



Steve Baronich

Ascension Catholic/Episcopal/Woodlawn High School

Inducted in 2004 – Administrator/Coach/Meet Director/Meet Official

Steve Baronich has been an active member of the LHSPLA for 39 years. He has served on the LHSPLA Executive Committee in many capacities including 9 terms as president. He was instrumental in getting high school powerlifting in Louisiana sanctioned as a sport by the LHSAA. Louisiana is one of only two states in the country that has sanctioned high school powerlifting. Steve has also served as a powerlifting official in the LHSPLA for 38 years.

During his powerlifting coaching career, his boys' teams at Ascension Catholic won 3 state titles along with 1 runner-up finish. At Episcopal, he coached the boy's teams to 4 runner-up finishes and his girls' teams won 4 consecutive state titles along with 3 runner-up finishes. Over his career, his teams have had 27 top three finishes in state meet competitions.

Coach Baronich also served as head football coach at both Ascension Catholic and Episcopal, winning district titles at both schools while making regular yearly appearances in the State play-offs. He also coached the girls track program at Episcopal, winning a state title in 1994 and finishing as state runner-up in 1995, along with numerous district and regional championships.

Steve served in the capacity of Strength and Conditioning Coordinator at all 3 schools at which he taught. He was one of the first full-time high school Strength and Conditioning Coordinators in the Baton Rouge area.

