

National Federation Coaches Association

2024-2025 STATE COACH OF THE YEAR HONOREES

The following coaches have been recognized and selected for their distinguished background, experience, service, and promotion of their sport at the state and national levels by the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS).

Sectional Coaches of the Year

Eric Bollette	Newton HS / Kittatinny HS	Girls Wrestling
Steven Jannarone	Colts Neck HS	Boys Basketball
Daniel Roy	Southern Regional HS	Boys Wrestling
Jim Schlentz	Colts Neck HS	Boys Cross Country
Nikki Velardi	Cedar Grove HS	Softball

State Coaches of the Year

Carter Abbott	Pingry School	Girls Lacrosse
Natasha Batista	West Caldwell Tech HS	Boys Volleyball
Shamir Bearfield	Saint Peter's Prep HS	Boys Bowling
Daniel Butler	Cherry Hill West HS	Girls Basketball
Frank Clark	Midland Park HS	Baseball
Curtis Custis	Winslow Township HS	Boys Winter Track
Jamie Davis	Princeton Day School	Girls Ice Hockey
Melanie Dupuis	Ridge HS Boys	Swimming
Brian Erhardt	Haddon Township HS	Boys Tennis
Schwann Grimes II	North Brunswick HS	Boys Spring Track
Alene Hartman	Egg Harbor Township HS	Girls Tennis
Charlotte Heenan	Moorestown HS	Girls Golf
Matthew Juneau	St. Joseph Regional HS	Boys Ice Hockey
Edward Koenigsfest III	Montclair HS	Girls Swimming
Melissa Landeck	No. Valley Reg. Old Tappan HS	Girls Volleyball
Peter Marlys	Sterling HS	Boys Soccer
Jade Meier	Princeton Day School	Girls Ice Hockey
Mary Pat Mercuro	Montclair HS	Field Hockey

Chris Messina
Becky Neidhardt
Kirsten Pendleton
Glen Pernia
Michael Placko
Kevin Rooney
Jeremy Schulte
James Smirk
Drew Wagner
Boomer Wertheimer

Dumont HS Girls
Mount Olive HS
New Egypt HS
Ridge HS
Clayton HS
St. Joseph Regional HS
Rumson-Fair Haven HS
Princeton HS
Shawnee HS
Westfield HS

Winter Track
Girls Gymnastics
Girls Bowling
Fencing
Girls Spring Track
Boys Golf
Football
Girls Cross Country
Girls Soccer
Boys Lacrosse