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News from the Executive Director



I hope this newsletter finds all of you in good health and in the midst of another summer baseball season. Congratulations to all of you who've completed a successful Spring campaign. It was really encouraging to see 95% of all 3a-5a programs playing at least 22 regular season games and the vast majority playing their full complement of 23. And many that went deep in to the playoffs playing close to 30 games. That really puts us in the higher echelons of many States.

When you look at the # of games California, Florida and Arizona are playing we are really not that far behind. Hats off to all of you coaches. That is clearly a sound testament to athletic and school administrators that they made the right decision by allowing us to play 23. And again, like I've said before, our next mission is to expand our regional playoffs to a double elimination format. With Bert's support like we had for the 23 initiative, I believe we stand a good chance.

A tip of the hat to our 5 State Champions

Cornerstone Christian Peyton University (back to back)
Pueblo West Regis Jesuit

The State Tournament was again a competitive one and for the first time we were playing in June. And of course next year we'll go even later, June 6th with the 3a-5a.

The Senior Games were a big success last month. More participants and really good attendance at All City. One almost would have the feeling of the Games that had been played long ago at Englewood. We still have room for improvement, but it was nice to see more of you participating and promoting.

The CDCCA Classic Tournament was held in early June this year and there was an awful lot of things going on that weekend. Our numbers were not good. That will change next summer as we're looking at the 3rd or 4th weekend of June. We need your support there, Varsity and/or JV.

And finally let me end with the happening we all love to be involved in. Our annual State Coaches Clinic. This coming January 14-16 at the Marriott DTC again. The speakers list is growing. We have some invitations to some well known baseball folks and we plan on getting more of our own college and high school guys involved as well. It will be another fantastic clinic which will always include sessions for the youth coaches.

If the ABCA can branch out so will we. So stay tuned.

I'm planning on USA Baseball Coaches and a Thursday night headliner just for starters.

And hope to see or hear from you all somewhere in the months ahead.

Yours in Baseball,
Coach Percy

CDC will be selecting
their own ALLSTATE

Teams

(1A-5A) in 2019, coaches

must be a member to

have their kids selected

Town hall meetings this

Fall



Sponsoring Coaches
Social Friday Night

Starting Your Season by Joe White

As an old coach who has been around high school baseball my entire life, I thought I would share some thoughts. I have been asked many times how do you handle parents and players who are not happy about not making the team, or playing time. I believe that it all starts with WHY you are coaching. You have to ask yourself what is your purpose for coaching baseball at the high school level? We all want to win a state championship and have a program that is known as a winner. Those are all great goals. I really feel that if your program goals are cemented in developing kids to be good productive members of our society the rest will take care of itself.

I have always said that character wins. We have been very fortunate to win two state championships and I can honestly say that it was the character of our kids that won. If you look at what those kids are doing now in their lives they are still winning. They also won in the classroom first. I didn't spend too much time going over the ineligible list with those teams. Did we still have some parents and kids who were not happy on those teams and every other team I ever coached? You bet we did. So how did I handle that?

I started at our preseason parent meeting, which I highly encourage you to have if you don't already. It is a partnership with you and the parents and all parents want what is best for their kids, don't forget that. We have had some great parents in our program. You need to be up front and honest with all the parents at the meeting. I would tell the parents about our tryout process, and how we did it. I would show them the rubric that we used to grade the players, told them what we evaluated the players on and how we would do it, like throwing from the outfield and infield, hit with swing evaluation, and so on. The one thing that I thought was very important for parents to know was WHY we have to cut kids. We only have one field and we can only keep so many kids, we get no money from our district to pay for extra coaches, for extra balls, uniforms, and extra field space. I would tell them that it gets to be a liability issue with so many kids out there and one field. It is all the truth and it is why we have to cut. Let them know how hard it is on you and your coaches to cut kids. I would always tell them that I didn't get into this business to tell kids that they couldn't do things. I wanted them to know how hard it was on me and my coaches to do this.

This is Part of of a several part series to help coaches.



2019 State Champions

1A—Cornerstone Christian Academy



2A—Peyton



3A—University



4A—Pueblo West



5A—Regis





CHSAA Proposal - It Passed

How did the extra games feel for those who took advantage?

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THANK YOU
for helping pass
the 23 game
proposal. We
are working on
more legislation
for 2020.

“Athletes are born winners, they are not born losers, and the sooner you understand this, the faster you can take on a winning attitude and become successful in life.”

Charles R. Sledge Jr.

We are looking for coaches to help with Dugout club . If you want to be apart of helping Coaches Association:

Contact Bill Percy,
Mike Letofsky,
or Jerry Howard

Senior Games—Huge Success

Each June, The top seniors from around the state gather in Denver for the final game of their high school career. This game was started by Willie White and this tradition has carried on.

The games are setup to have conferences play each other . Coaches tell us every year how much it means to their seniors.

As we plan for the 2020 season, we want to get a jump start on the seniors to be. Please send your senior list to Jerry Howard—jhoward@biokats.com.

Jerry has organized the Senior Games for the last 5 years. We want participation from all the leagues through out Colorado.

Its best to send the following

information

- Name
- Position(s)
- School:
- Email
- Phone—if possible

This allows us to reach out to the players and parents before the season.

Please see your email for more information

2020 CDC Summer Tourney Dates

The CDC Summer tournament will be June 25-28, 2019.

We have Varsity, JV, and lower level divisions. For any questions, contact

Mike Letofsky—303-809-0132

2019 All State Teams

Coach of The Year: : Dan Sanchez, Pueblo West

1st Team All Colorado

Sr. Sam Ireland (P), Mtn. Vista, Minnesota
 Sr. Riley Cornelio(P), Pine Creek, Texas Christian
 Sr. Nathan Mitchell(P), Cherry Creek, Navy
 Sr. Graham Osman(P), Colorado Academy, Arizona State
 Sr. Grant Magill(C), Mtn. Vista, Indiana State
 Jr. Jack Moss(Inf), Cherry Creek
 Sr. Brice Martinez(Inf), Cherry Creek, Metro State
 Sr. Drew Stahl(Inf), Mtn. Vista, Washington State
 Sr. Tyler Barth(Inf), Pueblo West, Garden City CC
 Sr. Tayler Aguilar(OF), Northridge, Grand Canyon
 Sr. Spencer Rich(OF), Silver Creek, Daytona State College
 Sr. Parker Gregory(OF), Pine Creek, Wichita State
 Sr. Ryan Stohr(Ut), Dakota Ridge, Air Force
 Sr. Lincoln Andrews(DH), Canon City, Southeast Missouri State

2nd Team All Colorado

Sr. Peter Goldy (P) Grandview
 So. Cale Lansville (P) Thunder Ridge
 Sr. Aaron Arcilise (P) Wheat Ridge
 Sr. Nate Denniston (P) Pueblo West
 Sr. Rodney Gregg (P) Peyton
 Sr. Will Gabriel (P) Nucla
 Jr. Tony Castonguay(C) Grandview
 Sr. Aaron Berkoff(Inf) Cheyenne Mtn.
 Sr. Brady Renck(Inf) Longmont
 Sr. Kyle Jameson(Inf) Pueblo West
 Sr. Charlie Deeds(Inf) Palmer Ridge
 Sr. Jaydon Cordova(Of) Pueblo West
 Jr. Andre Chacon(Of) University
 Jr. Michael Wegleitner(Of) Silver Creek
 Sr. Koy Jorgensen(Ut) University
 Sr. Collin Kringlen(Ut) Holy Family

Honorable Mention

Brodie Blackford (Sr), Pueblo West; Jon Thoren(Sr),Erie;Jason Shugar(Sr) Lewis Palmer;Tyler Declusion(Sr) Pueblo West; Clayton Burke(Sr)Mtn. Vista;Simon Baumgardt(Sr)Lakewood; Pete Chronowski(Sr)Heritage ;Cullen Gloson(Sr)Pine Creek;Gunnar Kozlowitz(Sr)Heritage; Erik McKnight(Sr)Heritage; Kalob Padilla(Sr)University; Brody Schneider(Sr)Lutheran; Sawyer Shepherd(Jr)Resurrection Christian; Caden Alonzo(Sr)Alamosa; Emmett Ela(Sr)Colorado Academy; Henry Rogers(Sr)Kent Denver; Braden Witzel(Sr)Burlington; Paul Brophy(Sr) Yuma;Jaeden Meyers(Sr)Peyton; Rupert Shaw(Sr)Peyton; Presley Pene(Sr)Hotchkiss; Drew Coffin(Sr)Haxtun; Austin Fling(Sr)Brighton

REMINDER TO REGISTER FOR 2020 CLINIC

Jan 16-18, 2020

Group pricing for whole staff

REGISTER ONLINE: ColoradoDugoutClub.org



We are now a full 501.3C IRS recognized organization. In the past we had been a non reporting non-profit organization.

Executive Board

- Bill Percy, Executive Director
- Harold Simmons , President
- EJ Mapps, Vice President
- Mike Letofsky, Business Director
- Ray Garza, Advisory Board Member
- Ralph Garcia, Advisory Board Member
- Jerry Howard, Advisory Board Member
- Dave Mumper, Advisory Board Member
- Keith Wahl, Advisory Board Member

The Purpose of the Colorado Dugout Club is to:

- Unify all baseball coaches in the state of Colorado
- Create communication platforms for High School coaches in Colorado
- Promote our High School players, High School coaches, and High Schools
- Maintain a good relationship with CHSCA and CHSAA
- Build and maintain a high standard for our baseball community
- Foster relationships with other national, state, and local baseball organizations
- Foster relationships with College coaches in Colorado and across the country
- Foster relationships with youth coaches in the state of Colorado

We provide great resources to all members.



“Never allow the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game!” - Babe Ruth

2019 TownHall Meetings

We will be hosting Town Hall Meetings this fall. They will be hosted online. You will be able to participate from the comfort of your own Home.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Sept 15
- Oct 20
- Nov 17
- Dec 15

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