

## ***Roger Barr to Retire December 31 as Director of Officials***

Roger Barr, Director of Officials for the IHSAA since 2003, and his wife Donna, an administrative assistant for the Iowa High School Music Association, will retire Dec. 31. Mr. Barr was honored before the championship crowd on the final night of the State Baseball Tournament, Aug. 1

He has evaluated and assigned officials for IHSAA tournaments in football, basketball and baseball while also being the administrator for Baseball and Golf. He has originated and developed officials' clinics; has been active in national meetings that produced Officials Summits as well as serving on National Federation rules committees in baseball, basketball and Official Advisory Committee. He has also been the Athletic Association's lead person when the State Baseball Tournament moved to Principal Park in 2005.

Alan Beste, executive director of the IHSAA, commented, "Mr. Barr was the Association's first ever Director of Officials and did an exemplary job in the areas of officials' training and education as well as his administrative duties in baseball and golf."

Prior to coming to the IHSAA, he owned and operated a successful sporting goods business and followed his father in becoming a highly successful official. During a 28 year career he was a state tournament official in football, baseball and boys and girls basketball, officiating a total of 200 state tournament games including 58 championships – both more than any other individual to officiate those four sports. He also was an IHSAA rules interpreter in football, basketball and baseball for 18 years.

He has been elected to several Halls of Fame including the IHSAA Officials' Hall of Fame, and the recipient of two distinguished awards – the NFHS Award for service to a state association and the NFHS Citation – honoring those whose have enriched educational activities for students.