

# Honorary Referees

## 2017 State Finals



Jack Herschbach

Jack Herschbach's first track & field meet came as a junior high competitor in 1963 and he has been in love with the sport ever since.

He became a high school track & field coach in 1976 and hasn't missed a boys' state final meet since, while his attendance streak as a coach or official at the IHSA

Girls Track & Field State Finals has been going strong since 1989. Herschbach spent over three decades coaching at Chester High School, and after retiring from teaching, took on the head coaching position at Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School in Evansville, Illinois.

He has spent every year since 1989 working as a high jump official at the state meet, while he also officiates at the junior high and collegiate levels. A respected figure in Illinois high school track & field, Jack represented his peers while serving a term on the IHSA track & field advisory committee.

His coaching philosophy was to try and develop competitive teams, but overall he "wanted his athletes to enjoy the sport," and cherishes the relationships he has developed with the athletes, coaches, and officials he has worked with throughout the years.

He is especially thankful to his children (Christopher, Timothy, and Molly) for the sacrifices they have made to allow him to pursue his passion coaching and officiating track & field.



Mike Gibbs

The son of the 1937 Drake Relays Pole Vault Champion, Mike Gibbs ran track at Oak Park-River Forest High School and was an IHSA state qualifier in the 4x200 and 4x400 relays in 1980. As a four-year letter winner at Loras College, he competed in four Drake Relays himself, qualifying for indoor nationals in the distance medley relay.

In 1986, while assisting the officials at the Oak Park Relays, then IHSA State Finals meet manager, Roy Gummerson invited Mike to join the officiating crew for the Boys State Finals meet at Eastern Illinois University. As Mike celebrates his 30th consecutive state meet, he remains proud that he is the last official appointed to the state meet by Gummerson.

During his thirty years at the Spring Spectacular, Mike has executed the duties of Assistant Clerk of the Course, Assistant Referee, Starter and is currently Head Clerk of the Course overseeing eighteen officials in the clerk's tent.

A USATF certified official, Mike has worked as the assistant starter at the University of Illinois, while serving as the home starter at the University of Notre Dame for the last twelve years, in addition to clerk duties at this year's ACC indoor meet in South Bend. Other officiating highlights include posts at the 1996 NCAA nationals, Patriot League Outdoor Conference Championships, and the Patriot League Conference indoor championships hosted by the United States Naval Academy.

Mike is appreciative of the support his wife Sally, and twin daughters Abby and Molly, have provided him in officiating, while allowing him to spend every Memorial Day weekend since 1987 in Charleston.



Kevin Dooley

Kevin Dooley was a three-year varsity track & field athlete at Alton High School under legendary coach Jim Wigger, where he helped the Redbirds win the IHSA State Championship in 1969 and earn trophies in 1970 and 1971.

Like his former coach, Kevin has gone on to become an IHSA legend in his own right. Kevin has now been involved with high school track & field in Illinois for 50 years, including 30 consecutive years spent as the high jump official at the IHSA Boys State Final Meet and 36 seasons as a high school coach.

After a record-setting high jump career at SIU-Edwardsville, Kevin began coaching at Centralia High School. He then began teaching and coaching at Waterloo High School, where he spent the next 34 years as the head track & field coach. Over 100 of his athletes qualified for state, including a pair of state champions, while his track teams earned three Sectional crowns and a trio of conference titles. Kevin also spent a decade as the Bulldogs cross country coach, while coaching soccer at the school as well.

High school sports has been a family affair for the Dooleys, as Kevin's wife Julie was the softball coach at Gibault for many years, and his daughter Kelly earned All-State honors this fall in volleyball playing at Gibault.

### Honor Roll of Boys Track and Field Honorary Referees

1960 Robert S. Woodruff, Oak Park	1982 Richard K. Welty, Palatine	2003 Glenn Cothorn, Gibson City	Doug Chapman, Belvidere
1961 Shelby Himes, Urbana	1983 Gene Masters, Normal	Renny Garshelis, Charleston	2010 Larry Clear, Gordonville, MO
1962 Harry Hill, Gridley	1984 Russ Deason, LaGrange	Ralph Krupke, Roselle	Art Sievers, Monticello
1963 C.L. Harriss, Carlyle	1985 Bill Brandvold, Mattoon	Jerry McGuire, Oak Park	2011 John Cheney, Oak Park
1964 Clarence East, Elmhurst	1986 Gail Borton, West Frankfort	2004 Joyce Carlson, Lemont	Carl Magsamen, Schaumburg
1965 Milt F. Sprunger, Washington	1987 Taylor Thomas, Urbana	Bob Hout, Effingham	Tom Miller, Dundee
1966 Ross Anderson, Oak Park	1988 Charles Feutz, Hoffman Estates	Dr. Ken Kite, Hoffman Estates	2012 Harry Fletcher, Oregon
1967 Emil G. "Heinie" Schultz, Evanston	1989 Leonard Wilson, Urbana	Warren McGhee, Canton	Darrell Prince, Dyer, IN
1968 W. W. Downing, East St. Louis	1990 Glen Hamilton, Pinckneyville	Joe Newton, Elmhurst	Chris Perry, Peoria
1969 Roy S. Anderson, Lincoln	1991 Tony Sacco, River Forest	John Polka, Oak Park	2013 David Axelrod, Highland Park
1970 Jim Evers, Centralia	1992 Chic Anderson, Palatine	2005 Bill Bulat, Rock Island	David Daugherty, Carlinville
1971 A. G. "Frenchie" Haussler, Peoria	1993 Walter Elmore, Charleston	Larry Miller, Ottawa	2014 Dwayne Foote, Libertyville
1972 Leo L. Singer, Waukegan	1994 100th Celebration	Ben Ward, Chicago	Paul Neakrase, Washington
1973 Harry E. Gaines, Mattoon	1995 Harold "Tuffy" Bowen, Farmington	2006 Floyd Rogers, Crystal Lake	Jerzy Marszalek, Sheridan
1974 Harold G. Monilaw, LaGrange	1996 Phil Salzer, Peoria	Loyd Grafford, Wood River	2015 Crenden Keller, Crystal Lake
1975 Clarence B. "Babe" Pierce, Sparta	1997 Carlin Nalley, Lisle	Ron Campbell, Skokie	Charles Rod Shurtz, Waltonville
1976 John S. Gill, Elmhurst	1998 Willie May, Chicago	Angelo Rinchiuso, Decatur	2016 Mike Sullivan, Sterling
1977 Eugene (Gene) Armer, Urbana	1999 Dick Hamann, Carrollton	2007 John Mills, Sullivan	John Wehmeier, Millstadt
1978 Roy Gummerson, Oak Park	2000 Ron Helberg, Huntley	Dan Moy, Jacksonville	Geza Ehrentreu, Rockford
1979 Ira Scott, Naperville	2001 Ray Collier, Aurora	Jerry Parsons, Normal	2017 Jack Herschbach, Chester
1980 George Dekan, Carol Stream	2002 John Craft, Charleston	2008 Mark Jostes, East Peoria	Kevin Dooley, Waterloo
1981 Jack D. May, Urbana		2009 James Lewis, Northwoods	Mike Gibbs, River Forrest