



KSHSAA HONORS ATHLETIC OFFICIALS FOR DEDICATION & SERVICE

DECEMBER 2023:

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 2023

50 Years of Service

Kenneth Hiltgen, Meriden
Ron Price, LaCygne

40 Years of Service

Randy Finuf, Winfield
Steve Stutheit, Shawnee
Kenneth Talkington, Osage City

30 Years of Service

Denise Custenborder, Topeka
Lisa Prouse, Harper
Pat Prouse, Harper
Tracy Smith, Moran

20 Years of Service

Jolene Bannister, Hiawatha
Nicholas Cordt, Goddard
Amanda Elms (Winkelman), Wichita
Dan Ingalls, El Dorado
Curtis Mitchell, Hutchinson
TL Price, Topeka
Chad Saporito, Columbus
Clint Saporito, Columbus
Ben Tenpenny, Topeka