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30th Annual PIAA Officials' Convention

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MECHANICSBURG, PA – The 30th Annual PIAA Officials Convention is set to take place August 1st and 2nd, 2025 at the Hilton Harrisburg. The Officials' Convention was launched by current PIAA Executive Director Dr. Robert Lombardi in 1994. It started with only 75 officials in attendance and has grown to an average of more than 1,000 officials each year. This convention has become the largest interscholastic sports officials' convention in the country and continues to hold its place! This is a chance for officials to gain educational knowledge, review rule changes for the upcoming sports season(s), and participate in numerous sessions on a variety of topics related to all PIAA sponsored sports.

"Not only is this the most efficient and effective continuing education program for officials but it's also a recognition of those individuals that have served the membership for over 30-years," said Dr. Robert Lombardi, PIAA Executive Director. "Since the conference inception three decades ago, PIAA has honored 2,439 officials."

The annual conference will also host sports-specific sessions related to rules, mechanics and other nuances of being an official. Other topics will include communication of officials with coaches and how to maintain being a healthy official.

Speakers will include Robert Hartman, PIAA immediate past vice-president, will talk of his experiences as an athlete, official, administrator and a PIAA executive. Fred Harris, Athletic Director at Liberty High School in Bethlehem, will speak about the relationship between the official and athletic director and how that can be enhanced.

This two-day convention caps off by recognizing PIAA officials for their years of service to PIAA member schools and student-athletes in Pennsylvania. The culminating banquet on Saturday night will recognize nearly 100 officials who have dedicated at least three decades of service.

The PIAA has over 15,000 registered sport officials across the state, but this still isn't enough. With the growing number of sports and student-athletes in Pennsylvania, there's always a need for more officials. If you or someone you know would like to become an official, visit [Become an Official](#). For a complete list of award recipients and conference information, please click [here](#).

"Our purpose is to serve, our mission is to achieve, and our goal is excellence."

2025 Officials' Conference Award Honorees

Beverly Owens-Gaither Meritorious Service Award

Dr. Sam Monismith, Harrisburg

Chapter Recognition Award

York Chapter of PIAA Basketball Officials

President Mike Heisler, York accepting

Chapter Secretary of the Year Award

Jennifer Everett, Wilkes Barre

Mario J. Donnangelo Distinguished Service Award

Audrey K. Hall, Burnt Cabins

Bruce G. Haselrig, Johnstown

30-Year Official Awards

Frank Accetta, Springdale; Frederick J. Agostini, Drexel Hill; James A. Anderson, Darby; Michael L. Applegate, Bethlehem; Robert J. Banzhoff, Schnecksville; Greg R. Bell, Greensburg; Samuel Bloom, Pittsburgh; Jeffrey Broad, Temple; Susan L. Brubaker, Harrisburg; Dennis Capozzolo, Bethlehem; Mary Linda Castano, Coudersport; Thomas C. Chernisky, Johnstown; Louise Cicerchia, Nanticoke; Kevin D. Davis, Donora; James F. Delbaugh, Sunbury; Louis A. Drnjevic, Sr., Mt. Pleasant; James B. Evens, Port Allegany; Daniel H. Fletcher, Indiana; Todd Gallupe, Swickley; Anthony Ganzak, Pittsburgh; Albert G. Gardner, Philadelphia; Charles J. Gephart, Philadelphia; Joseph C. Goode, Benton; Christopher W. Green, Gilbertsville; Christopher A. Hayes, Philadelphia; William S. Hoffman, McConnellsburg; Tony Holmes, Philadelphia; Raymond R. Hoppel, Jr., Lewistown; David A. Jaap, Venetia; John E. Jenkins, Jr., Pittsburgh; Jaime Johnson, Enola; Andrew J. Keenan, Collegeville; Michael J. Kelly, Havertown; Charles Kipp, Newport; Tina K. Knepp, Lewistown; Patricia L. Kunkle, Doylestown; Scott D. Lamprey, Middletown; Ralph D. Lehman, Chambersburg; Raymond G. Leverknight, Johnstown; Peter P. Lupkowski, Wellsboro; Karl F. Mack, Philadelphia; Colin Paul McGinnis, Seward; Jarrod P. McKay, Cochran, Thomas R. Meluskey, Sr., Wilkes Barre; Floyd E. Metzger, Jr., Elmira; Ronald B. Mezick, Muncy; Aaron Mickens, Carnegie; David W. Moore, Monroeville; James P. Moore, Sr., Philadelphia; Larry R. Moser, Carlisle; Jeffrey R. Moses, Pottstown; Louisa O'Brien, Bedford; John Oleynik, McMurray; Todd J. Parker, Altoona; John A. Pero, North East; Donald E. Pettigrew, Beaver Falls; Lenard D. Polin, Richboro; Sandra S. Potocki, Coudersport; Paul D. Puleo, Greensburg; Timothy S. Ray, Sr., Shillington; Stephen Reider, Bensalem; David L. Reiner, Milton; Michael A. Reiss, Nazareth; Joyce A. Reitz, Brookville; John M. Ressler, Robesonia; David S. Shank, Glen Mills; Joseph D. Shick, Dubois; Alan Rick Shrout, Oil City; Mark Sike, Pittsburgh; James R. Smith, Jr., Philadelphia; Rochelle Speier, Kingston; Paul B. Sporter, McDonald; Susan M. Stafford, Lititz; Neil P. Stewart, Freeport; Michael R. Stirling, Carlisle; Mark John Stroney, Mehoopany, Terry J. Sullivan, Waynesboro; Mary M. Talbot, Conneaut Lake; Chris Teagarden, Republic; Lawrence A. Tomei, McDonald; Mark Tortorella, Pittsburgh; Randall L. Troutman, Dayton; Michael W. Turner, Erie; Joseph L. Volpe, Masontown; Leslie Whalen, Pittsburgh; Andre Williams, Philadelphia; Tim William, North Huntingdon; John M. Wisniewski, Jr., Edgemont; Preston Wright, Uniontown.

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Beginning in Pittsburgh, on December 29, 1913, PIAA was given the privilege of serving its member schools and registered officials by establishing policies and adopting contest rules that emphasize the educational values of interscholastic athletics, promote safe and sportsmanlike competition, and provide uniform standards for all interscholastic levels of competition.