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Help Yourself...Get Involved!



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I never thought about impacting young lives when I started coaching. I started coaching because I loved competition. When I started in 1982, I took what I had learned as an athlete and used those lessons to influence the lives of my athletes. I thought everything was going well, but in year 17 of my career, I realized that I could have had more impact in my athletes' lives if I had placed them before the competition.

This was a huge revelation, and I started to review other aspects of my career. I discovered another area of my occupation that I needed to improve; my involvement in professional organizations. I was already a member of the TGCA, paid my dues on time, went to coaching school, and attended the regional and general meetings; but I wasn't a very good member and needed to get more involved. As I did, I found there were many benefits that I was previously unaware of. One of the more significant perks, is the opportunity to become a better coach, thanks to the knowledge, information and the contacts that I gained through my association with the TGCA.

By participating as a member of the Board of Directors, it has allowed me opportunities that were either not there before or may have taken longer to develop without the TGCA involvement. Not only have I been able to learn more about the workings of TGCA, but I have been able to have some input on policy and procedure.

One of the more significant perks, is the opportunity to talk with some of the best and brightest coaches of all sports that the TGCA represents. In our conversations, I pick their brains on a variety of topics i.e., how they run their athletic period, what they do in the weight room, how they handle the multi-sport athlete, etc.

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The relationship TGCA has developed with the UIL has provided me an opportunity to hear first hand, the UIL's position on topics concerning athletics in Texas. Prior to my experience on the board, I had to rely on the media and my peers for this information. Needless to say, I was convinced that the UIL was not there to help the coaches or the athlete. Through the opportunity with TGCA, I have learned the UIL is the coach's best ally. They want the best for all programs and coaches of all programs in Texas.

I would like to encourage all coaches, young or old, it is never too late to get involved with TGCA. There are many ways to become a better coach and I believe that an "involved membership" in TGCA is a great way to enhance your coaching career.

2006-07 Softball All-State Committee

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**2007 TGCA Summer Clinic
Austin Convention Center -- July 9-13, 2007**

Start making your plans now to attend the 2007 Summer Clinic in Austin.

Registration

Current Members

A registration form for the 2007-08 school year and for the 2007 Summer Clinic was mailed to current TGCA members in February. This registration form was mailed to your home address. Please contact the TGCA office if your home address has changed.

Non-Current Members

If you have let your membership lapse or you are a new member to TGCA, you may request a membership form by calling Lisa at 512-708-1333 or by emailing her at lisa@austintgca.com.

On-Line Registration

On-line registration is now available for 2007-08 membership and summer clinic on the TGCA website. It is easy and quick! Immediate registration is available by using a VISA or MasterCard. On-line registration is also available for those wishing to pay with a check or money order. Once your on-line information is submitted, a form letter will be generated for you to print and send in with your payment. Memberships will be activated once payment is received.

On-Site Registration

Registration will also be available on-site at the 2007 Summer Clinic.

No \$40.00 "memberships only" will be processed at clinic. On-site registration will be for those attending clinic ONLY.

Hotels

Discounted hotel rates will be available for those attending the 2007 Summer Clinic. A housing link will be posted on the TGCA web-site beginning March 23 for your reservations. DO NOT call the hotels directly as you will not be given the discounted rate.

The following hotels will offer discounted rates:

- Hampton Inn
- Holiday Inn Austin Town Lake
- Omni Austin Hotel Southpark
- Omni Downtown
- LaQuinta Capitol
- Radisson Town Lake

**See "Summer Clinic"
on the TGCA website
www.austintgca.com**

Certificates

The academic all-state and all-state certificates for cross country, volleyball, and basketball will be mailed to your school through the school principal. They will arrive at your school by the end of April. Please check the TGCA website to make sure the names of the students and coaches are spelled correctly. Contact the TGCA office by April 1 if any corrections are needed.

**Texas Girls Coaches Association
LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
For The
80th Session of the Texas Legislature**

- * Support the belief "EVERY" child in Texas is entitled to a well-rounded quality education.
- * Support and advocate the value of extracurricular activities in academics, athletics and fine arts as a major part of the educational process.
- * Support the University Interscholastic League as the governing body of extracurricular activities for its member schools in Texas.
- * Support additional state funding to increase educator salaries (teachers, nurses, counselors and librarians) to at least the national average.
- * Support preserving local control of public school districts by duly elected school boards.
- * Support local control to permit school districts to hold trustee and bond elections in either May or November.
- * Oppose private school vouchers with public tax dollars UNLESS the private / charter school that receives voucher funds will agree to admit and retain any student who presents a voucher, regardless of race, socio-economic status, learning disability, English language proficiency and / or physical / mental limitations. Additionally, the private / charter school agrees to adhere to the same financial and academic accountability standards of all public schools in the state.

2007 TGCA Honor Awards Luncheon

All coaches attending the 2007 TGCA Summer Clinic are encouraged to make plans to attend the Honor Awards Luncheon to be held at the Omni Southpark Hotel on Wednesday, July 11 at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$22.00 and will include a meal plus the program (there will be a \$2.50 charge for credit card use). The program will be used to recognize individuals and coaches reaching milestones in their profession. Awards will be presented for the following honors:

- 1) Margaret McKown Distinguished Service Award – Butch Hart
- 2) Sportswriter of the Year – Tyler Clifton, Paris News
- 3) Class of 2007 Hall of Fame – Diane Conrady, Terri Plagens, and Sandra Mader
- 4) Coaches of the Year 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A (Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Track & Field, and Sub-Varsity)
- 5) Member Coaches who have Won State Championships (Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Track & Field, Soccer, and Golf)
- 6) Career Victory Plaques
- 7) Outgoing Board of Directors
- 8) Outgoing President

Texas Girls Coaches Association 2007-08 Registration

Renewal cards have been mailed to all current members. If you have not received your card by March 10, contact the TGCA office. Your "personal" registration form reflects the current data from your TGCA record. Please make any necessary changes, complete the bottom half of the form and return the registration form to TGCA for processing. TGCA is using Mothers Maiden Name "MMN" for ID purposes instead of social security numbers.

Pre-Registering for Clinic?

Want to avoid registration lines and save \$\$\$? Pre-register and avoid the clinic late fee.

When will I get my card and receipt?

If you are attending clinic, you will receive your membership card and receipt at that time. If you are registering for membership only, your card will be mailed to your home address in August.

Planning to register at clinic?

Bring the "personal" registration form mailed to you (with your membership number printed on the form) completed to clinic and proceed directly to a cashier. No other paperwork will be required.

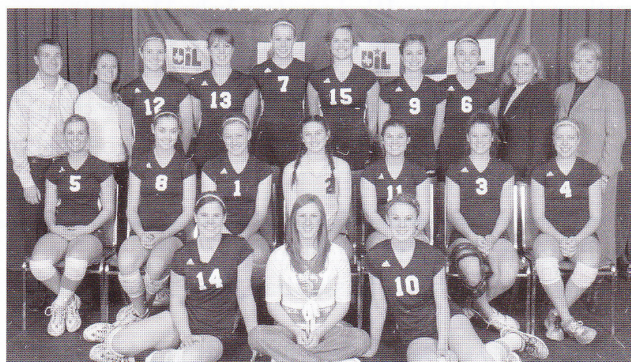
Changing jobs?

Keep the form to complete once your new school assignment and/or addresses have been determined.

Please Note

Registration deadline for coaches of All Sports is now October 15th of each year with regards to qualifying your athletes (and yourself) for any TGCA state honor. This includes the new "Sub-Varsity Coach-of-the-Year" awards.

5A Volleyball State Champions



Members of the Conference 5A girls state champion Amarillo volleyball team include (front row) Catherine Neilson, Amber Beasley, Kelsey Black; (2nd row) Chloe Evans, Alexa Allen, Brianna Barker, Brittany Bullard, Halie David, Breanne Owens, Meagan Jennings; (back row) Kirk Stokes, Bonnie Williams, Lauren Sterna, Ashley Pylant, Torri Campbell, Marissa Milford, Aryn Bohannon, Joni Unruh, Janeen Eudy, Head Coach Jan Barker.

I apologize for the error that was made in the January newsletter. The names of the players and coaches were not the Amarillo volleyball team. Listed above are the names of the players and coaches of the Amarillo volleyball team.

Important Dates -- 2006-07 School Year

March			10	TGCA	Track Committee
1	TGCA	Basketball All-State Committee	10-11	Golf	State Meet, 3A & 5A
1-3	Basketball	State Tournament	11	TGCA	Sub-Varsity Committee and Sub-Varsity Selection Committee
2	TGCA	Basketball Committee	11-12	Track & Field	State Meet, all conferences
4	TGCA	Board of Directors' Meeting UIL Building, 11:00 am	12	TGCA	Track All-State Committee
20	Soccer	District certification deadline, 4A	12	Softball	Regional quarterfinal deadline, all conferences
22-24	Soccer	Bi-district, 4A	19	Softball	Regional semi-final deadline, all conferences
24	Soccer	District certification deadline, 5A	26	Softball	Regional playoff deadline, all conferences
26-27	Soccer	Area, 4A; Bi-district, 5A	30	TGCA	Softball Committee and Softball All-State Committee
29-31	Soccer	Regional quarterfinals, 4A; Area, 5A	31-June 2	Softball	State Tournament
April			June		
2-3	Soccer	Regional semi-finals, 4A; Regional quarterfinals, 5A	3	TGCA	Board of Directors Meeting UIL Building, 11:00 am
2-7	Golf & Tennis	First week for district meets, all conferences	12	UIL	Legislative Council Athletic Committee meeting, Austin
2-7	Track & Field	First week for district meet, 2A, 3A, 4A & 5A	July		
6	Soccer	Regional semi-finals, 5A	9	TGCA	Board of Directors' Meeting TBA, 3:00 pm
7	Soccer	Regional playoff deadline, 4A & 5A	9-13	TGCA	TGCA Summer Clinic
7	Track & Field	District certification deadline, 1A	26	UIL	Last day for summer strength/conditioning programs
9-14	Golf & Tennis	Last week for district meets, all conferences			
9-14	Track & Field	Last week for district meets, 2A, 3A, 4A & 5A			
12	Track & Field	Area certification deadline, 1A			
12-14	Soccer	State Tournament			
23-28	Golf, Tennis, Track & Field	Regional Meets			
24	Softball	District Certification deadline, all conferences			
28	Softball	Bi-district deadline, all conferences			
May					
5	Softball	Area deadline, all conferences			
7-8	Tennis	State Meet, all conferences			
7-8	Golf	State Meet, 1A, 2A & 4A			

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TGCA on the Web

Polls, as well as other current information, can be found on the TGCA website at: www.austintgca.com.

Did You Move?

Please notify the TGCA office if your school, home address, telephone number or coaching assignment changes.

UIL Eligibility/Sport Rule Questions

If you have any questions on eligibility or sport rule interpretations, contact the UIL at (512-471-5883).

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