

OFFICIALS AWARDS INFORMATION

NATIONAL FEDERATION OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Each year, the National Federation Officials Association (NFOA) recognizes officials throughout the country as a part of their awards program. Awards are presented in three categories:

- Active Official Awards
- National Officiating Contributor
- NFHS Official Citation

Active Official Awards

Awarded to active high school officials for recent, significant achievement in their sport. Recipients must exemplify the highest standards of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and moral character and be endorsed by their respective state high school associations. These individuals are committed to giving back to the avocation in their communities and on a statewide level. These awards are presented at the state, sectional, and national levels.

National Officiating Contributor

Awarded to one individual who need not be an active official, but who has made significant contributions to high school sports officiating throughout a long and distinguished career. Recipient must exemplify the highest standards of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and moral character and be endorsed by their respective state high school associations. These individuals may have improved officiating as administrators, media personnel, physicians, educators, assigners, etc. This award is presented at the national level only with each state allowed to submit a nominee. The NFOA Awards Screening Committee selects the recipient with approval from the NFHS Board of Directors.

NFHS Official Citation

This is the highest honor awarded by the NFOA and goes to persons deemed to have contributed to the associations at the highest level. Only one citation may be awarded each year. Among the factors which may be considered are: 1) individual has a long-standing and distinguished record of involvement with high school activity programs at the local and state levels; 2) individual is recognized as among the best in their profession by their colleagues; 3) the state association executive officer from the individual's state supports the nomination. The NFHS Board of Directors approves the Citation recipient.

IOWA ASPIRING OFFICIAL AWARD (Given by the Iowa NFOA Committee)

Five "Aspiring Official" awards are given annually to outstanding officials early in their careers (5-10 years experience) who are exemplary officials in one or multiple sports and are persons of high moral character.

The Iowa NFOA Committee consists of the seven individuals listed below. This committee selects the state officials of the year and the two individuals to be nominated for the sectional/national official and contributor of the year. Based on your geographic location, please feel free to contact the appropriate committee member below to submit a name for consideration. Award recipients will be notified in early February and will be honored at the IHSAA Officials' Awards & Recognition Banquet held annually in late April or early May.

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Iowa has been very fortunate to have a number of outstanding candidates be recognized at the state, sectional, and national levels throughout the past 30 years. The Iowa NFOA Officials of the Year for each sport as well as Iowa recipients of the National and Sectional NFOA Official and Contributor of the Year since 1983 are listed below:

NFOA SECTIONAL/NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS

YEAR	OFFICIAL	CONTRIBUTER
1983-84	Cal Harms – Sumner	
1986-87	Henry Nissen – Missouri Valley	Richard Lashier – Clear Lake
1988-89		Mark McLarnan – Sioux City
1989-90	Robert Hildebrand – Manchester	
1990-91	Carroll Oberman – Yarmouth	Rollin Dyer – Atlantic
1991-92	John Lowry – Marion	
1992-93		Dick Wagner – Burlington
1993-94		John Van Why – West Des Moines
1996-97		Steven Jansen – Sioux City
1997-98	Father Craig Collison – Carroll	Russ Kraai – Holstein
1998-99	Rich Larson – Sioux City	Cliff Brees – Cedar Rapids
1999-00	Rich Koolbeck – Cedar Rapids	Bill Jansch
2001-02	Brent Prange – Des Moines	John Lowry – Marion
2002-03	Von Bornholz – Sioux City	Jenni Malsam – Sioux City*
2003-04	Gary Christiansen – Mason City*	Bill Yeisley – Cedar Rapids*
2004-05	Craig Snider – Osage*	
2005-06	Gary Paulsen – Ogden*	
2006-07	Von Bornholz – Sioux City	Randy Krejci – Cedar Rapids*
2007-08	Pete Hansen – Orange City	Chuck Brittain – Waverly*
2008-09		
2009-10	Jerry Winter – Cedar Rapids	
2010-11	Marlowe Van Ginkel – Rock Valley	Pete Peterson – Urbandale*
2011-12		Craig Snider – Osage*
2012-13	Deb Richarz – LeMars	
2013-14	Randy Bruns – Ankeny	
2014-15	Phil Kudron - Emerson	
2015-16	Royce Ranniger – Sioux City	Pete Hansen – Storm Lake
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* Indicates national winner

NFOA IOWA STATE AWARD WINNERS

YEAR	BASEBALL
1988-89	Gary Paulsen – Ogden
1989-90	Carroll Oberman – Yarmouth
1990-91	Jack Anderson – Jefferson
1991-92	Marv Bell – Van Horne
1992-93	Larry Peterson – Sioux Rapids
1993-94	Jack Lynch – Lawler
1994-95	Gary Christiansen – Mason City
1995-96	Terry Curtis – Williamsburg
1996-97	Father Craig Collison – Carroll
1997-98	Don Rhoades – Creston
1998-99	Larry Barr – Scranton
1999-00	Everett Petersen – Cedar Rapids
2000-01	Marlowe Van Ginkel – Rock Valley
2001-02	Mike Pauly – Winterset
2002-03	Ken Ferris – Bettendorf
2003-04	Pete Hansen – Orange City
2004-05	Dan Pomeroy – Coon Rapids
2005-06	Bill Boyd – New Hampton
2006-07	Paul Keitel – DeWitt
2007-08	Cory Isebrand – LeMars
2008-09	Mark Guenther – Denver
2009-10	Jay Flora – Marshalltown
2010-11	Ken Robbins – Belmond
2011-12	Cory Spangler – LeMars
2012-13	Bob Sweeney – Atlantic
2013-14	Jeff Frese – Norway
2014-15	Ricardo Alverio – Norwalk
2015-16	Kevin Blunt – Stanton
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YEAR	VOLLEYBALL	SOFTBALL
1996-97	Randy Krejci – Cedar Rapids	Stan Wisnieski – Sioux City
1997-98	Tom Topping – Iowa City	C.J. Loerwald – Conrad
1998-99	Rich Choponis – Seymour	Terry Carson – Fort Dodge
1999-00	Jean Stadlander - Manning	Mike Dick – Gowrie
2000-01	Jenni Malsam – Sioux City	Craig Snider – Osage
2001-02	Kris Plueger - Clarence	Tim Esbeck – Clear Lake
2002-03	Karen Mukai – Waterloo	Deb Richarz – LeMars
2003-04	Sally Jordan – Waterloo	Bill Clark – Sioux City
2004-05	Stuart Dusenberry – Atlantic	Larry Williams – Waverly
2005-06	Deb Richarz – LeMars	Dave Lansing – West Des Moines
2006-07	Jeff Nihart – Grimes	Jeffrey Tank – Muscatine
2007-08	Deb Smith – Clinton	Al Heim – Dubuque
2008-09	Mary Walling – Sioux City	Phil Kudron – Emerson
2009-10	Karl Schloerke – Ames	Steve McCann – Creston
2010-11	Don Stracke – Perry	Roger Menke – Bonaparte
2011-12	Phil Kudron – Emerson	Dewey Hupke – Storm Lake
2012-13	Ray Wilden – Clinton	Greg Buster – Muscatine
2013-14	Jerry Bebout – Woodward	Cathy Creighton - Urbandale
2014-15	SuzAnn Jansen – Sioux City	Mark Amadeo – West Des Moines
2015-16	Vince Werkman – Cedar Falls	Jim Doyle – Hastings
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YEAR	BOYS SOCCER	GIRLS SOCCER
1995-96	William Annexstad – Des Moines	
1996-97	Steve Swisher – Davenport	
1997-98	David Pflanz – West Des Moines	
1998-99	Denis Albright – Ames	Brian Cohen – Marion
1999-00	Phillip Sinnwell – Des Moines	Ed Conway – Council Bluffs
2000-01	Terry Vaughn – Mount Vernon	Dan Sanchez – Bettendorf
2001-02	Brian Cohen – Robbins	Robert Osborne – Davenport
2002-03	Okey Abara – Sioux City	Don Keller
2003-04	Bryan Foster – Cedar Falls	Michael Ballard – Grimes
2004-05	Daniel Sanchez – Des Moines	Okey Abara – Sioux City
2005-06	Ed Conway – Council Bluffs	Phil Watson – Cedar Falls
2006-07	Theodore Schneider – Wever	Bryan Foster – Cedar Falls
2007-08	Landis Wiley – Palo	Phil Sinnwell – Des Moines
2008-09	Rod Dougherty – Des Moines	Dan Cataldi – Urbandale
2009-10	Dan Waskel – Altoona	Robert Levesque – Sioux City
2010-11	Masoud Talebi – Cedar Rapids	Jennifer Dunn – Marion
2011-12	Robert Osborne – Davenport	Kent Ackerson – Iowa City
2012-13	Phil Watson – Cedar Falls	John Dvorak – Marion
2013-14	Warren Lee – Council Bluffs	Rod Dougherty – Des Moines
2014-15	Jim Elmer – Johnston	Jerry Fannon - Coralville
2015-16	Rich Voyek – Cambridge	Ray Schwichtenberg – Nevada
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YEAR	BOYS SWIMMING	GIRLS SWIMMING
1988-89	Bruce Verink – Cedar Falls	
1989-90	Henry Nissen – Missouri Valley	
1990-91	Harold Baeth – Urbandale	
1991-92	Jack Ver Helst – Boone	
1992-93	Martha McKlveen – Des Moines	
1993-94	Doug Brotherton – Dubuque	
1994-95	Tom Cady – Des Moines	
1995-96	Chet Casali – Cedar Rapids	
1996-97	Dan Paulson – Des Moines	Bruce Verink – Cedar Falls
1997-98	Fred Schoentag – Cedar Falls	John Saxton – Fort Dodge
1998-99	John Cooper – Marion	Dave Linder – Polk City
1999-00	John Saxton – Fort Dodge	Cleo Hansen – Sioux City
2000-01	Lory Johnson – Ankeny	John Cooper – Marion
2001-02	Tom Cady – Des Moines	Jim Hall – Cedar Falls
2002-03	Dave Sivright – Clinton	Chet Casali – Cedar Rapids
2003-04	Paul Eickhoff – Davenport	Martha McKlveen – Des Moines
2004-05	Jeff Freel – Altoona	Tom Cady – Des Moines
2005-06	Mike Wittmer – Ames	Dennis Peters – Cedar Falls
2006-07	Gary Winkler – Fort Dodge	Shawn Thomsen – Cedar Rapids
2007-08	Martin Radtke – Muscatine	Dave Sivright – Clinton
2008-09	Shawn Thomsen – Cedar Rapids	Paul Eickhoff – Davenport
2009-10	Kerry George – Ankeny	Jack Ver Helst – Boone
2010-11	Jeff Johnson – Ames	Brent Johnson – Cedar Falls
2011-12	Dennis Peters – Cedar Falls	Larry White – Des Moines
2012-13	Daniel Kealy – Des Moines	Mark Stewart – Cedar Rapids
2013-14	Larry White – Des Moines	Martin Radtke - Muscatine
2014-15	Bryan Lawler – Iowa City	Kerry George - Ankeny
2015-16	Mike Hale – Council Bluffs	Jeff Freel – Altoona
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YEAR	BOYS TRACK	GIRLS TRACK
1988-89	John Lowry - Marion	
1989-90	Henry Nissen – Missouri Valley	
1990-91	Norm Mutchler – Waverly	
1991-92	Dennis Dougherty	
1992-93	Walt Stanton – College Springs	
1993-94	Russ Kraai – Holstein	
1994-95	Mike Dick – Gowrie	
1995-96	Hugh Norman – Des Moines	
1996-97	Bill Mueller – Perry	G.D. “Skip” Harsh – Adel
1997-98	Dave Suntken – Clear Lake	Gerald Kuiper – Indianola
1998-99	Mike Stanley – Avoca	Marty Pillers – West Des Moines
1999-00	Larry McHone – Ames	Cornie Wassink – Alton
2000-01	Steve Jansen – Sioux City	Jeff Richards – Polk City
2001-02	Jeff Richards – Polk City	Les Lammers – Estherville
2002-03	Cornie Wassink – Alton	John Lowry – Marion
2003-04	Darrell Brand – Montezuma	Fran Long – Fort Dodge
2004-05	Ira Dunsworth – Davenport	Dave Suntken – Clear Lake
2005-06	Chuck Liston – Marion	Dave Beaty – Oskaloosa
2006-07	Tom Hartigan – Council Bluffs	Mike Stanley – Avoca
2007-08	Bob Bowen – Middleton	Terry Thompson – Ames
2008-09	Jim Kloewer – Stuart	Ron Werling – Indianola
2009-10	Howard Simpson – West Union	Joe Toot – Nevada
2010-11	Clarence Dawson – Janesville	Tim Sanderson – Keystone
2011-12	Dick Hall – Sioux City	Darrell Brand – Montezuma
2012-13	Fran Long – Fort Dodge	Steve Rutz – Cascade
2013-14	Curt Anderson – Paullina	Chuck Liston – Marion
2014-15	Mike Gruver – Pella	Tim Hartigan – Treynor
2015-16	Rick Hall – Waverly	Ray Wilden – Clinton
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YEAR	CROSS COUNTRY	GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
1990-91	Larry McHone – Gilbert	
1991-92	Gary Telford - Huxley	
1992-93	John Van Fleet – Gilbert	
1993-94	Davis Eidahl – Richland	
1994-95	Ron Werling – Indianola	
1995-96	Bud Legg – Ames	
1996-97	Bob Krall – Tipton	
1997-98	Jerry Becker – Eagle Grove	
1998-99	Al Limberg – Estherville	
1999-00	Dick Wagner – Burlington	
2000-01	Terry Thompson – Ames	
2001-02	Lynn Barnes – Atlantic	Tom Hartigan – Council Bluffs
2002-03	Howard Simpson – West Union	Ron Werling – Indianola
2003-04	Duane Ahrens – Waverly	Mike Stanley – Avoca
2004-05	James Ellefson – Marshalltown	Jerry Becker – Eagle Grove
2005-06	Steve Rutz – Cascade	Robert Bowen – Middletown
2006-07	Fran Long – Fort Dodge	Gary Telford – Ankeny
2007-08	Tim Sanderson – Keystone	Ira Dunsworth – Bettendorf
2008-09	Kevin Koch – Fairfield	Evan Knapp – Cherokee
2009-10	Charlie Walker – Fort Dodge	Cornie Wassink – Alton
2010-11	Gayle Young – Greenfield	Fran Long - Fort Dodge
2011-12	Mike Gruver – Pella	Terry Thompson – Ames
2012-13	Cornie Wassink – Alton	Jim Patterson – Cedar Rapids
2013-14	Mike Stanley – Avoca	Tim Sanderson – Keystone
2014-15	Al Robson – Scranton	Dave Suntken – Clear Lake
2015-16	Joe Toot – Nevada	Bill Neal – Iowa City
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YEAR	FOOTBALL	WRESTLING
1988-89	Ron Clinton – Creston	Arlo Flege – Waverly
1989-90	Judd Eichorn – Marshalltown	Don Crandell – Oskaloosa
1990-91	John Lowry – Marion	Terry Curtis – Williamsburg
1991-92	Ken Kreykes	Don Holmes – Vinton
1992-93	Steve Jansen – Sioux City	Dwight Spangler – Bettendorf
1993-94	Paul Somers – Creston	Larry Blaker – Perry
1994-95	Roger Barr – Storm Lake	William Roths – Cedar Falls
1995-96	Chuck Adair – Mondamin	Richard Gray – Saint Charles
1996-97	Rich Koolbeck – Cedar Rapids	John Monroe – Indianola
1997-98	Chuck Brittain – Waverly	Marv Reiland – Iowa City
1998-99	Jim Jagim – Indianola	Mike Exline – Charles City
1999-00	George Thuenen – Bettendorf	Gene Luttrell – Waterloo
2000-01	Don Kester/Tom Claude – Algona	Bob Murphy – Manchester
2001-02	Gary Paulsen – Ogden	Bob Algoe and Bob Siddens
2002-03	Mike Mumma – Jefferson	Jim Christensen – Fontanelle
2003-04	Gary Christiansen – Mason City	Tim Baier – Greenfield
2004-05	Lanny Grigsby – Storm Lake	John Yoder – Sioux City
2005-06	Bill Yeisley – Cedar Rapids	Doug Manley – Akron
2006-07	Dave Schonrock – Sioux City	Dale Acheson – Urbandale
2007-08	Randy York – Adel	Bob Baxter – Sioux City
2008-09	Terry Carson – Fort Dodge	Del Hughes – West Branch
2009-10	Gary Alfrey – Waterloo	Rod Earleywine – Sergeant Bluff
2010-11	Steve Wick – LeMars	Dennis McGrath – Clarion
2011-12	Mike Stewart – Cedar Falls	Glen Wood – Oskaloosa
2012-13	Randy Druvenga - Waverly	Tom Moore – Griswold
2013-14	Garth Workman – Burlington	Troy Seeley – Fairfield
2014-15	Mike Vint – Marshalltown	Mike Denner – Waverly
2015-16	Danny Severidt – Adel	Greg Becker – Waterloo
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YEAR	BOYS BASKETBALL	GIRLS BASKETBALL
1988-89	Robert Hildebrand - Manchester	
1989-90	Gene Glab – Dubuque	
1990-91	Roger Barr – Storm Lake	
1991-92	Gary Christiansen – Mason City	
1992-93	Ron Struch	
1993-94	Rollie Schrank – Danbury	
1994-95	Randy Krejci – Cedar Rapids	
1995-96	Rich Koolbeck – Cedar Rapids	
1996-97	Rich Larson – Sioux City	Roger Barr – Storm Lake
1997-98	Craig Snider – Osage	Bill Elliot – Fredricksburg
1998-99	Randy Bruns – Waverly	Pat Myers – Pleasantville
1999-00	Robert Johnson – Minden	Paul Keitel – DeWitt
2000-01	Harley Leaders – Minden	Gary Christiansen – Mason City
2001-02	Chuck Brittain – Waverly	Von Bornholtz – Sioux City
2002-03	Larry Patten – Council Bluffs	Rich Larson – Sioux City
2003-04	Rod Hill – Bettendorf	Dan Rourke – Indianola
2004-05	Pete Peterson – Urbandale	Randy Blum – Ankeny
2005-06	Steve Bebout – Woodward	Terry McMillen – Sioux City
2006-07	Von Bornholtz – Sioux City	Kenneth Robbins – Belmont
2007-08	Brad Baker – Creston	Marlowe Van Ginkel – Rock Valley
2008-09	Royce Ranniger - Sioux City	Jerry Winter – Cedar Rapids
2009-10	Tom McQuillen – Moscow	Jack Schroeder – Sioux City
2010-11	Robert Smith, Jr. – Waterloo	John Conlon – Waterloo
2011-12	Scott Giles – Mt. Ayr	Todd Thompson – Greene
2012-13	Bob Neswold – Windsor Heights	Steve Wick – LeMars
2013-14	John Conlon – Waterloo	Royce Ranniger – Sioux City
2014-15	Darryl DeRuiter - Pella	Robert Smith, Jr. - Waterloo
2015-16	Scott Wjnya – Sheldon	Dave Schonrock – Sioux City
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YEAR	ASPIRING OFFICIAL
2000-01	Chris Bowen, Vaughn Grimm, Joel Oswald, Chris Girres, Kevin Hansen
2001-02	Jim Parrish, Michael Widen, Mark Royer, Bradley White, Roland Simmons
2002-03	Chris Dobel, Alan Ascherl, George Davidson, Justin Stockdale, Robert Breckenridge III
2003-04	Bill Gillman, Brian Phillips, Brent Sharff, Mark Harris, Todd Guessford
2004-05	Chris Meinke, Don Jarrett, Trent Grundmeyer, Mike Helvick, Chris Hanneman
2005-06	Scott Blum, Michael Dreckman, Bruce Schenck, Michael Kalvig, Raymond Finley
2006-07	Jon Cole, Marlin Schoonhoven, Scott Maine, Nicole Wiltgen, Mitch Peyton
2007-08	Pat Conry - Waverly, Shawn Peterson - Atlantic, Brett Johnson - Ankeny, Tony Sauer - Fairfield, Bob Cooper - Sioux City
2008-09	NW - Scott Willmott - Sloan, NE - Kelly Holthaus - Decorah, Central - Lyle Fedders - Des Moines, SE - Jennifer Dunn - Marion, SW - Don Jarrett - Red Oak
2009-10	NW – Jason Slaughter – Sioux City, NE – Ryan Eklund, Cedar Falls Central – Rob Williamson, West Des Moines, SE – Cory Burkle – Cedar Rapids, SW – Ben Applegate – Winterset
2010-11	NW - Sarah Thein – Ventura, NE - Joe Breakenridge – Traer, SE - Tina Brooker – Cedar Rapids, Central - Julie Foglesong – Boone, SW – Jami James – Council Bluffs
2011-12	NW – Ryan Hoover – Algona, NE – Marissa Nordschow – Decorah, Central – Christopher Civitate – Des Moines, SE – Sharon Menke – Bonaparte, SW – Scott Busch – Creston
2012-13	NE – Shane Remington – Hiawatha; SE – Tyler Turner – Hiawatha; C – Trent Powers – Newton; SW – Kevin Cabbage – Stanton; NW – Kelly Kreber - Hinton
2013-14	NW – Jodie Wielenga – Orange City; NE – Joe Gatto – Marion; C – Chris Crawford – Waukee; SE – Doug Diers – Pella; SW – Jennifer Hedegaard-Wiech – Neola
2014-15	NW – Christopher Hansen – Webster City; NE Bill Mach – Dubuque; SW – Casey Conover – Council Bluffs; SE – Tom Knight – Eldridge; C – Christopher Lynch – Urbandale
2015-16	NW – Tim Rogers – Orange City; SW – Casey Christensen – Truro; SE – Courtney Thaden – Cedar Rapids; NE – Jackson Litterer – Waverly; C – Jamie Norton – Ankeny
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