



To the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee,

I am honored to submit this letter in strong support of the nomination of Jesse Perales for induction into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame. Jesse's lifelong dedication to athletics, coaching, and youth development in the El Paso community has had a profound and lasting impact on countless athletes and families.

Jesse Perales' connection to athletics began as a student-athlete in El Paso, where he played football at Bel Air High School under the legendary Coach Bob Savage. During his time at Bel Air, he developed the work ethic, leadership, and competitive spirit that would later define his coaching career.

Following high school, Jesse continued his football career at Western New Mexico University, where he earned varsity letters for four years. His collegiate experience further strengthened his knowledge of the game and deepened his passion for athletics and mentorship.

After his playing career, Jesse dedicated himself to coaching and developing young athletes in the El Paso community. He is the founder, director, and head coach of the youth sports programs **Lil Blue** and **Texas Blue**, organizations he established to provide opportunities for youth to grow through sports. Through these programs he has coached and mentored athletes in baseball, basketball, and flag football, emphasizing not only athletic development but also discipline, teamwork, and character.

Coach P also served as the **Director of the Game Changers Youth Football Camp**, where he helped organize and lead training opportunities designed to develop young athletes' football skills while promoting God, sportsmanship, leadership, and academic responsibility. Through this camp, Jesse created additional opportunities for youth in the community to learn from experienced coaches and UTEP Miners, to continue developing their passion for the game.

Coach Jesse Perales coaching career has been defined by remarkable consistency and success. Over the course of **22 years as a head coach**, he has compiled an impressive **157–89 overall record**, and his teams have reached the **playoffs in 21 of those 22 seasons**. His teams have also achieved significant postseason success, including **9 district championships, 10 bi-district championships, and 1 area championship**.

In addition to team success, Jesse has coached and developed numerous outstanding individual athletes. Throughout his career he has coached **several El Paso Times Players of the Year, Senior All-Star selections**, as well as many **All-City and All-District players**. His ability to identify, mentor, and develop talent has helped many athletes reach their full potential both on and off the field.

Coach Jesse Perales has also helped develop numerous athletes who have gone on to compete at the **NCAA Division I, Division II, and Division III levels**, a testament to his ability to prepare players for success beyond high school athletics.

His leadership extends beyond youth and school athletics as well. Jesse served as a coach for the **El Paso Brawlers** semi-professional football team, helping lead the organization to a **national championship game**. He has also served as a coach for the **Greater El Paso All-Star Team** for **five years**, working with many of the region's top high school athletes.

In addition to his coaching accomplishments, Jesse served as a **Regional Director for the Hispanic Coaches Association**, where he continues to mentor coaches and support the development of student-athletes across the state. He has also been a member of The Texas High School Coaches Association for over 27 years.

Jesse Perales' legacy is not measured solely by wins and championships, but by the countless young athletes whose lives he has influenced through mentorship, leadership, and opportunity. His dedication to the development of athletes and his lasting impact on the El Paso sports community make him exceptionally deserving of induction into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame.

It is with great respect and enthusiasm that I recommend Jesse Perales for this honor.

Sincerely,

Scott Buel  
3/6/26

## **Jesse Perales ( Coach P)**

2026 El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame nominee–Coach Administrator Category

Head Football Coach Naaman Forest High School, Garland Texas 2019-Present

### **Education**

1991 Bel Air High School

1991 -1996 Western New Mexico University

Work Experience prior to Naaman Forest High School

1996 July - March 2002 Bel Air High School Football, Basketball and Track Assistant

March 2002- July 2004 Del Valle High School Defensive Coordinator

July 2004- May 2019 Del Valle High School Head Fb Coach Athletic Coordinator

May 2019- Current Athletic Coordinator Head Fb Coach Naaman Forest High School

### **Personal Information**

Married to Dr. Ida Perales 23 years

Sons Justus (21) DeAngelo (19) Brody (16)

Justus is a Junior at USAFA- United States Air Force Academy Where he is a member of the Football team and plays Oline

DeAngelo is Freshman at Missouri Western State University where he is a member of the football team and plays Quarterback

Brody is a Sophomore at Naaman Forest High School where he is a member of football and track

### **Career Coaching Record and Highlights**

Career record- 157-89 in 22 years

9 District Championships- 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, , 2017, 2020

21 Bi-District Championship Appearances

10 Bi District Championships 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010,2013, 2014,2015, 2017, 2018,

10 Area Appearances

1 Area Championship 2014

Coaching Awards-

2010 El Paso Times Coach of the year

2020 9-6a coach of The Year

#### Jesse Perales Coaching Record

2004	6-5	Bi-District Appearance
2005	8-4	Bi-District Champions; Area Play Off team
2006	5-6	Bi-District Appearance
2007	9-3	District champions; Bi-District Champions; Area Play Off team
2008	8-4	District champions; Bi-District Champions; Area Play Off team
2009	9-3	District champions; Bi-District Champions; Area Play Off team
2010	10-2	District champion; Bi-District Champions; Area Play Off teams
2011	9-2	District champions, Bi-District Appearance
2012	8-3	District champions, Bi-District Appearance
2013	8-4	District champions; Bi-District Champions; Area Play Off team
2014	11-2	Bi-District Champions; Area Champions, regional Play off team
2015	9-3	Bi-District Champions; Area Play Off team
2016	7-4	Bi-District Appearance
2017	10-2	Bi-District Champions; Area Play Off team
2018	8-3	Bi-District Champions; Area Play Off team
2019	4-7	Bi-District Appearance
2020	6-3	District champions, Bi-District Appearance
2021	5-3	Bi-District Appearance
2022	5-6	Bi-District Appearance
2023	2-8	

2024 5-6 Bi-District Appearance  
2025 5-6 Bi-District Appearance