



Missouri High School Baseball Coaches Association

Welcome Back



As we kick off our new 2008-2009 membership year, it is difficult to beat the successes of our previous years. And as always, our member coaches have stepped up to run our various programs and they do a superb job.

Our membership base has exceeded 400, our Jr. and Sr. programs are excelling and the Academic All-State recognition is a valuable new program. In addition, we have upped our scholarships to \$750.00. We are coming off a year in which we won the J.E.M. award at the BCA Convention. This award goes to the state that has the most impact at the national level during that year.

As you can see, we have a challenge before us. We will continue to improve our programs, expand on new ideas and seek growth through new members.

Please pass the word to all coaches you come in contact with about the MHSBCA. We welcome all new members and look forward to the continued support of our current members as well.

Special points of interest:

- Welcome and invitation to all members
- New membership drive 2008-2009
- Upcoming Jr. Showcase
- Speakers and vendors needed
- First two showcase results now on website
- New website design by DigitalSports

Announcing New Membership Dues

Starting September 1, 2008, dues will be \$50.00 for the 2008-2009 membership year. This will be a flat membership dues rate for all members.

Starting in September \$25.00 will go to the BCA for your dual membership which will give you \$1,000,000.00 in liability insurance. The remaining \$25.00 is for your MHSBCA dues. Compared to other associations, our membership dues and clinic fees continue to be a bargain.



Reminder to all HOF members ~ Your MHSBCA dues are paid for life; however, you still need to pay \$25.00 membership dues to become a BCA dual member.

New membership/clinic registration form can be found on page 5.

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**MHSBCA Showcase Results, August 8th and 9th, 2008
University of Central Missouri and Jefferson College**

We had 108 players combined at UCM and Jefferson College. There were several college coaches in attendance, with coaches from Mizzou, Central Missouri, Truman State, Longview, Jefferson College, Westminster, Webster, and Maryville to name a few. We also had the Phillies, Royals, and Cardinals Scouts in attendance. All in all, we had a good crop of players to choose from for Team Missouri and we expect similar results from the fall showcase. Complete individual player results can be viewed on our website at www.mhsbca.net.

Our next showcase will be held:

Sunday, November 2nd, 2008 in Springfield, Missouri

At Meador Park and Hammons Indoor Facility

(November 2 Showcase Registration form can be found on page 4)

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 at 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

November 2, 2008 MHSBCA Sunbelt Showcase Camp at Meador Park and Hammons Indoor Facility; hosted by Missouri State University and Drury University - 1:00 pm

December 4-7, 2008 BCA Convention in Chicago, Illinois

December 1, 2008 MHSBCA Clinic Pre-Registration Deadline
MHSBCA Scholarship Application Deadline
MHSBCA Assistant Coach of the Year Nominations Deadline
MHSBCA Groundskeeper/Field of the Year Nominations Deadline

January 16-18, 2009 MHSBCA Honors Luncheon and Clinic at Capitol Plaza in Jefferson City, MO
(Registration form on page 5 of this newsletter)

Clinic Speakers Wanted

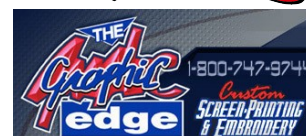
A great opportunity to expand your resume. We are needing volunteers willing to speak each year at our annual clinic. To take advantage of this opportunity, contact Bob Coons at bob.coons@jcps.k12.mo.us or Bill Seamon at brseamon@yahoo.com.

This year featured speakers will be guy Simmons from Frank Phillips College and Ron Davini our Executive Director of the BCA. Ron will do a two-part session on catching. You won't want to miss hearing Ron. Ron had a stellar career as a catcher in which he was the 1968 MVP of the College World Series.

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
Tperkinsbb11@aol.com
636-441-0571

Don't Forget



MHSBCA SUNBELT SHOWCASE CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

*Sunday, November 2nd, 2008 in Springfield, Missouri
At Meador Park and Hammons Indoor Facility
Co-hosted by Missouri State University and Drury University
1:00 p.m. Cost \$60*

*Registration will start 1 hour before showcase at Meador Park
1:00 p.m. at Meador Park – all players will run, field, throw, and hit
3:30 p.m. at Hammons Indoor Facility – pitcher/catcher evaluations*

NOTE: If wet weather or temperature is below 40 degrees, showcase will be entirely indoors at Hammons Indoor Facility.

Personal Information:

Name _____ Bats _____ Throws _____

Player Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Height _____ Weight _____ Date of Birth _____/_____/_____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Primary Position _____ Secondary Position _____

Parents/Guardians _____ Work Phone (_____) _____

School Information:

Player's School _____ Graduation Date: _____

Head Coach _____ Coach's Phone (_____) _____

Please consider me for the 2008 Junior Sunbelt Team (Class of 2010, 2011, 2012) Yes No

PARENTS STATEMENT: I/WE HEREBY AUTHORIZE ALL ORGANIZERS OF THE MHSBCA TALENT SHOWCASE TO ACT FOR ME ACCORDING TO THEIR BEST JUDGEMENT IN ANY EMERGENCY SITUATION REQUIRING MEDICAL ATTENTION. A RECENT PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FOR MY SON INDICATES NO REASON WHY HE SHOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE MHSBCA TALENT SHOWCASE PROGRAM.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Emergency Phone (_____) _____

Please mail registration form with check or money order for **\$60.00** payable to **MHSBCA** and mail to:

**MHSBCA Sunbelt Showcase Camp
Eric Briggs
665 East Laird Street
Bolivar, Missouri 65613**

The showcase will start promptly at the designated time. Players are to bring their own equipment, including catching gear for catchers, and batting helmets. Players must wear turf or tennis shoes while indoors.

*Meador Park is on the corner of Fremont and Sunset; or behind Battlefield Mall

*Hammons Indoor Facility is located behind right field at Hammons Field, home of the Missouri State Bears and the Springfield Cardinals.



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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

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE and ONE (1) FORM PER PERSON
Membership fee: \$50.00 annual fee per baseball coach.

Clinic fee: MHSBCA Clinic Fee in Advance: \$40.00

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

CIRCLE ONE:	HEAD COACH	ASSISTANT COACH	HALL OF FAME MEMBER
MHSBCA YEARLY MEMBERSHIP DUES (mandatory to attend clinic):	\$50.00	\$50.00	N/A
MHSBCA CLINIC FEE:	\$40.00 \$50.00**	\$40.00 \$50.00**	\$40.00 \$50.00**
Total amount of check or school PO: 0	\$	\$	\$

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

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

PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

SCHOOL PHONE #: _____ HOME PHONE #: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

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
P.O. Box 431
34683 Sockeye Lane
Sterling, Alaska 99672

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Date Received:		E-Mailed:	
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Clinics/ Conventions

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)

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The NHSBCA annual convention and Hall of Fame Dinner

When: Thursday, December 4, 2008 through Sunday, December 7, 2008

Where: Chicago Area (Illinois)

**Hotel: Wyndam O'Hare Hotel
6810 N. Manheim Road
Rosemont, Illinois 60018**

**Room Info: \$82.00 (single, double) \$92.00 (triple, quad)
Must have reservations BEFORE: November 13, 2008**

**For room reservations call:
Toll free #: 1-877-999-3223 or Local #: 1-847-297-1234 (Be sure to mention BCA)**

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