

John Casey, Tufts University, ISG



Tufts University's John Casey, now in his 38th season with the Jumbos including 36 as head coach, is one of the most respected leaders in college baseball.

Coach Casey served as President of the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) for 2016. A member of the ABCA's leadership team for several years, he ascended to the Presidency after serving as a Vice President for four years. He is a member of the ABCA Board of Directors.

On the field, Coach Casey's Jumbos have been one of the best teams in New England throughout his tenure. Last year Tufts advanced to the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) championship game for the third straight year and 11th time overall. In 2017, he guided the team to its second straight NESCAC championship and fifth overall (most in the conference). The Jumbos finished 30-10-1 under Coach Casey that year. Tufts won the 2016 NESCAC Championship and their 35-8 final record was the most wins for a season in program history. The Jumbos also won back-to-back conference crowns in 2010 and 2011 and had their first league title in 2002.

Tufts has played in the NCAA Tournament five times in the last nine years, including 2017, 2016, 2014, 2011, and 2010. The 1995 and 2002 Jumbo teams also qualified for NCAA's under Coach Casey for seven berths overall. In 2016, Tufts advanced further than any New England team in the NCAA Regionals, reaching the championship round before falling to eventual national runner-up Keystone College. The Jumbos earned #1 seeds at the 2010 and 2011 NCAA New England Regional Tournaments.

The Jumbos earned the 700th win of Coach Casey's career with an 8-4 victory over Castleton University in the 2018 season-opener. Casey became the 17th active Division III coach and 35th all-time to reach the 700 wins milestone. He is one of two active New England coaches to have that many and is the sixth all-time in New England Division III to reach the mark. Through 35 seasons leading the Jumbo program, he now has a 719-322-5 record (.690). He has coached 1,046 games for the Jumbos entering 2019.

Coach Casey will be inducted into New England Intercollegiate Baseball Association (NEIBA) Hall of Fame on May 31 of this year. He has served the NEIBA for many years in a leadership capacity, including as a member of the Executive Board committee and in his current role with the All-Star Game committee. In 2000, the NEIBA presented him with the Jack Butterfield Award, its most prestigious honor, given to an active coach who exhibits the integrity and dedication to the game that Coach Butterfield demonstrated throughout his career. Coach Casey also received the Andy Baylock Distinguished Service Award from the NEIBA in 2005, recognizing his significant contributions to the betterment of New England college baseball. In November 1999, Coach Casey was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Boston Park League, the oldest amateur baseball league in the country.