



CHSCA OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD FALL 2020 UPDATE

We hope this update finds everyone healthy, safe and enjoying the start of the new school year. This spring and summer was different from what we expected and the year to come will also be uncharted ground.

The fall sports season and school plans seem to change daily. This will probably be the case for the near future. To keep updated please check the CIAC Website, the CHSCA Website (chsca.org), and check with you athletic director.

Remember that our CHSCA committee serves as an advisory committee to the CIAC. Though we make recommendations, it is the CIAC that determines the final policy. There will be many changes throughout the coming year.

Congratulations to our New CHSCA Executive Director – Joe Canzanella!

The CHSCA has officially named Joe Canzanella as the new executive director of the CHSCA. Please see the CHSCA Website for a bio on Joe. We are confident that Joe will do a great job as we move forward. With Deb Petruzzello, Middletown, as our President this year and a supportive executive board and sports committees, we are sure we will have a team that will be able to meet the challenges we face during these changing times. Jiggs (Bob) Cecchini did a great job of serving as our interim executive director and we will be forever grateful for his guidance and leadership during this transition. Though he is stepping back from this role we know that we can still rely on his wisdom to help the CHSCA negotiate the future. As we move into a year of uncharted territory we believe we have the leadership we will need to become a stronger association in the future. Joe has already moved forward with many new updates to the CHSCA!

Updates to the CHSCA

The **CHSCA Website** has changed to a .org site so it is now: chsca.org

CHSCA is now on Twitter and Facebook!

CHSCA Twitter and Facebook accounts have been created.
The account information for both are:

Twitter: Screen name is CHSCA and the actual account is @CTHSCA

Facebook: Screen name is Connecticut High School Coaches Association and the actual account is @CTCHSCA

Congratulations to This Year's Hall of Fame Inductees !

Congratulations To Stafford Springs Track Coach Mark Dunn on being named to the CHSCA Hall of Fame ! Mark has been a valuable member of our committee for many years , also served as a chairperson for several years and is a long time well respected coach of several sports at Stafford Springs.

Also another Former Track coach, Richard Rosek, Middletown Track is also being inducted. Both well-deserved honors!

Due to Covid -19 restrictions The Hall of Fame Banquet will be held in November of 2021 at the Aqua Turf.

Other inductees into this year's CHSCA Hall of Fame are:

Richard Bowen, Jr.
Joe D'Ambrosio
Marty Gomez
August M.Link
Francis Pfeiffer
Susan Hopkins- Terrell
Mike Walsh

A great group of inductees ! Many of you may know several of them.

CHSCA TRACK & FIELD Clinic

The CHSCA Track & Field Clinic for 2020 has been postponed to next November (in 2021). We are looking forward to holding it next year.

In Remembrance

During this year we have endured many losses.....as a sport and as a community of coaches and athletes, as family and friends...

It has been a year like no other. Many have had a tremendous impact on our coaching community.

John Fontana was the executive director of the CHSCA. He passed away in October 2019 after a stroke.He lead the CHSCA as he led his teams – adherence to tradition, strong guidelines ,discipline and compassion. His passion and support for coaches showed in all he did. It was why those who had the privilege to work with him loved and respected him. His heart was in his work and his passion for coaching, coaches , and kids showed through in all he did. For him, there was no finish line – there was always more to be done.....

He will be sorely missed by many, but his legacy will live on .

Corey Pusey , Tolland Track Coach,died suddenly in September 2019 .He was only 40.Corey was the head coach of the Tolland High School girls track team and was an assistant coach for 15 years for boys and girls at Tolland High School. Corey was respected by coaches and athletes throughout the state. Some individuals fill a room when they walk into it, their presence being felt by all. Corey Pusey filled a stadium .His smile was infectious and his love of track & field contagious.

Louie Petruzzello (husband of Deb Petruzzello, CHSCA 2020-2021 president, Track Official,Track Coach from Middletown HS -) died suddenly as a result of an accident. He was a tremendous athlete and a devoted father.

Dennis Person- Indoor Track Meet announcer, Official, coach...

The many family members ,coaches ,officials and friends we lost over the past year to covid-19.

As the Thanksgiving season approaches let us all remember not only our blessings but all the contributions of the many family members ,coaches ,officials and friends we have lost over the past year .

All-State Team and Banquet

This Spring the CHSCA Outdoor Track & Field Committee will recognize an All-State Team if we have a season and State Championships. We are hoping things will improve by springtime and that we will be able to have a full season. The time frame for the spring season has been adjusted so the date for our banquet will also need to be adjust according to the season and in accordance with Covid -19 guidelines in the spring. As with many things this year, we will know more as further information becomes available towards spring.

New Outdoor All-State Criteria as of Spring 2020

Due to the cancelation of our spring season in 2020, this spring 2021 will be the first season this will be implemented in Outdoor Track & Field. Indoor will implement a similar procedure this winter.

In order to earn All-State Outdoor Track and Field Team status, an athlete must either:

1. Win an event in a Class Championship, Open Championship, Heptathlon, Decathlon, Steeplechase, or Hammer Throw
2. Score 16 or more points in a Class Championship or Open Championship. Athletes competing on relays will earn the following points towards All-State for their participation on a placing relay team: 2nd place-6, 3rd place-5, 4th place-4, 5th place-3, 6th place- 2, 7th place-1, 8th place-1.
3. Earning All-New England by finishing in the Top 6 in an individual event at the New England Championships.

Gold Star Selection Criteria: Athletes that win the State Open will be named to the Gold Star All-State Team

All-State Honorable Mention Athletes that are not All-State and place in the Top 6 at the Open Championship will be All-State Honorable Mention. These athletes will not attend the banquet.

ACADEMIC ALL STATE NOMINATIONS

In order for an Outdoor Track and Field to be considered for the CHSCA All-Academic-All -State Team, she/he must:

- Be a Senior

- Meet the criteria for All State at the State Class ,Open Meet, Heptathlon, Decathlon , Hammer, Steeplechase
- Complete verification of academic eligibility by their guidance counselor
- Complete and submit the CHSCA Academic All State OT&F application signed by the Athlete, Coach , and school guidance counselor.

Form will be available online at the CHSCA Website (chsca.org) in the spring or by contacting a committee chairperson.

Lindy Remigino Distinguished Service Award for Outdoor Track & Field

Lindy Remigino was a Connecticut track and field icon. He was a Hartford Public High School champion who ran for Manhattan College, and then went on to win 2 Olympic gold Medals at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics in the 100 meters and 4x100-meter relay. Following the Olympics, he returned to Hartford to teach and coach at his alma mater. He coached teams to 31 state championships and many of his athletes were individual state champions and All-Americans. His life was devoted to track and field not only as a coach and mentor but also as a Track & Field Official and Meet Director. This award will recognize an individual, group, or organization which exemplifies the commitment, dedication, and longtime commitment to Outdoor Track & Field in Connecticut that Lindy Remigino exemplified.

The Nomination Form will be available online at the CHSCA Website (chsca.org) or contacting a committee chairperson. Nominations are accepted throughout the year and until June 1st to be considered for the current year.

Connecticut High School Coaches Association (CHSCA) Coach of the Year Nominations

Each year the CHSCA names an outstanding coach for Track and Field and many other sports. They are recognized at a COTY Banquet in May. The Outdoor Track and Field Committee accepts nominations from coaches. The nominee must be a CHSCA Member, have a winning record and have been a varsity head coach for a least 5 years.

Names and contact information for the nominee should be submitted to a committee chairperson (contact info below).The committee will send the nominee a Nomination form to complete and submit to the CHSCA COTY Committee.

Connecticut High School Coaches Association (CHSCA) Assistant Coach of the Year Nominations

Each year the CHSCA Outdoor Track & Field Committee names an outstanding Assistant Coach for Outdoor Track and Field. They are recognized at a All State Banquet in June. The Outdoor Track and Field Committee accepts nominations from coaches. The nominee must have been an assistant coach for a least 5 years .

Names and contact information for the nominee should be submitted to a committee chairperson (contact info below).The committee will send the nominee a Nomination form to complete and submit to the CHSCA OT&F Assistant Coach of the Year sub-Committee.

CHSCA Outdoor Track & Field Official of the Year Nominations

This year the Outdoor Track & Field Committee will recognize an Outstanding Official of the year. Names and contact information for the nominee as well as the contact info of the coach making the nomination should be submitted to a committee chairperson (contact info below).The committee chairs will submit the information to the CHSCA OT&F Official of the Year sub-Committee.

Forms and Questions

Forms will be available online at the CHSCA Website (chsca.org) or by contacting a committee chairperson.

Questions and suggestions for committee- email a committee chairperson.

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