



Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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KHSAA ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER BOUCHER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

LEXINGTON – Veteran Kentucky High School Athletic Association Assistant Commissioner Larry Boucher has announced his retirement from the organization effective Oct. 1, 2008.

Boucher, 61, was named Assistant Commissioner in July of 1991. Throughout his tenure with the KHSAA, he has at various times been responsible for the administration of the sports of golf, volleyball, baseball, softball, tennis, soccer and basketball as well as the Title IX program and the Officials Division.

Boucher has been responsible for evaluating and assignment of tournament officials as well as serving as the rules interpreter in various sports for the KHSAA. In addition, he was chair of the NFHS National Basketball Rules Committee from 2001 to 2005. While at the KHSAA, he instituted an annual Officials Award Banquet, where outstanding officials are recognized and honored each year. He has served as a clinician at numerous conferences and camps throughout the country.

"I have committed much of my adult life to athletics and I have had a chance to work with some of the most dedicated people in today's workforce," Boucher said. "These years have contained many of the most rewarding experiences of my professional career. I look forward to other phases of my life, but in doing so I will remain one of the KHSAA's staunchest supporters and most positive ambassadors."

"Larry's passion and dedication to his career and the KHSAA will be missed," KHSAA Commissioner Brigid DeVries said. "His love for officiating and the development, recruitment and training of officials is one of the great reasons why we now license over 4,000 individuals. He has provided guidance and great leadership in the many programs he has administered and the member schools, administrators, participants and coaches are indebted to him."

The Bowling Green native graduated from Cumberland County High School in 1965. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in 1970 from Eastern Kentucky University before serving in the United States Army from 1970 to 1972. He was awarded the Bronze Star for his service in Vietnam.

Boucher worked 21 years with Kentucky State Government before coming to the KHSAA. He served as a policy budget analyst for the Transportation Department and also served as a manager of the Policy and Procedure's Division.

He was a successful basketball official both at the high school and collegiate levels. Boucher served as a KHSAA Assigning Secretary of a high school basketball officials association and is a previous Commissioner of the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (KIAC).

Boucher has two daughters Brooke Dale and Brenna Boucher and one grandson, Landen Dale.

A retirement reception will be held Saturday, Sept. 20 at Embassy Suites in Lexington. For more information, contact Butch Cope at (859)299-5472 or e-mail at bcope@khsaa.org.

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