



# TGCA NEWS

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BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

## 2024-2025 TGCA OFFICERS



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# SUSTAINING EXCELLENCE THROUGH CHANGES IN VOLLEYBALL

**Susan Brewer** Bellville HS | **TGCA Volleyball Committee Chair**

As a volleyball coach that has been at one school for 48 years, I want to address the time, preparation, and adjustments that it takes to sustain success in a volleyball program. In my opinion, volleyball is the “ultimate” team sport. It is fun, fast paced, intense, built on relationships, competitive, and to coin a phrase you can “enjoy the thrill of victory or the agony of defeat.” Personally, I am always happy and grateful to play, something we had taken for granted until 2020. Through the years, we have experienced a lot of changes in girl’s athletics and volleyball. Even with the changes, the best parts of the game have not changed and that would include the relationships you build with your players, relationships with your staff, enjoying the love of competition, and the eagerness you feel as you prepare for each new season. This season we are all facing the adjustment of closing out the regular season and moving from District into the 2024 playoffs with a new UIL Playoff System designed to crown two state volleyball champions in classifications 2A-6A and one champion in 1A. Volleyball will be the first fall team sport, with the exception of football, to experience this new journey. It’s going to be exciting and every school district and coach needs to put their efforts into helping make it successful and positive! It will be the first year ever to have a Division I and Division II State Champion that will be crowned in Garland the week prior to Thanksgiving.

In an overview with UIL Assistant Athletic Director,

Grace McDowell here are a few key points of the playoff structure:

1. Each district must report the District Finish of FOUR teams, with enrollment numbers.

Ties must be determined, so check your district minutes now.

2. Each district must certify a Winner and Runner Up for Division I and II, again, there are no ties

3. Stand alone volleyball playoff matches: Bi District, Area, Regional Semis, Regional Finals, State Semis

There is no Regional Quarterfinal Match due to two teams per bracket. No trophies or medals are

provided at game time for regional or state finalist, but they can be ordered at a lat-

er date.

4. Regional Tournaments are possible if all four teams are in agreement and they alone are responsible.

5. State Finals only advance to Garland. Tournament is Thursday, Friday, Saturday

All information is provided on the UIL website

We will navigate this journey together this season with our teams. Be prepared and look ahead, make contact and check in with your official associations early. Please provide feedback to the TGCA Committee as we will convey it to the UIL staff.

Again, check the website for all information and ask questions early rather than later. Volleyball Coaches should remember to be well educated in the UIL manu-

al and the UIL Side by Side manual and know all rules and regulations as it pertains not only for the post season, but during the regular season as well, especially at the beginning of the season!

Now, let’s get back to sustaining success in your programs: there are 7 simple steps that I believe will be the best for you. We want coaches to STAY in coaching and realize the impact they have on the lives of our student athletes in volleyball and help coaches understand how to STAY in coaching. It’s a demanding job, but it is truly one of the most rewarding. All great leadership



photo courtesy Susan Brewer

# SUSTAINING EXCELLENCE THROUGH CHANGES IN VOLLEYBALL

begins with hope.

## **1. Find your purpose & chase it passionately:**

Volleyball is exciting, I love my players, it is so fun to forge a team and find their success and have them become a teammate of value. I hope that our players become the future in our community or the community of their choice. Leadership is lasting. There is nothing old or boring about our positions. Bring it every day! Come to practice armed to have the best day of your season today! Remember we help others see the best in themselves, day in and day out, pushing them to strive to better themselves when others do not see it or even themselves.

## **2. Mind Your Own Business:**

I define my position and keep my boundaries. I do recruit every leader on our campus, within our district, and in our community to come enjoy our matches and see for themselves how valuable we are and support our program and student athletes. Our program and its success recruits our student athletes. Requiring championship behaviors is a very important step in our culture. How successful you and your staff are in relating to the generation you are coaching is of utmost importance and being consistent in communication.

## **3. Find a Coach/Mentor:**

My first mentor was Norma Pullin, East Bernard High School. I could not be her or do the things she accomplished, but I realized I could build my own with her advice. I have been fortunate to have had 6 athletic directors that served as mentors

and currently I am working with Coach Grady Rowe. Some of my mentors are at the state and national level as well and some are not even coaches. I also have many younger coaches that I am constantly questioning and enjoy their point of view that has helped me stay current and move forward. Always ask questions and find the information that is right for you and your program. Also, do not compare....it is the thief of joy as is jealousy. Seek the information to help build your program and your team. Remember, we expect our players to get better in the off season, the same should be expected of yourself.

## **4. Live in the Stretch Zone:**

Some days we have to commit to sacrifice and create new habits. We cannot grow and become better without finding new ways to accomplish high standards. That means we have to get out of our own comfort zone and seek new ways to get better. For some of us, coaching is more of an addiction than a vocation. I once heard someone refer to coaching like surfing, you catch a wave and ride it, make the most out of it, when it is over, you paddle out and catch another wave. No two waves are ever alike and every ride will come to an end.

## **5. Unleash your inner athlete and tap into the power of visualization:**

Remember what sports and coaches did for you? Pay it forward and see your dream become reality. It takes time but it works. Dreams do become a reality with a lot of hard work.



*photo courtesy Cori Cate*

## **6. Life is a marathon not a sprint, Be Fit and Build Stamina:**

I believe you have to be in for the long haul. So that means to take care of yourself and when adversity hits, you are ready, physically and mentally. Therefore, do the workout, take care of your health, and be the best fit coach, mentally and physically for all who work with you, and yourself.

## **7. Pay attention to the details & "understand" the Big Picture:**

I knew my big picture, and I was able to visualize it.... you have to do the right things every day and exercise the self-discipline to make the

dream work. Always make the sacrifice to be prepared and be ahead.

And to close, here are a couple of motivational quotes that I think are GR8T to remember:

My Life, My Journey, My Destination

The cost of leadership is your time, your commitment, and your involvement. It will cost you yourself.

Great Leadership is a lifestyle, not a technique.

Always believe, "The Best is Yet To Come" in your coaching!

Good Luck!



# III TGCA CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE

COACH	SCHOOL	CONF.	REG.
Kylee Valenzuela	Brownfield HS	3A	1
Michael Sparks	Lubbock HS	5A	1
Karon Martinson	Woodson HS	1A	2
RoseMary Martin	Abilene HS	5A	2
Tina Green	Millsap HS	3A	3
Mike Pinkerton	Aledo HS	5A	3
John Chatham	Pittsburg HS	4A	4
Khera Vay	Frisco Liberty HS	5A	4
Lola Baker	Kountze HS	3A	5
Stacy Tucker	Barbers Hill HS	5A	5
Sharon Carter	Bellville HS	4A	6

COACH	SCHOOL	CONF.	REG.
Anthony Branch	CS A&M Consolidated HS	5A	6
Dana Sestack	Gonzales HS	4A	7
Marianna Watson	Edinburg North HS	6A	7
Brooke Ashcraft	Bandera HS	4A	8
James Bermea	Castroville Medina Valley HS	6A	8

## III MEET THE 2024-25 TGCA 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

**Sunni Strickland** Big Spring High School | **TGCA 2nd Vice President**



**High School Graduated From:** Vanderbilt Industrial High School

**College(s) Attended:** McMurry University

**Teaching Assignments:** Biology, IPC, Anatomy, Physics, and AP Physics and AP Biology

**Coaching Assignments:** Volleyball and Track & Field

**What It Means To Be An Officer In TGCA:**

I am proud to help represent the girls coaches in Texas as an officer of TGCA. Athletics has been a huge part of my life as a player and now a coach and it is my turn to give back. I am honored to advocate for girls athletics and their coaches.



photo courtesy Adam Miles



photo courtesy Summer McCowen

# THE TEXAS WAY

## Embracing Texas Pride in Sportsmanship: Our Commitment to The Texas Way

At TGCA we proudly endorse The Texas Way, an initiative that champions sportsmanship, integrity, and community strength in Texas sporting events.

The Texas Way, founded by THSCA, THSADA, and 2Words Character Development, aims to enhance sportsmanship, reduce ejections, and foster positive relationships among coaches, athletes, officials, fans, and the local community.



### What is The Texas Way?

The Texas Way is a collaborative campaign to:

- IMPROVE the level of sportsmanship at UIL sporting events.
- DECREASE the number of ejections at UIL sporting events.
- STRENGTHEN communities and the relationships between coaches, athletes, officials, and fans.

### The Three Pillars of The Texas Way

To coach, play, officiate, or support The Texas Way means you commit to the following three pillars:

- Respect for Others: We pledge to give respect to all participants (coaches, players, officials, and fans) because of who I am, not because of what they do.
- Control of Self: We commit to give

boundaries to our thoughts, words, and actions, and to control our anger in the face of competition and adversity.

- Spirit of Competition: We commit to give everything we have to be the absolute best we can be, and to put our team in the best position to win, but we will not sacrifice our integrity to do it.

By supporting The Texas Way, TGCA is dedicated to creating a positive and respectful sports environment, ensuring that the spirit of competition thrives with self-control, integrity, and mutual respect.

Join us in playing The Texas Way and make a difference in the Texas sports community!

### What is The Texas Way?

For more details, visit: [TheTexasWay.com](http://TheTexasWay.com)

# FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

## Gary Tipton | Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Fellowship of Christian Athletes help facilitate various Fields of Faith ministry opportunities each year. These events are most prevalent in October. Last year over 1 million attended and over 51,000 faith decisions for Jesus Christ were made. At each event there is Praise and Worship, prayer, student testimonies, the Gospel message and an invitation to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior or commit to grow deeper in their walk.

Many coaches that are members of TGCA have their student athletes give their testimony at these events. We had 3 young ladies that we will recognize in this article. Adlee Blacklock was coached by Kyle Lovorn at Lubbock Cooper High School and now is a Texas Tech Lady Raider. Adlee gave her testimony at Lubbock Fields of Faith. Catalina Cortez also played for Coach Lovorn at Lubbock Cooper High School and now plays for Midwestern State. Catalina spoke at the Wichita Falls Fields of Faith.

My wife, Kay, and I were in Borger, Texas and got to hear Hannon Lankford give her testimony. Hannon is a Sr. at Gruver High School and is coached by her Dad, Trent Lankford. For the last 4 years Hannon has and is overcoming knee issues that includes several ACL surgeries and rehabilitations. Her plans are to make it back in time for district to play for the Lady Hounds. She then wants to continue her basketball career playing for Steve Gomez at Lubbock Christian University.

How encouraging it is to witness the strength of these young ladies and the influence the TGCA coaches have had in their lives! The partnership of TGCA and FCA is a positive factor that gets results on a daily basis.

Our prayer is for Eternal W's. We hope you win them all. Thank you TGCA for the partnership you have with us and the care and love you have for your coaches and athletes.



# SKILLS EVERY STUDENT-ATHLETE CAN APPLY TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD

As a student-athlete, you possess a unique set of skills that go beyond the field or court. These skills can be valuable assets that can help you succeed in various aspects of life outside of sports. From discipline to teamwork, student-athletes have the potential to excel in the outside world. In this blog post, we will explore how you can apply your skills as a student-athlete to the world beyond sports.

## Turning Discipline into Career Success

The trait of discipline, heavily nurtured in the life of a student-athlete, serves as a foundational element for career achievement. Adhering to a structured regimen, prioritizing health, and managing responsibilities mirror the qualities sought after in the workplace. This cultivated discipline enables you to approach tasks with a level of organization and commitment that employers find invaluable. Demonstrating the ability to navigate through tasks with precision, meet project deadlines efficiently, and maintain a level of self-regulation can significantly elevate your professional standing. Embracing your discipline, honed through sports, positions you not just as a potential employee but as a reliable, focused individual capable of thriving in demanding environments. This discipline, when applied to your career, not only enhances your productivity but also enriches your work ethic, setting you on a path of continuous success and growth in the professional realm.

## Time Management Skills That Set You Apart

Navigating a schedule filled with academic responsibilities, athletic commitments, and personal endeavors equips student-athletes with exceptional time management skills. This expertise in allocating time effectively is a prized asset in any professional setting. It's about more than just keeping a calendar; it's about prioritizing tasks,

setting realistic deadlines, and understanding the value of time. These skills ensure that you're always a step ahead, capable of handling the pressures of a demanding job while maintaining a healthy work-life balance. Your ability to discern what needs immediate attention and what can wait, honed on the playing field and in the classroom, sets you apart in the workforce. It demonstrates to potential employers that you are adept at managing complex projects, making you a valuable addition to any team. Leveraging your time management skills refined through your student-athlete experience can significantly impact your productivity and success in the professional world.

## Teamwork Makes the Dream Work in All Areas of Life

The skill of teamwork, integral to every student-athlete's experience, transcends the boundaries of sports, offering profound benefits in a myriad of professional environments. The collaborative spirit fostered on the field or court is directly applicable to the dynamics of the modern workplace. Your ability to unite with colleagues, sharing insights and pooling efforts towards achieving collective objectives, is invaluable. This adeptness at collaboration speaks volumes about your capacity to navigate complex interpersonal dynamics, making you an asset in any team setting.

Understanding the nuances of effective communication, a byproduct of your time as a student-athlete, enhances your ability to articulate ideas clearly and listen attentively, fostering an environment of mutual respect and shared purpose. The lessons learned from coordinating with teammates are directly transferable to orchestrating projects, leading team meetings, and cultivating a positive team culture in any professional arena.

Furthermore, your firsthand experience in adapting strategies in response to the evolving landscape of a game

equips you with the agility to pivot and adjust in fast-paced business environments. This skill ensures that teams you are a part of remain resilient and responsive to change, characteristics that are highly prized in today's rapidly evolving workplace.

In essence, the teamwork skills developed through your athletic endeavors are not just complementary but essential to nurturing a harmonious, efficient, and innovative professional environment.

## Leadership on and off the Field

The role of a leader within the context of sports extends far beyond calling shots during a game or practice. It encompasses inspiring teammates, showing resilience in the face of challenges, and setting a standard for commitment and excellence. These leadership skills, sharpened in the crucible of competitive sports, are immensely transferable to various spheres of life beyond athletics. In the workplace, the ability to lead becomes synonymous with driving projects forward, mentoring colleagues, and fostering an atmosphere of innovation and inclusivity. Employers are on the lookout for individuals who can not only take charge but also empower others to contribute their best, creating a synergistic effect that propels the organization forward. Your proactive approach to problem-solving, knack for inspiring confidence in others, and capacity to envision and pursue collective goals all signify your readiness to take on leadership roles in a professional setting. Moreover, the authentic leadership model you've developed as a student-athlete—rooted in empathy, accountability, and effective communication—equips you to navigate the complexities of modern leadership challenges, making you a coveted asset in any industry.

## Overcoming Adversity Builds Resilience

The journey of a student-



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athlete is paved with challenges that test not only physical but also emotional and mental strength. The moments of defeat, injury, and performance pressures are accompanied by an invaluable lesson: resilience. This skill, developed on the field, plays a crucial role in personal and professional growth beyond the realm of sports. It teaches you to face obstacles with a constructive mindset, seeking solutions and learning from each experience. In the professional world, this translates to an ability to tackle complex problems, recover from setbacks quickly, and adapt to new situations with agility. Your resilience, sharpened through competition and rigorous training, equips you with a tenacity that is highly sought after in any career path. It enables you to approach challenges head-on, stay focused under pressure, and emerge from difficulties with enhanced knowledge and capabilities. This ability to persist, coupled with a never-give-up attitude, makes you not just a survivor of challenges but a conqueror of them, ready to take on the world with confidence and a positive outlook. Employers value this resilience, recognizing it as a sign of a reliable, adaptable, and strong-willed individual who can contribute significantly to overcoming workplace hurdles and driving success. Your journey through adversity as a student-athlete thus sets the stage for a resilient approach to life's various arenas, fostering growth, and achievement in every endeavor you undertake.



# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING RESULTS



**October 14, 2024 UIL Press Release**

AUSTIN, TX— The University Interscholastic League Legislative Council met Sunday and Monday to make decisions on proposed rule changes in UIL academics, athletics, music and policy.

In music, the Legislative Council approved adding State Chamber Music and Military Marching Band as sanctioned UIL contests. These two activities were added as pilot contests, with Military Marching Band beginning in 2020 and State Chamber Music beginning in 2022.

In athletics, the Council approved the amendment to prohibit student-athletes who have been found to have changed schools for athletic purposes from competing against a varsity team without approval of the UIL Athletic Director.

In policy, the Legislative Council passed an amendment to expand the jurisdiction of the

UIL State Executive Committee (SEC) to investigate schools with an inordinate number of Previous Athletic Participation Forms (PAPF) for new students. The council also approved a proposal to provide a penalty the SEC could impose on a UIL District Executive Committee (DEC) or Music Region Executive Committee when acting in a manner inconsistent with the rules of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules. The Legislative Council approved an amendment that would update requirements for filing a Previous Athletic Participation Form (PAPF) and mandate completion of the New Student Eligibility Questionnaire prior to participation at any level at a new school.

The Commissioner of Education must approve all rule changes passed by the Legislative Council before they take effect.



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## TGCA VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE

COACH	SCHOOL	CONF.	REG.
Kira Satterfield	Amarillo River Road HS	3A	1
Haleigh Burns	Amarillo HS	5A	1
Tanya Samples	Snyder HS	4A	2
Nora Campbell	Abilene Cooper HS	5A	2
Hana Hartmann	Kerens HS	2A	3
Joshua McKinney**	Colleyville Heritage HS	5A	3
Keirsten Seahorn	Gilmer HS	4A	4
Natalie Puckett	Lucas Lovejoy HS	5A	4
Logan Smoak	Nacogdoches Central Heights HS	3A	5
Collea McKinney	Cypress Ranch HS	6A	5
Susan Brewer*	Bellville HS	4A	6
Michael Kane	Dripping Spring HS	6A	6
Tara Dunn	Vandebilt Industrial HS	3A	7
Kristin Goodman	Austin HS	6A	7
Taylor Howie	Wall HS	3A	8
Kelly McDaniel	Boerne Champion HS	5A	8

\*Chair \*\*Vice Chair



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# CROSS COUNTRY STATE MEET

Old Settlers Park Round Rock, TX | November 1-2, 2024

## Schedule

### Nov. 1

Girls 2A ..... 8:15 AM

Girls 4A..... 9:30 AM

Girls 6A..... 10:45 AM

### Nov. 2

Girls 1A..... 8:15 AM

Girls 3A..... 9:30 AM

Girls A..... 10:45 AM

## Ticket Information (Sold by Car)

Vehicle up to 2 persons

\$25.00

Vehicle more than 2 persons

\$40.00

[Purchase Online](#)

On-site sales will be

CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ONLY.

## Public Parking

Parking has changed from in years past.

[Parking Instructions/Map](#)

## Animals

There will be NO dogs allowed in Old Settler's Park on the day of the Cross Country State meet.

## Restrooms

There will be no dressing facilities. Portable toilets will be available to the public and athletes.



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# VOLLEYBALL STATE TOURNAMENT

Curtis Culwell Center Garland, TX | November 21-23, 2024

## Schedule

### Thursday, November 21

1A Final ..... 3:00 PM

2A DII Final..... 5:00 PM

2A DI Final..... 7:00 PM

### Friday, November 22

3A DII Final..... 12:00 PM

3A DI Final..... 2:00 PM

4A DII Final..... 4:00 PM

4A DI Final..... 6:00 PM

### Saturday, November 23

5A DII Final..... 12:00 PM

5A DI Final..... 2:00 PM

6A DII Final..... 4:00 PM

6A DI Final..... 6:00 PM

## Ticket Information

Single Day ..... \$15.00

Two-Day..... \$25.00

All-Tournament..... \$35.00

Coaches All-Tourney \$30.00

[Purchase here](#)

## Parking

One-Day Pass..... \$15.00

[Purchase here](#)

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## Clear Bag Policy

To ensure guest safety and a quicker entry into the facility, the Curtis Culwell Center has implemented a bag policy limiting the size and type allowed at all events. Click [HERE](#) for more details.



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# TGCA PAST PRESIDENTS

Velma Harrison .....1952-53	Janette Barlow .....1974-75	Sam Tipton .....1996-97	Jason Roemer .....2018-19
.....1953-54	Bob Schneider .....1975-76	Marianne Jones .....1997-98	Astin Haggerty .....2019-20
Marvin Williams * .....1954-55	Gay Benson .....1976-77	Larry Goad .....1998-99	.....2020-21
Mary Beccue * .....1955-56	Buddy Ables .....1977-78	Brenda Kitten .....1999-2000	Brad Blalock .....2021-22
Charles Womack * .....1956-57	Sandra Meadows * .....1978-79	Rob Young .....2000-01	.....2022-23
Rose Farmer .....1957-58	Ralph Newton* .....1979-80	Krista Malmstrom .....2001-02	Cully Doyle .....2023-24
J.W. Booker * .....1958-59	Janie Fitzgerald .....1980-81	Ron Mouser .....2002-03	
Peggy Hughes .....1959-60	Mark Smith* .....1981-82	Debbie Jaehne .....2003-04	
M.T. Rice * .....1960-61	Diana Lewis .....1982-83	Ray Baca .....2004-05	
Jimmye Phillips .....1961-62	.....1983-84	Leann Johnston .....2005-06	
LeRoy Hoff * .....1962-63	Michael Adams .....1984-85	Alex Koulovatos .....2006-07	
Ellen Johnson .....1963-64	Judy Dunn* .....1985-86	Debra Manley .....2007-08	
F.G. Crofford .....1964-65	Jim Kirkland .....1986-87	Lee Grisham .....2008-09	
Zonelle Cornett* .....1965-66	Sue Cannon .....1987-88	.....2009-10	
Freeman Parish * .....1966-67	Don Ford .....1988-89	Wes Overton .....2010-11	
Sandra Meadows * .....1967-68	Donna Grant .....1989-90	Donna Benotti .....2011-12	
Mitch LeMoine .....1968-69	Phil Swenson .....1990-91	Rodney Gee .....2012-13	
Wayne DuBose* .....1969-70	Rhonda Farney .....1991-92	Kari Bensead .....2013-14	
Shirley Hayworth .....1970-71	Caylene Caddell .....1992-93	Mitch Williams .....2014-15	
Stanley Whisenhunt..1971-72	Barbara Crouslen .....1993-94	Liana Gombert .....2015-16	
Leta Andrews .....1972-73	Pat Mouser .....1994-95	Loyd Morgan .....2016-17	
Bill Farney .....1973-74	Melynn Hunt .....1995-96	Kriss Ethridge .....2017-18	

## TVCA PAST PRESIDENTS

Lenora Abston* .....1968-69
.....1969-70
Dr. Margie Austin* .....1970-71
Jan Briggs .....1971-72
Jane Arnett .....1972-73
Arline Basye .....1973-74
Marion Young .....1974-75
Judy Bugher .....1975-76
Waynette Dolan .....1976-77
Norma Pullin .....1977-78

\*Deceased



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## 2025 TGCA SUMMER CLINIC

The 2025 TGCA Summer Clinic will be held in Arlington at the Arlington Convention Center and Sheraton Hotel July 14-17. The agenda is being revised and will be posted to the website under the "Summer Clinic" category in the menu on the left-hand side of the page as soon as it is finalized. Speaker names will be filled in as we secure them. Make your plans early to attend. We look forward to seeing you there. Hotel Reservation Services will open March 10th. Membership renewal and Summer Clinic registration, as well as all Satellite Clinics, will open February 1st. We are working on finalizing times, venues, and agendas for all of the satellite sports clinics, and we will have those posted on the website as soon as we get all information finalized. We hope you will make plans to attend one or all of the 2025 TGCA Clinics.



# TGCA HALL OF FAME

The Texas Girls Coaches Association honors coaches who have been active members, past or present, of the Texas Girls Coaches Association, 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.

Hall of Fame nomination forms are located on our website, [austintgca.com](http://austintgca.com), under "Forms" on the left-hand side of the main page.

Nominations should be submitted to the TGCA office. The awards for Hall of Fame will be determined by a Selection Committee made

up of the Executive Committee and the Executive Director. Nominations will be made by member coaches of TGCA. The selections will be made at the UIL State Girls Basketball Tournament, at a time and place determined by the President, who also serves as Chairperson of the Committee.

The deadline for submission of Hall of Fame nominees will be Monday, February 26th, at 12:00 noon. All nominations must be mailed (P.O. Box 2137, Austin, TX, 78768), faxed (512-708-1325) or emailed ([tgca@austintgca.com](mailto:tgca@austintgca.com)) to the TGCA office.

## YEAR INDUCTEE(S)

<b>1993</b>	Natalie Gunter Sandra Meadows* Bob Schneider Dean Weese
<b>1994</b>	Jane McCutcheon
<b>1996</b>	Nora Geron
<b>1997</b>	Wanda Bender
<b>1998</b>	Jan Briggs
<b>1999</b>	Norma Pullin
<b>2000</b>	Donna Grant
<b>2001</b>	Mark Smith
<b>2002</b>	Billy McKown
<b>2003</b>	Jim Kirkland
<b>2004</b>	Bill Farney
<b>2005</b>	Marion Young
<b>2006</b>	Claudia Eckel
<b>2007</b>	Diane Conrady
<b>2007</b>	Sandra Mader
<b>2008</b>	Terri Plagens Billy Evans Joe Lombard
<b>2009</b>	Flo Valdez Melynn Hunt Phil Swenson

## YEAR INDUCTEE(S)

<b>2010</b>	Krista Malmstrom Brenda Kitten Rene G. Garza
<b>2011</b>	Leta Andrews Sherry Rogers E. J. "Jeep" Webb
<b>2012</b>	Lynn Davis Pool Barbara Crousen Joni McCoy
<b>2013</b>	Donna Boehle Ellie Woods
<b>2014</b>	Sue Cannon Rhonda Farney
<b>2015</b>	Jerry Sutterfield Patty & Tippy Browning Shirley Rowe
<b>2016</b>	Barbara Comeaux Linda Richter Fred Griffin
<b>2017</b>	Jan Barker Rick Reedy Mike Martin

## YEAR INDUCTEE(S)

<b>2018</b>	Skip Townsend Cathy Self-Morgan Al Bennett
<b>2019</b>	Beverly Humphrey Susan Brewer Guyla Smith
<b>2020</b>	None
<b>2021</b>	Laneigh Clark Lee Grisham Nancy Walling
<b>2022</b>	Chuck Dardin Steve Golemon Tanya Nygrin
<b>2023</b>	Ray Baca Kari Benseid Sam Tipton
<b>2024</b>	Curtis Enis Karin Keeney Danny Wren



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## 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. This candidate needs to have made outstanding contributions to girls' athletics.

Nomination forms may be found on the TGCA website, [austintgca.com](http://austintgca.com), under "Forms" in the menu on the

left-hand side of the home page. The deadline for nominations for the Margaret McKown Distinguished Service Award is Tuesday, February 28th, at noon.

Nomination forms must be submitted to the TGCA office by mail (P.O. Box 2137, Austin, TX, 78768); fax (512-708-1325) or email ([tgca@austintgca.com](mailto:tgca@austintgca.com)).

## YEAR RECIPIENT

<b>2007</b>	Margaret McKown
<b>2008</b>	Larry Tidwell
<b>2009</b>	Billy and Betty Oliver
<b>2010</b>	Robert and Joyce Hollingsworth
<b>2011</b>	E. J. "Butch" Hart
<b>2012</b>	Mary German
<b>2013</b>	Tommy Cox
<b>2014</b>	O. J. Kemp
<b>2015</b>	Dawn Allen
<b>2016</b>	Harley Doggett
<b>2017</b>	Mike Szymarek
<b>2017</b>	Lynn Davis Pool
<b>2018</b>	Billy Hicks
<b>2019</b>	Maria Kennedy
<b>2020</b>	None

<b>2021</b>	Texas Press Association
<b>2022</b>	Trippy Saxon
<b>2023</b>	Tammy Gillespie
<b>2024</b>	Scott Magness

# 2024-25 TGCA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND CLINIC REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

TGCA would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to our member coaches. The Association only exists because you continue to support it through not only your membership dues and clinic fees, but through your willingness to volunteer when needed, be it serving on a committee, serving on the Board of Directors, nominating your athletes for honors, speaking at one of our clinics, or submitting photographs of your athletes for the Newsletter and website. We truly do appreciate you and want you to always remember that this is YOUR association, and the TGCA staff is here to assist you in any way that we are able.

Membership renewal and clinic registration for all clinics will open February 1st. Effective that day, on-line membership renewal and clinic registration for the 2025-2026 year will become active. Please keep in mind that on February 1st and after that date, if you still need to renew for the 2024-25 year (this year), you will no longer be able to do that on-line, and must print a form from the website to either mail with a check, or fax or email with a credit card number.

On-line membership renewal and clinic registration are through the Membership Site. To access the Membership Site, simply go to the website, [www.austintgca.com](http://www.austintgca.com), and click on the category in the menu on the left-hand side of the page entitled "Membership Site". You will then be required to log in. Your username is your membership number and always will be. That will not change. If you don't remember your password, please contact us and we will be happy to reset it to your membership number for you.

On the home page of the Membership Site, you will notice, on the left-hand side of the page, the categories for renewing your mem-

bership and registering for Summer Clinic and/or any of the Satellite Sports Clinics. We have tried to simplify this process for you, and they are exactly what they say they are.

If you click on "Summer Clinic", your profile page will appear. You can make any changes you wish to your profile page, except the school where you coach. If your school is incorrect, please give us a call or drop us an e-mail and we will be happy to update that information for you. If you need to update anything else on your profile, simply click the box that says "To Correct Coaching Contact Information Click Here", and update the information that needs to be corrected. This information may also be updated by clicking on the "Update Profile" category in the menu across the top of the page. Don't forget to add your coaching experience. You need to be sure and keep that up to date to build your on-line resume for the job board.

Once you have updated any information that needs to be updated and added your current coaching experience, you are now ready to renew your membership and register for Summer Clinic. You will notice there are three "packages" you may choose from. The Bronze Package is membership only and does not include registration for Summer Clinic. That cost is now \$70.00. The Silver Package is Summer Clinic registration only and does not include membership renewal. That package is now \$65.00 before June 15, and \$80.00 on or after June 15. The Gold Package includes your membership renewal AND Summer Clinic registration for a total cost of \$135.00. You can click on "Detail Description" beside each package and it will tell you what they are. Please remember there is a \$2.50 processing fee charged by the

on-line credit card company. You must check the appropriate box for the transaction to go through. **You MUST be a member of TGCA to attend any TGCA clinic.**

Once you have selected the option you wish to pay for, you will see a page that will give you information regarding your transaction. If it is correct, you will click on the "Payment" button, and this will take you to the payment information page. Simply fill in the information requested. In the "Security Code" portion, this is an on-line security code and NOT the security code on your credit card. You will see letters and/or numbers in the gray shadowed box. Simply retype what you see in that gray shadowed box in the very small box located right above the words (in blue) "I cannot read the code, please provide a new one" and right below the words (in black) "Please enter the security code above". You will actually enter the security code you see into the box below those words in black. Once you have completed that page, click the "Submit" button and you are done. You will receive a receipt confirmation by e-mail. That is why it is so important that your e-mail address is accurate. If you do not receive your receipt, check your junk mail. Your school's filtering system may have sent it there. If you don't get your receipt by e-mail, please contact us. Your school may be blocking our e-mails completely. Please check your receipt confirmation carefully. Please remember that the address on your credit card MUST match the address on your profile exactly. This is a security feature the on-line credit card company uses.

If you click on the category entitled "Satellite Clinics", you may then choose the Satellite Sports Clinic you wish to register for. TGCA is pleased to announce we will be hosting Satellite Sports Clinics for 2025 in Lubbock (Regions I & II), and El Paso. Simply click on the Satellite Sports Clinic you wish to register for and complete the same process outlined above. The cost of attendance to any of our Satellite Sports Clinics is \$80.00. This includes your 2025-26 membership card. You CANNOT just renew your membership in the Satellite Clinics category. If you and

your school will be splitting the admittance fee, you will need to print a form from the website and mail it to us with your portion of the fee, and an explanation that your school will be paying the other half of the admittance fee. You will not be able to split the fee on-line. You will, however, be allowed to register for a Satellite Sports Clinic and pay an admittance fee of \$40.00 **if you have already paid the \$70.00 renewal fee for your 2025-26 membership.**

If you are not planning to attend Summer Clinic or any of the Satellite Sports Clinics and simply wish to renew your membership, click on the last category "Membership Only". You only have the option of membership renewal in this category, and the procedure is the same as outlined above.

Please remember that you need to use the membership number you have been assigned when renewing your membership or accessing the Membership Site. If you do not remember it, or your password, please call the TGCA office and we will be happy to look it up for you, or reset your password for you. We would request that you **DO NOT** set up a new profile if you are already a current member, or have been a member in the past and have received a membership number previously. When you do that, you also give yourself a new membership number, and we want you to have the same membership number for life.

If you are a brand new member, simply access the TGCA website, [www.austintgca.com](http://www.austintgca.com), and click on the category in the menu on the left-hand side of the page entitled "First Time Member", and follow the process outlined for "New to TGCA for the First Time". Should you need assistance, please just contact the TGCA office and we will be more than happy to assist you.

Again, we thank you for your support of the Texas Girls Coaches Association. Our job is to make your association the best that it can be. We welcome your comments and suggestions.



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## EXTREMELY IMPORTANT

If you renew your membership on or after February 1st online through the Membership Site, you will be renewing for the 2025-26 year, beginning June 1, 2025 and ending May 31st, 2026. Please be sure that is what you intended to do. You may still print a 2024-25 membership form from the "Forms" category in the menu on the left-hand side of the main page of the website.



# GENERAL NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

All nominations should be made on-line at [www.austintgca.com](http://www.austintgca.com), under the sport tab for which a particular nomination is made. Please do all nominations on-line and before the deadline. Cheerleading nominations are located on the Spirit page in the menu on the left-hand side of the page. All questions or inquiries regarding Cheer nominations should be addressed to the Spirit Advisory Board. Contact information is located on the Spirit page under Spirit Advisory Board in the menu on the left-hand side of the page. All other nominations should be submitted through

the Membership Site once you have logged in.

If your nomination was submitted correctly, you will receive a confirmation e-mail. You can check that your nominations have gone through by logging on to the Membership Site, clicking on "Nominations" from the menu at the top of the page, and then clicking number five "Member Nominations Info". This will show you what nominations you have submitted. If you do not see your nominations there, they did not go through and must be done again. **WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO DO THIS AF-**

**TER YOU HAVE COMPLETED ALL NOMINATIONS.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The TGCA system does not interact well with Internet Explorer. We recommend you use Chrome or Firefox as your web browser, or something other than Internet Explorer, to make your nominations.

If you miss the on-line nomination deadline for your sport or cheerleading, you **MUST** print the proper form from the website under the "Bylaws" category and submit that form to your regional committee representative for submission to the appropriate committee. Your regional representative

for the committees is listed on the website under the sport category they pertain to. This should be done in all categories except Academic All-State.

Any nominations for Academic All-State must be submitted to the TGCA office on a form printed from the website if the on-line honors nomination deadline is missed. Instructions for nominating on-line, along with nomination guidelines, may be found under each specific sport tab on the website, and also under the Bylaws.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR ONLINE 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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The TGCA system does not interact well with Internet Explorer. We recommend using Chrome or another browser other than Internet Explorer.

**1** Access the TGCA website at [austintgca.com](http://austintgca.com).

**2** Click on the "Membership Site" category in the menu on the left-hand side of the page.

**3** You will be required to log in at this point. Your user name will always be your TGCA membership number. That will never change. If you don't know your number, please contact us and we will be happy to give it to you. **PLEASE DO NOT MAKE YOURSELF A NEW MEMBER AND GET A NEW MEMBERSHIP NUMBER.** 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 to your membership number, and you will need to go through the complete log in process over again, including resetting your password. When prompted to change your password, please keep in mind that the "Old Password" category will also be your membership number. We do not recommend using the "Forgot Password" link, as you will more than likely never see the response email. It is more often than not blocked by a security measure in place by your

school.

**4** Once you've completed the log-in process, you will access the home page of the Membership Site. In the tabs menu at the top of that page, click on "Nominations".

**5** Click on the "(6) Member Nominations Add" category in the menu on the left-hand side of the page.

**6** 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 "Next Step" button.

**7** Click the button next to the category you are nominating for (All-Star, All-State, Academic All-State, etc.). On Academic All-State, please be sure you click All-State for athletes and cheerleaders and not Academic All-State Support Staff. Support Staff would be for trainers, stat keepers, managers, etc. Next click the button "Next Step".

**8** Complete the form by typing in the information requested in the "Update" field.

**9** When you get to the "School:ISD" field, please begin typing the name of your school. Schools are listed in the database by name of the school, followed by the ISD. If your school is named after someone, or there are multiple schools with the same name, just

start to type the LAST name of the person it's named after, or the school name, and look in the text pop up box for your school followed by your ISD. 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, with the correct ISD. If you are an Athletic Director, please DO NOT click on anything that says AD. For

for some reason, your form was not filled out correctly, you will receive an error message after clicking the "Submit" 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. You can also check to see if your nominations successfully went through by returning to the "Nominations" page and clicking on "(5) Member Nominations Info". If you do not see your nominations listed there, please contact us.



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your nomination to appear correctly, it must have the name of the school, rather than your title. You may need to type the complete name of the school, including "High School" for it to populate. There are many, many schools with the same name, including junior highs and middle schools.

**10** Continue completing the form. If you need to add additional information regarding your nominee or their accomplishments, including stats, please do so in the large text box at the bottom of the page.

**11** When you have completed the form, please click the "Submit" button at the bottom of the page. If,

**12** You will need to follow these steps for each nomination of each athlete in each category you wish to make. **For Academic All-State, you only need to list the GPA.** We do not need the honors section, as we only check for grade classification (senior) and the GPA, which must be 94 or above and must be submitted in that format, not on a 5.0, 4.0, etc. Any nominations submitted on the grade point only scale will be counted as nonvalid.

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



# ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT BENEFIT

**The Texas Girls Coaches Association** in cooperation with American Income Life Insurance Company, is pleased to announce that we are providing additional benefits at NO COST to make your membership even more valuable! These benefits include:

- \$4,000 Group Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit! (Covers all members.)
- Health Services Discount Card for your entire household which

provides discounts up to 60% on Vision Care, Chiropractic Care, Hearing Care and Prescriptions!

- Child Safe Kits – this valuable tool can provide information to the authorities if your child or grandchild should ever go missing!

- Family Information Guide – When emergencies occur, families can avoid confusion and additional stress by having all of their critical information organized

in one place.

Please check your mail for the letter regarding these new benefits!

Once you return the response card, an AIL representative will contact you to schedule a convenient time to deliver your benefits and explain additional insurance coverage available. American Income Life is an international company licensed in 49 states, the District of Columbia,

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For more information on these benefits, please contact Arnaecia Alridge at 281-857-9325 or [ajalridge@aillife.com](mailto:ajalridge@aillife.com). To view the letter online, visit [aillife.com/benefits/sqM9W](http://aillife.com/benefits/sqM9W).

## SPORT NOMINATION DEADLINES

Online nomination deadlines for all sports is the Monday before the UIL state tournaments/meets at noon. For 2024-25, they are as follows:

<b>Cross Country</b>	October 28, 2024
<b>Volleyball</b>	November 18, 2024
<b>Spirit</b>	January 20, 2025
<b>Wrestling</b>	February 10, 2025
<b>Swim &amp; Dive</b>	February 17, 2025
<b>Basketball</b>	February 24, 2025
<b>Soccer</b>	April 7, 2025
<b>Golf</b>	April 21, 2025
<b>Track &amp; Field</b>	April 28, 2025
<b>Tennis</b>	May 12, 2025
<b>Softball</b>	May 26, 2025



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28 TGCA: Cross Country Nomination Deadline, 12:00 p.m.	29	30	31	1 CROSS COUNTRY: STATE Girls Basketball: First Day for Interschool Games	2
3	4 VOLLEYBALL: BI-DISTRICT TGCA: Cross Country Committee Meeting (6 PM)	5	6	7 VOLLEYBALL: AREA	8	9
10	11 VOLLEYBALL: REGIONAL QF Wrestling: First Day for Meets & Tournaments	12	13	14	15 VOLLEYBALL: REGIONAL	16
17	18 VOLLEYBALL: STATE SEMIFINALS TGCA: Volleyball Nomination Deadline, 12:00 p.m.	19	20	21 VOLLEYBALL: STATE FINALS	22	23
24 TGCA: Board of Directors Meeting (10 AM)	25 TGCA: Volleyball All-State Committee Meeting (6 PM) Volleyball Committee Meeting (6 PM)	26 TGCA OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING	27	28	29	30

## TO ALL COACHES: PLEASE UPDATE YOUR ONLINE PROFILE

Please go online and check that your profile is up-to-date, including addresses, telephone numbers (school, cell, home), and all other personal information. You can change all information on your profile except your school. Please check your coaching experience and add information as needed. We appreciate your help in this endeavor.



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### TGCA on the Web

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

