

# 2026 IHSFCA ELITE CLINIC OF CHAMPIONS

Thursday: March 26, 2026

**3:00-7:30 pm I Hotel & Conference Center** Check in Exhibitors/Recruiting Fair (Heritage Lobby)

**3:00-7:30 pm I Hotel** Coaches Pre-Registered/Registration Check-in

**6:30-6:45 pm H2 & 5** University of Illinois HFC Bret Bielema-2025 Music City Bowl Champions

**6:45-7:15 pm** Illini Offense Assistant Drill Breakout H1-H6 Position Drills

**7:15-7:45 pm** Illini Defense/Special Teams/Strength Staff Breakout H1-H6; Position Drills

**7:45-8:30 pm** Coach Panel with Coach Bielema

**8:30 -11:000 pm H2 & 5** "Coaches Tailgate Party"

Friday: March 27, 2026

**I Hotel & Conference Center (Heritage Hall, Rooms 1-6)**

**7:00am** Pre-Registered Check-in / Heritage Lobby (Coffee & Donuts)

**8:00 - 8:50 am (Session 1)**

H1 Lou Tepper, Former Illini HFC, Multiple Butkus Award Winner Coach, "Linebacking"

H2 Ron Turner, Former Illini HFC & Chic. Bears OC, "Offense Game Management"

H3 Larry Kindbom, Former Wash U STL HFC, Hall of Fame, "Being Aggressive with your Punt Team"

H4 Jeff Boyer, HFC Byron HS, Multiple State Champ, "Ideas for your Program Outside the White Lines"

H5 CJ Irvin, Ill State H/TE, FCS Runner-Up, "Inside Zone Variations"

H6 8 Man- Josh Talley, HFC Pawnee HS, "Building the Plan: Aligning Identity, Personnel, & Opponent"

**9:00-9:50 am (Session 2)**

H1 Lou Tepper, Former Illini HFC, Multiple Butkus Award Winner Coach, "Why the 3-3 Defense?"

H2 Ron Turner, Former Illini HFC & Chic. Bears OC, "Offense Situation Football"

H3 Larry Kindbom, Former Wash U STL HFC, Hall of Fame, "Building a Culture with Your Leadership"

H4 Jeff Boyer, HFC Byron HS, Multiple IL State Champ, "Being Uncommon with the FB Position"

H5 Kye Stewart, AHC/OLB's Ill State, FCS Runner-Up, "Defense Unit Drills & Group Work"

H6 8 Man- Josh Talley, HFC Pawnee HS, "Lessons the Hard Way: Evolving the 8-Man Spread Passing Game"

**10:20-11:50 am (Session 3)**

**ILLINOIS GRAND BALLROOM**

**10:20-10:50** IHSFCA Meeting/Awards/IHSA-Kevin Crandall (IHSFCA Director)

**10:50-11:05** Coach Bielema/HFC Illini, 2025 Music City Bowl Champion

**11:05-11:50** Coach Bielema Intro-FEATURED SPEAKER -Brendan Daly, 6x Super Bowl Champ, Asst. DC KC Chiefs

**Noon-12:45 pm (Session 4)** Heritage Rooms 3&6

**H3/H6-** (Coach Rex FCA Coaches Luncheon Tepper/Kindbom)

**1:30-2:20 pm (Session 5)**

H1 Brian Short, HFC Breese Central HS, "Building the Central Football Family" Part 1 (Players, Parents, & Summer)

H2 Anthony Sheehan, HFC Richards HS, "Packaged Plays" (Run/RPO/Play Action)

H3 Tanner Benedict, HFC El-Paso Gridley HS, "Your Program is Your Playbook" Part 1

H4 Chris James, HFC Morgan Park HS, "Get Your Athletes the Ball in Space"

H5 David Hay, Ret. HFC Chatham Glenwood HS, "Playing Multiple & Fast on Defense"

H6 8-Man Brandon Wiese, HFC Belmont HS WI, "Developing an 8man Program"

**2:30-3:20 pm (Session 6)**

H1 Brian Short, HFC Breese Central HS, "Building the Central Football Family" Part 2 (Practice, Coaches, Community, & Fundraising)

H2 Anthony Sheehan, HFC Richards HS, "Richards Passing Game"

H3 Tanner Benedict, HFC El-Paso Gridley HS, "Your Program is Your Playbook" Part 2 (Emphasizing Relationships)

H4 Chris James, HFC Morgan Park HS, "Maximizing Resources" (Obtaining Sponsorships & Fundraising)

H5 David Hay, Ret. HFC Chatham Glenwood HS, "How to Practice Playing Multiple & Fast on Defense"

H6 8-Man Brandon Wiese, HFC Belmont HS WI, "Practice Organization and Drills"

**3:30-4:20pm (Session 7)**

H1 Sean Thompson, HFC Paducah Tillman HS KY, "Restructuring Culture & Tradition-Make Your Program Your Own"

H2 Todd Loveday, HFC Sevier HS TN, "Stealing Possessions & Points with Special Teams"

H3 John Beerbower, Director Strength & Cond. District 156, "Beyond Sets & Reps- It's All About Relationships"

H4 Adam Chavez, HFC West Chicago HS, "Rocket Toss from the Flexbone"

H5 Drew Dallas, HFC Hutchinson JC KS, "Offense Multiplicity-QB & Game Planning"

**4:30-5:20pm (Session 8)**

H1 Sean Thompson, HFC Paducah Tillman HS KY, "Improve Offense Efficiency with Practice Tempo and Structure"

H2 Todd Loveday, HFC Sevier HS TN, "Program Building & Advancing"

H4 Adam Chavez, HFC West Chicago HS, "Protect the Rocket Toss with Belly"

H5 Tony Koehling, OL Hutchinson JC KS, "Run Game Multiplicity-Zone & Gap Scheme"

**6:00-7:30 pm (Session 9)**

**Memorial Stadium Illini Practice**

**7:30-10:30 pm (Session 10)**

**FICE Memorial Stadium Coaches Social**

Saturday March 28, 2026

**I HOTEL- Heritage Hall**

(10:30 am-Noon) Hall of Fame Social

(Noon-1:30 pm) Hall of Fame Banquet