



Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association Newsletter

February 2023

oh.nhsbca.org

Volume 9 Issue 4

Upcoming Events

OHSBCA Awards

Academic All-Ohio
Academic Teams
Boys Assistant COY
Boys Coach of Year
Boys Player of Year
Coaches Scholarship
Girls Assistant COY
Girls Coach of Year
Girls Player of Year
2FG/ 3FG / FT Awards
Scholarship Society
Deadline March 1st

OHSAA Girls State Tournament

University of Dayton
Arena
March 9th - 11th

OHSAA Boys State Tournament

University of Dayton
Arena
March 17th - 19th

North-South Game

Olentangy Liberty HS
April 28th

OHSBCA Hall of Fame

Columbus Marriott OSU
April 29th



PAUL WALKER AWARD GOES TO DENNY TUCCI

The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association is proud to announce that Denny Tucci of Malvern High School is the recipient of the 2023 Paul Walker Award. The Paul Walker Award is presented annually by the OHSBCA to an active coaching member of the association who has made significant contributions to high school basketball. The award is named in honor of the late Paul Walker, the longtime coach of Middletown High School. At the time of his retirement, he had the most wins as a boys' basketball coach in Ohio High School Basketball history.



"The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association would like to congratulate Denny Tucci of Malvern High School on receiving the prestigious Paul Walker Award," stated Joe Balogh, Executive Director.

This award is presented to an active coach who has made significant contributions to Ohio high school basketball. Coach Tucci has won over 500 games in his coaching career and has been actively involved as a district director in our association."

Denny is a 1979 graduate of Malvern High School where he lettered in basketball, football, and baseball. He graduated from Marietta College in 1983 with his teaching degree. While at Marietta, he played basketball for two years and was a student assistant for two years with the men's basketball and women's softball programs.

Denny started his coaching career at Parkersburg Catholic in 1984 where he spent three years as the head girls basketball coach and one year as the head boys basketball coach. In four years, he compiled a record of 66-32 and won two state championships with the girls basketball program. In 1987, he accepted the head boys basketball coaching position at Louisville High School. He held that position for three years.

In 1991, Coach Tucci had the opportunity to return to his alma mater, Malvern High School, and serve as the head boys basketball coach. He held this position for 12 years and had a record of 159-110. He then spent three years at Marlinton High School as the head boys basketball coach before returning to Malvern where he has served as the head boys basketball coach for the past 17 years.

During that 17 year run, Coach Tucci has an impressive record of 314-108. During his 29 years at Malvern he has compiled a record 473-218, while winning 4 league titles, 19 sectional championships, including 16 straight, and 6 district championships.

In 39 years as a head coach, Denny has an overall record of 567-348. He has received numerous league and district coaching honors throughout his career. He served as the District 5 Director from 2000-2002 and currently serves as a liaison for District 5. In 2008, he had the opportunity to coach in the OHSBCA North-South All-Star Game.

"For three decades, Coach Tucci has built a winning culture and climate in the Malvern Boys Basketball Program. More importantly, Denny Tucci has dedicated his career to making a positive impact on the lives of his players and students by teaching life lessons such as leadership, commitment, and dedication. Malvern High School and the entire Malvern community are proud and fortunate to call Coach Tucci one of our own," stated Brown Local Schools superintendent, Mark Scott.

Dave Tucci, Director of Athletics for the Brown Local School District stated, "I am so proud of Denny's many accomplishments in his coaching career. I have seen first hand how much time he puts in. He has been a perfect fit at his alma mater, Malvern High School. Congratulations to Denny for winning the Paul Walker Award."

In addition to coaching basketball, Denny also coached baseball and recently retired as the head baseball coach at Malvern High School after 16 years of service. Denny resides in Malvern with his wife of 34 years, Paula. Together, they have four sons, Tyler (32), Travis (29), Trey (27), and Tripp (15). They are also blessed to have four grandchildren.

ACADEMIC ALL-OHIO

Each year a committee of the OHSBCA selects its "Academic All Ohio Teams" for the school year. 2022-23 will mark the thirtieth year that the association has chosen "All Ohio Academic Teams."

The players are selected for this honor based on their academic excellence and their athletic contributions to their basketball teams.



OHSBCA Directory

President

Doug Graham
South Point

dgraham@southpoint.k12.oh.us

Vice-President

John Feasel
Olentangy

ohsbravescoach@gmail.com

Past President

David Sheldon
Colonel Crawford

sheldon.david@cck12.org

Executive Director

Joe Balogh
Ontario, Ohio

joe.balogh@ohiobkcoaches.com

Treasurer

Pat Carroll
Uniontown Lake

hoopmaster@ohiobkcoaches.com

Secretary

Bob Von Kaenel
Dover

vonkaenel@dovertornadoes.com



BOB ARNZEN AWARD

The Bob Arznen Award was named after the legendary boys coach at Delphos St. John's High School. Coach Arznen spent 43 years as the Head Coach and was the second winningest coach at the time of his retirement and now sixth in the history of Ohio High School Basketball with 676 wins and only 291 losses. Bob was inducted into the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1995.

The Bob Arznen Award is given to those basketball coaches who have devoted 20 consecutive years or more service to the same school and for their loyalty and commitment to Ohio High School basketball. The honorees will be presented their plaques during the games on Championship Saturday of their respective tournaments.

2023 Bob Arznen Award Recipients (Receives Bob Arznen Plaque)

Jana Bostelman, Centerville
Ryan Cernasky, Marlinton
Michael Dalton, Centerville
Greg Elking, New Bremen
John Feasel, Olentangy
Brad Gray, Tri-Village
Brent Liskai, Gibsonburg
Matt Maginn, Fayette
Brandon Miller, Van Wert
Todd Mitchell, Fayette
Adam Priefer, Centerville
Mandy Priefer, Centerville
Jack Purtell, Reynoldsburg
Dean Rahas, Revere
Greg Ross, Cincinnati Country Day
Carl Schnittke, Ontario
Tony Staib, Gahanna Lincoln
Matt Von Kaenel, Dover
Justin Woods, Marlinton

CENTURY AWARD WINNERS

Doug Graham, President of the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association, proudly announces the coaches who have reached a milestone in career victories during the past season. The 100 and 200 winners received their award at their local district meetings in the Fall of 2022. The 300 and high winners will be recognized during halftime of one of their respective state finals basketball games in March of 2023 at the University of Dayton Arena.

700-Wins (Receives a Glass Award)

Dan Liedtke, Fort Frye
Bob Von Kaenel, Dover

500-Wins (Receives a Ring)

Bob Bell, Mentor
Tim Converse, West Jefferson
Ray Corbett, Grandview Heights
Gary Kellough, Zane Trace
Jack Purtell, Reynoldsburg
Jim Rucki, Findlay

Bruce Smith, Swanton

400-Wins (Receives a Wrist Watch)

Chris Besecker, Bradford
Rob Beucler, Eastern Brown
Joe Dunlevy, Indian Creek
Doug Fisher, Sheridan
Don Kissack, Granville
John Lindsay, Ottawa Hills

300-Wins (Receives a Clock)

Kent Anderson, Xenia
Brad Gray, Tri-Village
Todd Grosjean, Bryan
David Kudela, Firelands
Dusty Spradlin, Wheelersburg

200-Wins (Receives a 200-Game Plaque)

Doug Etzler, Convoy Crestview
Mike Haney, Steubenville
Frank Kill, Lima Central Catholic
Matt Little, Berne Union
Greg Morgan, Keystone
Tom Siegfried, Louisville
Tom Simms, Waterford
Bruce Vanover, Miami East

100-Wins (Receives a 100-Game Certificate)

Brian Ansberry, Padua Franciscan
Josh Arthur, Anthony Wayne
Dan DeCrane, Gilmour Academy
Paul Dunn, Mohawk
Ben Gerken, Liberty-Benton
Scott Hamilton, Lexington
Tom Harrington, Medina Buckeye
Dan Hilty, Philo
Jeff Holzhauer, Keystone
Kevin Long, London
Jessica Looman, Steubenville Catholic Central
Ryan Miller Kenton
Joe Nowak, Millbury Lake
Jon Otterbacher, Tiffin Calvert
Chad Partridge, Avon
Katie Roose, Milton-Union
Nick Schmeltz, Eastwood
JD Secrest, Marietta
Matt Von Kaenel, Dover
Tim Wensick, Toledo Christian
JR Wilson, Black River
DJ Wyrick, Fairfield
Darren Yosick, Garaway
Jamie Young, Carey

COACHES SCHOLARSHIP

The OHSBCA Awards Fifteen \$1,000 Scholarships each summer to the sons and daughters of active members of the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association. One of the parents of the applicant must have been an *active coach in the OHSBCA for the last five consecutive years*.

Each recipient will receive a plaque courtesy of the Ohio Army National Guard and a check for \$1,000 at the North-South Game on Friday, April 28, 2023.

OHSBCA Directory

District 1 Director

Jeff Brink
Springfield Local
brinkj@hudson.k12.oh.us

District 2 Director

Sean O'Toole
Glimour Academy
otooles@glimour.org

District 3 Director

Brett Larrick
Elyria Senior HS
larrickbrett@elyriaschools.org

District 4 Director

Tom McBride
Uniontown Lake HS
mcbriдетom@lakelocal.org

District 5 Director

Joe Dunlevy
Indian Creek HS
jkdunlevy@comcast.net

District 6 Director

Roger Jury
Hopewell-Loudon HS
rjury@hlschool.net

District 7 Director

Dave Boyce
Perrysburg HS
dboyce@perrysburgschools.net

District 8 Director

Aaron Elwer
Delphos St. Johns HS
aelwer@delphosstjohns.org

District 9 Director

Kris Spriggs
Kenton Ridge HS
krisspriggs@nclsd.org

District 10 Director

Pat Murphy
St. Francis DeSales HS
patmurphy@desales.co



STATE MEMBERSHIP TOTAL

The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association is proud to announce that **3,691 Basketball Coaches**, across the state of Ohio, have joined the OHSBCA for the 2022-23 basketball season. This is an increase of 73 members from last year's total of 3,618. We fell short of the 4,000+ mark once again, but the Association continues to increase the many benefits offered to its membership. Congratulations to all of the Basketball Coaches who have joined the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association.

Once again, **Congratulations** to the "Great 8" - District 8 for having the largest membership total among all of the districts with **458 members**. District 8 continues to hold the crown of most membership for 25+ years. **District 13** was runner-up again with **367 members**. **District 16** had the biggest jump in membership from last year by adding 44 coaches, **District 4** added 37, and **District 11** added 32 coaches each. Five other districts, **District 2, District 7, District 9, District 14, and District 15** increased their totals over last year. **Great Job!!**

We thank you for joining our Coaches Association and encourage everyone to become an active participant in our organization. Hopefully, we will meet all your needs as a coach, and if there is anything that our Association can do for you, please contact your District Director. He is there to serve you.

Let's continue to keep our membership strong. **The OHSBCA is the third largest State Coaches Association in the USA!!!** We want to regain the number 1 status and look forward to a better membership drive for the 2023-24 basketball season. **WE WANT TO BREAK OUR RECORD AND HIT THE 4,200 MEMBERSHIP MARK!!!!**

Here is the breakdown of the number of coaches, by district, who joined the OHSBCA this year.

DIST	TOT	DIST	TOT
1	117	9	226
2	292	10	184
3	258	11	194
4	257	12	155
5	205	13	367
6	222	14	207
7	201	15	172
8	458	16	176
TOTAL		3,691	

BOYS / GIRLS SENIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Each year the OHSBCA selects a Player of the Year in each division of Boys Basketball. The 2022-23 season enters the 40th year the OHSBCA has been selecting the Player of the Year. The procedures for

the selection of the Player of the Year is as follows:

1. Must be a Senior
2. Must be nominated by a state member
3. Must play in the North-South Game
4. Directors will vote on the Players
5. Nominees come from each State OHSBCA District

Boys and Girls Players in each division will be presented a plaque at the North-South All-Star Game at Olentangy Liberty High School on Friday, April 28, 2023.

FUTURE ELECTION

In 2023, the following positions are to be elected:

1. **Treasurer** (4-year term)
2. **Even Number Districts Directors** (3-year term)
3. **Girls District Directors of Districts 2 & 3, District 5 & 12, Districts 6 & 7, and Districts 15 & 16** (3-year term)

Qualifications for these **POSITIONS** is that the candidate must be a member of the OHSBCA. Candidates for all these positions must send a letter of intent to the President of the OHSBCA stating the position in which they will be a candidate for by July 1st. Election Procedures can be found on Page 17 of the January 2023 Constitutional Issue.

OHSBCA FORMS

The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association has posted its form on the website (oh.nhsbca.org). The website will allow the applicant to upload required documents and require photos.

The available forms are Academic All-Ohio, Academic Teams, Boys Assistant Coach of the Year, Boys Coach of the Year, Boys Player of the Year, Coaches Scholarship, Girls Assistant Coach of the Year, Girls Coach of the Year, Girls Player of the Year, the Top 20 Shooting Awards (2FG, 3FT, FT) - Individual and Team, Scholarship Society, Boys Showcase, Century Award, Bob Arzen Award, and Hall of Fame Nomination.

To access the forms, go to the OHSBCA website (oh.nhsbca.org) and click on the **FORMS** link in the upper right hand corner.

SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY

The OHSBCA has established the Scholarship Society to recognize Student Athletes for scholastic excellence. The Gold and Silver Certificates will be awarded to Seniors and Juniors who meet the criteria for the award. We want to give recognition to all Junior and Seniors who display high marks in academics, citizenship, and sportsmanship. All Juniors must have a 3.2 Grade Point Average for **Five Semesters** and Seniors must have a 3.2 Grade Point Average for **Seven Semesters**.

These athletes will be able to list this honor on College Entrance papers, year books, job applications, etc. This is a significant award as it comes from the Basketball Coaches of the State of Ohio. The recipients receive a **Silver Certificate** if they are a Junior and **Gold Certificate** if they are a Senior. Their names will be listed in the Spring Edition of the **Hooplines**.

OHSBCA Directory

District 11 Director

Chris Powell
Granville HS
powell.425@gmail.com

District 12 Director

Mark Romick
Hannibal River HS
mark.romick@omeresanet

District 13 Director

Travis Wise
South Point HS
twise@southpoint.k12.oh.us

District 14 Director

Josh Arey
Peebles HS
josh.arey@ovsd.us

District 15 Director

Adam Priefer
Centerville HS
adam.priefer@centerville.k12.oh.us

District 16 Director

Ricardo Hill
Indian Hill HS
coachricardohill@yahoo.com

Girls DD 1 & 4

Mike Miller
Triway HS
coachmiller234@gmail.com

Girls DD 2 & 3

Andy Booth
Wadsworth HS
aboorth@wadsworthschools.org

Girls DD 5 & 12

Troy McClellan
Strasburg-Franklin HS
troy.mcclellan@strasburgtigers.org

Girls DD 6 & 7

Natalie Lantz
Shelby HS
natalie.lantz@gmail.com

Girls DD 8 & 9

Greg Rickard
Convoy Crestview HS
rickard.greg@crestviewknights.com

Girls DD 10 & 11

Dave Butcher
Reynoldsburg HS
butcherdave06@gmail.com

Girls DD 13 & 14

Jon Buchanan
Fairland HS
jonathanbuchanan@fairland.k12.oh.us

Girls DD 15 & 16

Beth Simmons
Summit Country Day
simmons_b@summitcads.org

OHSBCA North-South All-Star Game

The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association has changed the format of the North-South All-Star Game. There will be only one girls game and one boys game. The number of players on each team has been increased from 10 to 12 players. The games will be played on Friday, April 28, 2023 at Olentangy Liberty High School. Girls game will tip-off at 6:30 pm followed by the boys game at 8:15 pm. All the OHSBCA awards presentation will take place during the games.

Midwest Live Scholastic Event

Once again, the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association will be hosting a Midwest Live Scholastic Event. This year we are adding a Girls team event. These events will be held during the NCAA Division I Recruiting Period in June. The Girls event will be held on June 16 & 17 and the Boys event will be played on June 23-25. The top Girls and Boys players and teams will assemble at Cedar Point Sports Center in Sandusky, Ohio to participate in this summer tournament. More information will be coming.

BOYS / GIRLS COACH OF THE YEAR

Each year the OHSBCA selects a Coach of the Year in each division of Boys and Girls Basketball. The 2022-23 season enters the 40th year the OHSBCA has been selecting the Coach of the Year. The procedures for the selection of the Coach of the Year is as follows:

1. Must be a member of the OHSBCA
2. Must be nominated by a District Director
3. Committee will review all candidates and make a recommendation to the District Directors.
4. District Directors will vote to approve the recommendation for Coach of the Year.

The winning coach in each division will be presented a plaque at the North-South All-Star Game at Olentangy Liberty High School on Friday, April 28, 2023.

TOP 20 STATISTICS AWARDS INDIVIDUALS & TEAMS

This will be the 24th year that the association has honored teams and individuals with the Best Free Throw, Two Point Field Goal and Three Point Field Goal Percentages. Certificates will be awarded to the "Top 20" Individual in Boys and Girls Free Throw, 2 Point Field Goals, and 3 Point Field Goals Shooting. All teams, individuals and coaches will be listed in the May Issue of Hooplines. Because of the success of this award the association now requires a form to be completed online by the head coach.

INDIVIDUAL TOP 20 RULES:

Free Throws - Players must have attempted at least 60 Free Throws during the regular 22 game season. Top 20 in Shooting Percentage will be honored.

Two Point Field Goal Shooting - Players must have attempted at least 110 Two Point Field Goals

during the regular 22-game season. Top 20 in shooting percentage will be honored.

Three Point Field Goal Shooting - Players must have attempted at least 60 Three Point Shots during the regular 22-game season. Top 20 in Shooting Percentage will be honored.

TEAM TOP 20 RULES:

Team Free Throws, Two Point Field Goal Shooting and Three Point Field Goal Shooting will be based on the Top 20 Shooting Percentage for the regular 22 game season.

ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR

For the 21th year, the OHSBCA will select the Assistant Coaches of the Year to represent the State Association in each division. Each district for each division will select one Assistant Coach for Boys and one Assistant Coach for Girls. Each representative must be a member of the OHSBCA. Each of the winners will advance as a state finalist to the OHSBCA March meeting. At the March meeting, the OHSBCA District Directors will then vote and select the Boys Assistant Coach of the Year and the Girls Assistant Coach of the Year for each division.

Local winners will receive a plaque at the District's Local Meeting. The State Winners will be presented their plaques at the the North-South Game at Olentangy Liberty High School on Friday, April 28, 2023.

ACADEMIC TEAMS

The 2022-23 basketball season will be the 20th year consecutive year that the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association will recognize basketball teams for their excellence in the classroom. Again this season the OHSBCA will be honoring the top 5 girls teams and top 5 boys teams who report the highest team GPA..

Academic Team Award Winners

Criteria:

1. Complete the nomination form using the GPA's of the top nine varsity letterman.
2. All GPA's must be converted to a 4.00 grading scale.
3. All GPA's must be carried out to two decimal places (eg. 3.95)
4. GPA's are only for the **First Semester** of the 2022-23 school year. (Not cumulative GPA's.)

Award:

1. The OHSBCA in conjunction with the **Ohio Army National Guard** will provide a plaque that can be displayed at the school to commemorate the team's academic success.
2. Winners will receive recognition in May Issue of **Hooplines**. (OHSBCA Newsletter)

Special Instructions:

The **Ohio Army National Guard** will present a plaque to the winner at a mutually agreed time.

Winning team is required to take a picture and send to the Academic Chairman, Adam Hall. Teams failing to turn in pictures will not be recognized in the May issue of **Hooplines**.