

1998 Hall of Fame Inductee Joe Maciel – Colorado Springs

Joe Maciel joined the CHSBUA when it was formulated in 1963 and served as one of the first Area Directors for the Colorado Springs group. Joe set the pace early in assisting new officials and evaluated them during actual games.

The Army sent Joe Europe for three years in 1968 and he continued his umpiring career overseas receiving the opportunity to work the Army European championship in 1970. Joe returned to Colorado and rejoined CHSBUA in 1971 in Colorado Springs. He moved to Grand Junction for two years in 1989 and served as Secretary of that group. When returned to Colorado Springs, he was able to work another three years before knee replacement surgery cut short his almost 30 year umpiring career.

Joe worked state championship games in 1989 and 1990. He always had a go philosophy and baseball sense. Joe applied the rules in a firm and tactful manner and was known for his hustle.