

## SDHSGCA HOF 2019: AWARDS PRESENTATION NARRATIVE

Rod Garrison started coaching golf in Clark, SD from 1974 to 1975. He then became the assistant girls coach for O’Gorman in Sioux Falls, SD in 1984 and took their Head Girls Coaching position in 1985. In 2000, while still the head girl’s coach, Rod became the assistant boys coach for two years. Finally, in 2002 Garrison became the head coach for both programs through the 2014-2015 school year which equates into a total of 49 seasons of coaching high school golf in South Dakota.



As an alumnus of USDS, Rod Garrison has a total of 46 years of coaching and 43 years of teaching. Rod also attended 5 national high school coaching conferences and was previously selected as The National Federation’s Coaches Association’s Midwest Section Golf Coach of the Year and the National High School Athletic Coaches Association’s Golf Coach of the Year.

Coach Garrison served on the SDHSAA’s Golf Advisory Board for 2 terms and was presented the SDHSAA’s Distinguished Service Award. Rod is a lifetime member of the SDHSCA, served as president in 2008, and has been previously selected as the SDHSCA Golf Coach of the year and SDHSCA Girls Golf Coach of the Year.

Garrison also served as the Executive Director of the SDHSGCA numerous years. Coach Grizz has so many accolades they are hard to fathom. He has numerous state championships and runner-up finishes in both genders. His conference titles, city titles, and duel victories are too many to mention.

Rod started a youth golf tour called the Sioux Empire Jr. Challenge which he ran for 18 years and gave out over \$50,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors who has played in those events. He still promotes youth golf and fitness today as charter employee of Great Life.

Coach Rod Garrison is already in four Hall of Fames(National High School Athletic Coaches Association, South Dakota High School Coaches Association, South Dakota High School Football Coaches Association, and O’Gorman High School) and between both the boys and the girls he has won numerous duals, 29 conference titles, 17 state championships. Many of Rod’s players have found success in golf while coaching in major colleges to playing on the tour professionally.

We are honored to have Coach Rod Garrison as a part of the SDHSGCA’s 2019 Inaugural Class Hall of Fame.

## PLAQUE NARRATIVE

Golf Coaching Experience: Clark HS, Head Boys and Girls, 1974-1975; O’Gorman HS, Assistant Girls, 1984, Head Girls 1985-2015, Assistant Boys 200-2001, Head Boys 2002-2014.

Coaching Service: SDHSAA Advisory Board, SDHSCA President, SDHSGCA Executive Director

Contributions: Educator 43 years, Sioux Empire Jr. Challenge Tour, 18 years. Great Life 2014-present.

Accolades: National High School Athletic Coaches Association’s Golf Coach of the Year, National Federation Coaches Association’s Midwest Section Golf coach of the Year, South Dakota High School Coaches Association Golf Coach of the Year, South Dakota High School Coaches Association Girls Golf Coach of the Year, The South Dakota High School Athletic Association Distinguished Service Award, The South Dakota High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame