



## ART HASSLER

*Fountain-Fort Carson High School Head Coach*

*Inducted November 1, 2021*

Art Hassler began his coaching career in 1970 by coaching football for the Young America League. He continued his involvement with youth sports as summer Sports Director for Security Parks & Recreation, directing Little League baseball, girls and men's softball. While there he created the Widefield-Security Young American football program for grades 4-8.

In 1973, Hassler coached football, basketball & track at Fountain Middle School. A year later, he was hired as the head boys track coach and assistant football coach at Fountain-Fort Carson High School. At FFCHS, his teams won ten State Track Championships and seven athletes were named All-Americans. With over 75 individual track & field champions to his credit, Hassler was named Colorado



Track Coach of the Year numerous times in both girls and boys track. He was a National Track Coach of the Year finalist in 2001 and was inducted into the Colorado Coaches Hall of Fame that same year.

In football Hassler served as varsity defensive coordinator for 38 years (1977-2014) coaching over 400 varsity games, winning 237. He was defensive coordinator for the 1979, 1988 & 1989 state runner up teams at FFCHS.

Hassler served as head boys track coach for 31 years, retiring in 2006. He was the head girls track coach for 22 years retiring in 2007. Several of his athletes have gone on to become collegiate & professional athletes.