

2009 IHSA State Finals



JAMES LEWIS
Northwoods



DOUG CHAPMAN
Belvidere

Two individuals who have been great friends to boys track and field and to the IHSA have been named Honorary Referees for 2009. Together they have a combined 68 plus years of service to IHSA Track & Field.

Named Honorary Referees for 2009 are: James Lewis of Northwoods and Doug Chapman of Belvidere.

Success seems to have followed **James Lewis** everywhere he has gone throughout his life. As a student at East St. Louis High School, he was a football and track & field standout who would earn a football scholarship to Iowa State University. Upon graduating from college, he returned to his high school alma mater to begin a teaching and coaching career that would span 34 years and culminate with Lewis becoming principal at East. St. Louis Lincoln High School in 1994 until his retirement in 1999.

Lewis served as the head track & field coach at the school from 1972-79, helping the boys track & field squad win four consecutive team state championships from 1981-84. During his tenure as track coach, his teams would win 181 major track meets, while seven student-athletes achieved All-American status..

Lewis' first season as the head track & field coach at East St. Louis was also his first working at the IHSA Boys Track & Field State Finals. He has returned every year since, serving in at least 10 different official capacities during his 38 years officiating the event.

Lewis has remained actively involved in the track & field community after stepping down as head coach, traveling around the state and country to speak at and conduct track & field clinics. His laundry list

of honors and accolades include being a conference or state coach of the year 17 different times. He has also previously received Distinguished Service honors from the IHSA and East St. Louis High School, while the Illinois Coaches Hall of Fame welcomed him as a member in 1983.

Lewis reflected on his career by saying "I am forever grateful of being afforded the opportunity to coach and serve the young people of our community and state."

Doug Chapman calls the IHSA Track & Field State Finals "second to none" and many who have been there throughout the years could argue that he helped to make them that way. Chapman worked the state finals for 30 consecutive years, starting as a shot put judge before eventually becoming the head shot put judge.

Chapman's expertise in officiating came two-fold as both a coach and athletic director at several IHSA member schools. His 37 year career as an athletic administrator included 15 years as the Athletic Director at Belvidere Junior & Senior High Schools and six years at Palatine High School, where he helped host one of the nation's oldest high school track meets in the Palatine Relays.

Prior to his time as an athletic director, Chapman would serve as a track & field coach at Canton High School, Clinton High School, Peoria Richwoods High School and Belvidere High School. His tenure as the head track coach at Belvidere would include a string of 23 consecutive dual team meet victories.

Chapman was active in the high school track community in the state at each of his stops as a coach and athletic director, as

his schools hosted numerous conference finals and IHSA Sectional meets.

"My hope is that I not only served the IHSA and member schools, but had the honor of contributing to the lives of many special young athletes," said Chapman of his three decades working the state finals.

Honor Roll of Boys Track and Field Honorary Referees

1960	Robert S. Woodruff, Oak Park	1990	Glen Hamilton, Pinckneyville
1961	Shelby Himes, Urbana	1991	Tony Sacco, River Forest
1962	Harry Hill, Gridley	1992	Chic Anderson, Palatine
1963	C.L. Harriss, Carlyle	1993	Walter Elmore, Charleston
1964	Clarence East, Elmhurst	1994	100th Celebration
1965	Milt F. Sprunger, Washington	1995	Harold "Tuffy" Bowen, Farmington
1966	Ross Anderson, Oak Park	1996	Phil Salzer, Peoria
1967	Emil G. "Heinie" Schultz, Evanston	1997	Carlin Nalley, Lisle
1968	W. W. Downing, East St. Louis	1998	Willie May, Chicago
1969	Roy S. Anderson, Lincoln	1999	Dick Hamann, Carrollton
1970	Jim Evers, Centralia	2000	Ron Helberg, Huntley
1971	A. G. "Frenchie" Haussler, Peoria	2001	Ray Collier, Aurora
1972	Leo L. Singer, Waukegan	2002	John Craft, Charleston
1973	Harry E. Gaines, Mattoon	2003	Glenn Cothorn, Gibson City
1974	Harold G. Monilaw, LaGrange		Renny Garshelis, Charleston
1975	Clarence B. "Babe" Pierce, Sparta	2004	Ralph Krupke, Roselle
1976	John S. Gill, Elmhurst		Jerry McGuire, Oak Park
1977	Eugene (Gene) Armer, Urbana		Joyce Carlson, Lemont
1978	Roy Gummerson, Oak Park		Bob Hout, Effingham
1979	Ira Scott, Naperville		Dr. Ken Kite, Hoffman Estates
1980	George Dekan, Carol Stream		Warren McGhee, Canton
1981	Jack D. May, Urbana		Joe Newton, Elmhurst
1982	Richard K. Welty, Palatine	2005	John Polka, Oak Park
1983	Gene Masters, Normal		Bill Bulat, Rock Island
1984	Russ Deason, LaGrange		Larry Miller, Ottawa
1985	Bill Brandvold, Mattoon	2006	Ben Ward, Chicago
1986	Gail Borton, West Frankfort		Floyd Rogers, Crystal Lake
1987	Taylor Thomas, Urbana		Loyd Grafford, Wood River
1988	Charles Feutz, Hoffman Estates	2007	Ron Campbell, Skokie
1989	Leonard Wilson, Urbana		Angelo Rinchiuso, Decatur
			John Mills, Sullivan
			Dan Moy, Jacksonville
			Jerry Parsons, Normal
			Mark Jostes, East Peoria
			James Lewis, Northwoods
			Doug Chapman, Belvidere