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PIAA Football Officials Recognized by Pittsburgh Steelers

*Football Officials recognized from District VI belonging to the Tri-County, Northern
Cambria, Gaird Zauzig, George Iuzzolino and Central Counties Chapters.*

MECHANICSBURG, PA – The National Football League (NFL) and National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) have joined together for a national initiative designed to recognize and celebrate high school football officials for their dedication to interscholastic athletics. The Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc (PIAA) is proud to announce another NFL/NFHS September Football Officiating Crew of the Month. The Pittsburgh Steelers are recognizing a crew from PIAA District VI for their professionalism, teamwork, communication and commitment to high school football.

Congratulations to the crew of:

Lou Idzajtich, Referee - Indiana, Pa
Andrew Lubert, Umpire - Ebensburg, Pa
Charles Terek, Head Linesman - Cresson, Pa
Tracy Cornelius, Line Judge - Orbisonia, Pa
Todd Parker, Side Judge - Altoona, Pa
Todd Moss, Back Judge - Bellefonte, Pa
Mike Rendos, Field Judge - Lock Haven, Pa

The crew was nominated by District VI Male Officials Representative Chris Rickens and is comprised of officials from the Tri-County, Northern Cambria, Gaird Zauzig, George Iuzzolino and Central Counties Chapters. [Click here for the Steelers recognition.](#)

“This crew has a combined 282 years of dedicated service to the PIAA and high school football,” said Rickens. “On the field they exemplify what officiating is all about. They officiate the game with honor and integrity each and every time they put on the stripes. Their objective decision-making and commitment to the sport is paramount. Of the seven of them, they have attended a total of 44 PIAA Officials’ Conventions. Several of them are or have been leaders in their respective chapters and have mentored many new officials to become better at their craft.”

“PIAA Officials play an important role in creating a positive experience for student-athletes, coaches and communities,” said Mark E. Byers, PIAA Executive Director. “This recognition is a great way to celebrate the commitment and professionalism of our officials and the countless hours they give to the game. We congratulate this District VI crew on this well-deserved honor.”

This is the third PIAA football officiating crew recognized during the NFL/NFHS initiative and second by the Steelers.

About the Program

The NFL/NFHS Officiating Crew of the Month program recognizes the dedicated officials who help make high school football possible throughout the Philadelphia region. During the months of September, October and November, the Philadelphia Eagles will recognize one officiating crew from the PIAA for their commitment to the game, professionalism, leadership and dedication to creating a safe and positive environment for student-athletes.

The program celebrates the officials who work behind the scenes each week to support players, coaches, schools and communities and ensure the game is played with integrity and respect. The recognition provides an opportunity to highlight the important role high school football officials play in interscholastic athletics and the commitment required to serve student-athletes, coaches and schools throughout the season.

The initiative began during the 2023-24 school year with five state associations and five NFL clubs participating. It has grown significantly, with 29 state associations and all 32 NFL clubs participating during the 2026-27 school year.

“The NFHS and NFL are excited to be working with 29 state associations and all 32 NFL clubs for our joint officiating initiative during the 2026-27 school year,” said Dana Pappas, NFHS Director of Officiating Services. “The growth of this initiative to where we are now is an absolute thrill, and we are looking forward to the opportunity to recognize officials from across the country who serve interscholastic football.”

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