

## **2014 Hall of Fame Inductee Mark Denzin – McKinney, TX**

Mark Denzin began umpiring in 1988 and continued until 1994 with the Colorado High School Baseball Umpires Association. During that time, he worked 3A and 5A Colorado State High School Championships. In 1990 and 1991 he worked the Mayor's Cup at Denver Mile High Stadium. Mark also worked numerous local tournaments including The Cherry Creek Classic, Tony Andenucio Memorial, and many American League tournaments.

Mark was invited to join Colorado Collegiate Umpire Association in 1988. Later, he moved to Seattle, Washington (Regional Vice-President, MDA), and was part of Seattle Collegiate Association. Then he moved to Chicago, Illinois (Regional Vice-President, MDA), and was part of Chicagoland Collegiate Umpires Association - President 2002-2005. Moving then to Tucson, Arizona (National Vice-President, MDA) he was a part of Arizona Collegiate Umpires Association. Mark is currently living in McKinney, Texas (President-Ability Connection Texas) and is part of Texas Collegiate Umpires Association.

Mark Denzin, arguably, is the most successful CHSBUA umpire on a national scope. After his CHSBUA debut in 1988, he went on to work numerous post-season games and two Colorado State Championships. He also served two terms as a CHSBUA Denver Area Director before his job took him to three different stops in the West. By this time, Mark had moved into the collegiate ranks full-time and became the most successful collegiate umpire with Colorado ties. He worked 13 Division 1 Conference tournament games in 9 Division 1 Conferences (Big East, Mid-America, Horizon, Big 10, Missouri Valley, Mountain West, Western Athletic, Conference USA). He was selected for Seven games involving Korea, Mexico, Canada, and Australia. He was also a fill-in at the professional level working Pacific Coast League, Northwest, and Midwest Leagues. Mark also worked Northern League (Professional Independent) Championship. However, he never left his CHSBUA roots, being invited to instruct at CHSBUA Mile High Advanced Umpire Clinic and the CHSBUA Master Clinic.