

## 2011 Hall of Fame



**Fred Oliver**  
Highland Park High School, Texas

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This year, one of three inductees to the BCA Hall of Fame was Fred Oliver, head baseball coach at Highland Park High School in Dallas, Texas.

Oliver was inducted at the annual awards dinner Friday night of the conference.

“It's great and it's an honor,” Oliver said. “It's a great fraternity here in the BCA. I started as a charter member 21 years ago in Indianapolis with them. I feel like it was a room full of friends last night. It was quite an honor.”

The BCA Hall of Fame is no easy accomplishment. Requirements include being a BCA member for 10 years, a coach for 25, a winning percentage over .500, experience with the BCA organization, and at least 55 years of age.

On top of the basic requirements, BCA committee members vote on who they believe should be inducted. Each candidate is carefully considered during a closed door, hours-long meeting.

However, it goes beyond the coach's resume. Oliver believes that what it takes to become a Hall of Fame coach is two things, continuity and longevity.

“This is my 36<sup>th</sup> year coaching, but it's not for myself for sure. It's having good ball players, great ball players, good family. A wife that understands. And of course, great assistant coaches as well,” he said.

Oliver has come to most of the BCA's annual conventions and has been a member for 21 years. He comes to share ideas, learn new ones, and interact with other coaches.

“When you're in the business 36 years you hear a lot of the same subjects taught, but you can always pick up something. If you go in to all the conventions and hear all the speakers talk, you can find at least one thing when you're at that convention that can help your program out and that's what I've done this time,” he said.