

BCA Hall Of Fame



Joel Sato



Bingham High School
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Joel Sato started his coaching career as an assistant baseball coach at his high school alma mater, Bingham High School, while a student at University of Utah (1975-78). Upon getting his degree in education, he was hired at Bingham High as a teacher, assistant baseball coach, assistant basketball and a football coach. Joel served as an assistant baseball coach in South Jordan for 18 years before becoming the head coach for the past 22 years. As an Assistant, Sato helped Bingham H.S. win four State Championships and another four as the Head Coach.

The long standing tradition of baseball excellence is something his players are well aware of. Tradition is one of the cornerstones the program is built upon. Joel teaches the fundamentals to assist his players in playing the game the correct way. He teaches his athletes values far beyond the game of baseball, allows his assistants the freedom to coach their expertise, and is a true gentleman who is well respected by opposing players, coaches, and umpires.

Coach Sato has been honored as Utah's Coach of the Year several times and recently the Utah High School Athletic Association "Outstanding Coach" for his many activities. He has also received the 1999 Utah High School Activities Association Distinguished Service Award and the BCA Rocky Mountain Region Coach of the Year in 2011 & 2013.

Joel has served the Utah Baseball Coaches Association as its President for multiple terms. He has worked on the National High Baseball Coaches Association's Executive Board representing the Rocky Mountain Region, has given clinic talks at the National Convention, and has been a regular attendee at these conventions always looking for ways to improve. Sato has coached the 18 & Under and 15 & Under Mountain West Teams which contribute to the USA National Team Identification Series.

Joel has also had the opportunity to work on the USA Baseball 14U task force at the National Team Identification Series, which helps select players for the trials for the 15U National Team.