



News release

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H.M. Jackson High School's Kyle Peacocke honored with 2023-24 NFHS National Coaches Award



Mill Creek, WA– H.M. Jackson High School's Kyle Peacocke has been named the recipient of the 2023-24 National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) National Coaches Award for Fastpitch Softball. This prestigious honor recognizes Peacocke's exceptional coaching achievements and his contributions to high school athletics. Being named the nation's top fastpitch softball coach by the NFHS places Peacocke at the pinnacle of his profession.

During his 13-year tenure as head coach of the Timberwolves softball team, Peacocke established an extraordinary legacy at Jackson High School, leading the team to unprecedented success. Highlights of his career include:

State championships: Under his leadership, the Timberwolves captured four Class 4A state titles in five tournament seasons, setting a record for Class 3A and 4A schools in Washington.

Player development: Peacocke guided numerous players to individual accolades, including standout athlete Iyanla De Jesus, who earned the Class 4A State Player of the Year title.

Consistent excellence: The team consistently achieved top-four finishes in state tournaments and became a powerhouse in Washington high school softball.

Peacocke's coaching philosophy emphasized a family-oriented team environment and player development, inspiring his athletes to excel both on and off the field. Many of his players have gone on to compete at the collegiate level, reflecting the strength of his mentorship.

"I can say, without hesitation, that Kyle represents the true meaning of the spirit of coaching our youth through interscholastic activities," said Mick Hoffman, Executive Director of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA), in a letter of congratulations. "He is most deserving of this recognition and has made all of us in the state of Washington proud."

In June 2024, Peacocke stepped down from his coaching role to focus on his family and his responsibilities as the athletic coordinator at Jackson High School. However, his impact on the sport and the athletes he coached continues to resonate within the community and beyond.

The NFHS National Coaches Award is a prestigious national recognition awarded to one coach each year who has demonstrated unparalleled excellence and commitment to their sport. Peacocke's recognition underscores his remarkable contributions to the sport of fastpitch softball and the lives of countless student-athletes.

About the NFHS: The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) is the national leadership organization for high school sports and performing arts activities. The NFHS sets the direction for the future by building awareness and support, improving the participation experience, and establishing consistent standards for competition.

The NFHS Coaches Association Sectional Coaches Award is a regional honor, with nominees selected from one of eight sections across the United States. Peacocke's recognition places him among the nation's top high school coaches, underscoring his remarkable contributions to the sport and the student-athletes he has inspired.

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