



MR. JOHN HODEL

John Hodel graduated from St. George High School in Evanston and Norte Dame University. Because of his love of sports he began officiating in 1973. He currently officiates in basketball, football and baseball and is celebrating his 50th year of being an official. He joined the COA and was blessed by the instruction of many great Catholic League officials.

In basketball John has worked over 40 years of regionals, many sectionals and the IHSA finals in 1989, 1990 and 1991. He also worked the CPS Championship games in 1989 and 1991 in addition to many important Catholic League contests. He was inducted into both the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association and Chicago Public League Coaches Associations Hall of Fames.

John began working College Basketball in 1982 working many Division III games in the CCIW, Midwest Conference, CCAC and UAA. His career blossomed in 1993 when he became a Division I official for seven years working in conferences such as the Mid Continent, Missouri Valley, Horizon and Big Ten auxiliary staff. John worked several NCAA Division III playoff games over the period of ten years. He also worked the Illinois Junior College championship games many times culminating with the NJCAA Division I Championship in Hutchinson Kansas in 2000 and 2001.

In football John acted as a crew chief for the CPS and assigned over 40 games a year. He worked the IHSA playoffs and the Prep Bowl in 1988 and 2005. He continues to work approximately 20 high school games a year including many Catholic League contests and enjoys every minute of it. He also currently works Catholic League baseball.

John enjoyed serving on the COA Board of Directors and Basketball Committee for 24 years and his continued goal is to help newer officials develop their skills in officiating for the Catholic League in all sports.

John is very grateful for all of the opportunities and the many friendships that he has developed through the last 50 years with the Catholic League.

He is married to his wife Nada and still resides in Chicago Illinois.

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