

2024 Hall of Fame Inductee Bert Borgmann – Denver

A graduate of Broomfield High School, Bert Borgmann worked for many years in athletic and activity administration, including the sports information offices at Colorado State University and the University of Northern Colorado prior to joining the CHSAA staff. He oversaw nearly every sanctioned sport, as well as music, over the course of his career at CHSAA.

The caretaker of CHSAA's history, Bert was a wealth of knowledge about the Association and was a remarkable storyteller. He was well-respected for his knowledge, experience, and leadership throughout the CHSAA membership as well at the National Federation of State High School Associations, and left a legacy for elevating media relations, corporate partnerships, and legislative relations at CHSAA. Former CHSAA commissioner Bob Ottewill remarked that Borgmann, "Never hesitated to take on any assignment – from basketball czar to snow shoveling duties – and did so with enthusiasm, a desire to learn and improve, and an uncommon ability to work with athletes, coaches, officials, event managers and even parents."

At the national level, Bert served on various committees, including serving as chair of the Selection Committee for the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame. He also served as chair of the National Records Committee and has been a member of the National High School Hall of Fame Screening and Sportsmanship Committee and NFHS Baseball Rules Committee. He was a member of the NFHS Softball Rules Committee and NFHS Annual Summer Meeting Advisory Committee.

Bert helped to start a gathering of sports information directors at the annual NFHS summer meeting. It grew from an unofficial meeting of a handful of attendees to one that became part of the official schedule, and was attended by dozens – many of whom became Borgmann's good friends.

In helping CHSAA grow into a modern organization, Bert received many awards over the course of his career. He received the Jim Saccomano Award (National Football Federation – Colorado Chapter), the Ray Lutz Award (Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference), is a member of the Colorado Dugout Club Hall of Fame (Colorado Baseball Coaches Association), received the NFHS Section 6 "Citation Award" for outstanding contribution to the mission of the NFHS, served as chair and acting member of the NFHS Press Committee, and is a Lifetime Honorary Member of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials Board 4, as well as many other honors.

"His heart was so big. Bert was everyone's biggest cheerleader and he helped make CHSAA what it is today. He loved the CHSAA membership and the many great people within it. He was an incredible advocate for high school athletics and activities, as well as media. His legacy will live on for many years to come."