

BCA Hall Of Fame



Jerry Dawson



Chaparral High School, Scottsdale, AZ

Chaparral High School opened its doors for the 1972-73 school year and played its first season of varsity baseball in the spring of 1974 with Coach Jerry Dawson at the helm. He has occupied that position every spring since. Chaparral Baseball (773 wins and 301 losses) has enjoyed tremendous success over the years qualifying for post-season play 34 of the 36 years it has been eligible. Chaparral Baseball has won 23 region championships, finished in the "final four" 19 times, state runner up on four occasions and state champions eight times. Chaparral has been nationally ranked on numerous occasions but Dawson is most proud of the over 140 young men who have gone on to play at the college and/or professional levels, including current major leaguers Paul Konerko, Brian Bannister and Ike Davis.

Coach Dawson has been selected Arizona "Coach of the Year" nine times. He has also been selected national "Coach of the Year" three times. He served as an assistant coach on the USA Baseball Junior National team in 2004, which competed in the World Games in Chinese Taipei. He served as the Head Coach of the USA Baseball Junior National team in 2005, which won the silver medal in the Pan Am games in Villa Hermosa, Mexico.

Jerry Dawson has been a big help to the BCA by speaking at 4 National conventions (St. Louis, Louisville, Nashville, and Albuquerque), has had numerous articles written about him by Jerry Miles in our BCA publications over the years and has submitted articles for BCA publication. Jerry has been a member of the association for the past 17 years and has been regular in his attendance at conventions during that time.

Coach Dawson taught Physical Education at Chaparral for 30+ years, served as the Physical Education Department Chairman for 25+ years and was the school's athletic director for 20+ years before retiring in 2004. In the 2003-04 Jerry was selected as the Arizona's Victory With Honor Coach of the Year, which is given by the Arizona Interscholastic Association (A.I.A.) to the outstanding coach for all sports in Arizona.

Jerry has a B. A. in Education from Southwest Missouri State University and a M. A. in Education Arizona State University. He served as a Military Police officer in the United States Army including a tour of duty in the Republic of Vietnam.

Other highlights of Coach Dawson's career:

- 2009 Easton/Collegiate Baseball Master Coach of the Year.
- 2005 Inducted in Arizona Coaches Association Hall of Fame
- 2002 Inducted in Arizona Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame
- 1977 Named Arizona Jaycees Teacher of the Year and Young Man of the Year