Bailee Hammock, Corner

Region 5: Lauren Lackey, Randolph

Region 6: Morgan Gaston, Guntersville

Region 7: Ethan Boyd, Oneonta

Region 8: Shelby Huckaba, Central-Florence

Class 5A

Region 1: Anna Braswell, St. Paul's Episcopal

Region 2: Chace Bryan, Eufaula

Region 3: Rose Lamberth, Benjamin Russell

Region 4: Anna Morgan Couch, Shelby County

Region 5: Miller Williams, Home-wood

Region 6: Riley Northway, A.P. Brewer

Region 7: Jacob Runyan, Walker

Region 8: Haley Jared, Hartselle

Class 6A

Region 1: Andrew Parvino, Baker

Region 2: Jack Stansell, Dothan

Region 3: Anna Lazenby, Opelika

Region 4: William Freeman, Spain Park

Region 5: Regan Robertson, Oxford

Region 6: Carrigan Fain, Gardendale

Region 7: Reid Nelson, Hueytown

Region 8: Tanner Crosslin, Florence



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Lemak Award Deadline April 15

The deadline for high schools to apply for the need-based Lemak Award for 2014 is April 15.

The Lemak Award, named for Dr. Lawrence Lemak and presented annually by the Lemak Group, provides 10 grants of \$2,500 each annually to schools who are selected by a special committee from those who apply.

The form can be filled out online and submitted by following the directions listed. It can be found at www.ahsaa.com at the following link:

<http://www.ahsaa.com/Portals/0/pdf/forms/lemakAward.pdf>

The Lemak Group has awarded \$155,000 since 2008 and, with this year's 10 awards, a total of \$180,000 to AHSAA member schools. All grants will be presented at the Championship Coaches Banquet in Montgomery Friday night, July 25 to close out the 2014 Summer Conference and All-Star Sports Week.

Making A Difference Award Deadline April 15

The deadline for high schools to nominate a coach or administrator for the prestigious Making A Difference Award for 2014 is April 15.

The Award, now in its fourth year, recognizes six coaches or administrators, one from each of the current six AHSAA classifications, who go above and beyond sacrificially to make a major difference in the schools and communities where they serve.

The nomination form can be found at www.ahsaa.com or by accessing the following link: <http://www.ahsaa.com/Portals/0/pdf/forms/Making%20A%20Difference%20final%20form.pdf>

The six recipients for 2014 will be honored at the 2014 Championship Coaches Awards Banquet to be held in Montgomery Friday night, July 25 to close

out the 2014 Summer Conference and All-Star Sports Week.

J.F. Shields High School In Need Of Football Equipment

J.F. Shields High School, which is returning to high school football this coming season, is in immediate need of help from AHSAA member schools. Athletic director Jerome Sanders said the Class 1A school located in Beatrice in Monroe County needs football equipment ranging from helmets, shoulder and hip pads to practice jerseys and uniforms and other essential equipment.

Any school with items that could be donated to help Shields can contact Sanders or football coach Greg May at J.F. Shields at 251-789-2168 or they can contact Sanders' cell phone at 251-362-4072.

Sanders said the school and community would appreciate any help or support.

Spring Football Jamboree Contracts Now Online

The new C2C scheduling component has created a way for schools to create electronic contracts for spring football jamboree games. Schools can follow the same procedure required for regular season contracts. However, when selecting the season, please select Spring 2014.

Schools can select the jamboree item at create an event and then follow the other prompts to complete the contract.



Central-Phenix City's Ron Nelson is congratulated by AHSAA Executive Director Steve Savarese at field dedication.

CENTRAL HONORS NELSON: Central High School and the City of Phenix City recently honored former Central baseball coach Ron Nelson by retiring his "No. 1" jersey and renaming the school's baseball field Darnell-Nelson Field.

Nelson coached the Red Devils baseball program for 24 years – from 1984-2009 – amassing 513 victories, 16 area championships and two trips to the Class 6A state baseball finals.

Nelson also compiled a 94-52 record as Central's head football coach for 11 seasons.

Alabama Forever Foundation Deadline For Need-Based School Grants April 15

The deadline for high schools to apply for the need-based Alabama Forever Award for 2014 is April 15.

Alabama Forever is a non-profit organization that has pledged to help communities and schools who have specific needs. The Birmingham-based group has helped numerous schools and communities since 2011, having formed that year following the April 27 tornadoes to help cities and communities that suffered great loss.

Alabama Forever, which has the motto "*Believe. Unite. Rebuild.*" accepts school requests all year long. Deadline for this school year is April 15, however.

No school is awarded more than \$2,000 worth of equipment, unless they are starting or restarting a new team or program. **Alabama Forever** invests in items or equipment that will have multi-year use for a school's athletic program. **Alabama Forever** Director Alex Sokol works with a school's athletic staff and vendors directly to insure student-athletes are getting the maximum benefit from each grant awarded at the lowest cost available.

The form can be accessed at www.ahsaa.com or by going directly to the following link: <http://www.ahsaa.com/Portals/0/pdf/forms/Alabama%20Forever%20Sports%20Form.pdf>

For more information, call Mr. Sokol at 205-243-9539 or the AHSAA at 334-263-6994 or contact **Alabama Forever** at its website: <http://alabamaforever.org/>



Declaring 2014-15 Sports Has New Twist

As we complete our first year under the new C2C software system, the system continues to become more user friendly. From reporting contest scores and creating tournament brackets for the playoffs to eligibility issues, we've all learned a great deal and that learning process will continue.

One important area of the C2C system that our member schools need to be aware of is the process for declaring sports for the 2014-15 school year.

First, the declarations deadline has a new twist this year. Fall and Winter sports declarations are now open and are due no later than May 1, 2014, the same as in the past. However, declarations for Spring sports teams will not open until the championship program in that sport is completed.

For example, the state tennis tournaments will be completed April 25. Within just a few days after the state tournament, tennis declarations may be made. Consequently, schools must wait until after May 17 to declare baseball and softball. The deadline for all Spring sports declarations will be June 2, 2014.

To declare your sports teams, simply log in to the AHSAA Member School Login. Click on your school's name in the green "Menu" tab and place your cursor over "Manage Teams" and then click on "Declare Teams."

You will then see the sports that are available for Fall and Winter. If your school fielded a team in a sport in the 2013-14



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school year, the box will have a check mark inside. If your school will field that team again in 2014-15, make no change. Check the box beside any sport your school plans to add and uncheck any sport that your school will not have in 2014-15.

When you have completed this process, click on "Save and Close" and you are done.

On another important note, please make sure your 2014 football schedules have been entered and saved online. The deadline for all football schedules to be submitted online to the AHSAA is May 1, 2014. Schools failing to submit their football schedules by the deadline are subject to a monetary fine.

To help you remember all this, we will be sending out weekly

reminders via email, blog, twitter and Facebook during the month of April.

Thanks for all you do and have a great rest of the school year.

Coaches' Children Scholarships

Children of coaches and administrators who are members of the AHSADCA are urged to complete the Coaches' Children's Scholarship application found online at the Coaches' link at www.ahsaa.com. Deadline is May 1.

Applicants must be graduating seniors (Class of 2014) and the child of an active AHSADCA member. They must be attending an AHSAA member school.

Ten \$1,000 scholarships will be presented by the AHSADCA at the Championship Coaches Banquet to be held July 25 at the Montgomery Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center.

A high school transcript must accompany the application and an attached information sheet and two letters of recommendation must be returned with the application.

Selection will be made by a committee consisting of members of the AHSAA and the AHSADCA.

The application direct link is: <http://www.ahsaa.com/Portals/0/pdf/forms/Coaches%20Children%20Scholarship%20Application--2013-14.pdf>

12 Inducted Into 2014 Hall of Fame Class

Twelve major contributors to prep athletics in Alabama were enshrined Monday night into the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame at a banquet at the Renaissance Montgomery Convention Center.

The 2014 class, the 24th group to be inducted since 1991, included coaches, administrators, a contributor and an “old timer”.

Selected were football coaches Mike Battles and Larry Morris; administrators Richard “Dickie” Brown and James “Jim” Garner; girls’ basketball coaches Donnie Roberts and Mike Smith; boys’ basketball coaches Major Lane, Alvin Moore and Tony Stallworth; volleyball coach Nancy Shoquist; and contributor Dr. James “Jimmy” Robinson. Selected in the “Old Timer” category was Eugene Weatherly.

Scottsboro’s Morris, who served on the AHSAA Central Board of Control from 2007-2012, delivered

the acceptance for the Class of 2014.

Stallworth is the current Associate Executive Director of the AHSAA. Dr. Robinson is co-chair of the AHSAA Medical Advisory Board while Battles, currently Handley’s head football coach, has won 277 games in his prep career. Murphy volleyball coach Shoquist has over 1,050 career victories. Brown and Garner have served long tenures as principals at Beauregard and Pleasant Home high schools, respectively.

Red Bay’s Roberts is the all-time wins leader in Alabama girls’ basketball with 814, and Smith, the former Decatur girls’ coach, won over 600 games in his career. Alvin Moore won over 600 boys’ basketball games coaching in Birmingham at Phillips and Carver. Major Lane has coached basketball and football at Pike County and Goshen, where he currently is assistant principal.

Weatherly, now deceased, was represented by his wife. He coached



Retired AHSAA Assistant Director Alan Mitchell, left, was recognized by Executive Director Steve Savarese at the 2014 Hall of Fame Luncheon for his long and meritorious service to the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame.

all sports at Hatcher High in Cherokee County and at Cobb Avenue in Anniston for more than 30 years before closing his career as basketball coach at the Georgia School of the Deaf for two decades.

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School Emphasis On Good Sportsmanship Important

Superintendents, principals, athletic directors and coaches! We need your help.

Too many ejections dealing with profanity and unsportsmanlike conduct have been reported to the AHSAA this spring concerning the sports of baseball, soccer and softball.

This conduct is not what our schools and the AHSAA expect from our players and coaches. It is unacceptable behavior and does not set the proper example for our student-athletes in our education-based athletic programs.

While we understand that this kind of conduct is not happening at most of our schools, it is important that we all work constantly to evaluate, emphasize and teach sportsmanship and good conduct.

Please meet with your coaches and players on a regular basis. Administrators should attend practices from time to time to make sure this



Wanda Gilliland
Assistant Director

kind of language and behavior is not happening on a daily basis. Set the example as administrators and remind all that there is a "no tolerance" policy concerning profanity.

Thank you in advance for your help with this matter.

Remember that state playoffs for spring sports are just around the corner with post-season play for tennis, baseball and soccer coming up soon. Check your team rosters online to make sure they list all participants and have necessary fields completed. Also make sure all contests are on your schedule with results reported. If any contests are postponed, remember area or section games must be made up the next available day and not re-scheduled for weeks later. All area and section contests must be played for schools to be eligible for championship play.

Please check the AHSAA website for updated information for the playoffs.

We thank you for all that you do and are grateful for all the hard work you put in to make our sports programs so outstanding for our students.

Let's all work together to have great Spring Championship programs.

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AHSAA Contest Officials Played Key Role In Successful Winter Sports Championships

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the officials who worked the Final 48 state basketball championships in Birmingham this year. The games were officiated within the parameters expected of these officials and allowed the best teams to win in a fairly officiated way.

All officials deserve accolades for the tough job they do. This is not their main job and they put in countless hours to train and become better for the student-athletes in our state.

Our officials at every level of the state basketball, wrestling and indoor track championships are to be commended. Due to the inclement weather that changed schedules daily and sometimes hourly, our officials worked with great effort to juggle their daily jobs to meet the needs of our member schools. This was not an easy task, and for many it came at a great sacrifice.

On behalf of our member schools, I thank each of you.

As for the Final 48 state tournament, a total of 36 officials were selected to officiate the 36 games played at the BJCC over the five-day period from Feb. 25-March 1. The officials were selected based on their performance ratings during the season and during the post-season.

Just as with our teams, reaching a state championship game is the goal of our contest officials. I especially want to congratulate those who officiated a state



Greg Brewer
Director of Officials

championship game this season. They represented associations throughout the state.

Our state championship crews included: **Class 1A Girls:** Stan Dixon (referee), Joe Cameron and Brent Barker; **Class 2A Girls:** Nick Madsden (referee), Desmond Oden and Karl Burns; **Class 3A Girls:** Ron Craddock (referee), Dexter Harrell and Pat Jolly; **Class 4A Girls:** Wesley Brackett (referee), Ron Harris and Elliott Carr; **Class 5A Girls:** Marius Dockery (referee), Jay Reyes and Greg Childs; **Class 6A Girls:** Dexter Harrell (referee), Joe Kyles and Amado Ortiz.

Officiating crews for the boys' state finals were: **Class 1A Boys:** Ron Craddock (referee), Pat Jolly and Wesley Brackett; **Class 2A Boys:** Ron Harris (referee), Anthony Crenshaw and Elliott Carr; **Class 3A Boys:** Anthony Cren-

shaw (referee), Joe Kyles and Allen Gilbert; **Class 4A Boys:** Nick Madsden (referee), Desmond Oden and Karl Burns; **Class 5A Boys:** Stan Dixon (referee), Kenith Booker and Brent Barker; **Class 6A Boys:** Marius Dockery (referee), Jay Reyes and Greg Childs.

Final 48 State Tourney Officials

Name	Association
Kelly Armstrong	Mountain Valley
Brent Barker	Montgomery
Ken Barnett	Northwest Alabama
Kenith Booker	Capital City
Wesley Brackett	North Alabama
Duane Burks	North Alabama
Karl Burns	Metro-Birmingham
Joe Cameron	Capital City
Elliott Carr	JeffCo
Greg Childs	Gadsden
Ron Craddock	Birmingham
Anthony Crenshaw	Central Alabama
Felicia Cushenberry	Birmingham
Cardell Davis	Jeffco
Stan Dixon	Capital City
Marius Dockery	North Alabama
Mark Freeman	Tri-Central County
Allen Gilbert	Mount Cheaha
Shawn Greenhill	Quad-Cities
Dexter Harrell	Gadsden
Ron Harris	Quad-Cities
Pat Jolly	Decatur
Kristen Jones	Metro-Birmingham
Joe Kyles	Georgia/Alabama
James Lovejoy	Central Alabama
Nick Madsden	Metro-Birmingham
Ken Marbury	Walker County
Brian McCollum	Walker County
Desmond Oden	Birmingham
Amado Ortiz	Mount Cheaha
Becky Randolph	North Alabama
Jay Reyes	East Central
Kim Salter	Central Alabama
Bill Taylor	Central Alabama
Yolanda Terry	Southeast Alabama
Bill Young	East Central

Mike Slive To Be Keynote Speaker For AHSAA Principals' & AD Conference

The Alabama High School Athletic Directors & Coaches Association is in high gear as we prepare for our busiest time of the calendar year. The AH-SADCA is responsible for the Sports Hall of Fame, Principals' & Athletic Directors' Conference, and the Summer Conference and All-Star Sports Week.

We hosted the 24th Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame in March with the induction of 12 members to this illustrious group. The event was held at the Renaissance Hotel & Spa in Montgomery and was attended by over 700. This event is the highlight of our calendar year and hopefully a very memorable event for not only the newly inducted members, but also for former inductees, families, former players and friends. Our sincere aim is to honor those who have dedicated their lives to the service of student-athletes



Denise Ainsworth
Assistant Director

and school communities. Congratulations to the Class of 2014.

The 2014 Principals' & Athletic Directors' Conference is April 1-2, also at the Renaissance Hotel & Spa. Registration has gone well and we expect to grow each and every year.

The keynote speaker this year will be Mike Slive, Commissioner of the Southeastern Conference. His topic is "Administrative Leadership" and will be in line with our theme of legal issues, compliance and ethics.

A complete listing of activities on the Tuesday preceding the conference and Wednesday's conference schedule is available at www.ahsaa.com. It can also be found in the April Update. If you have registration questions, feel free to give us a call at 334-263-6994.

Plans are also well underway for the Summer Conference and All-Star Sports Week. This is a great week of rekindling friendships, professional development and recognition of championship coaches. Again, a schedule of daily events is available online at www.ahsaa.com. A complete itinerary will be available in May.

7th Annual Principals & AD Conference Schedule

Tuesday, April 1

(All LTC courses are 4-hour blocks)

LTC Training Course 701	1 p.m.	Instructor: Mike Zavada, Trinity
LTC Training Course 617	1 p.m.	Instructor: Kevin Tubbs, Homewood
CAA Exam	1 p.m.	
C2C Training (LEAs, Counselors)	1 p.m.	
LTC Course 502	5 p.m.	Instructor: Jerry Browning, St. James

Wednesday, April 2

Registration	7:30 – 8 a.m.	
AHSAA Case Studies	8 – 8:30 a.m.	Steve Savarese, AHSAA Executive Director
Administrative Leadership	9:45 – 10:30 a.m.	Mike Slive, SEC Commissioner
Breakout Session I	10:45 – 11:45 a.m.	
AHSAA Non-Compliance and the Law		Mark Bain, Melton, Espy & Williams, P.C.
NCAA Eligibility Requirements/Academics C2C		Mary Clair Wright, Davidson HS
Title IX Compliance and the Law		Greg DeJarnett, Ala. State Dept. of Education
Development of AHSAA Compliant Middle School		Jim Tolbert, AHSAA
C2C Training: Schedules, Rosters, Scores		Ron Ingram, AHSAA
Lunch Break	11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.	
C2C Middle School Training	1 – 3 p.m.	
C2C: Process from INOW to Roster 1 – 3 p.m.		
Breakout Session II	1 – 2 p.m.	
Same as Breakout Session I		
Breakout Session III	2 – 3 p.m.	
Same as Breakout Session I		
Mandatory Session for PLUAXCLD223	2 – 3 p.m.	Denise Ainsworth, AHSAA



SEC Commissioner Mike Slive

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