

ALABAMA BASEBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION

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TO: State of Alabama Amateur Baseball Coaches

FROM: Barry Dean, Alabama Baseball Coaches Association

Included in this mailout.....

1) 2021 Convention Itinerary! You may attend In Person or Virtually.

On-site fee is \$120 per coach (+ membership fee), Virtual fee is \$90 (+ membership fee). Virtual attendees will receive the password the week of the convention. Virtual attendees will also receive an ALABCA Golf Hat, Note Pad and Convention Professional Development Form (via snail mail). The speaker outlines will be online. And if you can't watch it live, you may go back and watch it. In-person attendees: We'll observe Covid protocol - Temp coaches once each day, have mask for everyone (if you don't bring your own), have hand sanitizer on all tables, have plenty of tables distanced in the speaker's room. There's plenty of room in the Renaissance Convention Hall. If you're signing up on-site, bring the membership form in this mailout already filled out, with a school check or a credit card (we can run it on-site). We'll have forms on-site as well. Great Speakers and Fellowship as always!

2) The ALABCA 2020 – 2021 Membership / 2021 Convention Form is in this mailout.

If you haven't joined the ALABCA yet – Individual (\$60) or your Staff (\$150) Please do so now. Some of the Membership Benefits: 1) Your players will receive a discount to all of our workouts/showcases, 2) You'll get free access to our Hot Stove Video Sessions (great talks there!), 3) Your rising seniors who participate in our All-Star Event may apply for one of our 6 scholarships, 4) You may submit your players and team to be recognized for their academic excellence at the end of the school year, sent to all media outlets and posted on our site, 5) You may be able to nominate your players for our JV and HS All-Star Events, where they don't have to attend a workout. They may still have to if not selected via your nomination, 6) You may nominate your top players to be on our pre-season watch list, sent out to all media outlets and posted on our website....

COACHES..... SUPPORT THE ASSOCIATION WHO SERVES YOU AND YOUR PLAYERS LIKE NO OTHER ORGANIZATION DOES! JOIN THE ALABCA!!! Go to the Upcoming Events section at alabca.org and see how we've served the past year. See the 2019 – 2020 Year End Review Video. Covid has not stopped the ALABCA!

2) January 23 – Unsigned High School Senior Showcase. Voted on by the ALABCA Committee this past fall. They thought it would be a good idea to get their players an early look, while Community College Coaches are more likely to have scholarships available. Held at Riverwalk Stadium in Montgomery. You'll receive a flyer about this event via text in early January. Please pass it along to your best unsigned seniors.

3) January 24 – Underclassmen Regional Workout for 2022 & 2023 Classes. Held at Riverwalk Stadium in Montgomery. This is a qualifier for the July 14 – 17 High School All-Star Event at Troy University. Another ALABCA Committee voted on event. You'll receive a flyer about this event via text in early January. Please pass it along to your best 2022 & 2023 players.

4) January – July, 2021 ALABCA Calendar of Events in this mailout – See how the ALABCA will serve you and our players in the coming months!

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"Our mission is to Educate, Honor and Promote the state's amateur baseball Players and Coaches."

Alabama Baseball Coaches Association

January - July 2021 Calendar of Events

* More info. on all of the events below may be found at alabca.org, under the Events Tab

January 14 - 16, 2021 (Thursday - Saturday)	26th Annual State Coaches Convention, Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa.
January 23 (Saturday)	2021 Unsigned HS Senior Showcase. Riverwalk Stadium, Montgomery.
January 24 (Sunday)	Underclassmen Regional Workout. Riverwalk Stadium Montgomery. Qualifier for the July 14 - 17 HS ASE.
January 28 (Thursday)	"First Pitch Dinner" - Renaissance Montgomery Hotel. VIP Guest - Tom Glavine. Benefits the 20 Miracle Leagues of Alabama.
February - March	Free Youth League Coaches Clinic offered & conducted throughout the state.
March TBA	Picnic at the Park, Dothan Miracle League Exhibition Day High School Teams from the area volunteer.
March - June	Miracle League Partnership, 9th Year.
May 15, Riverwalk Stadium, Montgomery	Scholarship Recipients Honored - During the 2nd game of the AHSAA 7A Finals.
May 16, Sunday - May or may not occur, depending on how January 23 Showcase goes.	Unsigned High School Senior Workout, at AUM 10-12 Community College on average are there.
June 1 - 3, 4th Rain date: Sites TBA	Underclassmen Regional Workouts for 2022 & 2023 Classes.
June 7 - 10	4th Annual Junior Varsity All-Star Event, Troy University Classes of 2024 & 2025 Participate.
June 14 - 17	22nd Annual All-Star Event: Workouts, Games, Camp Activities, Troy University, For Classes of 2022 & 2023.
June 28 - July 1 (Mon - Thur)	5th Annual Southeastern Underclassman Shootout (SUS), Team AL, TN, KY, LA, MS & FL - Team Workouts & Games. Site - Troy University.

Alabama Baseball Coaches Association - 2021 Convention Itinerary

Thursday, January 14 – * *Name badges must be worn to enter the Speakers Room and Hospitality Suite/Area*

- 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*

Speaking Presentations Begin:

- 7:00 - 7:40 p.m.: Karl Nonemaker, Auburn University
“Fundamental & Mental Characteristics of Winning Hitters”
- 7:50 - 8:30 p.m.: Nate Trosky, Milwaukee Brewers / Trosky Baseball
“Elite Infield Play – The Power of Trigger Words & Phrases”
- 9:00 - 10:00 p.m.: Hot Stove Sessions:
Nate Trosky, Milwaukee Brewers – Building an Elite Thrower (9:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.)
Karl Nonemaker, Auburn University – DI Recruiting Thoughts/Q & A (9:30 – 10:00 p.m.)
Andrew Poarch, Snead State C.C. – Analytics/Use of Technology (10:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.)
- 8:40 - 11:00 p.m. High School & College Baseball Coaches Social

- * Hospitality Suite will be held on the 10th floor of the Renaissance. There will be free food & beverages in there from the beginning of the Convention to the end. Coffee in the morning, waters, soft drinks & snack bars/chips the entire time and adult beverages Thursday evening. Biscuits Friday & Saturday morning, Pizza Thursday Night. Social Distancing will be enforced, only so many coaches may be in the room at a time, however, Coaches may get items then leave.

Friday, January 15 -

- 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.: Pre-Registration Check-In / On-Site Registration
- 7:00 - 5:00 p.m.: Exhibits Open
- 7:45 - 8:40: Karl Nonemaker, Auburn University
“Team Core Principles”
- 8:45 - 9:25: Wren Aaron, Campus Pastor – Auburn Church of the Highlands/Retired High School Teacher and Coach of 25 Years.
“Making a Difference”
- 9:25 - 9:40: Break
- 9:40 - 10:20: Andrew Porch, Snead State Community College
“Coaching Guide to Baseball – Analytics & Technology”
- 10:30 - 11:10: Daniel Furuto, UAB
“Blending the New and Old into Your Offense Daily”
- 11:15 - 12:10: Nate Trosky, Milwaukee Brewers / Trosky Baseball
“Mastering the 3 Glove Actions of Elite Inf Play – Pick, Press, Receive”
- 12:05 - 1:35: LUNCH

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- 1:40 - 2:20 p.m.: Dan Holcomb, Seattle Mariners
"Scouting the High School Player"
- 2:25 - 3:15 p.m.: Shayne Carnes, Mortimer Jordan High School
"Winning with What You Have"
- 3:15 - 3:25 p.m.: Break
- 3:30 - 4:10 p.m.: Blake Lewis, Lawson State Community College
"Sniper Shot Baserunning"
- 4:15 - 4:55 p.m.: Jess Smith, Scottsboro High School
"The Art of Fundamental Catching"
- 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, Players & Asst Coaches of the Year honored, etc.
* Attire: Sport Coat or Suit and Tie
- 7:00 - 11:00 p.m.: Hospitality Suite (to the left of the Speakers Room & in the Atrium/Exhibitors Area)
• ***Name badges must be worn***

Saturday, January 16 –

- 6:45 - 7:30 a.m.: Chapel Talk & Coffee and Biscuit Breakfast (Clinic Room)
Nate Trosky (Talk from 7:00 - 7:30 a.m.)
- 7:45 - 11:00 a.m.: Exhibits Open
Pre-Registration Check-In / On-Site Registration
- 8:00 - 8:40 a.m.: Nate Trosky, Milwaukee Brewers/Trosky Baseball
"The Master Teacher"
- 8:45 - 9:25 a.m.: Dr. Derek Woessner, MD., Hughston Clinic
"Essential Health Screenings for Men"
- 9:30 - 10:10 a.m.: Matt Hancock, Troy University
"Creating Swing and Miss with Your Fastball"
- 10:10 - 10:25 a.m.: Break
- 10:25 - 11:05 a.m.: Thomas Twitty, Pure Performance
"Practical Ways to Enhance Arm Velocity"
- 11:10 - 11:50: Andrew Carden, Coastal Alabama Community College
"Getting Creative with Outfield Drills"
- 11:55 - 12:35: Thomas Twitty, Pure Performance
"How to Optimize Game to Game Recovery Strategies"
- 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 attend the General Assembly Meeting & be present to win!

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

Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa Hotel
201 Tallapoosa Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36104
(334)481-5000

Room Rate: \$109 – single/double (plus tax)

* Room rate only guaranteed through 5:00 p.m., January 1, 2021, 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 Renaissance.

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

The Special Honorees below and many others will be honored Friday Night, January 15, 2021 at 7 p.m. at the Annual Awards Banquet. Tickets are \$40 if you're attending the Convention and \$50 for guest attending the Awards Banquet Only (See Registration Form). Child meals (12 and under) are \$25. Dress is Business Attire (Suit or Sport Coat and Tie). You'll pick up any banquet tickets you purchase at Convention check-in when you attend the convention, or on the night of the awards banquet, January 15 from 5:45 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 Saturday January 9. 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. Covid protocol will be followed.

Sammy Dunn Memorial Award – Lee Gann, Mountain Brook High School
(1A – 7A AHSAA Coaches of the Year are eligible)

* 2021 Distinguished Service Award Recipient –

* Shannon Collins – ScreenTech

* Hall of Fame - Class of 2021 –

* Matt Cimo– Auburn High School

* Stu Fuller – Fairhope High School

* Barry Shollenberger – University of Alabama

* Al Smith (Deceased) – Butler High School

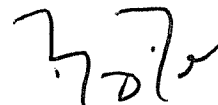
To see other ALABCA Award Recipients, Coaches & Players - See our Latest News Section on our website's home page at www.alabca.org.

Covid Protocol will be observed during the Convention. Thank you for your cooperation!

The ALABCA sent this proposal sheet to all the Principals and Athletic Directors in early December. We're asking you to talk to your Principal and Athletic Director if you are in favor of any or all of the January proposals below. And do it your first week back at school. Thank You! If you have any proposal's you want the ALABCA Legislative Committee to consider supporting in the future please email them to Shayne Carnes – ALABCA Legislative Committee Secretary / Head Baseball Coach, Mortimer Jordan High School: scarnes@jefcoed.com. We can make positive changes in the game of high school baseball through a concentrated effort of many voices. You have to play your part and go talk with your Principal and Athletic Director and let you voice be heard and opinion known.

The Alabama Baseball Coaches Association's Legislative Committee is in Full Support of these January AHSAA Sports Proposals below and is asking all voting Principals and / or Athletic Directors and Central Board Members to join us in this support with a Yes Vote. Thank you.

Barry Dean, Executive Director – Alabama Baseball Coaches Association



TO BE PROPOSED BY JAMES CLEMENS HIGH SCHOOL

1) Spring sports would be allowed to start official practice on Martin Luther King Day each year.

Rationale: With the move to a new earlier start date for games, spring sports have roughly 2 ½ weeks of full practices before their first contest. Many of these practices are canceled due to cold and/or wet weather and lack of indoor space for all teams. The extra week of practice would ensure teams have adequate field time before the competition begins.

TO BE PROPOSED BY HOOVER HIGH SCHOOL

2) In baseball, all classes (1A-7A) allowed 32 games regular-season with unlimited games during spring break

Rationale: This proposal would allow all classes to play the same amount of games in the regular season. With the regular season's opening earlier, it provides more dates to play games for all classifications and helps align seasons throughout classifications for crossover contest

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3) In baseball, all classes (1A-7A) would have 32 teams entering the playoffs starting on the same date

Rationale: It would make sense to allow all 32 7A teams to enter the playoffs to line up the number of teams and the playoff start date with the other classes, equaling out and aligning the calendar for all classes. Teams in 7A would play 1 vs. 4 and 2 vs. 3 in the first round games with the area they cross with. In the occurrence of a five-team area crossing with a three-team area, teams in the five-team area would start the playoffs playing 1 vs. 5 inside their area, while teams 2 through 4 would cross with teams 1 through 3 in the three-team area. Example:

4 Team Area Crossing 4 Team Area

B4 @ A1	A4 @ B1
B3 @ A2	A3 @ B2

5 Team Area Crossing 3 Team Area

A5 @ A1	A4 @ B1
B3 @ A2	A3 @ B2

TO BE PROPOSED BY GLENCOE HIGH SCHOOL

4) Member schools would determine playoff status by counting all three games played during regular season area play.

Rationale: Currently, most of the teams play 3 games in area play to serve as a tie-breaker even though only the first two games count toward the area standings. This means our postseason fate is determined by four to six games of a 30 plus game schedule and a "gentlemen's agreement" on the third game tie-breaker. This proposal would allow us to count all three games in the standings, expand the number of games that determine our playoff teams, and eliminate the need for the current third game agreement. This would level the playing field for how playoff teams are determined and close the loophole on the "gentlemen's agreement" third game tie-breaker.

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2020 - 2021 Membership Only & Membership/Convention Form

Membership runs from September 1, 2020 - August, 31, 2021

26th State Coaches Convention: Renaissance Hotel & Spa - 201 Tallapoosa Street - Montgomery, AL. 36104, January 14 - 16, 2021

Register Online At www.alabca.org Or Mail Checks To ALABCA, P.O. Box 3881, Montgomery, AL. 36109

MEMBERSHIP FEES

School Name or Individual Member Name	HS/JV Staff \$ 150.00	Midd Sch Staff \$ 150.00	Trav Ball Staff \$ 150.00	College Staff \$ 150.00	Individual \$60	Total
						\$
Total Due						\$

* Please choose one membership category above per joining member or staff.

* Staff memberships are recommended for staffs with three or more joining members.

* Junior Varsity Coaches may be listed under their Head High School Coaches Membership, however, *Middle School Coaches must join on their own.*

* Middle School, High School and College Coaches Only Membership includes \$1 Million liability and sexual defense insurance policy for all members. AHSAA Coaches who have a coaches card already have this insurance coverage. When joining as an Individual or Staff please put each members personal information on page 2. Thank you.

The 2021 Convention was moved to the Renaissance Hotel & Spa because we'll have more space there, due to any covid concerns The Convention is back at the Birmingham Marriott in 2022 - 2024 thereafter, provided spacing is normal then.

CONVENTION FEES

Name	Early Bird (by Dec. 22) \$ 80.00	Virtual (by Jan. 11) \$90.00	After Dec. 22 On-Site Only \$120.00	Awards Banquet w/ Convention (by Jan. 4) \$ 40.00	Awards Banquet w/o Convention (by Jan. 4) \$ 50.00	
Total Due						\$

*Please check all boxes that apply for each name listed. **MUST BE AN ALABCA MEMBER TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION.**

\$80: Pre-registration "Early Bird" Convention Fee (Postmarked / or registered online by December 22).

\$90: Virtual Convention Fee (May register for up until January 11). Payment must be received online or in the mail by January 11. Sent a password the week of the Conv

\$120: On-Site Convention Fee (if you miss the December 22 pre-reg mail in / online date). Please **DO NOT** mail anything in after December 22. Pay on-site.

\$40: Awards Banquet Ticket (Attending Convention), Must be pre-ordered by January 9, 2020, No walk up tickets available. Picked up at check-in.

\$25: Child Awards Banquet Meal (12 and Under), Chicken Fingers and Fries.

\$50: Awards Banquet Ticket (Not Attending Convention) Must be pre-ordered by January 9, 2020, No walk up tickets available. Picked up at check-in.

Membership Total	+	Convention Total	=	Total Due

Please Fill Out the Back Side Of this Form - Please Type or Print Clearly - Thank You!

Member Names	Title (Head, Asst, Etc)	Cell Phone / Email

*** The ALABCA urges AHSAA & AISA High School and Middle School, Travel Ball and College Baseball Coaches & Profesional Scouts to join as members, either as individuals or as a staff if that applies. Any individual may join the ALABCA, and also attend the January Conventon, should they have an interest in learning baseball and supporting the ALABCA. The million dollar liability coverage that comes with a membership ONLY APPLIES to AHSAA and AISA and College Baseball Coaches if they do not already have coverage. All AHSAA Baseball Coaches who have a coaches card already have this liability/sexual defense coverage.**

Common Question: When you join your staff for \$150, then each Coach attends the Convention, what's the total cost?

			Example:	Staff Membership for 3 (or more) Coaches	\$150	\$150	\$150
To the right is an example if 3 coaches attended the convention. All coaches must be an ALABCA Member to attend the Convention (\$150 for staff), then each coach pays to attend the Convention individually.				Convention Registration by this date	Dec. 9	Dec. 22	On-Site
				Pre-reg cut off dates: 12/09 & 12/22	\$80 x 3	\$100 x 3	\$120 x 3
				Total Due	\$390	\$450	\$510