



Missouri High School Baseball Coaches Association

The MHSBCA takes the honor of the JEM award for the 2nd year

For the second year in a row, the MHSBCA has been the recipient of the J.E.M. (Jerry and Elaine Miles) Award. This is the 4th year given and Missouri years. This is the given by the BCA to was a tremendous award again. The cri-based on members by attending national tributions as serving on committees.



the award has been has won the last two most prestigious award individual states. It honor to receive this teria for this award is joining the BCA, active conventions, and con-

A special thanks to all our members for being so active at the state and national levels. This is truly indicative that our coaches strive to be professionals in every way.

Arizona is the only other state to win the JEM award. Lets give them a run for their money in 2009 since the clinic will be in Tucson, Arizona.

MHSBCA member, Tony Perkins, named as new District 5 Rep

Congratulations to Tony Perkins; Francis Howell HS for being named the newest District 5 Representative. Tony will be the District 5 Chairman for the BCA at the National level. A special thanks to Tony for accepting this nomination. As always, he will do a great job.

Field of the Year at the National Level

Andy Jackson's "Doc" Gardner Field at Kirksville won the District 5 National Field of the Year award at the BCA annual convention in Chicago, IL in December. District 5 includes Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Minnesota. Congratulation to Andy and all his supporter in Kirksville.



Special points of interest:

- Sr. All-Stars Coordinator needed
- MHSBCA clinic soon—Great selection of speakers
- MHSBCA new legislative committee and new state play-off proposal
- DigitalSports and the MHSBCA offer member coaches their own website

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Consider helping out kids in other countries....donate your team's used equipment

Thanks in large part to the generosity of MHSBCA coaches, baseball and other used sports equipment has been sent some of the poorest kids in the world in six continents and over 20 countries. Baseball uniforms from Owensville and helmets and bats from Hickman are being delivered to Myanmar (Burma) this spring. Equipment donated by Willard, Branson, North County and many others have made their way around the globe over the last couple of years.

There is no way to explain the joy and excitement that happens when a young boy who lives in a tin shack with no plumbing and a dirt floor gets to play catch for the first time with a real glove. There is no way to describe the wonder when they realize that the bat and balls are theirs to keep.

If your team has old equipment that you no longer need give it a new home. Contact Paul Dudley at Lebanon High school and arrangements will be made to get it in the right hands. Thanks again coaches for all the support over the last couple of years.

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(417) 532-3386 FAX

New State Baseball Play-off Proposal

As part of the baseball advisory committee, this past June we voted as a committee to propose a new baseball playoff system. Attached you will find the proposed system, which is the same one that was organized by Eric Briggs and discussed and the coaches clinic last January. The Proposal is for a 2 year trial run at the Class 4 level only, with the option to expand to other classes if in favor after the 2 year period. This system would not go into place until the 2010-2011 season since we have just started the first year of our 2 year cycle. I don't know if all of you are in agreement with this new system involving double elimination and 2 out 3 play, but if you are we need your help. I am almost certain after talking to George Blaise and my AD that this will not be received very well by the administrators who get the final vote. If we want to see what in my opinion is positive change for high school baseball in the state of Missouri we must be very proactive. The first step is to take the attached system to your AD and share your opinion on this and convince him that this is something you would like to see happen. We are also allowed to attend the area meetings in necessary to discuss it and answer questions, etc. If you are in favor of this change, please forward this to as many high school coaches that you know.

I look at the proposal in this way. If I am a Class 4 school, which I am, I am all for it. This is deciding our state playoffs in a format more conducive to baseball compared to all single elimination. If I am in a smaller class, I've got nothing to lose by supporting this because I can see how it works and then decide if I like it or not. The reason that the proposal was for only Class 4 is that some of the smaller school coaches felt this would face a lot of resistance due to smaller numbers and limited pitching. However, especially at the larger schools, I think this system will force us to involve more kids and plan for the post-season in a different manner.

If you have any questions please let me know and I will do my best to answer them. If you are in favor of this change, the only way we will get it done is if we are very proactive.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

January 16-18, 2009	MHSBCA Honors Luncheon and Clinic at Capitol Plaza in Jefferson City, MO (Registration form on page 5 of this newsletter)
May 1, 2009	Sr. All Stars Nominations (check website for future updates)
May 30, 2009	Academic All State Nominations (check website for future updates)
June 1, 2009	All State Nominations (check website for future updates)
December 3-6, 2009	BCA Convention in Tucson, Arizona (check website for future updates)

Great Opportunity to Get Involved with the MHSBCA

The Sr. All-Stars program is needing a coordinator. If anyone is interested in taking on this position or if possibly two coaches as a team, please contact Bill Seamon at brseamon@yahoo.com.

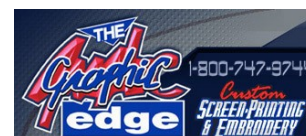
Thanks!

A very special thanks to Tony Perkins; Francis Howell HS and Dave Wilson; Staley HS for speaking at the National Convention in Chicago. Both Missouri coaches did a super job. They displayed the professionalism as they spoke, they were well prepared and did an awesome job in their over all presentation.

Just a reminder ~ we are always looking for vendors to attend our annual clinic every January in Jefferson City. Anyone who has a contact as a potential vendor, please pass the information along to our vendor coordinator, Tony Perkins at:

Tony Perkins
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636-441-0571

Be sure to check out all our vendors at this years MHSBCA Convention in Jefferson City. As always, Tony Perkins has got a great line-up. I also encourage our members to give special consideration to our corporate sponsors. They are very instrumental in supporting the MHSBCA.

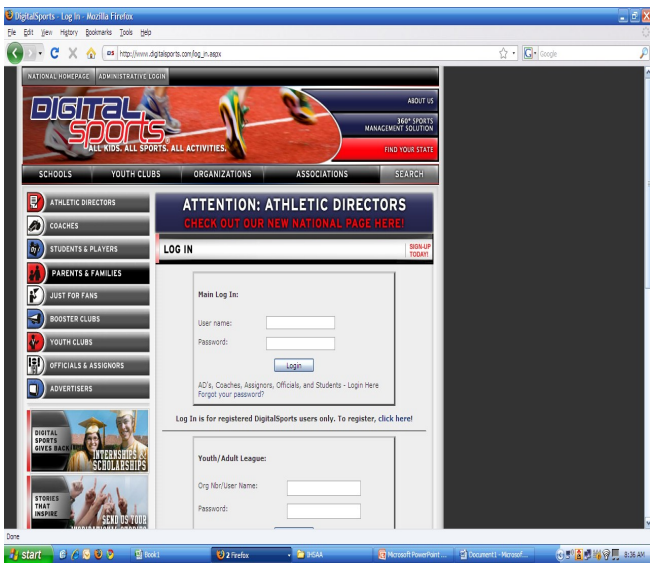




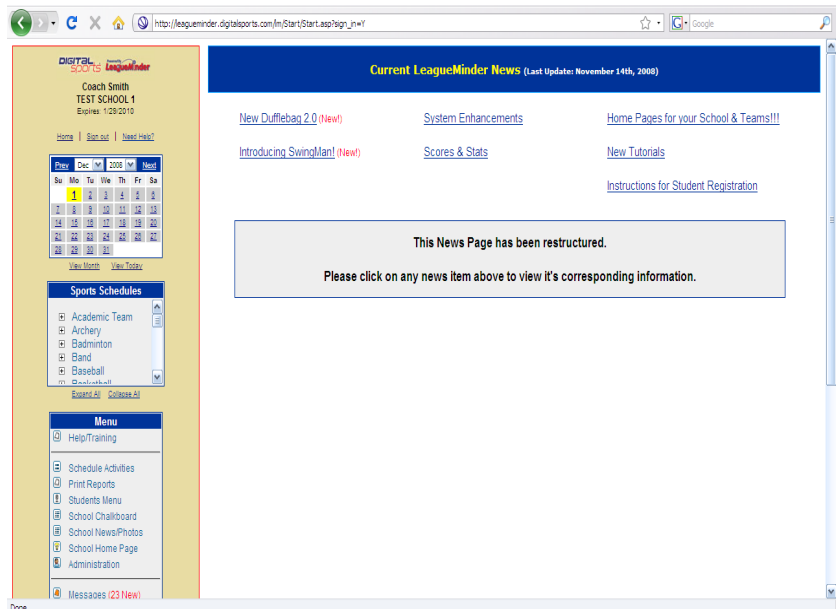
DigitalSports is pleased to welcome all of the coaches of the Missouri High School Baseball Coaches Association. With this new partnership, Coaches will have their own website dedicated to their Team. They will be able to build and post their schedules and rosters. They can also post their teams' scores as well as individual player stats. Our website also includes the ability to display photos and team videos if they choose. We have added a feature called SwingMan that allows Coaches to identify what media outlets they want to send their game scores to and with a single click they can send out that information .

To get started, they must **first** contact our offices at our toll free number 866-695-3248 to get a username and password.

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From there they can click on New Tutorials from the Home page to get an overview on how to use our system. Customer Support is free and there is never a charge for system upgrades.





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MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of the Missouri High School Baseball Coaches Association is to bring attention to the accomplishments of high school baseball players and coaches in the state of Missouri and recognize their outstanding efforts in the game of baseball.

REASONS FOR BELONGING: Professional growth, support/honor for peers, career ladder, recognition of your players, interaction with other coaches, and exposure to college scouts.

MHSBCA SPONSORED ANNUAL EVENTS AND AWARDS:

- January – Coaches Clinic and Hall of Fame Luncheon
- June – All-Star series for graduated seniors
- Junior Talent Showcases and Oklahoma Sunbelt Team
- Member of the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame
- MHSBCA Academic All –State Team and Player

- Award Four MHSBCA Scholarships yearly
- Award Sports Image/Gary Dunahue Scholarship
- Louisville Slugger Newcomer of the Year Award
- Field of the Year Award
- Pro-Line Player of the Year

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 Membership fee: \$50.00 annual fee per baseball coach.

****After December 1st deadline or On-Site: \$50.00**

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Total amount of check or school PO: 0	\$	\$	\$

SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION: _____ CIRCLE CLASS: 1 2 3 4

MEMBER'S NAME: _____
 (First name) (Last name)

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CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

SCHOOL PHONE #: _____ HOME PHONE #: _____

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TOTAL # YEARS COACHING HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL _____

OVERALL WON/LOSS RECORD IN HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL AS HEAD COACH _____

SEND CHECK/SCHOOL PO AND FORM TO:

Postal Address For All Correspondence to
MHSBCA
 MHSBCA
 C/O Bill Seamon
 1399 June Drive
 Bland, MO 65014

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For more updated information and forms: Either go to our website at www.mhsbca.net or the BCA website at www.baseballcoaches.org

The MHSBCA annual clinic and Hall of Fame Luncheon

Friday, January 16, 2009 through Sunday, January 18, 2009

For hotel rooms contact:

**Capitol Plaza Hotel and Convention Center
415 W. McCarty Street
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101**

Toll Free: 1-800-338-8088 or 1-573-635-1234

Special room rate of \$76.00 (Be sure to mention MHSBCA)

Scheduled Speakers:

Guy Simmons – Frank Phillips College (TX) – Hitting 6 Ball Theory

Ron Davini – Catching Part 1

Michael Hunt – MHSBCA Legislative Chairperson – Legislative Issues Facing Missouri High School Baseball (Play-offs, Equal Breaks, Dead Period, etc)

Darin Hendrickson – St. Louis University - Pitching

Ron Davini – Catching Part 2

Roberto Parker – Innovative Sports Training – Speed & Agility Drills

Scott Belger/Dave Hartman – Southeast Polk H.S. (Iowa) – Position Throwing

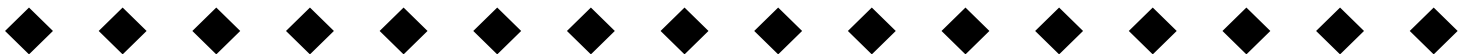
Sam Carel – Jefferson College – Small Ball...Short Game & Base-running

Steve Pfund – Lutheran South H.S. (2008 Class 3 Champion @ St. Dominic) – Teamwork = Success

Tom Myers – University of Central Missouri -

John Hartley – College of the Ozarks (MHSBCA HOF) -

Fred Smith/Nate Breland – Central Methodist University - Strength/Conditioning For the High School Baseball Player



Clinic Speakers Wanted

Want to be a speaker at the BCA in the future? Contact Bill Seamon at brseamon@yahoo.com. It is strictly on the volunteer basis with no compensation, but a great resume builder.

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