

BCA Hall Of Fame



Bernie Walter



Arundel HS (MD)

Bernard P. Walter, Jr., has been the head coach at Arundel High School in Gambrills, Maryland, since 1974. With Coach Walter at the helm, Arundel has won 17 Anne Arundel County, 15 regional (including a record 5 straight) and a record-setting Ten Maryland State Baseball Championship. In 1993, *Collegiate Baseball* named Arundel the mythical High School National Champions. As a high school and summer baseball coach, Walter has won more than 2300 games, including over 650 in high school.

Bernie is a charter member of the National High School Baseball Coaches Association, named National Baseball Coach of the Year by the BCA (1993), committee member and frequent clinician at the national convention.

Walter has been selected “The National Coach of the Year” by the National Federation (1996), and the ABCA (1998 and 2006). He’s the only baseball coach to have been recognized by *Disney’s American Teacher Awards for Athletics*. Currently, he is the educational consultant for MLB Productions’ “*This Week in Baseball*.” Bernie is a best selling author of *The Baseball Handbook* and his widely acclaimed *Baseball Running Video- A Trip Around the Bases*.

From 1965 to 1979, Bernie led the legendary Leones-Johnny’s baseball clubs to win AAABA championships in Johnstown, PA. Then in 1993 his Mayo American Legion team won the World Series.

Walter was the head coach for the gold medal winning USA Baseball Junior National Team in 1988 and the bronze medal winner in 1990. He is one of only seven U.S. coaches to ever win a World Championship. He also co-authored the *USA Baseball’s Coaches Education Program*.

Walter graduated from the University of Maryland at College Park, where he played shortstop. He is a Certified Athletic Administrator with NIAAA and as a leader level instructor with NFICEP.

The mere mention of Bernie Walter's name will bring a smile to the face of any of his former players. Walter has been a mentor and role model to all his players and has even given some the right push to get their foot in the door on the way to the Big Leagues. Walter now becomes the first coach from Maryland to be inducted into the BCA Hall of Fame.

Bernie and his wife of 42 years, Barbara, reside in Linthicum, Maryland.