



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **KSHSAA HONORS ATHLETIC OFFICIALS FOR DEDICATION & SERVICE**

### **DECEMBER 2018:**

Each year, the Kansas State High School Activities Association recognizes and honors a select group of contest officials for their dedication and service to Kansas interscholastic athletic programs. The KSHSAA Official Recognition program started in the 1999-2000 school year to honor officials who have contributed significant years of service. Award plaques are given for 20, 30, 40 and 50 years of service to the youth and schools of Kansas. Officials reaching these milestones are recognized at a ceremony in conjunction with a state championship event.

Each school year approximately 4,000 men and women, including some high school students, become KSHSAA registered athletic officials. The Association registers officials in 10 of the 14 sports it sponsors. Officials at interscholastic athletic events not only provide for a fair and safe contest environment but also play an important role as participants in the educational development of high school students.

The KSHSAA was pleased to recognize these special individuals for their years of study, preparation, sacrifice of personal time, and most of all, their enduring commitment to the schools and youth of Kansas.

### **KSHSAA Registered Officials Honored in the Fall of 2018:**

#### **50 Years of Service**

Gilbert Green, Abilene  
Randy Gregg, Topeka  
Rene Poort, Topeka

#### **40 Years of Service**

Don Clapsaddle, Erie  
Debra Evans, Fall River  
Rodney Hafner, Great Bend  
Kenneth Ratliff, Kensington  
Jeff Regier, Augusta  
Fred Wake, Leavenworth

#### **30 Years of Service**

John Comstock, Kansas City, MO  
Steve Custenborder, Natoma  
Delisa Drewes, Lawrence  
Jerry Haskell, Potwin  
Jerry Higgins, Hutchinson  
Jane Holzrichter, Hutchinson  
Francine Martin, Topeka  
Jerry Power, Norwich

#### **20 Years of Service**

John Boyle, Winfield  
Phil Lombardi, Kansas City, MO  
Anthony Lyles, Lawrence  
Cheryl Nave, McLouth  
Doug Nelson, Centralia  
Larry Ramos, Wichita  
Cary Roland, Moscow  
Polly Schroeder, Wichita  
Laura Spears-Vargas, Wichita