



**Sam Tipton**  
Executive Director  
Texas Girls Coaches Association

Sam Tipton was born in Merkel, Texas, March 21, 1948, graduated from high school in Gruver, Texas in 1966 and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education from Baptist Christian College in Shreveport, Louisiana in 1970. He spent twenty-four years in the coaching ranks in the state of Texas. Eight years were spent on the boys' side, and sixteen of those years were being a head girls basketball coach and girls' coordinator. Tipton coached in the communities of Millsap, Texline, Sunray, Amarillo River Road, Sam Marcos, Wollforth Frenship and Snyder. He is only the second Executive Director the Texas Girls Coaches Association has ever had and is entering his 21<sup>st</sup> year. Billy McKown was the first Executive Director of TGCA, and served this position for forty-four years.

Texas Girls Coaches Association is an organization composed of coaches of girls' athletics, designed for coaches of girls' athletics, and governed by coaches of girls' athletics. TGCA was organized in 1953. Tipton is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Texas Girls Coaches Association along with being the liaison to the University Interscholastic League, State Board of Education, and the state legislators for the promotion and improvement of girls' athletics and cheer in Texas for coaches and their student/athletes. He is a big proponent and promoter for the betterment of girls' athletics and cheer on a daily basis.

Tipton, as a girls basketball coach, has been named District Coach of the Year, City of Lubbock Coach of the Year, South Plains Coach of the Year, Marsha Sharp Coach of the Year, TGCA All-Star Coach, and TABC All-Star Coach. He also has been awarded the NiAAA Distinguished Service Award, THSADA Joe Bill Fox Distinguished Service Award, National Federation of High School Citation Award, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Basketball UIL Top 100 Players, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Basketball UIL Top 100 Girl' Coaches, City of Palms Clinic Hall of Honor, and the Texas Basketball Hall of Fame.

He is married to Audree Winn Tipton for the past 35 years. She is also the Administrator Assistant for TGCA.. They have been blessed with a daughter, Tawnya Tipton Archer, who has given them three grandchildren; Kaci Archer, Kolton Cox, and Kaden Archer. She is married to Craig Archer. Their son, Drew Tipton, brought them four additional grandchildren: Preslee Whitton, Quade Whitton, Raelee Tipton, and Kyson Tipton.