**2026 NHSACA NATIONAL COTY NOMINEES**

**National High School Athletic Coaches Association COTY Nominees**

**From the state of:**

**From the**      *(state association)*

**A nominee who was a 2024 or 2025 NHSACA National COTY Award Finalist or COTY Award Winner in another category, is not eligible** for nomination for the 2026 Award. Please complete the following form with the nominees’ full name, school, city-state-zip address, and E-Mail Address; note the two lines of information requested for each sport. We will still mail the Nomination Forms for each coach directly to you. Special Sports includes any sport not individually found on the list and includes Cheer Coaches. **All individual forms that each COTY nominee completes and returns are found on our website. The entire process will be completed electronically this year. Our website is:** [**www.nhsaca.org**](http://www.nhsaca.org) **The instruction document for completing the nominee form is found on the website as well.**

Read the items **A-E** to determine if your nominees are eligible for the 2026 NHSACA National COTY.

1. Were you a NHSACA Coach of the Year finalist for the category you are being nominated for in 2024?
2. Were you a NHSACA Coach of the Year finalist for the category you are being nominated for in 2025?
3. Were you a NHSACA Coach of the Year in any category in 2024?
4. Were you a NHSACA Coach of the Year in any category in 2025?
5. Have you already received the NHSACA Coach of the Year Award in the sport you are being nominated for?

If you answered yes to A, B, C, D, or E you are **NOT ELIGIBLE** to complete this document this year. (Please notify the National Office of this situation)

**\*\*All Nominees must be active head coaches for the category they are nominated in for the current NHSACA National COTY Award Program (2024-25): OR**

**State Associations may nominate a retired coach for the NHSACA  
 National Coach of the Year Awards program following the criteria below:**

**a.The coach may not be retired for more than two years in the  
 category they are nominated in. (i.e. nominations for the   
 COTY Awards Program are based on the coach’s career through  
 the 2024-25 school year. The retired coach to be nominated could  
 not have retired prior to the 2023-24 school year.)**

1. **The retired coach nominated may not have been a finalist in the sport they are nominated in during the previous two years.**
2. **The retired coach nominated may not have been a national COTY recipient in any category during the previous two years.**

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**Athletic Director**

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**Baseball**

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**Basketball-Boys’**

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**Basketball-Girls’**

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**Football**

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**Golf**

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**Soccer**

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**Special Sports**

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**Swimming &**

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**Tennis**

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**Track & Field**

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**Track & Field**

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**Volleyball**

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**Wrestling**

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**Assistant COTY**

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**Assistant COTY**

**Girls’**

*(Executive Secretary’s Electronic Signature)\*\**

*(Date)*

**\*\*** The Executive Secretary’s Electronic signature indicates that all nominees listed on this form are in good standing with their Coaches Association.

NHSACA National Awards Banquet will be held at Hyatt Regency Coralville Hotel & Conference Center in Coralville, IA on July 1, 2026; in conjunction with the NHSACA National Coaches Convention.

Return **BEFORE October 20th, 2025** online or if you want a hardcopy, notify me and I will send a hardcopy for you to return in an envelope. If your Board of Directors, or committee choosing these nominees will be meeting after October 20th, please shoot me an email letting me know when you would expect to be able send this roster to me.

\*\*The NHSACA National COTY program will advance the top nominee (as scored in this process) from each of the six organized regions. The two remaining finalists will be the top scoring nominees who did not advance as a top scorer from a region.