

**Name of Person Being Nominated**

Lynn Ray

**Address of Nominee OR Family Representative if Deceased**

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United States

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**Name of Person Making Nomination**

Nate Thamann

**Address of Person Making Nomination**

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**Daytime Phone of the nominator**

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**Nomination Category**

- Player
- Coach

**Is this nominee deceased?**

No

**Birthdate (REQUIRED)**

08/06/1946

**Gender**

Male

**Is the nominee a minority (African American and others) as described in policy 2(c)**

No

**Coached at which schools?**

Assistant: Bryan Station, Lloyd Memorial, Covington Catholic; Head Coach: Covington Catholic

**Year of Retirement from Coaching?**

2017

**Pull Down to Select Coach Competition Region (1-16) in Kentucky**

9

**Played at which schools?**

Boone County High School

**Graduation Year?**

1964

**Pull Down to Select Athlete Primary Competition Region (1-16) in Kentucky**

9

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

As a player, Lynn Ray was a 3-sport athlete in football, basketball, and baseball at Boone County High School. He earned 1962 All-State Honorable Mention at running back, and was the team's 1962 Most Valuable Back. As a senior he was voted the school's overall Most Valuable Athlete for all sports at Boone County HS, he was co-captain of the football team, and earned 1963 All-State Honorable Mention at quarterback.

He earned a football scholarship and played football at Eastern Kentucky, graduating in 1968.

Assistant Football Coach:

Bryan Station (1970-71)

Lloyd Memorial (1971-72 thru 1972-73)

Covington Catholic (1973-74 thru 1974-75; 2009-10 thru 2017-18)

Head Football Coach:

Covington Catholic (1975-76 thru 2004-05)

Lynn Ray was among the coaches who first organized the Kentucky Football Coaches Association in 1993, and he was one of two inaugural vice presidents, in addition to serving as its second-ever president from 1995-1996.

**Please list any other factors about this individual that you would like for the Screening or Selection Committees to consider.**

In his 5th year of coaching football, 29 year old Lynn Ray took over a football program at Covington Catholic that had no practice field, nor a football stadium, and that only had 34 wins in its 8 year history, and he built the program up over the next 30 seasons, winning 234 games - 200 more than the four head coaches who preceded him - and led the team to win 5 state football titles in the process.

1990 Kentucky-Tennessee All Star Game - Head Coach, Kentucky

1992 Kentucky State Coach of the Year

1996 Regional Winner of the National Coach of the Year

1998 Northern Kentucky Sports Hall of Fame (As Athlete & Coach)

1999 Northern Kentucky Athletic Directors Hall of Fame (As Athlete)

2005 National Football Foundation & College Football Hall of Fame - Lifetime Achievement Award

2019 Buddy LaRosa Greater Cincinnati Sports Hall Of Fame

Kentucky AAA Football State Champions

1987, 1988, 1993, 1994, 1997

234-132 record as head football coach. (63.9 Winning %)

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