



# WIAA Officials of Recognition - Fall 2025

## *Honoring the Experience, Dedication, and Professionalism Behind the Whistle*

Each season, **FRCC** coaches in all sports that require **WIAA-certified officials** nominate and vote for the **Officials of Recognition** honor. This tradition highlights officials who exemplify excellence, integrity, professionalism, and a commitment to supporting student-athletes.

As the Fall 2025 season unfolded across the Fox River Classic Conference (FRCC), student-athletes and communities were supported by an exceptional group of officials whose dedication elevates every contest. This year, the FRCC proudly recognizes:

**Todd O'Brien, Tim Joly, Allie Mleziva, John Hogberg, Scott Conery, John Block, Bruce Moriarty, John Key, and Pat Collar, Bruce Zellner, Kevin Lemmens, Peter Bernardy, Ben Nommensen, Paul Angeli, and Skyler Adamski.**

Together, their experience spans over 250 years of officiating across multiple sports, making a lasting impact on high school athletics.

*Below is brief synopsis of the Fox River Classic Conference Fall 2025 Officials of Recognition:*

	<p><b>Todd O'Brien – 27 Years of Consistency and Commitment</b> 🏈</p> <p>Todd O'Brien has been football officiating for <b>27 years</b>, earning a reputation for calm professionalism, strong rules knowledge, and respectful communication. He works as a <b>Financial Systems Business Analyst at Schreiber Foods</b>, balancing a busy career with his dedication to high school sports.</p>
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## **John Hogberg – Four Decades of Multi-Sport Dedication** 🏈

John Hogberg has officiated **40 years** across football, volleyball, basketball, softball, and baseball in Michigan and Wisconsin. A retired teacher and coach at **Iron Mountain High School**, he also spent **15 years in sales**, finishing at **Badger Sporting Goods**.

*“It is a wonderful brotherhood... Most of my best friendships are with people who share the love of high school sports.”*

Officiating remains a source of friendships, exercise, and joy for Hogberg.



## Tim Joly – A Remarkable 46-Year Legacy

With **46 years** of high school officiating experience, Tim Joly has an exceptional volleyball résumé:

- **Over 30 state tournaments officiated**
- **WIAA State Volleyball line judge every year since 1993**
- **11 state tournaments officiated as a referee**
- **6 championship matches, including two Division 1 finals**

Joly worked in IT at **Green Bay Packaging** and **Shopko**, and now serves as a **substitute teacher**. He attributes his success to the support of his wife and emphasizes continual learning, humility, and enjoyment of the journey.

## John Block – Dedicated Official with a Storytelling Background

John Block has **21 years** of officiating experience in volleyball, softball, and baseball. He is a retired **writer**, former **newspaper reporter/photographer**, and **communications/public relations professional**, bringing keen observation and professionalism to every contest.



## Allie Mleziva—A Growing Leader in Volleyball Officiating

With **8 years** of experience, Allie Mleziva brings professionalism, composure, and strong communication to every match. She works full-time as a **Commercial Administrative Assistant at Nicolet National Bank** and is a rising leader in FRCC officiating.

## Ben Nommensen - Loves The High Pressure Game

The FRCC also recognizes Ben Nommensen for his excellence in officiating soccer this past Fall. Nommensen’s professionalism, communication skills, and steady handling of high-pressure game situations stood out to coaches across the conference.



## Peter Bernardy – 19 Years in WIAA Soccer Officiating

Peter Bernardy has been a **WIAA soccer official for 19 years**, known for strong mechanics, fairness, and professionalism on the field. His dedication provides a safe and competitive environment for student-athletes.



### Bruce Zellner – 28 Years of Service and Heart

Bruce Zellner reflects on the significance of officiating football; but all officiates in cross country, softball, and track & field:



*“To be recognized by Coaches and Commissioners in the sport of football is a great honor... Supporting young athletes as they compete to be the best they can be is so special.”*

He works as a **Case Manager at ASPIRO**, supporting adults with disabilities, and remains focused on helping athletes learn teamwork and strive to be their best.



### Kevin Lemmens–36 Years of Dedication

Kevin Lemmens began football officiating in **1989** and has **36 years** of experience. He retired five years ago after **41 years working in local paper mills**, bringing the same commitment and reliability to officiating football, baseball and softball that defined his career.

### Paul Angeli – 13 Years of Steady, Dependable Officiating

Paul Angeli has **13 years** of football officiating experience and is recognized for his calm presence and consistency. He works full-time as a **professional painter**, balancing his trade with his commitment to supporting high school athletics.



### Scott Conery - 17 Years When Nobody Should Remember Me with Don and Gary Lofholm

With 17 years of football officiating experience — including eight within the FRCC — Scott Conery has built a reputation for fairness, steadiness, and humility. For Conery, the joy of officiating is not found in recognition, but in helping create an environment where student-athletes can shine.

“My hope is that we call a game and nobody remembers we were there, only that they saw a great game,” Conery shared.

Working as a warehouse manager in his professional life, Conery notes that his work on the field directly strengthens the skills he uses off it. “Dealing with coaches and players in a highly emotional environment teaches you to be patient and confident — especially when you have to make a big call. All of this helps in my job dealing with customers and employees.”

Conery encourages anyone considering officiating to give it a try. “All you need to do is get under the lights on a Friday night and you’ll be hooked. There’s nothing better than high school sports.”

Also recognized in football this season on Sean’s crew are longtime officials **Don Lofholm** and **Gary Lofholm**, whose continued service and commitment to the game have made a lasting impact on football across the FRCC.

### **Bruce Moriarty with John Key and Pat Collar**

After 30 years as a volleyball coach, **Bruce Moriarty** transitioned to officiating seven years ago — a move fueled by his desire to remain connected to the game he loves without the full-time commitment of coaching.

“Knowing the game as a coach was really helpful in my transition to officiating,” Moriarty explained. “But I still needed great mentoring to become the quality official I always hoped to have in the gym when I was coaching.”

A retired high school math teacher, Moriarty encourages both young people and former coaches to consider officiating as a meaningful way to give back. “It’s a great way to stay in touch with a fantastic sport.”

Joining Moriarty in being honored for their work, also in volleyball are **John Key** and **Pat Collar**, both of whom have earned the respect of coaches and athletes for their consistency, preparation, and court presence.



### **Jeff Kaufman - Swim Official Receives Recognition**

The FRCC and the WIAA is thankful for Jeff’s commitment to officiating as he is a Level 4 Swim Official as well as a Cross Country/Track & Field Official. The dedication he gives to each of the sports is a direct reflection he gives to the student-athletes in the Fox River Classic Conference.



## Skyler Adamski – Football Official & Precision Professional

Skyler Adamski serves as a football official with a focus on precision, decisiveness, and continual improvement. A **land surveyor by trade**, he brings the same attention to detail and professionalism to the field as he does to his career.



## Celebrating Excellence in Officiating

The Fox River Classic Conference thrives because of officials who bring **passion, skill, and integrity** to every contest as these officials have. The officials recognized this past Fall 2025, have been appreciated for their **dedication, teamwork, growth, and sportsmanship** – all qualities that define the Fox River Classic Conference.

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<https://www.wiaawi.org/Officials/Become-an-Official>

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<https://www.frccathletics.com/conference-information/officials-of-recognition/>

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