

Profile: MICHAEL HICKS

Michael Hicks, more commonly known as Coach Mike, has been coaching basketball, football and baseball for General Highways' youth organization for over 8 years. His coaching journey began about 20 years ago when he took on his first coaching position in Annapolis. Bringing with him his optimism, enthusiasm and determination, Coach Mike, along with his supporting staff, has been able to drive his various teams into the playoffs, often ending in championship victories. Although winning is always a plus, Mike takes pride in encouraging his players to have fun while working hard to advance their skills in each chosen sport the way he himself had been encouraged by his own youth coaches. Having his team players embrace one another as a family is a major key to Mike. He believes it plays a significant role in operating as a single unit regardless of each player's level of skill. Giving his family the name "Tiger Boyz", generated fast spreading buzz. Both locally and as the team traveled everyone knew who they were prior to their arrival. "Tiger Boyz" became such an inspiration that teams in the entire organization have adopted it as their own. "Tiger Boyz" isn't just a name, it's a standard.

Mike's passion for sports is expressed in multiple areas of the GH organization. In addition to being a coach and an advocate for the players under him, he currently holds the presidency title of the organization. Upholding his title, Coach Mike thrives on community outreach. Inspiring young boys and girls of the community to get up and get moving energizes him to do the same.

After playing semi-pro football for 5 years, the owner of his team decided to turn it over to him. Realizing that focusing on the youth was his calling, Mike released his semi-pro team into capable hands, but not before they went on to win the 2008 championship game.

Coach Mike's main objective is to make sure each child he works with walks away knowing that with positivity, consistency and hard work you can soar.

"One team one family!"