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## To Whom It May Concern:

This letter of recommendation is for the KHSAA Hall of Fame Screening & Selection Committee for Mr. Noel Hargis. Mr. Hargis just turned 78 on October 31, 2025.

I want to personally nominate my friend and mentor Noel Hargis for this prestigious award. Mr. Hargis was a 15-year Basketball official in the 12<sup>th</sup> Region, worked 14 district tournaments and 12 regional tournaments along with the 1978 Girls Basketball State Tournament and even working the semi-finals. Mr. Hargis took over as Assigning Secretary (Lake Cumberland Basketball Officials Association) in 1984 and held that position for 30 years through 2014! He was also the first-ever Assigning Secretary for the Lake Cumberland Football Officials Association (12<sup>th</sup> Region) from 1996-2012. As a former official for Mr. Hargis (2003-2014) until he retired and I'm still currently a KHSAA official, Mr. Hargis treated the officials fair, he was firm on his decisions and knew how to handle situations that came up.

In addition, Mr. Hargis was a longtime driver (21 years) for Southern Belle Dairy in Somerset, KY. He then moved to the Transportation Director position for Somerset Independent Schools from 1995-2015. He also sat on many committees over the years for pupil transportation safety and was a driver trainer for the KY Department of Education. He is still a resident of Somerset, KY. He's a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, has two children, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was very active in his church for many years until his retirement.

He was also very active in dirt track racing for 40 plus years as a race official and flagman for various tracks and series. He was the flagman for the national series the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series for many years and was the flagman for the Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series. In that time, he collected the 2004 Junior Wheeler Lifetime Achievement Award, the 2011 STARS Racing Series Lifetime Achievement Award and in 2025, the Valvoline American Late Model Iron-Man Series named their "Lifetime Achievement Award" after him for his dedication and integrity.

I hope you'll consider this nomination for the Dawahares / KHSAA Hall of Fame in the very near future.

Respectfully,

Chris Tilley