

Ted Reynolds

Hall of Fame Inductee

Class of 2026



For 37 years, Ted Reynolds devoted his career to education and interscholastic athletics, serving as a teacher, coach, athletic director, vice principal, mentor, and leader. Across Montana, New Mexico, and Idaho, he earned a reputation for integrity, servant leadership, and an unwavering commitment to helping students succeed both academically and through extracurricular activities.

A graduate of Butte High School in Montana, Ted earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Montana State University and later completed a Master's degree in Educational Leadership at the University of Idaho.

Ted began his career in 1988 as a teacher at Navajo Elementary School in New Mexico while coaching football at Navajo Pine High School. In 1990, he moved to Bonners Ferry, Idaho, where he spent 13 years teaching science, coaching football and basketball, serving as athletic director, and later becoming head football coach. He went on to serve as Vice Principal and Athletic Director at Bonners Ferry High School, then held similar leadership roles at Middleton and Ridgevue High Schools. Additional assignments included Athletic Director at Twin Falls High School before concluding his career at Canyon Ridge High School, retiring in 2025 after nearly four decades of service.

Throughout his career, Ted championed the value of education-based athletics, believing sports should prepare students not only for competition but also for life. He emphasized academic accountability and student success, helping many teams earn Academic Champion recognition while keeping student-athletes focused on graduation. Ted often measured success not by trophies, but by hearing former students describe high school as one of the most positive experiences of their lives.

His impact extended well beyond his own schools. A longtime leader in the Idaho Athletic Administrators Association, Ted has served on its Executive Board since 2011 and as Conference Chair since 2017. In those roles, he mentored new athletic directors and helped organize professional development opportunities across the state. He also represented Idaho at numerous National Athletic Directors Conferences, served on the Idaho High School Activities Association Board of Directors from 2019 to 2025, and contributed nationally through the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, including service on the Awards Committee and National Emergency Network Committee.

Among his many contributions, Ted helped schools navigate interscholastic activities during the COVID-19 pandemic, managed more than 30 state championship events, taught Leadership Training Institute courses for athletic directors, and organized annual scholarship golf tournaments benefiting Idaho student-athletes.

Ted credits mentors Larry Schwenke and Gerry Nutt, along with countless colleagues across Idaho, for shaping his career. Today, he enjoys working at River's Edge Golf Course, hunting, spending time outdoors, and, most importantly, sharing life with his wife of 38 years, Lori, their children, Kylee and Carey, and their family.

Ted Reynolds' legacy is reflected in the students he served, the colleagues he mentored, and the many lives he influenced through education-based athletics. Guided by strong values and genuine care for others, he leaves a lasting impact on education and athletics throughout Idaho and beyond.