

ALFCA NEWS

The Alabama Football Coaches Association

ALFCA President Terry Curtis Retires at UMS Wright

It is truly an end of an era as UMS Wright Head Football Coach Terry Curtis announces his retirement.

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Coaching Legends Pass Away

Former Northview Coach Harry Wayne Parrish, W.S. Neal Coach Hugh Fountain, and Former Austin Coach David Norwood Have Died over the Past Few Weeks.

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Football Coach Inducted in AHSAA Hall of Fame

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20th ALFCA Convention Was Better than Ever

The 20th ALFCA Convention, held once again at the Embassy Suites in Montgomery, braved the snow storm and was complete success. The association celebrated the 20th year of the ALFCA with a video telling about the origins of the group which was shown on Thursday afternoon in the general session.

Executive Director Jack Wood, who has led the association since its inception, was presented a award for his dedication to the association by former ALFCA President Jamie Riggs and current President Terry Curtis. Due to the snow storm which covered much of the state, District Elections that are normally



Miller's Hubbert Elected to Hall of Fame

T.R. Miller Head Football Coach Brent Hubbert was inducted into the AHSAA Sports Hall of Fame on Monday, March 10th in Montgomery.

Hubbert was a 1984 graduate of Lanett High School where he played for his Hall of Fame father, Jim Hubbert. He started his head coaching career with three seasons as the head coach at Jemison.

In 2004, Coach Hubbert moved over to take the job at Maplesville High School where his father had great success. His 2006 and 2007 teams had perfect regular seasons before falling in the semi finals of the playoffs. His 2010 and 2011 teams were also perfect in the regular campaign, but lost in the quarterfinals.

But in 2014, the Red Devils broke through. They won three consecutive 1A championships with the 2014 and 2016 teams going undefeated. In 2019 Coach Hubbert left for T.R. Miller where he has continued to have great success. His overall coaching record stands at 241-59.

Convention (from page 1)

held during the general assembly were tabled for a year. All board positions will be elected at next year's convention.

The line up of speakers was once again outstanding. Alabama's Kaleb DeBoer, Auburn's Hugh Freeze and OC Derrick Nix, LSU's Brian Kelley, Vanderbilt's Clark Lea, Mississippi State's Jeff Lebby, and Nebraska's Matt Rhule all were present and spoke to the members of the ALFCA. David Cutcliffe, former Duke coach who now works in the SEC office, also talked to the coaches about issues the sport is facing today. Several high school coaches made excellent presentations throughout the day on Thursday.

The clinic portion concluded with the Hall of Fame segment with coaches asking questions of several of the Hall of Fame coaches.

Executive Director Jack Wood said that the weather limited the crowd some this year, but overall the convention was a success. "We want to continue to bring in the top college coaches in the South as well as our Alabama high school coaches each year to teach our membership the latest things happening with strategy and organization in football," Wood stated. "And we also want to provide them a great place to fellowship with their peers and talk about the latest football issues in the state."





Coach Terry Curtis Won 8 State Championships at UMS Wright

ALFCA President Terry Curtis to Retire

UMS Wright head football coach and athletic director Terry Curtis announced his retirement from coaching recently after 52 years, eight state championships and 361 head coaching victories. He has also spent 11 years as president of the Alabama Football Coaches Association and 9 years on the AHSAA Central Board of Control.

Terry has done everything you can do in coaching. Along the way, he has represented high school football in Alabama with class and professionalism and has had a huge influence on the game, its coaches, and its players.

He will remain at UMS Wright in an advisory role and complete his tenure as AHSAA President of the Central Board.

The ALFCA wrote an open letter to Coach Curtis to thank him for his time serving the coaches of the state and for the great example he has been to both players and coaches alike. We will miss you Coach!

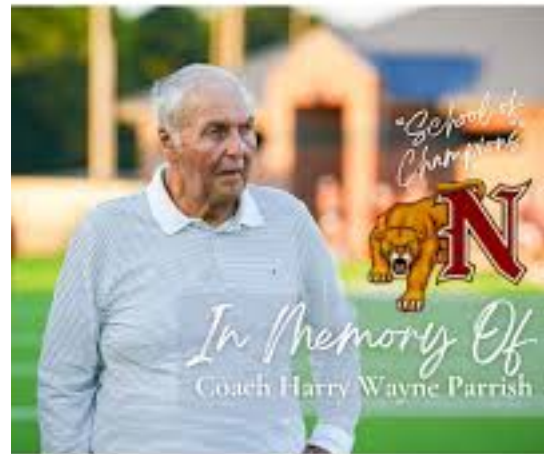
To read the ALFCA letter to Coach Curtis go to our website - alfca.com

State Loses Three Dedicated Coaches

Coach David Norwood, 61, passed away February 26, 2025. An outstanding player at Hartselle High School, he was an officer in the Army reserve as well as a special ed teacher. He served as the head football coach at Gardendale, Austin, and Meek High School during his career. His service was held on March 9th at Arley First Baptist Church. Donations in his memory can be made to Meek High School or to the local food bank.



Coach Harry Wayne Parrish, 76, passed away on March 3rd after a brief heart illness. Coach Parrish was a legend in the Dothan area, having led the Northview Cougars to state championships in 1981 and 1985 as their first head football coach. He later coached at Early County, Georgia for 13 years, leading them to a state title game and 75 victories. He went on to be a successful financial counselor after coaching and served as Chairman of the Dothan City School Board for several years. Coach Parrish was an All State lineman for Dothan High School in his playing days.



Coach Hugh Fountain, 61, passed away Monday, March 24th after a battle with cancer. Coach Fountain was a head coach for 37 years. He started as head coach at Evergreen in 1988 before taking the job at his alma mater W.S. Neal the following year. He coached there for seven seasons and his 1995 team went 12-2 and made the semi finals. Coach Fountain then left Neal to take the job at Charles Henderson where he stayed for 16 years. His 2007 squad went 12-1 and he was selected as the ALFCA Coach of the Year. He then went to Escambia Academy for 10 seasons, winning two AISA State titles and 94 games. He returned to rebuild the Neal program in 2022.





ALFCA CONVENTION WILL RETURN TO THE EMBASSY SUITES

Executive Director Jack Wood has announced that the 2026 and 2027 ALFCA Conventions will return to the Embassy Suites in Montgomery. Coach Wood and Executive Assistant Jennifer Byrd have negotiated terms to keep the convention at the only venue the ALFCA has ever known. “We are pleased with the deal we have with the Embassy,” Coach Wood stated. “There are times that we are a little crowded, but to have the seating where coaches can fellowship and draw plays, and the free breakfast are a big plus. There are also some good restaurants within walking distance.” Coach Wood said that they looked at some other options, but it was obvious that the Embassy wanted to keep the ALFCA Convention. The ALFCA Convention and Banquet will continue to be held at the end of January each year.

AHSAA Announces Super 7 Sites

The AHSAA and Executive Director Heath Harmon has announced sites for the next four years of the Super 7 Football Championships.

Those sites will be Birmingham’s Protective Stadium and Mobile’s Hancock Whitney Stadium on the campus of the University of South Alabama. The plan calls for the 2025 and 2027 Super 7 to be at Birmingham and the 2026 and 2028 Super 7 Championships to be at Mobile.

“I want to thank all the cities that showed interest in hosting our Super 7 football championships in the coming years,” said Harmon. “All were impressive and could be outstanding venues for our Super 7 event,” said Harmon. “However, after much study and discussion, we concluded these two cities were our best options at this time. And I especially want to thank our Central Board for their guidance and support.”



2025 Principals and Athletic Directors Conference

April 8th & 9th, 2025

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Montgomery





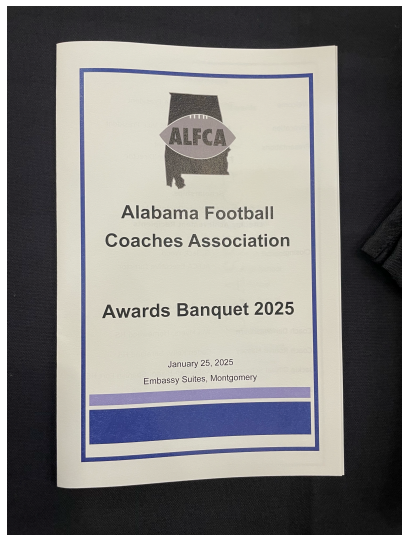
Legislative Council to Meet

The AHSAA Legislative Council will meet on Thursday, April 10th to vote on this year's proposals. Voting is done by districts. The ALFCA Board of Directors unanimously supported Proposal #11 dealing with athletes not being able to play for more than one team during a season.



NFHS 2025 Rule Changes

In its annual rules meeting in January, the NFHS Football Rules Committee made only one real significant rule change and that one concerns fumbles. Beginning in 2025, if the offense fumbles the ball forward and it goes out of bounds, the ball will be returned to the spot of the fumble. All other rule changes are minor, dealing with arm sleeves and mouth protectors.



ALFCA Banquet Successful

The ALFCA Coach of the Year Banquet made changes to its format this past January that added to the event's success. Changes included an emcee (Van Riggs), video presentations for the scholarship recipients, the Coach of the Year as well as Assistant Coach of the Year awards. The slideshows for the COY awards added a more professional touch to the presentations. The Lifetime Achievement Winners also had videos. We are always looking for ways to make this event better. You can see all the videos on our website - alfca.com

Coaching Openings

There are presently 16 AHSAA football jobs still open, including traditional powers Vigor (5A), Elba (1A), Colbert County (3A) and T.R. Miller (3A).

If you are in need of coaches or maybe in need of a job, check out *Alabama Football Scoop* on "X" @AlabamaFootball Scoop. They do a great job of keeping up with the latest info, as well as advertising for assistants, games and jamborees.

PrepsNet is a great source to see all of the coaching openings - The 2025 Coaching Carousel.

