

Name of Person Being Nominated

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Name of Person Making Nomination

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Nomination Category

- Official

Is this nominee deceased?

Yes

Birthdate (REQUIRED)

05/30/1953

Gender

Male

Is the nominee a minority (African American and others) as described in policy 2(c)

No

Primary Accomplishments as an official

Primary accomplishments are as follows:

- 1) Steve was selected to officiate at 14 KHSAA State volleyball championships.
- 2) In the years Steve wasn't officiating at the State volleyball tournament, he was working the table keeping score, libero tracking, or running the scoreboard. He did this at probably 10 State volleyball tournaments.
- 3) He officiated at roughly 30 regional tournaments in Regions 6, 7, and 8.
- 4) He officiated at roughly 40 district tournaments in Regions 6, 7, and 8.

Please summarize this person's accomplishments as a coach, player, official or contributor at the high school level in Kentucky.

Steve's personal volleyball accomplishments were many. From an officiating standpoint, he was a certified NFHS ref, USA Volleyball junior national ref, a NCAA State-level (one under the highest level) ref, and officiated all levels of volleyball from grade school to high levels of Division I. He knew the game of volleyball better than anyone I know. Even better, he was always so humble about his knowledge of the game. He was so personable that anyone could walk up to him and ask a rules question and he would patiently explain how that rule worked and how it is applied during the volleyball match. Steve's court demeanor was probably his best attribute of all. No matter how heated the match would get, how competitive it was, or how contentious coaches would get, Steve had a calming effect about him that could calm down even the most irate coaches

Please list any other factors about this individual that you would like for the Screening or Selection Committees to consider.

The most important factor about Steve's officiating career over some 30+ years was that he loved mentoring new up and coming officials...and it showed. He was so patient in his teachings. Everybody, and I mean everybody, in the volleyball world knew Steve. Everyone (players, coaches, parents) was so at-ease with him that it made the whole atmosphere of the volleyball match what it should be.....a fun, competitive, event for players, coaches, and parents.
It's hard to sum up his whole volleyball existence because he defined every aspect of what an outstanding official should be. He was just that great and was everything to me as a mentor.

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Primary Accomplishments as an official

Worked official clinics (for new and existing referees)
Worked as an official in 14 KHSAA State Championships
Worked many years as table staff (when not reffing)
Worked at least 35 Regional Tournaments (6th, 7th and 8th region)
Worked at least 40 District Tournaments

Please summarize this person's accomplishments as a coach, player, official or contributor at the high school level in Kentucky.

Worked 14 KHSAA State Championships as an official and many more as table staff
Worked at least 35 Regional Tournaments (6th, 7th and 8th region, sometimes in the same year)
Worked at least 40 District Tournaments
Worked most of the hardest, competitive matches in the state including teams from Assumption, Sacred Heart, Mercy Academy, Notre Dame, St. Henry and many others.

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One of the most passionate, impartial, fair referees that any coach could ask for in a match. He had many friends and colleagues in the volleyball community that considered him one of the best in his profession.

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Kevin Payne

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Primary Accomplishments as an official

Steve was a volleyball official almost from the inception of the sport in Kentucky. He was selected to officiate 14 KHSAA State Championships. In addition he worked at least 35 regional tournaments in regions 6, 7 and 8 that I can document and in all likelihood many more than that. Many years he worked multiple regional tournaments. He also worked at least 40 district tournaments in the same area. Again, that number is probably much higher but our association does not have records that far back

Please summarize this person's accomplishments as a coach, player, official or contributor at the high school level in Kentucky.

I have been the assigning secretary for regions 6, 7 and 8 since 1995. I can't think of an official in the history of the state in our sport that has done more to promote the sport and promote officiating more than Steve. He was an outstanding official as verified by the number of state and regional tournaments he was selected to work. I can tell you that he was consistently the person coaches of the high level teams requested for those tough matches. He was known and respected by coaches all over the state. I received so many compliments from out of region coaches when they were in Louisville whenever he had their matches, either at tournaments or regular season matches. Steve was known not only as one of the best officials, but also for his honesty and integrity. He was without question one of the best volleyball official in the state but the things that set him apart was his ability to communicate and his obvious passion for the game. I never heard him get short with a coach.

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As much as anything, Steve loved to mentor new officials. He recruited new officials, loved to help train them, and loved remaining a resource for them throughout their career. This wasn't only for local officials. He traveled the state from Ashland to Cadiz doing clinics for officials when the sport was new in a lot of places and there wasn't a lot of training available for officials. He stayed in touch with many of those until he died. He constantly purchased officiating supplies, made referee kits, and gave them to new officials. Two of my new officials this year received the final two kits he had put together. He loved the sport, loved the people involved with the sport and their role, whatever it was. He really just loved everything about the game and wanted to promote that in any way he could. When I die I doubt there will be many former players at my visitation. There were dozens at his, from years ago to recent. That's probably the most telling thing about his love for the game

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