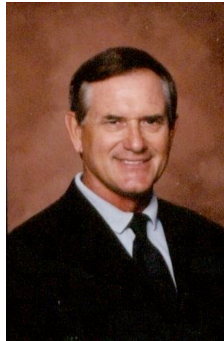# BCA Hall Of Fame

Rich Hofman

Piper High School (FL)

Rich Hofman grew up in Racine Wisconsin, where he played Little League, Pony League and High School Baseball. He graduated from Washington Park High School where he lettered as a junior and a senior. He graduated from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan where he lettered his sophomore, junior and senior years. He was the co-captain his junior year and captain his senior year.

Hofman came to Miami, Florida to teach and coach at Westminster Christian High School in 1967. There was not an athletic program at the school at the time. He developed a football, basketball and baseball program by his second year there along with his Athletic Director duties. His baseball-coaching career began in the Spring of 1969 when his first team went 2-13-1. It was the only losing season of his 39-year career. He went on to lead Westminster Christian to eight State Championships and two National Championships (1992 & 1996). His two most famous players are Alex Rodriguez and Doug Mientkiewicz, both of the New York Yankees.

Hofman left Westminster Christian after the 1998 season and three consecutive state titles to coach at Westminster Academy in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. He won two state and National runner-up titles in his first two years. The five consecutive championships is a state record. He is currently the head baseball coach at Piper High School in Sunrise, Florida. Piper is a 6A public high school.

Rich has amassed 953 victories, which is a state record and ranks 12th all time in the USA. He was named "Coach of the Decade" for the 1990's by Baseball America and his program was recognized as one of the top 10 high school programs in the nation by Baseball America, in their 10 Year Anniversary Issue. He has been named "National Coach of the Year" seven times and is a member of three Hall of Fames.

Rich was one of the founding members of the BCA and was the organization's first president.

Rich is married to Jo Hofman. They have five children and seven grandchildren.