

MBCA NEWS

Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Association Newsletter • SPRING 2020

President's Message

In our 58th year of representing Massachusetts High School Basketball Coaches, the MBCA executive board would like to thank you for all of your hard work throughout the season. The end of our season, in particular, brought many changes, but fortunately, our state was still able to crown 16 Co-State Champions, including many MBCA member schools.

Despite the challenges of the last few months, our board was able to recognize some deserving senior student-athletes. This was, in part, based on a larger, and more engaged membership. We received over 100 nominations for our senior awards--by far the most nominations we have received in recent memory.

With over 490 members, the MBCA is in a good place, but we will continue to push ourselves to improve the experience for High School Coaches in Massachusetts. Our board is filled with devoted coaches. I would like to especially thank our board members who oversaw our traditional MBCA programs. Steve Reno did a fantastic job of running our annual Coaches Clinic at Stonehill College. Kristen McDonnell, after dealing with a snow postponement, organized another fantastic Hall of Fame Banquet at the College of the Holy Cross. Although we are unable to run our traditional Senior Awards Breakfast, Tom Cavanaugh and John Franceschini will oversee the awards to ensure that our award winners are properly recognized. Last but certainly not least, I would like to thank Alex Salachi, our membership coordinator and Treasurer, for his tireless work for our Executive Board and members.

If you were a member this past year, I urge you to continue your membership for next season. Our school membership package enabled entire coaching staffs to join our association at a very reasonable cost. If you were not a member, please consider the benefits that our membership provides you and your players. In addition to collaboratively working to improve basketball in our state, your membership makes you, and more importantly, your players eligible for our end of season awards. If nothing else, being able to promote the accomplishments of your players is well worth joining the MBCA.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or ideas to bring to our board. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as your President for the last year, and I'm looking forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Rick Grady - Dover-Sherborn High School Boys Basketball
MBCA President

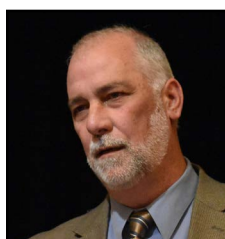


MBCA - Hall of Fame - "Coach of the Year" Awards Banquet

The 58th annual MBCA Hall of Fame banquet was held at the College of the Holy Cross on December 15th, 2019. After our initial postponement due to inclement weather, Kristen McDonnell did a tremendous job of organizing a special evening to recognize our Coach of the Year, Victory Club, and Hall of Fame coaches.

The MBCA proudly recognized two Hall of Fame recipients: **Dave Brady** (*Arlington Catholic High School*) and long-time MBCA board member, **Jim Reynolds** (*Doherty High School*). The Leo Miller Award winner was **Keith Arnold** (*Monomoy High School*), and the

Presidential Award was given to the Boston Herald's Keith Pearson. In addition to Sectional Coaches of the Year, Paul Geary (Millis) and Bob Foley Jr (*St. John's*) were recognized as Assistant Coaches of the Year.



Dave Brady



Jim Reynolds



Annual Senior Awards

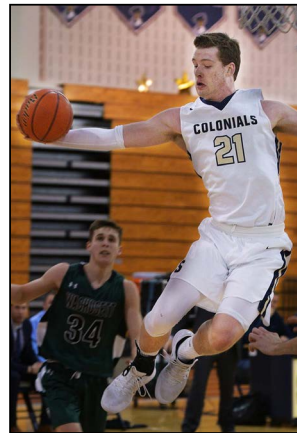
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were forced to cancel our annual Red Auerbach Foundation MBCA Senior Awards Breakfast. Despite not being able to run our event, the MBCA felt it was still important to recognize our **All-Sectional Team** and **All-Academic Team**. I would like to recognize the work of our District Coordinators in helping to promote our awards and selecting teams with the assistance of other area coaches.

I would also like to recognize **Stewart Grossman** and the entire Red Auerbach Foundation for their generous sponsorship of our Senior Awards program. It is unfortunate that we will not be able to recognize these deserving award winners in person, but the Red Auerbach Foundation's support will allow us to distribute our awards to each student-athlete. Tommy Cavanaugh, John Franceschini and the entire board will work to get these awards delivered as soon as they become available.

The MBCA would like to especially acknowledge the **Red Auerbach State Players of The Year:**

John West, *Shrewsbury High School*

Ali Brigham, *Franklin High School*



Regional Players of the Year

BOYS NORTH

Ryan Power, Waltham High School

BOYS SOUTH

Stevie Kelly, Whitman Hanson High School

BOYS CENTRAL

John West, Shrewsbury High School

BOYS WEST

Kobe Parker, Chicopee High School

GIRLS NORTH

Makayla Graves, Masconomet Regional High School

GIRLS SOUTH

Ali Brigham, Franklin High School

GIRLS CENTRAL

Belle Lanpher, Wachusett Regional High School

GIRLS WEST

Nora Young, Granby High School

MBCA 2020 MBCA Senior Award Winners

2020 MBCA All Sectional Team

NORTH BOYS

Ryan Power
Luka Vljakovic
Khai Smith
Parker McLaren
Joey Abate-Walsh
Ryan Murphy

Waltham High School
Melrose High School
Cambridge Rindge & Latin School
Newburyport High School
St. Mary's High School
Billerica High School

NORTH GIRLS

Makayla Graves
Leandra Kwo
Olivia Matela
Angelica Hurley
Emily Downer
Jenna Tavanese

Masconomet Regional High School
Haverhill High School
St. Mary's Lynn High School
Pentucket Regional High School
Central Catholic High School
Wilmington High School

SOUTH BOYS

Stevie Kelly
Byrant Ciccio
Sam Stevens
Will Dorian
Jack Poirier
Ben Rice

Whitman-Hanson High School
Attleboro High School
Mansfield High School
Needham High School
Scituate High School
Whitman-Hanson High School

SOUTH GIRLS

Ali Brigham
Caroline Elie
Jess Knight
Brenna McDonald
Kiara McIntyre
Sydney Scales

Franklin High School
Rockland High School
Archbishop Williams High School
Natick High School
Needham High School
Walpole High School

CENTRAL BOYS

John West
Sam Morelli
Bryson Grennon
Freddie Monette-Harris
Logan Paranto
Jack O'Neill

Shrewsbury High School
Hopedale High School
Sutton High School
Narragansett Regional High School
Bartlett High School
Leicester High School

CENTRAL GIRLS

Belle Lanpher
Hannah Nichols
Shannon Reno
Jordan Tucker
Abby McNulty
Lucy Cappadona

Wachusett Regional High School
Sutton High School
Millbury High School
Maynard High School
Nashoba Regional High School
Marlboro High School

WEST BOYS

Kobe Parker
Jake Brittain
Charlie Barnes
Logan Gerry
Inoah Lewis

Chicopee High School
Northampton High School
Maher Regional High School
Monson High School
Hampden Charter School of Science

WEST GIRLS

Nora Young
Amanda Mieczkowski
Allison Kowal Safron
Caroline Tanner

Granby High School
Northampton High School
Hopkins Academy
Northampton High School



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Official website of the Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Association

- Register on line to become a member of the MBCA and the Annual Coaches Clinic
- District Coordinators and League Representatives Contact Information
- Read Current and Previous MBCA Newsletters
- View Up Coming MBCA Events and Programs



Spalding TF-1000: The official ball of the MBCA and the MIAA Tournament

MBCA 2020 MBCA Senior Award Winners

2020 MBCA Senior All Academic Team

NORTH BOYS

Liam Campbell	Winchester High School
Ryan Marcus	Wakefield High School
Alexander Milas	Medford High School
Jack Morin	North Andover High School
Josh Rosenstein	Westford Academy

NORTH GIRLS

Catherine Bravo	Austin Preparatory High School
Krista Magnarelli	Burlington High School
Alyssa Morrison	Wilmington High School
Raheal Getahun	Mt. Alvernia High School
Lauren Ryan	Rockport High School

SOUTH BOYS

Donald Rogers	Foxborough High School
Cam Curney	Abington High School
Sam Stevens	Mansfield High School
Steve Barmashi	Bourne High School
Owen Conlin	King Philip Regional High School

SOUTH GIRLS

Jena Johnson	Tri County Regional High School
Allison McMorrow	Quincy High School
Kaitlyn Rapose	Bishop Feehan High School
Phoebe Rust	Braintree High School
Hannah Wyllie	Rockland High School

CENTRAL BOYS

John West	Shrewsbury High School
Aiden Luckey	Leominster High School
Nathaniel Gould	Nipmuc Regional High School
Damian Comeau	Narragansett Regional High School
Mitch Scanlon	Nashboa Regional High School

CENTRAL GIRLS

Kelsey Reno	Millbury High School
Caylie McMahon	Nashoba Regional High School
Maria Alejandro-Tapia	Burncoat High School
Shannon Reno	Millbury High School
Ally Walker	Notre Dame Academy

WEST BOYS

Tyler Grissom	Belchertown High School
Hunter Klingensmith	Belchertown High School
Sean Sabourin	Easthampton High School

WEST GIRLS

Sydney Lewandowski	Northampton High School
Kyla Roy	Easthampton High School
Destiny Calderon	Holyoke High School
Carolyn Kowal Safron	Hopkins Academy
Julia Frappier	Granby High School

The MBCA & You

This year, we had nearly 500 members. We are pleased with the recent momentum of our membership, but we strive for even more participation.

Please consider becoming involved in our association. We are always looking for more coaches to become involved.

We are still looking for more league representatives to help streamline communication and promote future MBCA events.

If you are interested in becoming a more active member, contact your District Coordinator or MBCA President at rickgrady15@gmail.com.

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MBCA Basketball Showcase

Due to sweeping changes in NCAA recruitment, many State Associations have organized Recruiting Showcases during the month of June. Organizing such an event is obviously quite an undertaking. If you are interested in assisting in the planning of a potential event, please contact MBCA North District Coordinator, Reggie Hobbs (Lexington High School) at rhobbs@lexingtonma.org. This type of event can only occur with the assistance of other member coaches, so please contact Coach Hobbs ASAP if you are interested. We would begin planning in the fall if there is enough interest.





Thank You To Our Sponsors

The MBCA would like to especially thank Spalding and the Red Auerbach Foundation for their continued support of our association and its programs. These organizations have enabled our board to explore potential initiatives as well as improve our current offerings to our membership. We greatly appreciate their support and thank them for enhancing the MBCA experience for our members.



Hall of Fame Nomination Procedure

Do you have a deserving individual you would like to nominate for consideration into the MBCA Hall of Fame?

Do you know a coach who qualifies for the MBCA Victory Club Awards (200, 300, 400, 500 wins as a high school varsity coach)?

All nominations should be submitted through our website.

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MBCA Membership Registration for MBCA Membership - On Line at mbcaorg.com

PLEASE NOTE: Membership Year - July 1 - June 30

NAME _____

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POSITION _____

SCHOOL _____

CITY/TOWN _____ ZIP CODE _____

CONTACT PHONE # _____ EMAIL _____

MBCA Annual Dues: \$40
School Discount Package Available
Check with your Athletic Director

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MBCA
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Mansfield, MA 02048

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REGISTER ON LINE: mbcaorg.net



Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Association



Coaches vs Cancer

The Coaches vs Cancer program, working alongside the National Association of Basketball Coaches, has created programs to unite coaches, players, and fans across the country to help the American Cancer Society defeat cancer. The American Cancer Society provides teams with many fundraising and educational programs to promote the fight against cancer. If you are interested involving your program in one of the American Cancer Society's programs, contact Community Development Manager, Amber Anthony at amber.anthony@cancer.org



Championship Productions

During these unprecedented times, the coaching community has come together to share their expertise. One of the more notable programs to develop during this time is the NABC Championship Basketball Webinar Series. Working alongside Championship Productions, the NABC is providing free content for coaches all around the world. They have continued to extend their access to free replays into late May. I urge you to take advantage of this unique opportunity by going to <https://nabc-championship-basketball-webinar-series.heysummit.com>

2019 MBCA Coaches' Clinic

The 57th annual clinic was once again held at Stonehill College. Our membership was fortunate to hear from an outstanding list of clinicians:

Joe Gallo, *Merrimack College*

Marisa Moseley, *Boston University*

Chris Oliver, *Founder of Basketball Immersion and The Basketball Podcast*

Chris Kraus, *Stonehill College*



Congratulations to **Steve Reno**, *Millbury High School* for running another successful clinic. We would also like to thank Chris Kraus, Trish Brown, and the entire Stonehill Athletic Department for their continued support over the last few years. The MBCA Clinic is always a great time for our coaches to come together and focus on the beginning of the season.

Coaches in attendance were able to receive a variety of prizes throughout the morning. Spalding once again was generous with their donation of T-Shirts, apparel, and many Spalding TF-1000 Basketballs---the official basketball of the MBCA and the MIAA Basketball Tournament. We would also like to thank all of our high school players who were in attendance to demonstrate for our clinic speakers.



2019 - 2020 Executive Board

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2019 - 2020 District Coordinators

Central Boys

Tom Gibbons, *Wachusett Regional High School*

Central Girls

Steve Reno, *Millbury High School*

North Boys

Reggie Hobbs, *Lexington High School*

North Girls

Casey Grange, *Central-Catholic High School*

Tommy Cavanaugh, *Mt. Alvernia High School*

South Boys

Jim Quatromoni, *Hingham High School*

South Girls

John Levangie, *Cohasset High School*

Katherine Clifford, *Westwood High School*

West Boys & Girls

Brian Miller, *Easthampton High School*

Contact Information is available in the newsletter
and on our website:

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MIAA

In February, Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association member schools voted in favor of the Tournament Management Committee's statewide tournament proposal (193-140). The new state-wide system will be implemented in the Fall of 2021. The postseason will be conducted in state-wide divisions. Under this system, the top 32 teams in each division will qualify for postseason play. Additionally, teams that reach a .500 winning percentage (but do not qualify as one of the top 32 teams), will play in a preliminary round. Beginning next season, MaxPreps will seed the statewide tournament through their own power ranking system. I suggest that coaches continue to monitor the Tournament Management Committee site (MIAA) or speak to their Athletic Directors for more information. The MBCA will pass along information as soon as it becomes available.

During the latest Basketball Committee Meeting, the committee approved the recommended alignments to the Tournament Management Committee. Under this alignment, private and co-op teams were automatically bumped up one division while Vocational Schools will drop two divisions. Divisional alignment information should be released in the near future.

Additionally, the Committee will submit a request for a one-year trial (and rule change proposal) to allow players to be eligible for 6 quarters of play (Players are now eligible to play in 4 quarters on a given night). This decision was made after the Committee received very favorable feedback from the Merrimack Valley League's one year experiment.

The MBCA

What It Does for its Members and High School Basketball

- **Presents Annual Coaches Clinic**
- **Publishes Bi-Annual Newsletter**
- **Presents Annual Hall Of Fame Induction Banquet**
- **Presents Annual State Wide Foul Shooting Competition**
In conjunction with Red Auerbach Foundation
- **Presents Annual Senior Awards Breakfast:**
 - District All Senior Teams [B and G]
 - District All Senior Academic Team [B and G]
 - District Player of the Year [B and G]
 - State Player of the Year [B and G]
- **Recognizes and Honors Annually:**
 - District Coach of the Year
 - Victory Club Achievement
 - Assistant Coach of the Year
 - Presidential Award
 - Special Awards for Contribution to Massachusetts High School Basketball
- **Represents High School Basketball at MIAA meetings**
- **Provides The MBCA website**

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