

Jim Bell

Topeka Officials Association

Hall of Fame inductee 2006

1946	While a senior in college worked his first Football game
1947 – 53	Coached Football, Track, Assistant Basketball at Lowther Jr High in Emporia KS. Filled in on football crews when needed Officiated some Basketball tournaments
1950 – 51	Registered and started full time officiating Football and Basketball
1954 – 55	Emporia High School sophomore coach in Football, Basketball, Track and Cross Country
1955 – 61	Coached Football, Track and assisted with Basketball at Holiday Jr High in Topeka
1956 – 57	Full schedules in Football and Basketball, also started college Football and Basketball
1958	Officiated first State Basketball tournament in Emporia
1961 – 63	Coached Football, Track and assistant Basketball at Jardine Jr High in Topeka
1963 – 72	Coached Football, Assistant Track at Highland Park
1965	Officiated State Basketball tournament in Emporia
1968 – 93	Area Supervisor for the Kansas State High School Activities Association in Football and Basketball
1971	Officiated State Basketball tournament in Manhattan
1977	Started working Volleyball and finished his career in college Basketball
1982	Worked three games at the start of the season; a Jr. High game on Thursday, High School game on Friday and suffered a broken leg at Independence Jr. College on Saturday. This was the end of College Football
1983 – 93	Officiated High School Football, Volleyball and Track meets
1986	Retired from teaching
1993	Fought off cancer – spent three months in the hospital
1994 - present	Officiating Volleyball and Track meets

Sixty years of Officiating and involvement with student activities