**2026 NHSACA Athletic Director of the Year Nominee Form**

**If you were a NHSACA Athletic Director of the Year National Finalist or Coach of the Year finalist or recipient in another category in 2024 or 2025, you are not eligible for this award, and you should return this form to your state executive director, *without completing it*.**

**You may NOT be nominated for NHSACA AD of the Year award and COTY in any other sport in the same year. You may only be nominated for one award in the same year.**

**If you have been named the NHSACA National Athletic Director of the Year in this category in a previous year you are not eligible to be nominated again.**

**\*\* All Nominees must be active athletic directors for the current NHSACA National COTY Award Program (2025-26): OR**

 **State Associations may nominate a retired coach/AD for the NHSACA National Coach of the**

 **Year Awards program following the criteria below:**

1. **The coach/AD may not be retired for more than two years in the category they are nominated in. (i.e. nominations for the 2026 COTY Awards Program are based on the coach’s career through the 2024-25 school year. The retired coach/AD to be nominated could not have retired prior to the 2023-24 school year.)**
2. **The retired coach/AD nominated may not have been a finalist in the sport they are nominated in during the previous two years.**
3. **The retired coach/AD nominated may not have been a national COTY recipient in any category during the previous two years.**

**These Forms Must Be Typed**

**Category: ATHLETIC DIRECTOR State**

**Nominee’s Name**

**Mailing Address**

**City** **State** **Zip**

**Cell Phone (**     **)**      **Home Phone (**     **)**

**E-Mail you wish to use for this process (Very Important):**

**School where you are currently serving as the Athletic Director**

**Are you a member of your State Coaches Association? Yes****No**

**Email (NOT WEBSITE) of your local media for NHSACA’s use:**

**Name as you would like it to appear on the plaque if you are selected as a finalist:**

**BY NOMINEE: By checking below, I certify that the information disclosed herein is accurate and correct and that I was not a NHSACA *Athletic Director* finalist or a COTY in another category in 2024 or 2025, and I am not a nominee for any other NHSACA COTY award for 2026.** Click or tap here to enter text.**I Affirm**

**1. TENURE AS A HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**

**Note: This section applies to positions you held as a HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR through the 2024-25 school year. Athletic Director positions at the Junior High or College level are not to be included.**

**# of Years as HS**

**Athletic Director Only School, City, State**

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**TOTAL YEARS as a High School ATHLETIC DIRECTOR from the beginning of your career through**

**2024-25:**

1. **Describe all improvements in facilities during your tenure**

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1. **Identify the state, state qualifier, conference events or tournaments you manage.**

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**4. PROFESSIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC SERVICE:**

**Note: This category applies to ANY high school athletic organizational leadership role at the local, state, or national level. List office/position held, committee assignments, chairmanships, director, board member, etc. Be sure to prioritize your service and list only the 6 most important accomplishments at each level on this form. This does NOT include managing tournaments.**

**\*\*You are not restricted to including only leadership as an Athletic Director you are nominated for. Any and all service to high school sports. This DOES NOT include any Club Sports or sports organized and sponsored by independent organization. This DOES NOT include feeder programs for your school district.**

**Service includes serving as a coach for your State Coaches’ Association All-star competitions in the sport you have been nominated in. Do not use ACRONYMS. Do not write on back or add pages.**

**# of Years Organization Position**

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**5. HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR HONORS: For A.D. category you are nominated for**

**Note: Honors received as a result of your work as a High School Athletic Director should be included, such as: A.D. of the Year, Hall of Fames, or Milestones, etc. DO NOT submit any Coaching Awards or non-high school athletic awards. Be sure to prioritize Athletic Director honors and list only the 6 most important accomplishments at each level on this form. Do not use ACRONYMS. Do not write on back or add pages.**

**# of Years Organization Honor/Award**

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**6. Professional contributions for National, State, Regional or Conference clinics or conferences.**

**7. Education, training, safety and other types of programs you have helped developed or lead at the state or local level.**

 **REQUIRED INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR COACHING BIO**

 **What unique things make you stand out from the other applicants. What makes you different. This can be on or off the field of play. This is important information for people at the banquet to understand who you are and what is important to you, now is NOT the time to be humble. Some of this will be included in your bio at the banquet and helps us present you. This information will not be used in your evaluation process.**