

Alabama Baseball Coaches Association - 2017 Convention Itinerary

Thursday, January 19 –

5:00 - 10:00 p.m.: Pre-registration Check-In/On-Site Registration

5:00 - 11:00 p.m.: Exhibits Open

7:00 - 11:00 p.m.: Hospitality Suite / Vendors Appreciation (Exhibitor Area)
** Name badges must be worn*

Hot Stove Session:

7:00 - 7:40 p.m.: Kendall Graveman, Oakland Athletics / Greg Drye, Auburn University
“Pitching Wrap Session”

7:50 - 8:30 p.m.: Rick Robinson, University of Tennessee - Martin
“Hitting Wrap Session”

- Hospitality Suites 1 & 2 will be held in the Exhibitor area in front of the Speakers Room and the room to the left of the speakers room.
- * Hospitality Suite 3 will be held in Shelby Room on the first floor of the Marriott. There will be free food & beverages in there from the beginning of the Convention to the end. Coffee in the morning, waters and soft drinks the entire time and adult beverages in the evenings. Biscuits in the morning, pizza or burgers for lunch and dinner (limited quantity).

8:40 - 10:00 p.m. High School & College Baseball Coaches Social. All State of Alabama 2-year & 4-year college coaches & their staffs were extended invitations. We'll let you know as it gets closer via email who has accepted.

Friday, January 20 -

7:00 a.m. - Noon: Pre-Registration Check-In/On-Site Registration

7:00 - 5:00 p.m.: Exhibits Open

7:45 - 8:40: Greg Goff, University of Alabama
“Practice Organization”

8:45 - 9:25: John Ed Mathison, Leadership Ministries
“The Best Team Wins”

9:25 - 9:40: Break

9:40 - 10:20: Kendall Graveman, Oakland A's
“Meeting on the Mound”

10:30 - 11:10: Implementing the AHSAA Pitch Count System, AHSAA Staff
“Reviewing how to record your Pitchers Pitch Count for the week”

11:15 - 12:00: Greg Goff, University of Alabama
“Incorporating OF Play into your Practice”

12:00 - 12:05: Head Coaches receive their Milestone Victory Certificates /
Head & Asst. Coaches receive their Years of Service Certificates

12:05 - 1:35: LUNCH

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Friday, January 20 -

- 1:40 - 2:20 p.m.: Rick Robinson, University of Tennessee - Martin
“The NOT So Absolutes of Hitting”
- 2:25 - 3:15 p.m.: Marc Rardin, Iowa Western Community College
“Building a Championship Culture”
- 3:15 - 3:25 p.m.: Break
- 3:30 - 4:10 p.m.: Kennon McArthur, Central Alabama Baseball Academy
“Travel Ball Communication & Coaching Relationships”
- 4:15 - 4:55 p.m.: Brett Butler, Former 17-Year MLB Player
“Nothing Falls but the Dew in the Morning – Outfield Play”
- 7:00 p.m.: Awards Banquet – Marriott Ball Room (Where the clinic is held)
* Only pre-registered coaches who have a ticket may attend
* Hall of Fame Class Inducted, Distinguished Service Award Recipient honored, State Champion Coaches honored
* 500th win & 20th yr. coaching plaques presented
* Attire: Sport Coat or Suit and Tie
* Banquet Keynote Speaker: John Ed Mathison, Leadership Ministries
- 7:00 - Midnight: Hospitality Suite (to the left of the Speakers Room & in the Atrium/Exhibitors Area)
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Saturday, January 21 –

- 6:45 - 7:40 a.m.: Chapel Talk & Coffee and Danish Breakfast (Clinic Room)
John Ed Mathison, Leadership Ministries (Talk from 7:00 - 7:30 a.m.)
- 7:45 - 11:00 a.m.: Exhibits Open
- 8:00 - 8:40 a.m.: Marc Rardin, Iowa Western Community College
“Competitive Team Practice Drills”
- 8:45 - 9:25 a.m.: 1A – 7A High School Championship Head Coaches Panel,
“Q & A with the State Champion Coaches”
- 9:25 - 9:40 a.m.: Break, Room will be split in half
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| | <u>ROOM 1 (Left Side of the Ball Room)</u> | <u>ROOM 2 (Right Side of the Ball Room)</u> |
| 9:40 - 10:20 a.m.: | Brett Butler, 17 Year MLB Player
“Be Well Prepared – The Bunting Game” | Alan Luckie, University of South Alabama
“The 6 F’s of Infield Play” |
| 10:25 - 11:05 a.m.: | Michael Dismukes, Holtville HS
“Generating Runs with an Offensive Game Plan” | Nick Singleton, Faulkner State Comm. College
“ Throwing Programs for Starting and Relief Pitchers” |
| 11:10 - 11:50: | Brett Butler, Former MLB Player
“Be One Step Ahead – The Running Game” | Alan Luckie, University of South Alabama
“Coaching the Bases like the Major Leagues” |
| 11:55 - 12:35: | Kennon McArthur, Cen. AL Baseball Acad.
“Fundamentals of Catching: Blocking & Throwing and More.... “ | Lance Rhodes, Godspeed Sports Academy
“Building Better Athletes by STAQ Training” |
- 12:40 - 1:00: ALABCA General Assembly Meeting (Must attend this meeting to be eligible for door prizes)
- 1:00 - 1:15: Door Prize Drawings: Must be present to win! 55 foot batting tunnel from Russell Batting Cages, Mound and Plate Tarp from Dothan Tarpaulin, Gulf Shores Condo, etc.

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General Convention and Hotel Information: Plan on staying there Thursday & Friday Night

Birmingham Marriott Hotel
3590 Grandview Parkway
Birmingham, Alabama 35243
(888)426-5171

Room Rate: \$99 – single/double (plus tax)

* Room rate only guaranteed through 5:00 p.m., January 6, 2017, and based on availability.

Check-in: 3:00 p.m., Check-out: Noon

You may go on-line to our website to reserve a room at the Marriott – www.alabca.org, find Coaches Convention link under Events link at the top of our home page. Membership and/or Convention and Exhibitor info/registration may be found under the Coaches Convention link as well.

* Please identify yourself with the Alabama Baseball Coaches Association when calling the Marriott.

* The Convention is open to ALABCA Members only. You must wear your name badge for this reason.

The Special Coaches below and many others will be honored Friday Night, January 20, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Annual Awards Banquet. John Ed Mathison, of Leadership Ministries, will be the banquet guest speaker. Tickets are \$30 if you're attending the Convention and \$40 for guest attending the Awards Banquet Only (See Registration Form). Dress is Business Attire (Suit or Sport Coat and Tie). You'll pick up any banquet tickets you purchase at check-in when you attend the convention or on the night of the awards banquet, January 20 from 6 p.m. on, if you're only attending the banquet, at the convention check-in table as well. The last day to purchase awards banquet tickets online is Sunday January 15. Go to www.alabca.org, find the Coaches Convention link under the Events link at the top of the home page. Then see Extra Awards Banquet Tickets.

* Sammy Dunn Memorial Award – Mark Garner, Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa High School
(1A – 7A AHSAA State Champion Coaches are eligible)

* 2017 Distinguished Service Award Recipient – Joe Mason, Arizona Diamondbacks - Scout

* Hall of Fame - Class of 2017 -
Larry Foster, Etowah High School
Andy Robbins, St. Paul's Episcopal School
Frank Sims, Spring Hill College

To see other ALABCA Award Recipients, Coaches & Players - See our Latest News Section on our website's home page at www.alabca.org.