

Iowa's 22nd Inductee

Former IHSAA Director of Officials Roger Barr Elected to NFHS Hall of Fame

Former Director of Officials for the Iowa High School Athletic Association Roger Barr is one of 12 prominent athletic figures in America who will be inducted into the National Federation of High School Associations Hall of Fame this summer. The induction ceremony is the closing session of the 99th Annual NFHS Summer Meeting in Chicago, June 28-July 2 at the Chicago Marriott Downtown Hotel & Convention Center.

In learning of Mr. Barr's election, Alan Beste, executive director of the IHSAA, noted, "Roger dedicated his entire adult life to officiating and did so for the love of the game and the students who participated. We are honored to have him being inducted to the NFHS Hall of Fame."

Mr. Barr, a well-known contest official prior to serving the IHSAA for 12 years (2003-2015), is the 22nd Iowan to be honored with NFHS Hall of Fame induction.

The son of an official, he spent 35 years working baseball, football, and boys' and girls' basketball contests. During an active 35-year career he was assigned to 109 State Tournaments in those sports, officiated over 200 state tournament games and 56 State Championships. He was honored for his work by receiving numerous hall of fame honors and official of the year laurels. During his role as an active official, he was an IHSAA rules interpreter in basketball, baseball and football.

In his 12 years at the IHSAA he devoted numerous hours evaluating officials and enlisted veteran officials to assist, and providing feedback for the observed official. He was a member of the NFHS national rules committee for baseball and basketball. He organized IHSAA officiating clinics in baseball, football and basketball as a means of stimulating interest of new officials. He also was the subject of interviews of officiating magazines and articles. He hosted and

participated in national and mid-west officiating summits and was also a men's basketball evaluator/observer for the Big 12 Collegiate Office. In 2013 he was a national recipient of an NFHS Citation for his role in positively impacting students in educational activities.

He and his wife Donna now live in Kansas City, MO, where he works part time with the Kansas City Royals and Kansas City Chiefs merchandizing stores.

Previous NFHS Hall of Fame inductees:

2017 - Richard Wulkow, Boone, administrator

2014 - Casey Blake, Indianola, athlete

2012 - Fred Hoiberg, Ames, athlete

2011 - Curt Bladt, Harlan Community, football coach

2010 - Gary Christensen, Mason City, official

2009 - Himie Voxman, Centerville, Performing Arts

2008 - Natasha Kaiser-Brown, Des Moines Roosevelt, athlete

2007 - Clyde Duncan, Des Moines North, athlete

2006 - Duane Twait, Emmetsburg, football coach

2005 - Chad Hennings, Benton Community (Elberon), athlete

2003 - Everett Johnson, Boone, Performing Arts - music educator

2000 - Robert Oldis, Iowa City, official & Gary Thompson, Roland, athlete

1997 - Russ Kraai, Holstein, coach (FB, TR, GBB) & Robert Hildebrand, Manchester, official

1993 - Bernie Saggau, Jr., Boone, administrator

1989 - Calvin Harms, Sumner, official

1988 - Robert Siddens, Waterloo West wrestling coach

1987 - Vince J. Meyer, Bancroft St. John's baseball coach

1984 - Dan Gable, Waterloo West, athlete; & Denise Long Andre, Union-Whitten, athlete

Other inductees in this year's NFHS Hall of Fame include Athletes: **Dick Fosbury (Oregon)** who revolutionized the high jump; **Tom Osborne (Nebraska)** all around prep athlete who was his state's 1955 Athlete of the Year, before becoming a coaching legend; **Nicole Powell (Arizona)** basketball great; and **Carrie Tollefson (Minnesota)** five state cross country titles and 8 state Track and field championships. Coaches: **Buddy Anderson (Alabama)** his state's all-time winningest football coach with 329 wins in 40 seasons; **Miller Bugliari (New Jersey)** soccer coach with 850 wins and 26 state titles; **Dorothy Gaters (Illinois)** her state's career basketball win leader with 1,106; **Jeff Meister (Hawaii)** who has won 34 state titles in girls and boys swimming; **Bill O'Neill (Vermont)** national leader in girls soccer and boys ice hockey, and also coaches girls' softball; Administrator: **Dick Neal (Massachusetts)** served as the executive director for 34 years before retiring and also serving on several NFHS Committees; Performing Arts: **Bill Zurkey (Ohio)**, who was his state's leading choral music director and music education leader.