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45 & 50-Year Officials Honored For First Time At 28th Awards & Alumni Banquet

EAST LANSING, Mich. – April 5 – The first class of individuals with 45 or 50 or more years of service to high school sports as game officials will be part of 389 honored at the Michigan High School Athletic Association's 28th Annual Officials' Awards & Alumni Banquet on May 12 at the Lansing Sheraton Hotel at 7 p.m.

A total of 24 officials with 50 or more years of service will be honored, along with 13 officials with 45 years. A 40-year award will be presented to 36 officials. In addition, 189 officials with 20 years, and 127 officials with 30 years, of experience, will be honored. With the induction of this year's select group, the honor roll of officials who have aided young student-athletes grows to 6,855 since the inception of the banquet in 1980.

The banquet will also feature the announcement of the 2007 recipient of the Vern L. Norris Award. The honor, named for the former MHSAA executive director, will be presented to an official with more than 20 years of experience who has been active in their local officials' association, has mentored other officials and has been involved in officials' education.

This year's banquet will again feature brief multimedia presentations prior to the introduction of each group of recipients, with historical highlights from 1987, 1977, 1967, 1962 and 1957.

Tickets for the banquet are available to the public and are priced at \$15.00. Tickets will not be sold at the door. For additional information, contact Faye Verellen at 517.332.5046.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by over 1,800 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition. No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools. Member schools which enforce these rules are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments, which attract approximately 1.6 million spectators each year.

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(NOTE – A complete listing of officials to be honored, in alphabetical order by city, is included in this release. We hope you will recognize any individuals from your area who have contributed over the years to interscholastic athletics. If you are interested in attending the banquet, contact Faye Verellen at the MHSAA office for complimentary tickets.)

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MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

20, 30 & 40-YEAR OFFICIALS

The officials on this list will receive their 20, 30, 40, 45 or 50-year service awards at the 28th annual Officials' Awards & Alumni Banquet at the Lansing Sheraton Hotel on May 12.

20 YEAR OFFICIALS

Ada - Mike Terwilliger

Allegan - John Bishop

Allen Park - Denise Sombati

Alpena - James Vedder

Ann Arbor - Jon Keith

Bad Axe - Wayne Brady

Battle Creek - Richard Massa

Bay City - Mark Bauer

Bay City - Floyd DeVoe Jr

Bay City - Rollin Fawcett

Bay City - Raul Gonzales

Bay City - Robert Kohn

Bay City - Michael Luptowski

Bay City - Michael Sobczak

Bellaire - Jamie Smith

Benzonia - Andy Herman

Big Rapids - Jeffrey Jennings

Breckenridge - Lee Long

Brighton - Lyle Sanderson

Brownstown - Dennis Nickerson

Brownstown Township - Peter Bean

Buchanan - Randy Bicard

Burton - Herman Miller

Burton - Darrick Puffer

Byron Center - Marvin Heasley

Caro - Robert Suranye

Cedarville - LeRoy Pieri

Charlevoix - Randall Holecheck

Charlotte - Dale McGilvra

Clark Lake - Mark Snyder

Clinton Township - William White

Coldwater - Quinn Berry

Concord - Greggerly Williams

Constantine - Les Iseminger

Constantine - Dale Wentela

Coopersville - Steven Bennink

Dearborn - Patrick Allison

Dearborn - Mike Unger

Dearborn Heights - Phil Shannon

Deckerville - Beth Schumacher

Detroit - Lonzie Muhammad

Detroit - Frank Taraskiewicz

Detroit - Michael Wynn

DeWitt - Michael Heintz

East Lansing - Howard Comstock

Eastpointe - Darin Gilbert Sr

Escanaba - Gary Buckley

Farmington Hills - Jack Light

Farwell - Douglas Haggart

Flint - Richard Battstone Jr

Flint - Joe Wheeler

Flushing - Steven Berriman

Flushing - Clarence Turner

Frankenmuth - Joseph Ricard

Frankfort - Michael Fought

Fraser - Wsewolod Hnatzcuk

Gaylord - Ralph Galbraith

Gladstone - Joe Moberg

Gladwin - Ted Balzer

Grand Blanc - Brian Parr

Grand Rapids - Mark Campbell

Grandville - Geoffrey Goodyear

Grayling - Robert Gingerich

Grosse Pointe Park - William DeFrance

Grosse Pte. Woods-Frederick Schippert II

Haslett - Russell Hewitt

Hazel Park - Carolyn Dittenber

Holland - Michael Bos

Horton - Brook Ladd

Hudsonville - Michael Dolce

Ida - Gary Miller

Interlochen - David Gray

Iron Mountain - Lawrence Ross

Ironwood - Terry Pumala

Ithaca - James Wideman

Jackson - Tobin Boyd

Jackson - Stephanie Palmer

Jenison - Thomas Kragt

Kalamazoo - Loren Heun

Kalamazoo - Glenn Huntley

Kalamazoo - Charles Kinnane

Kalamazoo - Anthony Koshar Jr

Kalamazoo - John Wayman

Kentwood - Gary Kuipers

Kentwood - Alan Woodcox

Kimball - Timothy Lynch

Lake Ann - John Irwin

Lathrup Village - James Poole

Livonia - Joseph Trachy Jr

Mancelona - Kevin Taylor

Marquette - Barry James

Mason - Ronald Smoker

Midland - Joseph Reinke

Midland - Steve Weiger

Milford - Craig Johnston

Millington - Timothy Walter

Millington - Jeffrey Yorke

Monroe - Kelli Hall

Monroe - Shaun O'Hern

Muskegon - Onesiphorus Burrel

Muskegon - Michael Cribbs

Muskegon - Larry Preston

Muskegon - Matthew Preston

Nashville - Michael Meade

Negaunee - Glen Nelson

Negaunee - John Vercoe

New Boston - William Spiecker

Newaygo - Raymond Bauer

Newberry - Rob Depew

Oak Park - Sheldon Larky

Olivet - Douglas Thering

Onsted - Rusty Frank

Ontonagon - Gary Peterson

Owosso - Scott Schooley

Owosso - Robert Stinson

Parchment - Kirk Strehlow

Pickford - Gregory Ledy

Pigeon - Catherine Dayak

Plymouth - Mike Kavulich

Plymouth - Bruce Winkler

Port Huron - Steven Emery

Portage - Lynette Angood

Portage - John Creek

Portage - Gregg Langley

Portage - Fredrick Smith

Portage - John VanElk

Pottsville - Gregory Finch

Prescott - William Clark

Reading - Brian Hinkley

Reading - Bruce Keeling

Redford - D. Richard Welch

Rogers City - Terry Flewelling

Romulus - Bill Miller

Royal Oak - Thomas Eschmann

Saginaw - James Ferguson

Saginaw - Kenneth Kaschinske

Saginaw - Joseph Magyar

Saginaw - Carl Miller

Saginaw - Jeffery Naessens

Saginaw - David O'Dell

Saginaw - Calvin Robinson

Saginaw - Thomas Thiel

Sault Ste Marie - Billy Norton

Scottville - Benjamin Nelson

Scottville - Donald Slimmen

Southfield - Fred Procter

Southfield - Lamont Simpson

Sparta - William VanHorn

Spring Arbor - Brad Buter

Spring Lake - Jeffrey Stille

St Charles - Jim Kozlowski

St Clair Shores - Richard Fink

St Clair Shores - Richard Szalma

St Clair Shores - Terry Zillich

St Ignace - Gary McDonald

St Johns - Larry Paksi

Standish - Rodney Russell

Swartz Creek - Richard Richards

2-2-2 – Honored Officials

Taylor - John Gendron
Traverse City - James Cook
Traverse City - Roger Heeres
Traverse City - Curtis Wolf
Trenton - Donald Oboza

Union Pier - Scott Ponegalek
Utica - David Mikel
Utica - James Plutschuck

Vicksburg - Warner Offord Jr

Warren - Kenneth Kaschalk
Waterford - Gillie David
Watervliet - Kenneth Weber
Wayland - Richard May
Weidman - Kevin Fountain
West Bloomfield - Larry Michalik
Westland - Terrence Madigan
White Lake - Stephen Roberts
Woodhaven - Warren Bielby
Wyoming - Thomas Oosterbaan

Zeeland - Carey Strykowski

La Porte, IN - Nino Pecoraro
Lagrange, IN - Jay Smith

Holland, OH - Lawrence Kerstiens Jr
Perrysburg, OH - David Wott
Swanton, OH - Keith Miller
Sylvania, OH - Timothy Villa
Toledo, OH - Michael Napoletano
Toledo, OH - George Thompson

Fairfield Glade, TN - Richard Haycox

Hurley, WI - Dale Holst
Marinette, WI - Larry Fafford

30 YEAR OFFICIALS

Adrian - Don Fry
Adrian - Tom Ganun
Allen Park - Anthony Mifsud
Alma - Bruce Moss
Alpena - Scott MacKenzie
Ashley - Daniel O'Boyle

Battle Creek - Richard Everson
Battle Creek - Joseph Kurti
Bay City - Thomas Baird
Beaverton - James Emery
Belding - Robert Youngs
Bellaire - Robert Sanders
Benton Harbor - Eleanor Dorow
Brooklyn - Thomas Crampton
Brown City - Richard Lee
Burton - Robert Halsey Jr
Burton - Rosalie Howell
Burton - Steven Johnson

Cass City - James Turner
Charlevoix - James Caldwell
Clio - Dale Sneller
Commerce Township - Steven Groth

Davison - Douglas Dillon
Davison - Randy Hutton

Detroit - Patricia Jones
Detroit - Bertha Smiley
Detroit - Ruebenstein Washington
DeWitt - Mark Ditsworth

Farmington Hills - Mary Ann Ochab
Farmington Hills - John Scott
Fort Gratiot - Daniel O'Barsky
Fowler - Dean Schrauben
Frankenmuth - Dennis Krafft
Franklin - Fred Tenorio
Freeland - Charles Sherman

Galesburg - Wayne Patterson
Gladstone - David Gagnon
Gowen - Lennda Brown
Grand Haven - David Parsons
Grand Haven - Jack VanSchelven
Grand Rapids - Tommy Chambers
Grant - Jerry Swendrowski
Grass Lake - David Johnston
Grass Lake - Renee Rienas-Badall

Haslett - John Hoekje
Hazel Park - Ronald Nagy
Highland - Deborah Heck
Hillsdale - Bill Tefft
Holly - Dennis Siegel
Howell - Ronald Misiak
Howell - Gregory Rogers

Imlay City - Jeff Weingartz
Ionia - Paul Carmichael
Ionia - Steve Walter
Iron Mountain - Robert Barkle
Iron Mountain - John Sacchetti
Iron Mountain - Doug Schupp
Ironwood - Jeff Haapoja
Ithaca - Michael Walker

Jackson - Douglas VanArsdalen
Jenison - Robert Katsma

Kalamazoo - Dennis Boersema
Kalamazoo - Christine Juszczak
Kalamazoo - James Poel

Lake Orion - Michael Hessen
Lambertville - Thomas Williams
Lansing - Cynthia Keckeissen
Lansing - George Runciman
Lansing - Bryan Smith
Ludington - Michael Robinson

Manistee - Tom Guenthardt
Manistee - Ronald Nurnberger
Marion - Dennis Hyzer
Midland - Gordon McCarty Sr
Montrose - William Turner
Morenci - Michael Garwood
Muskegon - Richard Anderegg
Muskegon - Jeffery Burr
Muskegon - Kenneth Jahn

National City - William Scheiwe
Negaunee - Philip DeGabriele
Negaunee - Paul Jandron
New Buffalo - Jack Kennedy
Niles - Sharon Gregorski

Northville - John Fundukian

Onaway - Frederick Elowsky

Petersburg - Richard Ley
Petoskey - Edward Gunderson
Plymouth - Thomas Poma
Port Huron - Ray Cornwell
Posen - Frank Wozniak

Rapid River - Jeffrey Schram
Richland - James Corstange
Richmond - Frederick McCallumore
Riverview - Max Monas
Rochester - Thomas Kamlay
Romeo - Leonard Thuemmel

Saginaw - William Turner
Saline - Raymond Schlaff Sr
Sand Creek - Kathryn Kiefer
Sebewaing - Paul Geiger
South Lyon - Charles Thompson
Sparta - Mark Vanderhyde
Spring Lake - Larry Boelema
St Clair - Garth Jones
St Clair Shores - Roy Vorhees
St Johns - Leon Nurenberg
St Louis - Michael Allen
Stalwart - Roger Wahl
Sturgis - David Cherry

Three Rivers - Thomas Frisbie
Traverse City - Mary Larrabee
Troy - Joseph Thilman
Troy - Dennis Wedell

Walkerville - Wayne Tanner
Warren - Kenneth Baker
Warren - Larry Leeper
Warren - Stephen Stuckey
Waterford - Richard Massa
Waterford - Wayne Spears
Whitehall - James Tate
Whittemore - James Moraitis
Williamston - Christina Genter
Williamston - Michael Nestell

Indianapolis, IN - Kirk Hart
South Bend, IN - Robert Foster

Toledo, OH - Brian Carder

40 YEAR OFFICIALS

Adrian - James Kerekes
Alpena - William Romstadt
Alto - Paul VanOveren

Battle Creek - James Hayes
Battle Creek - Michael Ott
Bessemer - Joseph Matrella
Brighton - James Baruzzini

Eastpointe - Francis Napiewocki

Farwell - Roger Bugni
Flint - Donald Davidson
Flint - Wayne Jeffries
Fremont - James Helgemo

3-3-3 – Honored Officials

Grand Blanc - James Lott
Grand Rapids - Kenneth Terpstra

Hudsonville - Robert Postma

Ithaca - A Dean Parling Jr

Jenison - Frank Scalabrino

Lowell - Wayne Watts

Marlette - Beryl Hager
Mason - Rodney Horton
Middleton - Jim Niemiec

Negaunee - Roland Koski

Plymouth - Kenneth Dersey

Rapid City - William Bricker
Rochester Hills - Walter Popyk
Rockford - Larry Taylor
Royal Oak - Kermit Ambrose

Sparta - James Kane

Trenton - Arthur Wegienka

Ubly - Jerome Messing

Warren - Paul Ostrowski
Warren - Owen Souder Jr
Waterford - Cecil Haggard
West Bloomfield - Alan Kaczander

Fairfield Glade, TN - Robert Cox

Florence, WI - Dennis DeMerse

45 YEAR OFFICIALS

Battle Creek - Daniel Wilson

Davison - David Schmeiser
Dearborn - James Carr

Erie - John Michael

Franklin - George Newman
Fremont - Dennis Hanmer

Mt Pleasant - Norman Sorenson
Muskegon - Ernest Ball

Okemos - Norval Burgett

Saginaw - Elmer Reisig
St Clair Shores - Diane Johnson
St Joseph - Dennis Kniola

Wyoming - Jerry Hendrickson

50 YEAR OR MORE OFFICIALS

Armada - Robert Hill

Battle Creek - Robert Wright

Crystal Falls - Harold Anderson

Delton - Harold Andersen

Fenton - Rudy Mora
Flat Rock - Joseph Brodie
Flint - Thomas Rathsack
Flint - Thomas Royal

Inkster - Harold Monske

Kalamazoo - Herbert Lipschultz

L'Anse - James Mattson
Livonia - Martin Kennedy Jr

Muskegon - Frank Schubert

Saginaw - Dale Gooding
Sheridan - Thomas Hancock
Southfield - Carl Pendracki
St Clair Shores - Richard Lisabeth
St Ignace - James Lamoreaux
Stanton - Peter Ludwick
Sterling Heights - Willis MacMillan
Swartz Creek - Norbert Badar

Trenton - Billy Miller

White Pigeon - Richard Schaeffer

Toledo, OH - Edsel Rohlman