



Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association NEWSLETTER

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2021 Officials' "30 Years of Service" Awards Luncheon

PIAA Board of Directors and Staff would like to congratulate and thank the officials who attended the "30 Years of Service" Banquet on August 14th, 2021. There were 85 officials recognized for their many years of service to student-athletes across the commonwealth.

In addition to the "30 Years of Service Awards", PIAA also presents three unique service awards at its annual luncheon; the Beverly M. Owens Gaither Meritorious Service Award, the Chapter Secretary of the Year Award, and the Mario J. Donnangelo Distinguished Service Award. The Beverly M. Owens-Gaither Meritorious Service Award is awarded to a registered or non-registered official who shows a constant and consistent devotion to PIAA through their years of service. This year's recipient was Edward B. Michael who has become synonymous with the PIAA Wrestling Championships for over 35 years of devotion to the sport. Ed was also an accomplished PIAA-registered baseball umpire for 20 years from 1977 through 2006.



Edward B. Michael accepting his award.



Jack Werner along with Tom Santo's wife, Molly and daughter, Kari accepting his award.

The Chapter Secretary of the Year award goes to a chapter secretary who was nominated by their chapter for showing leadership and commitment to their chapter. This year's Chapter Secretary of the Year award went to Mr. Thomas G. Santo (posthumously), who was the Chapter Secretary for the Joseph A. Massa, Sr. Chapter of PIAA Football Officials. Tom who became the bedrock foundation of the chapter and who officiated over 900 regular season contests, 100 playoff games and 3 state championships thoroughly enjoyed his role as a chapter secretary. Tom was an

exceptional secretary who established great relationships and had a knack and character for dealing with unique situations.

The Mario J. Donnangelo Distinguished Service Award, this is the highest award the PIAA bestows on a registered sports official. The recipient of this award was William J. Schoen. Bill has been a registered official since 1983 in the sports of Basketball, Basketball, and Football. He also has served as the District II Male Officials' Representative for 12 years. Bill was also elected to serve as the Male Officials' Representative to the PIAA Board of Directors for the 2011-2012 school year. Congratulations to these three distinguished individuals on their well-deserved awards.



Bill Schoen accepting his award.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Important Dates:

Officials' Convention (Virtual)

- Fall Sports: Aug. 2021
- Winter Sports : Nov. 2021
- Spring Sports: Feb. 2022

September 25th

- [PIAA Foundation CC Race](#)
Parkview CC Course, Hershey

October 18th & 19th

- Golf Championships: Ind.
Heritage Hills, York

October 25th

- Golf Championships: Team
Heritage Hills, York

October 29th—30th

- Girls' Tennis Championships:
Team, Hershey Racquet Club

November 5th—6th

- Girls' Tennis Championships:
S/D, Hershey Racquet Club

November 6th

- Cross Country Championships
Parkview CC Course, Hershey

November 19th—20th

- Soccer Championships
HersheyPark Stadium

November 20th

- Field Hockey Championships
Whitehall High School
- Volleyball Championships
Cumberland Valley HS

**Pennsylvania Interscholastic
Athletic Association
(PIAA)**

goal is to provide educational,
character building opportunities for
students through athletics.

316,400

Student-Athletes

1,431

Member Schools

769 High Schools
662 Junior High Schools



Title IX at 50 Years

In celebration of the 50th year anniversary of Title IX, PIAA would like to recognize those individuals who served as pioneers for girls athletics in Pennsylvania. If you know of someone who you believe provided leadership in the area of Title IX please submit their information to Assistant Executive Director, Jen Grassel @ jgrassel@piaa.org. PIAA will attempt to recognize these women throughout the school year.

Become an Official

Athletics provides immeasurable experiences to students. Interscholastic athletics does not happen without sports officials. Now more than ever sports officials numbers are on the decline. Make the decision to make a lifelong impact on student-athletes. Click the patch to become a sports official.



Athletic Director Resources

As the 2021-2022 interscholastic athletic season begins.

Athletic Directors can be reminded of resources they can use through the [NFHSLearning Center](#). They have a library of

free videos that can be used for coaches, student-athletes, and

parents. Click [here](#) to view the library. Some videos that have provided positive feedback from athletic directs are those focusing on parents, especially the [The Parent Seat](#). These videos explain to parents how to be positive role models for their student-athlete(s). The Parent Seat includes three different videos that schools can use.

The NFHSLearning Center also has a variety of courses that can be completed for administrators, coaches, student-athletes, parents and officials. The NFHS learning center provides over 55 free courses from a variety of topics including, student athlete mental health, social media, implicit bias, NCAA eligibility, and play-by-play announcing to name a few. For more information on the NFHSLearning Center, click [here](#).



Reminders for the Upcoming School Year

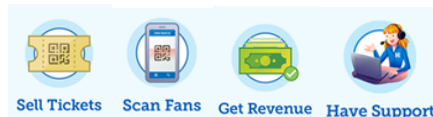
- Mandatory Rule Interpretation Meetings must be attended by a Head Coach. Failure to attend will result in an **\$100.00 fine**.
 - ◇ Click [here](#) for information on attending rule interpretation meetings.
- Eligibility lists are due within two weeks of the First Regular Season Contest Date. Failure to accurately and electronically submit the Certificate of Eligibility and subsequent modifications within two (2) weeks after the First Regular Season Contest Date will result in the imposition of a fine of **\$100** per sport. Any modifications to the Certificate of Eligibility shall be timely submitted throughout the season.
- Enrollment numbers need to be submitted to the PIAA from **October 1, 2021, until October 15th, 2021**. Numbers will be submitted using your school code through the PIAA website.
- School administrators should check to make sure officials have updated clearances. Login using your school access code and view the Officials' Registry. Any officials not found in the registry are not properly registered and should not be contracted to officiate.



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