

Joe McFarland

Topeka Officials Association

Hall of Fame Inductee 2010

TOA member from 1967 to present

High School Officiating 1953 to present – Turon, Emporia, Pennsylvania, Topeka

According to the Kansas State High School Activities Association Joe McFarland was the first Football Official to actively work football for 50 years.

During his fifty plus years of officiating Joe McFarland has officiated football, basketball, volleyball, track, and tennis. He has officiated at the high school, college, and semi-pro levels and has worked numerous post season games. At the college level he officiated the National Juco Championship Game and worked in KJCAA, Kansas Conference, Heart of America, CSIC, MIAA, and track and tennis in the Big 12. While in Pennsylvania he officiated the Ohio-Pennsylvania All Star Game and the Pennsylvania State Finals held at Three-Rivers Stadium. In 2000 he traveled to Australia to officiate in the Down Under Bowl.

Over the years he has mentored many young officials including his sons Bill McFarland (33 years), Matt McFarland (34 years), son in-law Tim Gardner (17 years), and nephew Rick McFarland (14 years).

Graduated from Sterling High School in 1947 – lettered in football, basketball, and track. (All Central Prairie League-football)

Graduated from Sterling College in 1951 – lettered in five sports (football, basketball, track, baseball, and tennis)

KSHSAA – Sportsmanship judge at 5A Basketball Tournament

Kansas Senior Olympic medal winner in basketball, softball, javelin, volleyball, and track & field. Tri-State gold medalist in the Javelin

Coaching – Coached 5 years at the high school and jr. high levels in Reno County, Kansas

Continues to officiate high school and college track meets including the Kansas Relays.