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### Kansan Wins NFOA Contributor Award

**TOPEKA, Kan.** — The KSHSAA is proud to announce that Mark Goodheart has been awarded the *National Federation Officials Association (NFOA) Distinguished National Contributor Award*. The NFHS selects one individual from across the country to be awarded to this honor each year.

Goodheart is from Bison, Kansas and has been a registered official with the KSHSAA for 46 years. He has officiated basketball, volleyball, baseball and softball during his career. He also officiated collegiate basketball at the small college level for 30 years and worked six national tournaments. Goodheart serves as a league commissioner for three leagues and is a basketball area supervisor for the KSHSAA. He has helped coordinate numerous basketball official clinics and camps and has worked with the Fort Hays State Intramural department in utilizing officials in their program for contests he assigns.



Goodheart has been in the Otis-Bison school system for 38 years and is currently the K-12 principal at Otis-Bison schools.

“The KSHSAA appreciates the contributions Mark has made in helping recruit, retain, train and assign officials in Kansas. Mr. Goodheart has served the youth of Kansas as an official for over 40 years and is very deserving of this recognition,” said KSHSAA Executive Director, Bill Faflick.

The NFHS also recognized twelve other active officials as *2018 State Officials of the Year*. These officials have made significant contributions to high school officiating as a KSHSAA registered official.

Baseball – Phil Lombardi, Kansas City  
Boys Basketball – John Stous, Holton  
Girls Basketball – Jerry Higgins, Hutchinson  
Football – Gary Davis, Chetopa  
Boys Soccer – Brandon Perry, Topeka  
Girls Soccer – Marc Tiemann, Lenexa  
Boys Track & Field – Chris Rorabaugh, Ellis  
Girls Track & Field – Curtis Conrad, Cheney  
Softball – Brian Miller, Wichita  
Volleyball – Dave Dover, Leawood  
Wrestling – Justin Thaw, North Newton  
Gymnastics – Janice Baker, Shawnee

Congratulations to all these officials for being recognized by the NFHS and KSHSAA for their contributions to officiating.