

# Dawahares / KHSAA Hall of Fame Nomination Form

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KHSAA Form GE30  
Rev. 4/03

## Information about Nominee

Name:	Joseph Kroh		
Is the nominee deceased? (circle)	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	
(if nominee is not deceased, please fill out address information below)			
Address:	c/o St. Xavier High School		
	1609 Poplar Level Road		
City, State, Zip	Louisville, Ky 40217		
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## Information about person making nomination (list "self" if self-nominating)

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**Important Information Needed for ALL Nominees. This information is important to the Selection Process in helping to ensure that the desired objectives with regard to the consideration of nominees and the induction process is satisfied. (Application will not be accepted without this information)**

Please list the primary category of nomination (circle)-

PLAYER	<input checked="" type="radio"/> COACH	OFFICIAL <small>also</small>	CONTRIBUTOR
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Birth Date of Nominee	
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Sex (circle one)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Male	<input type="radio"/> Female
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Is the nominee a minority (African American and others) as defined in 2(c)	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
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**If this person is being nominated as a Coach, please complete the following additional information-**

Coached at which High School(s)	St. Xavier Louisville Ky		
Year of Retirement	Active		
Primary KHSAA basketball region as defined in 2(b)	7		

(over for remainder of application)

If this person is being nominated as an Athlete, please complete the following additional information-

High School Attended	
Graduation Year	
Primary KHSAA basketball region as defined in 2(b)	

If this person is being nominated as an Official, please complete the following additional information-

Primary Officiating Accomplishments at the High School Level	State Boys Tournament Mgr. ~20 years Regional Tournament Mgr. ~25 years
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For persons being nominated in all categories, please complete the following additional information

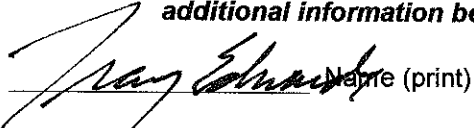
Please summarize this person's accomplishments as a coach, player, official or contributor at the high school level in Kentucky.

Dual Match Record 409-46 11 undefeated seasons .900 winning %  
 16 State Championships 8 runner-up championship since 1982  
 (1st or 2nd EVERY YEAR of Existence)  
 24 consecutive Region Team Titles  
 Teams Twice Ranked #5 in NATION 10 times in to 25  
 Ky/Ind. All star coach 1999, 2000, 2001  
 Founder & Director of Tiger Tennis Training since 1998

Please list any other factors about this individual that you would like for the Hall of Fame Committee to consider.

- Advisory committee's most important source of knowledge about High School & Juniors Tennis.
- 20 yrs as State Tournament Mgr & 25 as a regional Mgr.
- 20 yrs seeding committee - Named NATIONAL Coach of Year 2 times
- Outstanding Official 1994-95

I certify that I have truthfully completed this information about the nominee with the permission of the nominee, that he/she will accept induction if selected, and I will cooperate with the KHSAA should additional information be needed for his/her consideration.

Signature  Name (print) Tracy Edwards Date 10/20/05

Attach any relevant press clippings and materials which would verify coaching win-loss records, or other statistical information. Also attach any other letters of recommendation of other information which may be helpful to the committee in making a final selection.

JOSEPH KROH  
ST. XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL  
1609 POPLAR LEVEL ROAD  
LOUISVILLE, KY 40217

COACHING RECORD THROUGH 2005, 27 YEARS:

DUAL MATCH RECORD 409-46, 11 UNDEFEATED SEASONS, A .900 WINNING AV.

16 STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS, 8 RUNNERS-UP, SINCE KY TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS BEGAN IN 1982--

STATE TEAM CHAMPIONS: 1982, 83, 87, 88, 89, 90, 94, 96, 97, 98, 99, 2000, 01, 02, 04, 05

STATE RUNNERS-UP: 1984, 85, 86, 91, 92, 93, 95, 2003

24 CONSECUTIVE REGIONAL TEAM TITLES: 1982, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 2000, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05

3 INDIVIDUAL STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONS: 1992, 96, 97

10 INDIVIDUAL STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONS: 1984, 86, 89, 90, 94, 96, 97, 2001, 03, 04

THIS YEAR'S TEAM WAS 13-0, WON ITS 24TH CONSECUTIVE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, 16TH STATE TITLE, WAS UNSCORED UPON BY KENTUCKY TEAMS, WON THE REGIONAL TITLE WITH A PERFECT SCORE, DOUBLED THE POINTS OF THE RUNNER-UP IN THE STATE TOURNAMENT, DEFEATED DEFENDING STATE CHAMPIONS FROM OHIO, TENNESSEE AND ALABAMA

\*ST. X IS NOW UNDEFEATED IN DUAL MATCHES AGAINST KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS FOR THE 11TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR. NO KENTUCKY TEAM HAS DEFEATED ST. X IN A DUAL MATCH SINCE 1994.

ST. X HAS DEFEATED STATE CHAMPIONS FROM: ALABAMA, GEORGIA, KANSAS, MISSISSIPPI, NORTH CAROLINA, OHIO, MISSOURI, PENNSYLVANIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, TENNESSEE, WEST VIRGINIA

ST. X HAS BEEN RANKED AMONG THE TOP 25 U.S. PREP TEAMS 10 TIMES, REACHING A HIGH OF NUMBER 5 TWICE

ST. X HIGH SCHOOL HAS BEEN RANKED AS THE 14TH BEST OVERALL H.S. ATHLETIC PROGRAM IN THE U.S. BY SPORTS ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE

65 ALL-STATE PLAYERS (4 IN 2005)

GRADUATES HAVE PLAYED FOR THESE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:  
ALABAMA, ALABAMA HUNTSVILLE, BATES, BELLARMINE, BIRMINGHAM SOUTHERN, BRADLEY,  
CAMPBELL, CENTRE, COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON, DARTMOUTH, DAVIDSON, DAYTON, DEPAUW,  
EASTERN KENTUCKY, FURMAN, KALAMAZOO, KENTUCKY, LOUISVILLE,  
MICHIGAN STATE, NEW MEXICO, NORTHWESTERN, SPRING HILL, PENNSYLVANIA,  
VANDERBILT, VIRGINIA, WASHINGTON AND LEE, WEST VIRGINIA, WESTERN KENTUCKY,  
XAVIER, BALL STATE

JOSEPH KROH

--COACHING HONORS AND EXPERIENCE:

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS COACH OF THE YEAR FOR 1998, NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
ATHLETIC COACHES ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS COACH OF THE YEAR FOR 1996, NATIONAL FEDERATION OF  
INTERSCHOLASTIC COACHES ASSOC.

KENTUCKY TENNIS ASSOCIATION COACH OF THE YEAR FOR 1996

KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL COACH OF THE YEAR 5 TIMES

COACH OF THE YEAR IN THE SOUTH 2 TIMES, NATIONAL ATHLETIC COACHES ASSOC.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INTERSCHOLASTIC COACHES ASSOC. REGION 2 TENNIS COACH OF  
THE YEAR 2 TIMES

KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OUTSTANDING TENNIS OFFICIAL  
1994-95

2 TIME NOMINEE FOR KENTUCKY TENNIS ASSOCIATION PRO OF THE YEAR

KENTUCKY JUNIOR DAVIS/FEDERATION CUP TEAM COACH, 1997

KENTUCKY/INDIANA ALL-STAR COACH, 1999, 2000 2001

ST. XAVIER NAMED KENTUCKY TENNIS ASSOCIATION ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR 2001

COACH OF USTA TEAM SOUTH--2005 WTT JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONS,SAN DIEGO, CA

TEAM USTA SOUTH'S COACH--2004 WORLD TEAM TENNIS JR. NATIONAL, SAN DIEGO, CA

ZONALS COACH, SOUTHERN TENNIS ASSOCIATION 1999, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005  
(ATLANTA)

USTA NATIONAL ZONALS (SOUTHEAST) COACH 2000 (NASHVILLE), 2001 (PINEHURST)

ADDITIONAL TENNIS TEACHING AND COACHING EXPERIENCE:

DIRECTOR AND FOUNDER--TIGER TENNIS TRAINING, LOUISVILLE, A DEVELOPMENTAL  
PROGRAM SERVING OVER 75 METRO AND REGIONAL JR. PLAYERS EACH SUMMER SINCE 1998

CAMPUS TENNIS CLUB, LOUISVILLE--PRO

RIVER ROAD COUNTRY CLUB, LOUISVILLE--PRO

METRO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPT., LOUISVILLE AND JEFFERSON COUNTY--PRO

MEMBERSHIPS:

USPTR; USTA CERTIFIED COACH; PAST MEMBER, PRSA; SPJ

JOSEPH KROH

OTHER HONORS:

--FOR WRITING:

AN 1990 APEX AWARD WINNER FROM COMMUNICATIONS CONCEPTS FOR COVERAGE OF  
KENTUCKY DERBY PUBLISHED IN LOUISVILLE MAGAZINE AND SOUTHERN MAGAZINE

TWO TIME MEMBER OF COVERAGE TEAMS RECEIVING SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL  
JOURNALISTS/KY CHAPTER AWARDS FOR ENTERPRISE REPORTING

WRITER FOR TEAM RECEIVING CASE CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR 1998, 1999 FROM  
THE COUNCIL FOR THE ADVANCEMENT AND SUPPORT OF EDUCATION

--FOR TEACHING:

KY GOLDEN APPLE TEACHER AWARD FROM ASHLAND OIL

1983 AWARD, STUDENT INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM FROM NASA

ST. XAVIER H.S. TEACHER OF THE YEAR, 1996

--ATHLETICS

ST. XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME, 1993

METRO AREA ATHLETIC DIRECTORS HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME, 2004

JOSEPH KROH

ATHLETIC HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS:

--AT ST. XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL

LED ST. X TO 2 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN CROSS-COUNTRY, 1959, 1960

THESE WERE THE FIRST TEAMS FROM ST. X TO WIN THE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

CAPTAIN, 1960

3 VARSITY LETTERS, 1958-60

INDIVIDUAL KHSAA STATE CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPION, 1959

SET STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RECORD, 1959

FIRST RUNNER FROM ST. X TO WIN AN INDIVIDUAL X-C CHAMPIONSHIP

3 TOP 5 FINISHES FROM 1958-1960

2 VARSITY LETTERS IN TRACK AND FIELD

HELD INDIVIDUAL MILE AND TWO MILE RECORDS AT ST. X

FIRST KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL RUNNER TO BREAK 10:00 FOR 2 MILES

--AT SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

COMPETED AT 800, 1,500, 5,000 AND 10,000 METERS AND 3,000 METER STEEPLECHASE

STARTER ON 3 METRO CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP CROSS-COUNTRY TEAMS, 1961-63  
TEAM FINISHED FOURTH IN NATIONAL IC4A X-C CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1961-62  
STARTER ON 1 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP TRACK AND FIELD TEAM, 1962  
TOP 20 INDIVIDUAL FINISH IN NATIONAL IC4A CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1961  
COMPETED IN U.S. NATIONAL AAU CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1961

3 VARSITY LETTERS IN CROSS-COUNTRY, 1961-63  
2 VARSITY LETTERS IN TRACK AND FIELD, 1961-62

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Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee

I have known St. Xavier High School tennis coach Joe Kroh for approximately 17 years. Having witnessed his performance as a Kentucky high school tennis coach during this time, I would like to nominate him for induction to the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. I will be brief in this nomination letter because I can say with total confidence that his credentials for this honor are absolutely overwhelming.

Joe has coached for 27 years compiling an astounding 409-46 record in dual matches. This record is against many of the top high school tennis programs in the eastern half of the United States. His teams have won an unprecedented 16 state titles and have finished runner-up 8 times. Coach Kroh has twice been named the National High School Tennis Coach of the Year by the National Federation of Interscholastic Coaches Association. He has developed numerous college and professional tennis players, and several of his former players have themselves been inspired to go on to become tennis coaches and teaching professionals.

Every year his program is looked to as **the** model of what every tennis coach in Kentucky would like their program to rise to and be. A team coached by Joe is easy to spot. They are a direct reflection of Joe himself. They are always among the most skilled but are often a cut above the rest. They are not only skilled but also disciplined, focused, and quite frankly work harder than almost every opponent they face. Make no mistake, they certainly carry themselves with an air of total confidence, however they never display an attitude of arrogance or treat weaker opponents in a condescending manner. They simply exude class and closely adhere to the tennis code of conduct.

Coach Kroh is a brilliant teacher of the game, a great tactician, and has also proven to be very skilled in delegation of duties to his assistants. What first impressed me with Coach Kroh was his willingness to take on any team, great or small, no matter what was at stake. He regularly schedules matches against the strongest competition he can find, sometimes traveling hundreds of miles or hosting teams from neighboring states or even farther. Amazingly though, he somehow also finds a way to schedule lesser programs giving these teams a shot at the premier team in Kentucky.

Coach Kroh also faithfully and skillfully served the KHSAA by managing the boy's state tournament for approximately 20 years, a regional tournament for more than 25 years, and he also serves on the tennis advisory committee. I believe that he is the single most knowledgeable source of information in the realm of high school tennis in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Our Hall of Fame would be honored should Joe Kroh become a member.

Sincerely



Tracy Edwards



Joseph Kroh's association with St. Xavier High School athletics has crossed a half-century. He came to St. X as a basketball player in 1957 and played on the freshman team's City Championship squad, but was encouraged by Hall of Fame football and track coach John Meihaus to come out for track. Kroh twice ran under the school record for the mile and became the first Kentucky prep runner to break 10:00 for two miles at an AAU event in 1961. He led St. X to its first two KHSAA team state championships in cross-country in 1959 and 1960 and had three individual top five finishes, winning the individual title in 1959 and setting a new state record. Receiving a full athletic scholarship to Seton Hall University, he ran on three conference winning cross-country teams and one track team and ran in four national championships in cross-country, including three IC4As and the National AAU Championships. Kroh returned to St. X in 1967 to coach track and cross-country and was a coach on the 1974 St. X staff when the school won the state championship in track. He turned to tennis in 1975, becoming St. X's head tennis coach. In a thirty-two year career, he guided the Tigers to 17 KHSAA state tennis team titles and 10 runners-up finishes, 27 consecutive regional championships (a KHSAA record for any sport) and a record of 441-52, including 10 undefeated seasons. From 1997-2007, St. X was undefeated head to head against any Kentucky team. His teams set new records for most state and regional championships, most points scored in the state tournament and largest winning margin. Kroh served as KHSAA State Tennis Tournament manager for 20 years and as a member of the KHSAA tennis committee for more than 30 years. He retired as head coach in 2007, remaining at St. X as an assistant coach, member of the state tennis committee and co-director of Tiger Tennis Training, a summer development program for Louisville area junior players.