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NEWS RELEASE

Bruce Brown Named 2011 NFHS Coach Educator of the Year

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (August 16, 2011) — The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) has named Bruce Brown of Ohio as the recipient of the 2011 NFHS Coach Educator of the Year Award.

A leader in educational athletics for more than 35 years, Brown has served the past 12 years as athletic director at Lake High School in Uniontown, Ohio. He has been a member of the NFHS Coaches Publications Committee since 2008 and has written several articles for the NFHS Coaches' Quarterly and NFHS Coaching Today.

Brown has been very involved in state and national athletic director organizations, and he has served on several athletic administrator association committees as both a member and executive officer. He has also worked closely with the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) the past four years in establishing a coach education program for interscholastic coaches and providing the NFHS Coach Education Program's "Fundamentals of Coaching" course as the required course of choice.

In 2007, Brown was named Ohio Athletic Administrator of the Year and was the Ohio selection for the 2011 National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) Frank Kovaleski Award for recognition of his work with professional development among coaches and athletic administrators. In addition, Brown is presently serving as interim executive director of the Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (OIAAA), and is currently a member of the NIAAA Ad Hoc Committee for Coach Education representing Section 2.

Prior to moving into an administrative role, Brown coached baseball and basketball at several Ohio high schools, winning more than 200 basketball games during those years. From 1981 to 1984, he served as assistant basketball coach at Bowling Green State University.

The NFHS is dedicated to the advancement of coach education programs throughout the country. Additional information on the NFHS Coach Education Program is available at www.nfhslearn.com.

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About the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)

The NFHS, based in Indianapolis, Indiana, is the national leadership organization for high school sports and fine arts activities. Since 1920, the NFHS has led the development of education-based interscholastic sports and performing arts activities that help students succeed in their lives. The NFHS sets direction for the future by building awareness and support, improving the participation experience, establishing consistent standards and rules for competition, and helping those who oversee high school sports and activities. The NFHS writes playing rules for 17 sports for boys and girls at the high school level. Through its 50 member state associations and the District of Columbia, the NFHS reaches more than 19,000 high schools and 11 million participants in high school activity programs, including more than 7.6 million in high school sports. As the recognized national authority on interscholastic activity programs, the NFHS conducts national meetings; sanctions interstate events; offers online publications and services for high school coaches and officials; sponsors professional organizations for high school coaches, officials, speech and debate coaches, and music adjudicators; serves as the national source for interscholastic coach training; and serves as a national information resource of interscholastic athletics and activities. For more information, visit the NFHS Web site at www.nfhs.org.

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