



The Nebraska Coaches Association (NCA) in partnership with the National High School Athletic Coaches Association (NHSACA) is pleased to announce the finalists for the 2014 High School National Coach of the Year as well as the inductees into the NHSACA Hall of Fame Class of 2014 from Nebraska.



Nebraska finalists for the NHSACA National Coach of the Year include:

Athletic Director, Rocky Ruhl, Wayne
Boys' Basketball, Doug Goltz, Falls City Sacred Heart
Boys' Cross Country, Shane Fruit, Ogallala
Girls' Cross Country, Vince Zavala, Grand Island CC & Northwest
Golf, Mimi Ramsbottom, Elkhorn South
Soccer, Jeff Hoham, Lincoln East
Softball, Steve Kerkman, Millard South
Swimming, Doug Krecklow, Omaha Westside
Tennis, Kimberly Gradoville, Omaha Westside
Boys' Track & Field, Roger Mathiesen, Kearney
Girls' Track & Field, Janet Tooley, Columbus Scotus
Volleyball, Jake Moore, Lincoln Pius X
Wrestling, Brad Hildebrandt, Omaha Skutt Catholic

The Nebraska Coaches Association nominated each of the above coaches. The coaches will represent NHSACA Region 6 for this prestigious career coaching honor. Region 6 includes the states of Nebraska, Colorado, South Dakota, North Dakota and Minnesota.

A list of all national finalists can be found at:

<http://www.nhsaca.org/index.php/recognition>

Criteria for the award includes:

- Varsity Coaching Tenure
- Varsity Record as a Head Coach
- Professional High school Athletic Service
- Championships at the Conference, District and State Levels
- High School Coaching Honors

The Nebraska coaches that will be included as part of the 2014 NHSACA Hall of Fame Class are:

Ken Cook, Freeman
Jack Guggenmos, Waverly & Aurora

The NHSACA Hall of Fame Luncheon and the NHSACA Coach of the Year and Awards Banquet are part of the 2014 National High School Athletic Coaches Association National Convention at Snow King Resort in Jackson Hole, Wyoming June 14-18, 2014.