

Meet The 2007 Honorary Referees



Illinois High School Association



JOHN MILLS
Sullivan



DAN MOY
Jacksonville



JERRY PARSONS
Normal

Three individuals who have been great friends to girls track and field and to the IHSA have been named Honorary Referees for 2007. Together they have a combined service of over 100 years at the boys state meet.

Named Honorary Referees for 2007 are: John Mills of Sullivan, Dan Moy of Jacksonville, and Jerry Parsons of Normal.

John Mills has served at least 30 years— even he's not quite sure—as a high jump judge at the IHSA Boys Track and Field State Finals. It's a homecoming every spring for John, who played football at Eastern Illinois University after serving in the Marine Corps during World War II.

John started his teaching and coaching career at Arcola High School in 1949. After a stint at Bement High School, he moved to Monticello High, working there for 21 years before his retirement. During those years he coached five different sports: football, baseball, basketball, wrestling, and track.

In addition to his coaching and officiating duties, John has also been active in local Masonic Lodges and Lions Clubs.

Dan Moy has worked at the IHSA Boys Track and Field State Finals since 1973, serving as head triple jump judge the last 16 years. Over the past 35 years he's also officiated at countless track and cross country regional and sectional meets, as well as the Girls State Finals, where he's served as a field event official for 14 years. Beyond the high school world, Dan has worked at NCAA championships and Olympic trials.

Dan was one of the founding members of the Illinois Track and Cross Country Officials Association, which educates officials on procedures, techniques, and rules. In 1995, for his dedication to the sport of running, he was inducted into the Illinois Track and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Dan has also had a long coaching career, first at Bushnell-Prairie City High School, then at Jacksonville High, and currently as a volunteer assistant coach at the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired. His teams have won over 150 cross country and 205 track and field meets.

A retired chemistry teacher, Dan is proud to have taught 52 doctors, dentists, and veterinarians now practicing in the Midwest.

Jerry Parsons has done it all at the IHSA Boys Track and Field State Finals. Through the years he's worked as a finish line judge, clerk, assistant referee, field referee, referee, assistant starter, head starter, and meet manager. He's served the IHSA as a rules interpreter and clinician and has been a member of two advisory committees.

Jerry also has extensive experience outside the IHSA. He's worked for numerous college conferences, as well as the Special Olympics, four World Games, the Pan American Games, and the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

A cross country and track and field coach since 1961, Jerry has served at several schools, including North Park College, New Trier West, Glenbrook South, and his current home, University High School in Normal.

Jerry was elected to the Illinois Track and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame as a coach in 1998 and as an official in 2003. The National High School Athletic Coaches Association bestowed a similar honor on Jerry in 2005.

Honor Roll of Boys Track and Field Honorary Referees

1960	Robert S. Woodruff, Oak Park	1989	Leonard Wilson, Urbana
1961	Shelby Himes, Urbana	1990	Glen Hamilton, Pinckneyville
1962	Harry Hill, Gridley		
1963	C.L. Harriss, Carlyle	1991	Tony Sacco, River Forest
1964	Clarence East, Elmhurst	1992	Chic Anderson, Palatine
1965	Mitt F. Sprunger, Washington	1993	Walter Elmore, Charleston
1966	Ross Anderson, Oak Park	1994	100th Celebration
1967	Emil G. "Heinie" Schultz, Evanston	1995	Harold "Tuffy" Bowen, Farmington
1968	W. W. Downing, East St. Louis	1996	Phil Salzer, Peoria
1969	Roy S. Anderson, Lincoln	1997	Carlin Nalley, Lisle
1970	Jim Evers, Centralia	1998	Willie May, Chicago
1971	A. G. "Frenchie" Haussler, Peoria	1999	Dick Hamann, Carrollton
1972	Leo L. Singer, Waukegan	2000	Ron Helberg, Huntley
1973	Harry E. Gaines, Mattoon	2001	Ray Collier, Aurora
1974	Harold G. Monilaw, LaGrange	2002	John Craft, Charleston
1975	Clarence B. "Babe" Pierce, Sparta	2003	Glenn Cothorn, Gibson City
1976	John S. Gill, Elmhurst		
1977	Eugene (Gene) Armer, Urbana	2004	Joyce Carlson, Lemont
1978	Roy Gummerson, Oak Park		
1979	Ira Scott, Naperville		
1980	George Dekan, Carol Stream		
1981	Jack D. May, Urbana	2005	John Polka, Oak Park
1982	Richard K. Welty, Palatine		
1983	Gene Masters, Normal	2006	Ben Ward, Chicago
1984	Russ Deason, LaGrange		
1985	Bill Brandvold, Mattoon		
1986	Gail Borton, West Frankfort		
1987	Taylor Thomas, Urbana		
1988	Charles Feutz, Hoffman Estates		
			Floyd Rogers, Crystal Lake
			Loyd Grafford, Wood River
			Ron Campbell, Skokie
			Angelo Rinchiuso, Decatur
			John Mills, Sullivan
			Dan Moy, Jacksonville
			Jerry Parsons, Normal