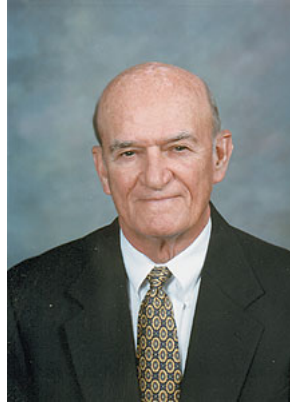


# BCA Hall Of Fame



**Dick Birmingham**



**Hillcrest High School, Springfield, Missouri**

Dick Birmingham is an internationally known coach and clinician who specializes in baseball instruction at all levels. Dick has been inducted into several Hall of Fames, including the American Baseball Coaches Association, the Missouri High School Baseball Coaches Association, the Iowa Baseball Coaches Association, Missouri Sports, and the Springfield Area Sports.

Dick was the Head Baseball Coach at Hillcrest High School in Springfield, Missouri for 25 years and served as the Hillcrest American Legion Baseball Head Coach for 18 years. Over the years, Dick's teams have won over 1,000 games. His teams had the reputation of being well coached and fundamentally solid. His high school teams accumulated 1 state championship, 5 state semifinalist, 10 district championships, and 15 conference championships. His legion teams amassed 3 national regional runner-ups, 3 state championships, and 2 state runner-ups.

Over 130 of his players received college scholarships and/or signed professional contracts. His 1972 Hillcrest team saw 4 players drafted while his 1966 squad had 6 players drafted, a national record. Four of his former players have played in the Major Leagues and 2 played at the Triple-A level.

Dick's coaching record at the elite level is as impressive as his high-school level accomplishments. In 1993, he was Head Coach of the gold-medal winning USA team in the Pan-American Junior Baseball Championships. In 1991 and 1990, serving as the General Manager and Head Coach respectively, his teams captured silver medals in the Pan-American Junior Baseball Championships. In 1984, he served on the coaching staff for the USA Junior Olympic team that participated in the World Youth Championship series. In 1983, he was the Head Coach of the North Team in the Olympic Sports Festival.

Dick has been a featured speaker at the American Baseball Coaches Association and the National High School Baseball Coaches Association clinics. In all, he has organized and participated in baseball camps and clinics in over 40 states, Canada, Latin America, South America, Caribbean, and Europe. Now approaching his 40<sup>th</sup> year in the game, Dick Birmingham has lived the sport of baseball on an almost daily basis.

The success associated with his teams will rank forever as among the greatest accomplishments of not only local and area programs, but also among those on a state and national scale.