

# IOA NEWSLETTER

Summer 2009



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to all. The 2009-2010 school year is nearly upon us, bringing with it another round of extracurricular sports and activities. As officials we play an important role in this annual cycle, and it is incumbent on all of us to diligently prepare in the coming weeks and months to ensure we are at the top of our game every time we step on the field, court, course, mat, or deck.

This year, on-line rules interpretation meetings for coaches and officials will be the norm for all sports. This meeting format is an efficient and effective method of information delivery to us as officials, and to coaches and school administrators. The format of the on-line meetings is a multimedia presentation consisting of 40-60 slides, including audio voice-over and notes accompanying the material, with important topics reinforced through a series of simple “quizzes” spaced throughout the presentation. These meetings have begun for all fall sports and will continue through various mid-August dates. ALL OFFICIALS must participate in this process to keep your license current and to be eligible for the state tournament series in that sport. Fall sports officials, if you have not received your invitation in the form of an email message from the IHSAA to view and participate in this on-line process, contact the IHSAA office to make sure you are properly prepared in this area. Winter and spring sports officials, look for a notification email in the month preceding that sport.

The IOA hosted another successful charity golf outing on July 24 at Ironwood Golf Club in Fishers, IN. This year nearly 100 officials, coaches, friends, and participants helped the IOA raise over \$3000 for charitable purposes and scholarships. Many thanks must be extended to Ironwood Golf Club for administering such a successful event. They graciously helped our cause by offering the course for our use at a deep discount off their regular group rates, for assisting us on our various fund raising events during the day, and by providing a delicious buffet dinner of roast beef, chicken, and all the fixings at the conclusion of play. If you get a chance, play a round of golf this fall at Ironwood and say “thanks” to them on the success of the IOA charity golf outing. Oh yes, I nearly forgot - - we also had a **hole-in-one** on the car giveaway hole. One of the golfers won a fully loaded 2009 GMC Acadia by dropping in his first shot of the day on a par 3 hole. Needless to say, the rest of the round for that group was somewhat less dramatic! I want to say a special thanks to the 2008-09 IOA Scholarship winners, Kristen Kleifgen and Kyle Dickerson, for assisting us at the outing. Kristen witnessed the hole-in-one car giveaway, and Kyle dropped shots in all day on a par 3 to assist the teams. The IOA wishes the best of luck to these two and to all our college-bound IOA sons and daughters this fall.

Best of luck to all of us as we begin another year of sports here in Indiana. The youth that participate in the sports that we officiate deserve no less than the very best officials every time they suit up. They deserve **no less than 100% of your effort** every time you step on the playing surface. **Prepare** yourself for excellence, **prepare** yourself for the game, and above all **prepare** yourself to have an impact on the lives on our youth. Have great seasons, *have fun*, have a great attitude, and represent yourself and the IOA proudly.

Stu Casper, President  
Indiana Officials Association

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## FROM THE SECRETARY

The Indiana Officials Association Board of Directors for 2009-10 year are:

### Officers:

President	Stu Casper	Vice-President	Kevin Lewis
Secretary	Don Nester	Treasurer	Brad Brooks

### At-Large Members are:

Mark Baltz	Grady Smith	Dave Bolsega
Joe Stafford	Scott Bova	Jerry Wallace
Kevin Moore		

### Committee Chairmen:

Audit – Ray Tebbe	Benevolent – Ron Collier	Marketing – Herb Teal
Membership – Joe Bauer	Scholarship – Lee Thompson	Golf - Kevin Lewis
Webmaster – Terry Magnuson		

### Sports Consultants:

Baseball – Danny Jimenez	Basketball – Jason Ferguson	Soccer – Max Clouse
Softball – Dave Bogard	Swimming – Mark Friend	Volleyball – Linda Conn
Wrestling – Dave Nicholson	Football – Bud Klumph/Dave Westol	
Track/Cross Country – Jeff Mohler/Dan Cummins		

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The IOA Board of Directors would like to recognize the following:

### State Final Officials:

The following officials worked the IHSAA State Finals in 2008-09:

<b>Baseball</b>	Kevin Brown, Grady Smith, Tony Turk
<b>Boys Basketball</b>	Bob Anderson, Tracy Black, Mike Eason, Thomas Lynch, Grady Smith, Mike Wallpe
<b>Football</b>	Wike Wallpe, Brad Brooks, Doug Coddington, Jim Disney, Brent Hesson
<b>Girls Track</b>	Dan Cummins, Larry Maxwell, John Yantiss
<b>Cross Country</b>	Dan Cummins
<b>Soccer</b>	Chris Clark (Boys)
<b>Wrestling</b>	<b>Individual:</b> Jon Hammond, Frankie Medvescek, Pete Schroeder, Bart Welch, Jim Russell <b>Team:</b> Tom Clark, Jon Hammond, Jim Russell

### IHSAA Official of the Year:

Dan Cummins was named Cross County Official of the Year by the IHSAA Executive Board.

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## Special Awards:

Several IOA members were recognized by various organizations for specific achievements during the 2008-09 sports year:

Frankie Medvescek and John Schattner, inducted into the High School Wrestling Hall of Fame

Jon Hammond, Interscholastic Athletic Association Award for Excellence.

Roger Holder, Center Circle Officials Award in Girls Basketball

Judy Phillips, Silver Anniversary Team Girls Basketball

Don Nester, Indiana Basketball Coaches Association "2009 Roy Gardner Award"

## 2009 IOA ANNUAL BANQUET

### President's Award:

Jim Fish was awarded the Presidents Award by outgoing president John Yantiss for dedication, years of service, and exemplary contributions to the IOA.

### Scholarship Award Winners:

IOA Scholarships were awarded to:

Kristen Kleifgen, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Chris Kleifgen. Kristen will attend Ball State University in Muncie, IN in the fall.

Kyle Dickerson, son of Mr. & Mrs. Dwain Dickerson. Kyle will attend Wittenberg University in Springfield, OH in the fall.

### 2008-09 Outstanding Officials Awards:

The IOA recognized the following officials as Outstanding Officials in our association:

Softball – Bob Klein	Baseball – David Morton	Cross Country – Dan Cummins
Soccer – Chris Clark	Football – Mike Wallpe	Wrestling – Pete Schroeder
Boys Basketball – Mike Eason	Girls Basketball – Grady Smith	

### IOA Awards and Recognition Banquet:

The 2010 IOA Awards and Recognition Banquet will be held on **Monday, March 22, 2010** at Primo Banquet Hall.

Election of IOA Officers for 2010-2011 will be for the following positions: President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two At-Large Board Members. If you are interested in serving as an officer contact our IOA President Stu Casper at [sdcasper@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sdcasper@sbcglobal.net) .

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## Service Awards:

### 15 YEAR PLAQUE

Mike Baker  
Randal Hall

Dan Cummins  
Kevin Vogt

Donald Guy

### 20 YEAR PLAQUE

Tony Bierschbach  
Tony Ortman  
Bob Whikehart

Mark Curts  
Jay Puckett  
J.K. Wieder

Ron Collier  
Denis Schinderle  
John Yantiss

### 25 YEAR PLAQUE

Rick Hawley

Steve Steinway

### 30 YEAR PEN SET

Doug Coddington  
Jerry Jones  
Joe Stafford

Roger Holder  
Billy Mosier

Dave Hubele  
Rex Nichols

### 35 YEAR CLOCK

Robert Hawkins

### 40 YEAR PLAQUE

Larry Maxwell

If anyone was missed on a Service Award, contact Secretary Don Nester at [donioa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donioa@sbcglobal.net).

## 2008-09 IOA Sportsmanship Award:

Noblesville High School was presented with the IOA Sportsmanship Award for 2008-09. IOA banner was presented to Steve Hurst, Athletic Director and Mark Wilkinson, Girls Athletic Director.

## MEETING DATES

Meeting dates and announcements for all sports are posted on our website and are within the 2009-2010 Roster & Schedule Handbook.

## Rules Interpretation Dates:

On-Line Rules Interpretation Meetings for officials in all sports effective 2009-10 are as follows:

**Football** – On-Line Meeting between July 27 – August 21

One local rules meeting at Lawrence North on Thursday, August 13, 2009 @ 7:30pm

**Soccer** – On-Line Meeting between July 27 – August 17

On local rules meeting at Lawrence Central on Monday, August 10, 2009 @ 7:30pm

**Volleyball** - On-Line Meeting between July 27 – August 17

On local rules meeting at Perry Meridian on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 @ 7:30pm

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members seeking to obtain IHSAA Professional status for a specific sport must complete an application and submit to the respective Sport Chairperson. The application is on our IOA Website. Note: professional status in one sport does not mean you wear the patch for all sports you work.

Sportsmanship Award Cards: This is a voting process by IOA officials for the schools they officiated during this season. You can print off sportsmanship cards from our website and return to Secretary Don Nester. PLEASE FILLOUT SPORTSMANSHIP CARDS FOR ALL GAMES OFFICIATED!!!

IOA Basketball Class will be taught to new applicant officials by Jim Fish and Don Nester at the CYO Center beginning September 3, 2009 from 7 to 9pm for four consecutive Thursday nights. The IHSAA/Federation test will be conducted on October 1, 2009 during regular class hours. See attachment for more details. **See Attached:** IOA Basketball Class Flyer

## TOURNAMENT ADVANCEMENT

If you advanced a level in the state tournament series (example: first sectional; from sectional to first regional, from regional to first semi-state) or officiated the state finals in your sport(s) please contact your sports consultant or Don Nester at [donioa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donioa@sbcglobal.net) to ensure that our records are accurate.

## IOA CHARITY GOLF OUTING

The IOA Charity Golf Outing was held on Friday, July 24, 2009 at Ironwood Golf Club. The event was very successful, raising over \$3000 for IOA charitable purposes and the IOA scholarship fund. If you have a suggestion on how to put the proceeds to good use, contact IOA Benevolent Committee Chairman Ron Collier with your input.

## CONCERNING THE IOA ROSTER AND SCHEDULE HANDBOOK:

Please update your website personal information.

### **To update:**

1) Go into the IOA website at: [www.ioaofficials.com](http://www.ioaofficials.com) 2) Then go to *Member Services*, then *Your Account*. 3) Make the proper changes into your profile. 4) When you have completed those changes click on **Update** button. Pay special attention to your **email address, phone numbers and the sport(s) you officiate**. Click into the proper box those sports you officiate, the level, and the status you officiate in that sport. If you are not a Certified official, make sure you change the status information to Registered. Also, notify Don Nester at [donioa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donioa@sbcglobal.net) or 466-0092 on any email address, home address and phone number changes.

**REMINDER:** Update your OPEN DATES and current contact information on the Website! All contact information in the handbook is provided by the members from the directory on the Website.

Don Nester, Secretary  
Indiana Officials Association