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NSAA Announces 2024-2025 Champions for Coaches Recipients

LINCOLN, Neb. – The Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) is proud to announce the 28 recipients of the **2024-2025 NSAA Champions for Coaches Award**. This annual recognition honors outstanding coaches across Nebraska who demonstrate exceptional dedication to students, schools, and their communities.

Award Recipients by Season

Fall Activities

- **Girls Golf:** Jeff Nielsen, Duchesne
- **Boys Tennis:** Tammy Tegler, Waverly
- **Girls Cross Country:** Holly Rieschick, Auburn
- **Boys Cross Country:** Chris Wiseman, Plattsmouth
- **Football:** Josh Dean, Hemingford
- **Softball:** Dave Brabec, Bishop Neumann
- **Volleyball:** Julie Ratka, Minden
- **Unified Bowling:** Tiffany Gochenhour, Nebraska City
- **Play Production:** Sheila Hoelsing, Wausa

Winter Activities

- **Girls Bowling:** Torri Merten, Millard North
- **Boys Bowling:** Steve Conner, Seward
- **Girls Wrestling:** Andrew Stowe, Norfolk
- **Boys Wrestling:** Cole Sittig, Crawford
- **Girls Swimming & Diving:** Kari Meister, Gretna
- **Boys Swimming & Diving:** Tom Beck, Creighton Prep
- **Girls Basketball:** Maggie Moon, Crofton
- **Boys Basketball:** Jim McLaughlin, Freeman
- **Speech:** Kaitlyn Clark, Gothenburg

Spring Activities

- **Journalism:** Kristen Harris, Southwest
- **Music:** Brad Ronne, Scottsbluff
- **Girls Soccer:** Chace Hutchison, Gretna East
- **Boys Soccer:** Scott Steinbrook, Kearney
- **Baseball:** Gene Felise, Omaha South
- **Girls Tennis:** Dennis Hershberger, Lincoln Southwest
- **Boys Golf:** Taylor Stech, Chambers
- **Girls Track & Field:** Lori Peters, Wood River
- **Boys Track & Field:** Joe Ortmeier, Osmond
- **Unified Track & Field:** Justin McGill, Norris

About the NSAA Champions for Coaches Program

The **Champions for Coaches** program recognizes active coaches who go the extra mile in supporting students and making a meaningful impact in their schools and communities. Coaches are nominated by students, administrators, parents, and community members in appreciation of their commitment to excellence and leadership.

Recognition Event

The honorees will be celebrated during halftime of the **Class A Boys State Basketball Semifinal** at **6:00 p.m. CST on Friday, March 14, 2025**, at **Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln**.

For more information about the **NSAA Champions for Coaches** program, visit our [website](#).