OFFICIALS’ RECOGNITION POLICY

On July 23, 2014 PIAA Board of Directors unanimously passed a motion made by the Officials’ Council whereby all officials completing 30 years of service will be honored at the Officials’ Convention Banquet.

Originally, only those male officials with 35 years of service and female officials with 25 years of service were recognized at this banquet and presented with their honoree watch and certificate. The rationale for the difference in years is PIAA did not actively register female sports officials until the early to mid-1970’s. Therefore, in a spirit of recognition of all sports officials, the 25 and 35 year benchmarks were established. The Board of Directors felt that this change in policy was necessary to recognize all officials in a uniform fashion.

Those female officials that had completed 25 years of service and who had been invited to last years banquet will still be invited to the 2015 banquet. They will continue to be invited until they reach 30 years of service when both genders will be aligned and all officials serving 30 or more years will be invited and recognized at the Officials Convention Banquet.

PIAA feels it is important to recognize those individuals who have been registered as a sports official for 30 years in front of their peers and guests for their active registration as a PIAA sports’ official. It is a celebration of their tenure as a sports official and a commitment to share a night of experiences, photographs, anecdotes upon those individuals who have provided this service to schools of this association. Once an official receives their watch, if it needs repair for any reason, or does not work properly, an honored official may return it to the PIAA Office for a replacement at no cost. This, in essence, makes this commemorative watch have a lifetime guarantee for the registered sports’ official.

Once the official retires and they have not attended this recognition banquet, they will be invited for a minimum of three (3) additional years for them to attend this banquet with their spouse/guest to be recognized. This three year minimum may be extended, annually, with a request and support of the respective district officials’ representative(s).

Officials who are in poor health, or have extenuating personal situations that may inhibit travel to this recognition banquet, may upon the agreement of the district officials’ representative(s), to provide an alternate delivery method with the concurrence of the registered sports’ official. This delivery may take place at a local chapter meeting, district committee meeting and/or any other delivery method that would fit into the individual sports’ officials’ personal situation. Vacations and work situations are not to be considered in the alternate delivery process since the official will be invited annually.