

2009 IHSA State Finals



LILLIAN SPIVEY
Maywood



WIN EGGERS
Chicago

Two individuals who have been great friends to girls track and field and to the IHSA have been named Honorary Referees for 2009. Together they have a combined 51 years of service to IHSA Track & Field.

Named Honorary Referees for 2009 are: Lillian Spivey of Maywood and Win Eggers of Chicago.

Athletics have played a significant role in the life of **Lillian Spivey** dating back to her days at Argo Community High School, where she participated in several sports in the Girls Athletic Association that preceded girl's athletics being sponsored by the Illinois High School Association (IHSA).

Throughout her life, she has enjoyed participating in baseball, softball, basketball racquetball, bowling, swimming and fishing, while often filling her time away from participating in athletics by watching any available sporting events on television. Whether playing or watching, the sport of track & field has always stood out above the rest for Spivey.

She began officiating track & field in 1982 after her son Anthony and daughter Sharece joined the track & field club the Chicagoland Zephyrs and she was encouraged to get involved by Zephyrs founder Jane Dickens.

While her children would grow and move on, Spivey only became more immersed over the years, as she officiated all levels of track & field from peewee to professionals and also became actively involved in The Athletic Congress, USA Track & Field and the IHSA. She continues to travel around the country, always planning her vacations around major track events to stay actively involved in all aspects of the track & field community.

Spivey, who recently celebrated 40 years working at AT&T and aspires to some day officiate in the Olympics, summed up her zeal for being a track & field official by saying she "loves to see little ones grow up and achieve something."

Win Eggers has spent the better part of the past 24 years helping young athletes do exactly what her first name says.

Eggers began officiating high school track & field meets in 1985 and would go on to be an official in her first IHSA Sectional meet one year later. She generally worked with the weights and measures for field events and soon found herself venturing out to officiate youth and senior meets for USA Track & Field, Special Olympics, Paralympics and elite national events like the

Chicago Marathon and World High Jump Classics.

Eggers was also a part of the greatest track & field spectacle the world has to offer, when she officiated the shot put, hammer throw, long jump and triple jump at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia.

Along the way, Eggers also got involved in coaching at the high school level and is completing her 19th season as an assistant track & field coach at Downer Grove North High School in 2009.

Eggers has been the recipient of a multitude of awards in her career, including U.S. Women's Track Coaches Association High School Service Award, NFHS State Official of the Year and a trio of honors from USA Track & Field that included the John R. Davis Humanitarian award. She was also recently named an IHSA Distinguished Service Award winner and will be part of a group honored at a banquet this summer.

Eggers summed up what keeps her coming back to officiate and coach the sport year after year. "I really enjoy the athletes and being kept busy in field & track."

All-Time Girls State Meet Honorary Referees

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| 1978—Helen Riley, Charleston | 2002—Mary O'Brien, Elgin | 2004—John Bailey, Jr., Shiloh | 2005—Louis V. Hencken, Charleston | 2007—Nancy Grant, Eastern Illinois University |
| 2000—Ola Bundy, Bloomington | 2002—Barbara Richardson, Lansing | 2004—David Daugherty, Mason City | 2005—David Kidwell, Charleston | 2007—Tony Thorsen, Dwight |
| 2001—Paula Coker, Mattoon | 2002—Joan Schmidt, Niles, MI | 2004—Genelle Samuelson, Rockford | 2006—Joyce Carlson, Lemont | 2008—Jim Effinger, Wheaton |
| 2001—Jane Davis, Chicago | 2003—Leona Covert, Aurora | 2004—Mary Wersells, Chicago | 2006—Gail Borton, West Frankfort | 2008—Paul Neakrase, Washington |
| 2001—Dorothy Dawson, Chicago | 2003—Jill Ferree, Woodridge | 2004—Stephen Weckstein, Scottsdale, AZ | 2006—Eugenia Krzyzanski, Chicago | 2009—Lillian Spivey, Maywood |
| 2001—Mabel Holle, Lake Forest | 2003—Madelyn Martino, Lansing | 2005—Phil Salzer, Peoria | 2007—Geza Ehrentreu, Rockford | 2009—Win Eggers, Chicago |
| 2002—Pat McBride, Rockford | 2003—Helen Marie Wallace, Chicago | | | |