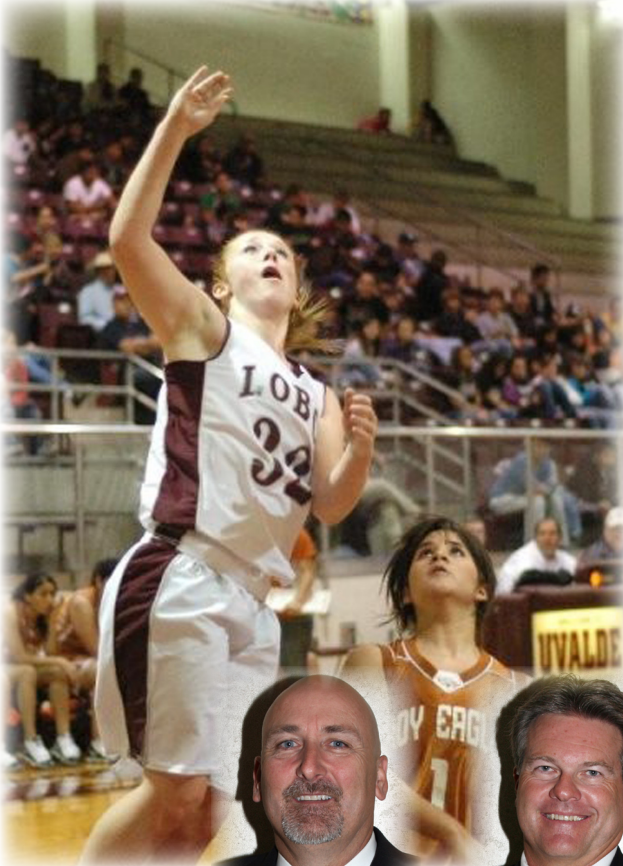


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Be Diligent

By **LEE GRISHAM, TGCA PRESIDENT**

As professionals involved in teaching and molding young lives into productive citizens through competition, we must be diligent and conscientious. Meaning, we must position ourselves to be successful in all aspects of our job, in and out of competition.

Some coaches worry that they will not be rehired, or maybe reassigned if they don't win a certain number of games each year. Many times it is not the wins that get the coaches in trouble, but lack of diligence. The lack of diligence in the administrative part of the job will draw the ire of the parents and local administration. The lack of diligence is hard to overcome once it has happened.

We all have responsibilities for the UIL, officials, local administration, parents and players that we must satisfy. The one responsibility that seems to get overlooked most often is our membership to the TGCA. Our membership allows us a few benefits that non-members do not get. The major benefit is being able to nominate our players for a variety of awards. If we forget to renew or join the TGCA then we fail our responsibilities to the players and parents. Without question when this happens, the local admin-



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istration gets involved and tries to satisfy the parents and players. In some cases this may be done at the expense of the coach.

Every year, we coaches get busier and busier. At the end of school and in the summer, we have graduations, camps, clinics, summer league and a variety of other non-required obligations in the summer. During this time we must try and find time to recharge for the upcoming school year. Many times these activities interfere with the TGCA Summer Clinic, and in order to recharge, we must sacrifice the clinic. If this occurs, then

diligence on our part should be stressed to maintain our membership in good standing. This may mean follow through with our Athletic Director, secretary and business office to make sure dues are sent in a timely manner.

Once we have joined or renewed our membership, we should consider what it means. We can nominate our players and coaches for awards, plus as a coach we can now receive awards for the job that we do. When given this benefit from the association we must be professional in our nominations. Are we entitled to an All-State player each year if we do not make the playoffs? How about an All-Star? If we are not diligent, and choose self-fulfillment over professionalism, then we fail our responsibility to our association. If we become selective in our process, then the awards become much more meaningful.

If we execute with a diligent effort in our non-competitive jobs, requiring serious application, as we do in competition, then the outcome should be favorable for all involved. If we do not, then we are subjected to second guessing with less virtuous intentions.

TGCA Summer Clinic

2010 TGCA Summer Clinic

ARLINGTON CONVENTION CENTER - JULY 12 - 16, 2010

Summer Clinic will be held in Arlington this year. Clinic will be held at the Arlington Convention Center, 1200 Ballpark Way. The Convention Center is conveniently located to all area hotels, Six Flags over Texas, The Ballpark in Arlington, and the new Cowboy Stadium.

The TGCA All-Stars will be housed at the University of Texas Arlington, 701 South Nedderman Drive.

ALL STAR GAMES AND DEMONSTRATIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE FOLLOWING VENUES:

- **Volleyball and Basketball** will both be at Arlington Lamar High School, 1400 Lamar Boulevard. Track and Cross Country All-Star introductions will also take place at Lamar High School.
- **Softball** will be at Workman Complex, Arlington ISD, 701 East Arbrog Drive.
- **Track & Field and Cross Country** demonstrations will be at Craven's Field, Arlington ISD, 1400 Lamar Boulevard.

The TGCA Honor Awards Luncheon will be held Wednesday, July 14, 1:00 p.m., at the Arlington Hilton Hotel, 2401 East Lamar Boulevard.

Beginning March 12th, you will have access to on-line Summer Clinic registration and Membership renewal, along with on-line hotel reservations. Be sure to register for Clinic, renew your membership, and book your hotel room early! On site registration will be available, but you are encouraged to register and renew on-line early. It's easy, time-saving and convenient. You must book your hotel rooms through the on-line reservation service, which will be linked to the TGCA website and will appear under "Summer Clinic", and then "Hotel Reservations", beginning March 12th. If you wish to renew using a printable form rather than on-line, those forms can be found on the TGCA website, www.austintgca.com, under "Summer Clinic" and "Forms", both located in the menu on the left-hand side of the page. Please be sure you choose the "2010-11 Printable Membership Form".

The 2010 TGCA Summer Clinic Agenda will be posted on the TGCA website, www.austintgca.com, in the next few weeks. Just go to the website and click on "Summer Clinic" in the menu on the left-hand side of the page. The agenda will be listed under "58th Annual Summer Clinic Program".

We look forward to seeing you at the 2010 TGCA Summer Clinic.

Admin. Assistant



Administrative Assistant: Who I Am - What I Do

BY AUDREE TIPTON, TGCA ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Let me begin this article by saying Happy New Year to each and every one of you. My name is Audree Tipton. I am the Administrative Assistant – and wife – to Sam Tipton, Executive Director of TGCA. I would be remiss if I didn't put forth a brief explanation of how I came to be in this position.

Sam and I were married in 1988, while he was coaching at Frenship High School in Wolfforth. I was, and still am, a Certified Shorthand Reporter, commonly known as a court reporter. I owned a freelance court reporting firm in Lubbock for 21 years, and have had my CSR license for 26 years. We have two wonderful children and three beautiful grandchildren.

Sam became Executive Director of TGCA in 2001 and moved to Austin. I stayed behind in Lubbock to run my court reporting firm. We commuted from Austin to Lubbock and Lubbock to Austin until February of 2009, at which time, Susan Doherty, my predecessor, was offered and accepted a position with the UIL, leaving the administrative assistant position for TGCA open. I was offered, and accepted, this position, at that time. I sold my court reporting firm and retired from the profession of court reporting, even though I do still hold an active and current license.

My duties at TGCA are varied and many, but I feel that the two most important duties I have are to assist Sam in the duties that he assigns to me, and to assist you, the member coaches of TGCA, in whatever way that I can be of service.

A few of my duties include managing the office, to include: All financial and bookkeeping duties; payroll; answering inquiries; compiling information for the monthly newsletter for submission to the editor; any and all postings to our website, including sports polls, pictures, announcements, forms of all kinds, posting of All-Stars, All-State and Academic All-State teams, photos of Coaches of the Year and Athletes of the year in all sports, and everything else that's posted to our website; answering any inquiries from the Board of Directors; and preparing and distributing membership appeals.

By far, our largest undertakings are our three annual clinics, with Summer Clinic being the major one, followed by our satellite clinics in Houston and El Paso. We work year round on these clinics. As soon as Summer Clinic ends, we immediately start working on the next year's clinic. It is a major portion of my duties, and includes working with all All-Star teams in all sports to ensure that we have complete teams and that their gear is ordered

correctly from our sponsors. I also work with our hotels and the convention center where we hold the clinic, along with Sam, to ensure that reservations and bookings go smoothly. Another of my duties includes registration at all of our clinics. I also ensure that all clinicians have been notified, contracts have been signed, and travel arrangements have been made.

I am also charged with preparing all materials in preparation of Board of Directors meetings and all committee meetings, to include nominations and selection forms for All-State, Academic All-State, Athletes of the Year, Coaches of the Year, All-Stars and All-Star Coaches for each sport.

These are just a few of the duties the administrative assistant performs for this association. I am here to assist you with any problems you may have and to help procure answers to any questions that you may pose. We are striving to make your association the best that it can be, and your input is extremely valuable to us. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and understanding in the transition of new personnel within the TGCA office, and I wish you the very best in the year ahead.

Texas Girls Coaches Association is now on Facebook!

Check out the TGCA Facebook page and give us your feedback, write a comment on the wall, start a discussion, and post suggestions. We welcome your feedback!

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Austin-TX/Texas-Girls-Coaches-Association/259239694855?ref=nf>

4X4 Grad Plan

4 X 4 Graduation Plan Concerning Athletic Credits

The State Board of Education (SBOE) passed four credits for four years participation in athletics on the 4 x 4 distinguished, recommended, and minimum graduation plans on second reading last Friday, January 15, 2010, at the William B. Travis Building in Austin, Texas. A collaborated effort by the Texas Girls Coaches Association, Texas High School Athletic Directors Association, and the Texas High School Coaches Association helped make the dream - initially originated by Craig Agnew, an assistant football coach from Brenham with a son affected by the 4 x 4 graduation requirement restrictions on credits for athletics - become a reality for all student/athletes, after two years of public testimony and extensive negotiations. All coaches in the state of Texas owe a debt of gratitude to Bob Craig, SBOE board member from Lubbock, for taking the initiative to correct an injustice and championing the cause for athletics. Members of the Texas High School Athletic Directors Association Gil Garza (President), Robert Young (Past President), and Sheri Stice did a tremendous job of giving public testimony and answering any and all questions on the subject. After two years, it just goes to show: PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE, NOT A SIN!

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

Photos of the Month



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**TGCA MEMBER
COACHES**

Nomination Instructions

TGCA Instructions for On-line Honors Nominations

Below are the instructions for completing TGCA honors nominations on-line.

Please read these instructions and follow them precisely and your nomination should go through with no problems.

- 1) Access the TGCA website at www.austintgca.com.
- 2) Click on the sport tab at the top of the main page you are nominating honors for.
- 3) Click on "Nominate Athlete" in the menu on the left-hand side of the page. You will also use this for nominating honors for All-Star Coaches, Coaches of the Year, etc.
- 4) You will be required to log in at this point. Your user name is ALWAYS your TGCA membership number. If you don't know your number, please contact us and we will be happy to give it to you. Your password, if you've not logged on to the system before, will also be your membership number. If you've already accessed the website and logged in, your password will be whatever you have created it to be. If you do not remember your password, we do not have it. You will need to contact us so that we may reset your password, and you will need to go through the complete log in process over again, including changing your password. When prompted to change your password, please keep in mind that the "Old Password" category will also be your membership number.
- 5) Once you've completed the log-in process, you will access a page that reads, "Welcome Coach " and your name. In the tabs menu at the top of that page, click on "Nominations".
- 6) Next click on the "Nomination Begin" category in the menu on the left-hand side of the page. If you nominated athletes last year, your nominations will appear from last year and will say "Locked." You can no longer access these nominations.
- 7) Click on the "Add Honors Nomination" category in the menu on the left-hand side of the page. Once you have nominated athletes, you can return to this page and see what nominations you have made by clicking on "List Honors Nominations".
- 8) Your e-mail information will be listed on this page. This is the e-mail address your nomination confirmation will be sent to. PLEASE be sure your e-mail address is correct. If your e-mail address is incorrect, you will need to click the "Update Profile" category in the menu at the top of the page and correct your e-mail address, or you will not receive your nomination confirmation. If you do not need to make changes, click the sport you are nominating for. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click the "Select Category Step Two" button.
- 9) Click the button next to the category you are nominating for (All-Star, All-State, Academic All-State, etc.). Next click the button "Enter Nominee Info Step Three".
- 10) Complete the form by typing in the information requested in the "Update" field.
- 11) When you get to the "School:ISD" field, please begin typing your school. This is very IMPORTANT! Your school must appear exactly as it is in our database for your nomination to be correctly entered. As you type, a text pop up box will appear under the school line. Please click on the correct school in this box and please pay careful attention to the school you select, making sure it is the correct school.
- 12) Continue completing the form. If you need to add additional information regarding your nominee or their accomplishments, please do so in the large text box at the bottom of the page.
- 13) When you have completed the form, please click the "Finish" button at the bottom of the page. If, for some reason, your form was not filled out correctly, you will receive an error message after clicking the "Finish" button. If you did not receive the error message, your nomination went through successfully, and you should receive a confirmation e-mail at the e-mail address you have given us. If you fail to receive a confirmation e-mail, please contact us.

If you need assistance with any of this process, please contact us at audree@austintgca.com, or call our office at 512-708-1333, and we will be happy to assist you.



News & Updates

Don't Forget to Nominate for the Following Awards

Sub-Varsity Coach of the Year

Give your Sub-Varsity coach the recognition they deserve and nominate them for Sub-Varsity Coach of the Year. The deadline for Sub-Varsity Coach of the Year nominations is May 1st. Please help the Sub-Varsity Committee with their selections by providing them information about your assistant coach: In what regard and length of time you have known the nominee; professional activities or organizations they have been involved in; their relationships with students, parents, etc.; how they have helped you and your program; and any other comments or qualifications you feel would be beneficial.

Hall of Fame

The Texas Girls Coaches Association honors coaches who have been active members, past or present, of the TGCA, the Texas Volleyball Coaches Association or the Texas High School Girls Track Association. The nominee should have made major contributions to TGCA and the coaching profession. Nomination forms can be found on the TGCA website, www.austintgca.com, under "Forms" in the menu on the left-hand side of the page. The deadline for submission of Hall of Fame nominees will be Monday, March 1st, at 12:00 noon. All nominations must be mailed or faxed to the TGCA office, 1603 Manor Road, Austin, TX, 78722-2536, (512) 708-1325.

Margaret McKown Distinguished Service Award

Any TGCA member in good standing is eligible to nominate a person outside of the coaching profession for the Margaret McKown Distinguished Service Award. The candidates need to have made outstanding contributions to girls athletics. Nomination forms may be found on the TGCA website, www.austintgca.com, under "Forms" in the menu on the left-hand side of the page. The deadline for nominations for the Margaret McKown Distinguished Service Award is Monday, March 1st, at 12:00 noon.

UIL State Girls Basketball Tournament Hotel Venues

TGCA will have special rates for the Girls State Basketball Tournament at the following venues:

Crowne Plaza Austin, 6121 North IH-35, (512) 323-5466

\$109.00 per night

Call the hotel directly and ask for the TGCA rate.

Omni Southpark, 4140 Governor's Row, (512) 448-2222

\$112.00 per night

Call the hotel directly and ask for the TGCA block and rate.

LaQuinta Hotels, Various Locations

The rate will be the TGCA rate contracted with the LaQuinta Hotels.

Make your reservations online and use the code TGCA, or call the particular hotel of your choice and use the TGCA promotional code.

NOTE: Not all LaQuintas will honor the TGCA rate during the state tournament.

Important Dates

LaQuinta - Official Hotel of TGCA

Coaches, teams and fans can receive preferred rates through the LaQuinta toll-free central reservations number 1-800-531-5900. This rate will also apply to reservations made directly with LaQuinta Hotels, as well as, via the internet at www.lq.com using the corporate/promotional code of TGCA. These rates are good for both business and leisure travel, seven days a week, for standard and king bedded room types coast to coast.



Other Hotel Information

Omni Southpark:
4140 Governor's Row
Austin, TX. 78744

For reservations during the Volleyball State Tournament call: 1-800-THE-OMNI. Please refer to our "TGCA" code when making your reservation. Run of the House: Single Rate: \$99.00. Double Rate: \$109.00. Double Double Nonsmoking: Single Rate: \$99.00. Double Rate: \$109.00. Additional person charge: \$20.00.

Crowne Plaza Austin North Central
6121 North IH - 35
Austin, TX. 78752

For reservations:
 1-877-2CROWNE (1-877-227-6963)
 Please refer to TGCA to get your discounted rate of \$109.00 for single or double occupancy. Or you may reserve your rooms online by going to the home page of our website. Crowne Plaza will offer this rate year around for business or pleasure.

February

1 Softball: First day for interschool scrimmages
 6 Swimming & Diving: District certification deadline
 12-13 Swimming & Diving: Regional meets
 15 Softball: First day for interschool games
 15-16 Girls Basketball: Bi-district
 18-20 Girls Basketball: Area
 22-23 Girls Basketball: Regional quarterfinals
 26-27 Girls Basketball: Regional
 26-27 Swimming & Diving: State Meet

March

4-6 Girls Basketball: State Tournament
 16 Soccer: District certification deadline, 4A
 18-20 Soccer: Bi-district, 4A
 20 Soccer: District certification deadline, 5A
 22-23 Soccer: Area, 4A; Bi-district 5A
 25-27 Soccer: Sectional, 4A; Area 5A
 29-30 Soccer: Regional quarterfinals, 4A; Area 5A

April

2-3 Soccer: Regional, 4A & 5A

UIL All-Century Team Voting

SPORT	START DATE	END DATE
Girls Basketball	OPEN	February 13, 2010
Boys Basketball	OPEN	February 20, 2010
Soccer	OPEN	March 20, 2010
Track & Field	February 1, 2010	April 17, 2010
Softball	January 22, 2010	April 27, 2010
Baseball	January 29, 2010	May 4, 2010

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TGCA on the Web

Polls, as well as other current information, can be found on the TGCA Web site 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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