



## PRESS RELEASE

# WBCA Honors the 2009 RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA Regional Coaches of the Year

Below are the RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA Regional Coaches of the Year winners listed by division:

### NCAA Division II

| Region   | Coach        | Institution                |
|----------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Region 1 | Mark Swasey  | Franklin Pierce University |
| Region 2 | Deirdre Kane | West Chester Univ. of Pa.  |
| Region 3 | Todd Starkey | Lenoir-Rhyne University    |
| Region 4 | J.D. Gravina | Quincy University          |
| Region 5 | Craig Roden  | University of West Georgia |
| Region 6 | Lane Lord    | Pittsburg State University |
| Region 7 | Pam Gohl     | Minnesota State, Mankato   |
| Region 8 | Tim Moser    | Univ. of Alaska, Anchorage |

### NCAA Division III

| Region   | Coach            | Institution                  |
|----------|------------------|------------------------------|
| Region 1 | Adrienne Shibles | Bowdoin College              |
| Region 2 | James Scheible   | University of Rochester      |
| Region 3 | Betsy Witman     | York College                 |
| Region 4 | Mary Beth Spirk  | Moravian College             |
| Region 5 | Ron Sattelle     | Oglethorpe University        |
| Region 6 | Brian Morehouse  | Hope College                 |
| Region 7 | Mia Smith        | Illinois Wesleyan University |
| Region 8 | Scott Rueck      | George Fox University        |

### NAIA

| Region   | Coach           | Institution                 |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Region 1 | Russ Davis      | Vanguard University         |
| Region 2 | Earl Woudstra   | Northwestern College        |
| Region 3 | John McCullough | Oklahoma Baptist University |
| Region 4 | Mark Youngs     | Davenport University        |
| Region 5 | Dale Neal       | Freed-Hardeman University   |
| Region 6 | Marty Rowe      | Lee University              |

The winners are selected through a two-level process. The first level is by region, in

which coaches from each WBCA geographical region vote for their respective top coach. If a coach has been selected as Regional Coach of the Year, they advance as a finalist to the national level of the selection process along with the other Regional Coaches of the Year in their respective division. The number of coaches varies depending on affiliation.

NCAA Division III Final Four coaches are eligible to be considered for the Russell Athletic/WBCA National Coach of the Year even if they are not named the coach of the year for their respective region. Russell Athletic/WBCA Regional Coaches of the Year are not selected for Junior College/Community College.

The winners of the WBCA National Coach of the Year for each division will be honored on Monday, April 6, 2009, at 1 p.m. CT during the RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA National Coach of the Year Luncheon in the Hyatt Regency St. Louis Riverfront Grand Ballroom D-E. The luncheon is part of the 2009 WBCA National Convention, held in conjunction with the NCAA® Women's Final Four®.

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