



DAWAHARES/KHSAA HALL OF FAME

NOMINATION FORM AND INFORMATION

Purpose

The Dawahares / KHSAA Hall of Fame is organized as a means of recognizing, preserving and promoting the heritage of interscholastic sports in Kentucky. Many individuals have made extraordinary contributions and have had superb accomplishments in high school sports. The Hall of Fame honors the contributions and accomplishments of these individuals who are worthy of statewide recognition as examples for others to emulate.

The Hall of Fame shall be governed by the KHSAA Board of Control in compliance with signed sponsorship agreements. The two-level selection process shall be governed and under the control of the Hall of Fame Screening Committee and the Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

ANNUAL DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: NOVEMBER 1



The completed nomination form and support materials should be sent to:

Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame
ATTN: Nominations
2280 Executive Drive
Lexington, Kentucky 40505

Dawahares / KHSAA Hall of Fame Nomination Form

KHSAA Form GE30
Rev. 4/03

Information about Nominee

Name:	Paul Smiley
Is the nominee deceased? (circle)	YES NO
<i>(if nominee is not deceased, please fill out address information below)</i>	
Address:	150 St. Mildred's Court
City, State, Zip	Danville, KY 40422
Phone (list day and night)	(859) 319-8790

Information about person making nomination (list "self" if self-nominating)

Name:	Will Begley, Principal
Address:	Kentucky School for the Deaf 303 South 2 nd Street
City, State, Zip	Danville, KY 40423
Phone (list day and night)	(859) 326-1962

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	COACH	OFFICIAL	CONTRIBUTOR
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Birth Date of Nominee	06/17/1949
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Sex (circle one)	Male	Female
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Is the nominee a minority (African American and others) as defined in 2(c)	Yes	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)	
Year of Retirement	
Primary KHSAA basketball region as defined in 2(b)	

(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	
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For persons being nominated in all categories, please complete the following additional information

<p>Please summarize this person's accomplishments as a coach, player, official or contributor at the high school level in Kentucky.</p> <p>As a contributor at the high school level in Kentucky:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked 28 years as a teacher, coach, athletic director and administrator at the Kentucky School for the Deaf • Coached football, boys and girls basketball, soccer, track and cheerleading. Many times he took these duties over because a coach could not be recruited to coach the teams. • Volunteer, Deaf Olympic • Volunteer, Special Olympics • Founder/President, Mason-Dixon Football Conference for the Deaf for 5 years • Founder/President, Mason-Dixon Track and Field Conference for the Deaf for 4 years • President, Pioneer Athletic Conference-8 small Kentucky football schools for 6 years • Commissioner/Director, Bluegrass Conference-14 sports for 8 small Central Kentucky Schools for 25 years • President, 12th Region Policy Board • Board Member, Danville Independent Schools for 13 years • Chairman, Ethics Board City of Danville Government for 2 years • Member, Danville/Boyle County Literacy Council and GED Program member for 8 years • Chairman, Central Kentucky Chapter of the American Red Cross Board for 6 years • Member, Wilderness Trace YMCA Board of Directors for 2 years • President, Swim Team Parent Group for Danville/Boyle County Recreation Department for 6 years • Commissioner, Bluegrass Swim Conference for 4 years • President, Salt River Athletic Conference overseeing 10 middle schools in central Kentucky for 2 years • President, Mason-Dixon Girl and Boys Basketball Conference for 5 years • Finalist, Kentucky Athletic Director of the Year 1997, 2004 • Recipient, Coach of the Year Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track, 1974 Football-Silent News for USA, 1984 Pioneer Athletic Conference Football, 1985 Bluegrass Conference Basketball, 1993 Bluegrass Conference Basketball, 1994 Mason-Dixon Football, 2002 • Honored, Mason-Dixon Conference by naming annual award the <i>Paul Smiley Championship Award</i> • Honored, Outstanding Service to Mini-Deaf Olympics • Honored, Danville Independent Schools Outstanding School Board Service • Honored, Inducted into the Butler High School Hall of Fame, 1989 • Honored, Kentucky Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, 1986 • Selected, 1 of 8 Athletic Directors in Kentucky to lead the Coaches Education Program in Kentucky for 8 years

- Honored, Commonwealth of Kentucky Senate and House of Representatives issued a citation for service, 1999
- Honored, Bluegrass Conference Leadership Recognition multiple times for effective leadership
- Honored, Danville Independent Schools Alumni Award "Friends of the School", 2008
- Honored, Mason-Dixon Conference for the Deaf Distinguished Service Award, 2009
- Honored, KHSAA 12th Region Hall of Fame, 2010

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

Paul Smiley has spent his lifetime as an advocate for the small school and the deaf student/athlete. He spent his career as a coach, athletic director and administrator at Kentucky School for the Deaf. He has served in countless leadership roles and has been the recipient of many prestigious leadership honors, coaching awards and has been inducted into various Hall of Fames. Paul retired in 2007 but is still well-respected not only in Kentucky but all over this region of the United States.

He spent his career in deaf education making sure that the deaf student/athlete had as many avenues for competition as that of the hearing student/athlete in the public school. He truly went above and beyond, not only for the deaf students in Kentucky but for the deaf student/athletes in the Mason-Dixon Conference for the Deaf. Over a dozen schools make up this conference from this region of the United States.

He was one of the original Board members of the Bluegrass Conference, a conference for 8 small schools in central Kentucky. He founded, helped create its' by-laws and served as its' Chariman for over 25 years. He was a pioneer in this regard because he knew how difficult it was for the small schools in Kentucky to compete with the bigger schools.

In short, Paul's devotion and dedication to the deaf student/athlete and small school competition make him a strong candidate and one that I hope you will strongly consider. Being inducted into the Dawhares Hall of Fame is truly an honor and I can't think of anyone more deserving than Paul Smiley.

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 Will Begley Name (print) WILL BEGLEY Date 10-1-15

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.