

Alabama Baseball Coaches Association – December 11 – 13, 2024 Coaches Convention Itinerary

Wednesday, December 11 – * *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)
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Speaking Presentations Begin:

- 7:00 - 7:40 p.m.: Butch Thompson, Auburn University
“Go Mad throughout your program”
- 7:50 - 8:30 p.m.: Nick Mingione, University of Kentucky
“The Standard is the Standard.....Culture Wins”
- 9:00 - 10:00 p.m.: Hot Stove Sessions:
Keith Madison, Kentucky - “Wish I knew this when I was Coaching” (9:00 – 9:30 p.m.)
Gil Walker, Samford – “Hitting - The Dog Days of Development” (9:30 – 10:00 p.m.)

- * Hospitality Suite will be held Thursday night as always. 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 in the evenings. Biscuits Friday & Saturday morning, Pizza Thursday Night.

- 8:40 - 11:00 p.m. High School & College Baseball Coaches Social

Thursday, December 12 -

- 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: Nick Mingione, University of Kentucky
“Championship Offense starts with a Plan”
- 8:45 - 9:25: Keith Madison, University of Kentucky / Score International
“Coaching Baseball Players”
- 9:25 - 9:40: Break
- 9:40 - 10:20: Keith Griffin, Coastal Alabama North Community College
“Practice Plan, Videos, Thoughts, Ideas, How to maximize Player Involvement”
- 10:30 - 11:10: Bart Butler, Opelika
“Offensive Game Plan to score runs”
- 11:15 - 12:10: Randy Putman (Wallace St.), Bobby Sprowl (Shelton State) and Steve Helms (LBW)
“Juco Coaching Legends Q & A Session”
- 12:05 - 1:35: LUNCH (On your own, local restaurant discounts in your Speaker’s Packet)

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- 1:40 - 2:20 p.m.: Cory Wright, Jacksonville State University
"Outfield Play"
- 2:25 - 3:15 p.m.: Gil Walker, Samford University
Catching: "Building Confident Throwers Behind the Dish"
- 3:15 - 3:25 p.m.: Break
- 3:30 - 4:10 p.m.: Alan Luckie, South Alabama/ Fairhope High School
"Infield 101- The 6 F's"
- 4:15 - 4:55 p.m.: Matt Hancock, University of South Alabama
"Pitching - Building Daily, Weekly, and Yearly Plans for Pitching Staffs"
- 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)
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Friday, December 13 –

- 6:45 - 7:30 a.m.: Chapel Talk & Coffee and Biscuit Breakfast (Clinic Room)
Keith Madison, University of Kentucky / Score International (7:00 - 7:30 a.m.)
"Who Needs to be Carried"
- 7:45 - 11:00 a.m.: Exhibits Open
Pre-Registration Check-In / On-Site Registration
- 8:00 - 8:40 a.m.: Travis Creel, University of Southern Mississippi
"Daily Infield Maintenance and Routines"
- 8:45 - 9:25 a.m.: Lee Hall, Homewood High School
"Chivalry is not Dead: Teach Your Players how to date Your Daughter"
- 9:30 - 10:10 a.m.: Travis Janssen, Oxford High School
"Ways I have changed over the years, over 25 years in coaching"
- 10:10 - 10:25 a.m.: Break
- 10:25 - 11:05 a.m.: Ryan Fineman, Troy University
"Recruiting- The New Landscape"
- 11:10 - 11:50: Cal Tinsley Tinsley Performance,
"A modern approach to assessing and implementing an annual strength & conditioning plan
for Baseball athletes"
- 11:55 - 12:35: Travis Creel, University of Southern Mississippi
"Hitting, Drills with a Purpose"
- 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!

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

Hyatt Regency Birmingham – The Wynfrey Hotel
1000 Galleria Circle
Birmingham, Alabama 35244
(205)705-1234, **Best way to reserve a room is online at www.alabca.org, Events tab, see Convention drop down.**

Room Rate: \$125 – single/double (plus tax)

* Room rate only guaranteed through 5:00 p.m., November 17, 2023, 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 Wynfrey – 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 Wynfrey.

* 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 Thursday Night, December 12, 2024 at 7 p.m. at the Annual Awards Banquet. Tickets are \$50 if you're attending the Convention and \$55 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 Convention check-in when you attend the convention, or on the night of the awards banquet, December 12 from 5:30 p.m. CST on, if you're only attending the banquet. The last day to purchase awards banquet tickets online is Friday December 6. 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)

* 2025 Distinguished Service Award Recipients –

* Johnny Johnson - ALABCA Chairman of the Board / James Clemens High School

* Greg Reed – Alabama State Senator / ALABCA Supporter

* Hall of Fame - Class of 2025 –

* Pat Keedy – Gardendale High School

* Jeff Mauldin – Hewitt-Trussville High School

* Brent Patterson – Cullman High School

* Steve Shartzter (Posthumously) – Huntingdon College