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NCHSAA HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION)

I. NOMINEE INFORMATION

NAME Allen, Brandon (Brad)

LAST FIRST MIDDLE NICKNAME

ADDRESS 1308 Redwood Court, Lumberton, NC 28358

STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE

AGE 55 DATE OF BIRTH 9/22/1969 PLACE OF BIRTH Lumberton, NC

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YES/NO

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL Community Christian Academy YEAR GRADUATED 1987

NAME OF COLLEGE Pembroke State University YEAR GRADUATED 1991

ADDITIONAL DEGREES (MASTERS, DOCTORATE, ETC.) Masters from Wake Forest University

IF NOMINEE IS DECEASED, GIVE DATE OF DEATH AND FILL IN SECTION II

II. NEAREST RELATIVE

NAME LAST FIRST MIDDLE RELATIONSHIP

ADDRESS STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE

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III. SPONSOR INFORMATION (PERSON MAKING NOMINATION)

NAME Dreibelbis, Mark Reed

LAST FIRST MIDDLE

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TITLE/POSITION Interim Director of Officiating Services

SCHOOL SYSTEM NCHSAA

SIGNATURE Mark R. Dreibelbis DATE November 1, 2024

IV. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

IN CHART BELOW, PLEASE LIST CHRONOLOGICALLY THE NOMINEE'S POSITION
(COACH, PRINCIPAL, ETC.) AND OTHER APPROPRIATE DATA

POSITION	DATES	SCHOOL OR SYSTEM	HONORS	COACHING RECORDS
See attached				

CIVIC/CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES (INCLUDE CHURCH, CIVIC OR CHARITABLE INVOLVEMENT)

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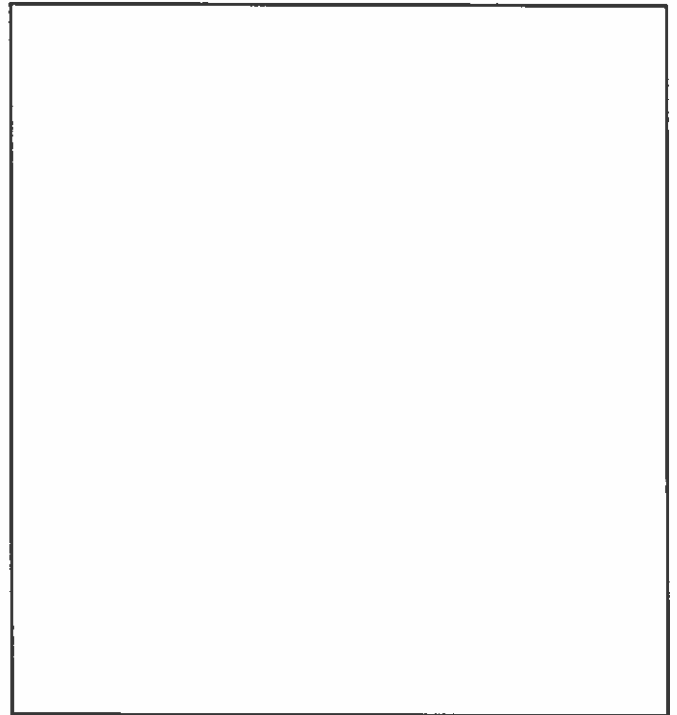
HONORS

(PLEASE LIST HONORS EARNED IN COLLEGE, POST GRADUATE WORK, AWARDS FROM CIVIC CLUBS, ETC.)
(EXAMPLE: PHI BETA KAPPA, MAGNA CUM LAUDE, JAYCEE PERSON OF THE YEAR, ETC.)

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V. PHOTOGRAPH

ATTACH A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE NOMINEE
(preferably head and shoulder shot, wallet size)



VI. SUPPORT OF CANDIDACY

Using whatever supportive data you may wish, please describe the activities and accomplishments of this candidate which make him/her a viable candidate for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Please remember that only thorough and complete documentation will be considered. Two letters of recommendation (minimum) will be necessary, and newspaper articles, etc., in support may also be submitted.

The committee shall seek to honor those who have directly influenced the history and evolution of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association. Attachments are considered appropriate.

FOR OFFICE USE: DATE RECEIVED _____

Mark Dreibelbis

From: Brad Allen <BAllen22@nc.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2024 10:35 AM
To: Mark Dreibelbis
Subject: Re: Info



PROFESSIONAL RESUME

Gregory Brandon (Brad) Allen
1308 Redwood Court, Lumberton, NC 28358
Cell Phone: (910) 608-2525; Email: BAllen22@nc.rr.com

EDUCATION

High School: Community Christian Academy (Bladenboro, NC), 1987.

Note: Salutatorian of Graduating Class

Undergraduate Study: Pembroke State University (Pembroke, NC), B.A., 1991.

Notes: Summa Cum Laude, Chancellor's Scholar, Ranked #1 in Graduating Class (4.0 GPA)

Distinguished Alumnus Award, UNC-Pembroke, 2017

Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, UNC-Pembroke Chapter

History Department Student of the Year, 1991

Publications – Phi Alpha Theta Journal, "The Evolution of the Philosopher-King"

Graduate Study: Wake Forest University (Winston-Salem, NC), M.A., 1994.

Notes: Master's Degree with Distinction, Ranked #1 in Graduating Class (4.0 GPA)

WORK HISTORY

1998-2001: Nutrition Program Director, Agency on Aging, Lumber River Council of Governments (Lumberton, NC)

Job Description: Supervision of Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals Nutrition programs for over 700 older adults per year in Robeson and Scotland counties; direct supervision of employees; training of employees and volunteers; contract monitoring; intake assessments; inter-agency collaboration.

2001-2004: Director, Area Agency on Aging, Lumber River Council of Governments (Lumberton, NC)

Job Description: Administration of Federal, state and local funding sources for programs and services for older adults in a five-county (Bladen, Hoke, Richmond, Robeson, Scotland) region; direct supervision of employees; contract monitoring; program evaluation; budget development and fiscal responsibility; legislative advocacy; grant-writing; planning and development of services for Region N.

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2004-Present: President and Executive Director, North Carolina Senior Games, Inc.
(Raleigh, NC)

Job Description: Executive leadership of a statewide, non-profit 501(c)(3) health promotion program for persons age 50 and better in 54 local programs serving all 100 counties of the state of North Carolina, with over 12,000 year-round participants; direct supervision of employees; coordination of volunteers; fundraising; public relations; legislative advocacy; budget development and fiscal responsibility; grant-writing; inter-agency collaboration; policy making; program evaluation; overall coordination of a multi - day Olympic-style event involving over 3,000 athletes and artists.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Football Officials Association

George Whitfield Baseball Clinic Hall of Fame (2024)

Kiwanis of Robeson-Lumberton

Legislative Study Commission on Aging (Two Terms)

National Association of Nutrition and Aging Service Providers (NANASP)

National Association of Sports Officials (NASO)

National Football League Referees Association (NFLRA)

National Senior Games Association (Current Member, Board of Directors)

North Carolina Association of Area Agencies on Aging

North Carolina Association on Aging (Current Member, Board of Directors)

North Carolina Center for Non-Profits

North Carolina Eat Smart, Move More Leadership Team

North Carolina Healthy Aging Coalition

North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) (Past Member, Board of Directors)

North Carolina Institute of Medicine Task Force on Healthy Aging (Current Member)

North Carolina Recreation and Park Association

Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging

University of North Carolina at Pembroke Athletics Hall of Fame (2023)

CHARITABLE ENDEAVORS

Feed The Children
Jimmy V. Foundation for Cancer Research
Kiwanis Children's Fund
North Carolina High School Athletic Association Endowment
North Carolina Senior Games
North Carolina Special Olympics
Public Schools of Robeson County
Robeson County Church and Community Center
Robeson County Public Library
Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
UNC-Pembroke 1st and 10 Campaign
UNC-Pembroke Braves' Club
UNC-Pembroke Endowed Scholarship in History

OFFICIATING ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

I. Recreation/Middle School Athletics

Southern Officials Association (Robeson County Recreation/Middle School Sports),
1986 - 2002

Basketball, Football Official and Baseball/Softball Umpire;
Clinic Leader, 1989-2002;
Member, Board of Directors, 1994-2002;
Supervisor of Officials, 2000-2002.

II. High School Athletics

Southeastern Athletic Officials Association/NCHSAA, 1991-Present

Basketball, Football Official and Baseball/Softball Umpire;
Local Clinic Leader, 1991-2012.
Member, Board of Directors, 1996-2006, 2010- Present;
President, 2000-01, 2011-12;
SAOA Don Kitts Mentoring Award, 2004;

Baseball:

NCHSAA State Playoffs, 1993-2002, 2010-15
NCHSAA State Championship, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2012;
Dick Knox Distinguished Service Award, 2009.

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Basketball:

NCHSAA State Playoffs, 1995-2011;
Eastern Regional Championship, 1997, 1999, 2002, 2006, 2011;
NCHSAA State Championship, 1997, 1999, 2011;
Boys' East-West All-Star Game, 2005;
Regional Supervisor of Officials, 2012-18;
Dick Knox Distinguished Service Award, 2010.

Football:

NCHSAA State Playoffs, 1994-2007, 2011.
NCHSAA State Championship, 2000;
Distinguished Service Award, 2001;
Member, SFOA Board of Directors, 2008-2012;
Presenter, CPFOA All Officials Clinic, Williamston, NC, July, 2010;
Presenter, PIAA Chapter 4 Football Officials, Bucknell University, July, 2010, 2011;
NC/SC Shrine Bowl 2010 (Referee);

Presenter, Down East Football Officials Clinic, Greenville, NC, 2011, 2012.

North Carolina High School Athletic Association Multi-Sport:

NCHSAA Golden Whistle Merit Award, 2009;
NCHSAA Morris Walker Development Award, 2011;
Presenter, North Carolina Athletic Directors' Association Conference, 2012;
Featured in the "We are the NCHSAA" Promotional Video, 2012;
NFHS Officiating Publications Committee, 2014-17;
NCHSAA "Unsung Hero" Award, 2020;
Chair, NCHSAA Sub-Committee on Officiating, 2023-24.

III. Collegiate Athletics

Baseball:

North Carolina Collegiate Umpires' Association (NCAA Divisions I, II, III, Junior College), 1997-2002; 2012 – 2013.
NCAA Division II Regional Tournament, 2000;
Freedom Classic (Navy vs. Air Force), 2012.

Basketball:

Old Dominion Athletic Conference (NCAA Division III), 1997
Basketball Supplemental Official

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Football:

South Atlantic Conference (NCAA Division II), 2000-2004; 2008 - Present

Football Referee and Crew Chief, 2001-04;

Referee Position Chief, 2003;

NCAA Division II National Semi-Final, 2002 (Alternate);

NCAA Division II National Semi-Final, 2003 (Referee);

Observer of Officials, 2008-Present.

Southern Conference (NCAA FCS), 2004

Football Referee, 2004.

Atlantic Coast Conference (NCAA FBS), 2005-2014

Football Referee and Crew Chief, 2005-2014;

Officials' Liaison to Television Announcers, 2006 Insight Bowl;

2007 Motor City Bowl (Referee);

Presenter, ACC/Big 10/Big East Joint Clinic, July, 2008, Chicago, IL;

2009 International Bowl (Referee);

Presenter, ACC/Big 10/Big East Joint Clinic, July, 2009, Greensboro, NC;

Presenter, ACC Supplemental Officials Clinic, 2009, 2010;

Presenter, ACC Football Officials' Mini-Clinic, December, 2009, 2011, 2012;

2009 Army-Navy Classic (Referee);

Officials' Liaison to Television Announcers, 2009 Holiday Bowl;

Presenter, Lehigh Valley Football Officials' Clinic, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013;

Presenter, ACC/Big 10/Big East Joint Clinic, July, 2010, Providence, RI;

2010 ACC Championship Game (Referee);

Presenter, MEAC/CCFO Joint Clinic, July, 2011, Carlisle, PA;

2012 Rose Bowl (Referee);

Presenter, CIAA Football Officials' Mini-Camp, April, 2012, Raleigh, NC;

Featured in Referee Magazine, "Five Minutes with Brad Allen," October, 2012;

2012 New Mexico Bowl (Referee);

Grader, Centennial Conference HUDL Video Program (NCAA Division III), 2013-14;

2014 Sugar Bowl (Referee);

Football Officiating Staff to the ACC Alliance (Game Evaluator and Referee Position Supervisor), 2016-Present

IV. Additional Athletic Programs

American Legion Baseball, 1994-2001

Area Playoff Series, 1994-2001;

State Championship Series, 1994-1999.

V. National Football League (NFL)

2012 East-West Shrine Game (ADP Referee);

2014 Medal of Honor Bowl (ADP Referee);

NFL Officiating Advanced Development Program (“Top 21”), 2013 – 2014;

NFL Referee and Crew Chief, 2014 – Present (**First official to move directly from college to the NFL at the Referee position in the Super Bowl era*);

NFL Full-Time Game Official (FTGO), 2017 – 2019;

Referee, 2016 NFC Wild Card Game

Referee, 2017 AFC Divisional Round Playoff

Referee, 2020 AFC Wild Card Game

Referee, 2021 AFC Wild Card Game

Referee, 2023 AFC Wild Card Game

(Alternate Referee for 5 playoff games also during this period)

PUBLIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

For nearly three (3) decades, Mr. Allen has served as a motivational speaker, expert instructor and teacher/coach in the disciplines of aging-related issues, health promotion, leadership, officiating and volunteerism. He has presented to professional associations, civic organizations, church and youth-related groups and officiating clinics across the United States and to international audiences. A full list is available upon request.

REFERENCES

Professional references are available upon request.

Hall of Fame Selection Committee
Attn: Mark Dreibelbis

Subject: Recommendation for Brad Allen – Football Officiating Hall of Fame

Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

I am honored to write this letter in enthusiastic support of Brad Allen for induction into the Football Officiating Hall of Fame. Having known and worked closely with Brad for the last 10 years, I can attest to his exceptional contributions to the sport, unwavering commitment to excellence, and profound impact on the football officiating community.

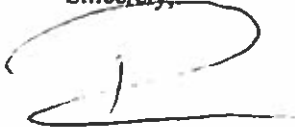
Throughout Brad's distinguished career in the National Football League, Brad has demonstrated exemplary skill, integrity, and dedication on and off the field. Uniquely Brad was hired as a head referee in 2014, a rarity in the National Football League. He has officiated [number] games, including [significant events such as championships, playoffs, or bowl games]. Their ability to make precise and fair decisions under intense pressure has earned them the respect of players, coaches, and fellow officials alike.

Beyond his on-field performance, Brad has been a passionate advocate for the growth and development of officiating. He has mentored countless young officials, shared his expertise and instilling the values of professionalism and sportsmanship in various camps and clinics around the country. However, what truly sets Brad apart is his unyielding dedication to upholding the integrity of the game and their role as a role model for future generations. Brad has demonstrated strong leadership and communication skills as a face for the National Football League on a weekly basis.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly endorse Brad's induction into the Football Officiating Hall of Fame. His remarkable career, leadership, and contributions have left an indelible mark on the sport and makes him exceptionally deserving of this honor.

Thank you for considering this recommendation. Please feel free to contact me at 904-874-2840 or Ramon.George@NFL.com if you require any additional information or insights.

Sincerely,



Ramon George
Vice President Officiating Training and Development
National Football League

November 21, 2024

Mr. Mark Dreibelbis
Interim Director – Officiating Services
North Carolina High School Athletic Association
P. O. Box 3216
Chapel Hill, NC 27515

Dear Mr. Dreibelbis:

My name is John O'Neill, and I serve as a Coordinator Coach and Referee Position Trainer for the National Football League. The purpose of this correspondence is to recommend Brad Allen for induction into the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

Prior to becoming a member of the NFL Football Officiating staff, Brad and I were peer Referees in the FBS, Brad in the ACC and myself in the Big Ten. I always admired the way Brad went about his business as a Referee and Crew Chief. It was no surprise that Brad was hired into the NFL directly as a Referee in 2014, where he continues to be a leader of the Referees currently on staff.

Brad and I have spoken together as joint clinicians at the Centennial Conference Annual officiating clinic on multiple occasions. Most clinicians *TELL* you how to do something - the "WHAT." Brad *TEACHES* you how to do something and makes sure each person attending his sessions understands the "WHY" behind what he is teaching. This is what separates Brad from most leaders of officials.

In my role as Brad's Supervisor in the NFL, we discuss plays from his games on occasion, and one thing common to Brad is he asks me to "help me teach my crew how to get this play right the next time." When called upon at NFL clinics, Brad meticulously breaks down plays and points out what the crew did well and how the crew might do things differently the next time.

I have participated in some of Brad's pre-game meetings before his games. He has the respect of his crew, always seeks every crew member's input and is quick to recognize great contributions of his crew mates with his traditional awarding of \$ 2 bills for work well done. It is a great crew-building experience for the crew and has a special meaning to Brad.

I proudly recommend Brad Allen as a member of the 2025 Class of North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, gaining a seat at the table with such previous outstanding football officials such as yourself, Gerald Austin, and Tommy Hunt.

Respectfully,

John O'Neill



Inspiring individuals, encouraging excellence through education-based athletics.

*Sportsmanship • Developing Student-Athletes • Equity • Fair Competition
Fair Play • Honesty • Integrity • Respect*

November 26, 2024

NCHSAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee:

I have had the opportunity to be employed by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association since 2005. During that tenure, the value of involvement with interscholastic athletics and education-based athletics has shaped my life personally and professionally. I reference this often by stating that working for the NCHSAA has not been a career highlight, it has been a lifetime achievement.

Brad Allen represents the comprehensive definition of professionalism, dedication, performance and representation relative to the craft of officiating. His leadership and involvement with our program spans every aspect possible; multi-sport official, clinician, regional supervisor, Board of Directors representative, conference speaker and mentor to the Supervisor of Officials.

Forever humble in his endeavors, Brad has used his officiating training and development at the high school level to achieve elevated accomplishments. This recognition has come with playoff, all-star and state championship assignments for our program, conference championships and bowl games at the collegiate level, and now being a top-rated crew chief for the NFL. A prime example of Brad's humility is shown when I was on a national speaking panel with him years ago. This panel included professional sport coordinators and intercollegiate leaders. The placard on the easel stand noting some of his awards included his high school state championship, East/West All-Star Game, and Shrine Bowl assignments. He told me he was as proud of those acknowledgements as he is his recognition at higher levels of competition.

Brad has helped so many high school officials in North Carolina through his tireless efforts and willingness to speak at clinics, pre-season training sessions, evaluation of game video in multiple sports, and never saying no to an opportunity to represent the NCHSAA and our officiating program. He remains a valued consult for me on issues and trends moving forward. His service as the chairperson of the Officiating Sub-Committee has been invaluable to our membership.

I recommend Brad Allen's consideration for Hall of Fame selection as much personally as I do professionally. He is simply a leader beyond expectations and the NCHSAA has been a major benefactor of his involvement with our program.

Respectfully,

Mark R. Dreibelis
Interim Director of Officiating Services

Pitt County Community Schools and Recreation
"Reaching Out to Serve and Connect the Community"

December 2, 2024

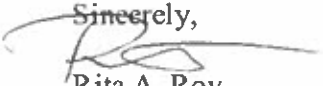
Dear NCHSAA Hall of Fame Committee Members:

We whole heartedly support Brad Allen's nomination for the NCHSAA Hall of Fame. We have both worked with Brad through NC Senior Games, a year-round health program offering sports, health wise programs and arts for people over 50 years of age and better. We both serve on the NCSG Board of Directors. Through Brad's leadership, NCSG is recognized on a national and international level as a premier health and wellness program for older adults. Brad also serves on the National Senior Games Board of Directors as the "expert with all issues regarding Officiating". In 2024 after first qualifying through one of 54 local games in the state, NCSG hosted its largest ever State Finals with over 3200 participants. Through the COVID years, Brad lead the organization through virtual games which allowed the program to maintain contact and sustain participation and services to over 60,000 older adults in North Carolina. In order to implement games, qualified basketball and softball officials are necessary. Through his work as a local official, a booking agent, a college and currently NFL official, we have been able to attract extremely qualified officials. Participants that also compete in National Games will tell you, that no National Games Officials come close to the quality found in NC Senior Games State Finals officials.

Knowing and working with Brad for over thirty years, we have also observed his commitment to the NCHSAA. With Rita serving as a NCHSAA Official for 30 years, and both of us working in careers that include athletics for people of all ages, we have seen Brad's continuing support for young people joining the ranks of officiating. Over the years he has continued to mentor, teach and keep in touch with people through being a clinician on all levels and attending special games for young officials he has mentored over the years. We believe that Brad Allen truly exemplifies the long-term contributions and dedication to high school interscholastic athletics that is embodied in the NCHSAA Hall of Fame selection.

Thank you for your consideration. We are honored to support Brad Allen's nomination into the NCHSAA Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,


Rita A. Roy
Retired Director


Alice F. Keene
Retired Director



Errol B. Daniels

1974 Penrose Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28304 – Cell Phone: 910.964.7529

December 6, 2024

To the NCHSAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee:

I'm honored to submit this letter of recommendation for Brad Allen's selection to the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, Class of 2025.

I've known Brad for twenty years and know of his monumental and significant contributions to the NCHSAA first-hand. In the realm of officiating, his accomplishments and qualifications are unmatched. Brad is a recipient of the NCHSAA's highest award, the Golden Whistle Award, and has received the Dick Knox Distinguished Service Award for Football, Basketball, and Baseball. He has worked at the NCHSAA state football, basketball, and baseball championships and the prestigious Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas.

Brad has served in every leadership position within his local officials' association. He was on the Board of Directors as a Parliamentarian, Vice-President, and lastly as the President. He's a tremendous teacher and communicator. He has performed the duties and responsibilities as a clinician for football, basketball, and baseball. He received the highest award from the Southeastern Association, the Don Kitts Mentoring Award.

Brad was instrumental in producing the Association's recruiting video "You Make the Call" and recording a segment of "Why I Officiate" for a national audience. I've heard him speak at state-wide and national officiating clinics and conferences. He's appeared in articles in the local newspapers as well as in Referee magazine.

Brad's a tireless supporter of the NCHSAA. He was influential and convincing which led to the Southeastern Association becoming the only officials' organization to become a corporate sponsor of the NCHSAA 100 Years Celebration Gala Event. He was selected and served as an NCHSAA Regional Supervisor for Basketball. Due to his untiring efforts on behalf of the NCHSAA and being a person of integrity and high moral standards, he was selected to serve on the NCHSAA Board of Directors representing NCHSAA Officials and Regional Supervisors. Brad is the current Chairperson of the newly formed NCHSAA Officiating Sub-Committee.

Brad is an NFL referee and still mentors local officials and attends local games at all levels; recreational, middle school, jayvee, varsity, and college. He's a passionate ambassador for the avocation of officiating and a staunch and long-time servant of the NCHSAA.

Brad Allen is an obvious choice for the NCHSAA Hall of Fame and most worthy of this selection. No one is more deserving or has represented the NCHSAA officials better!

Respectfully Submitted,

Errol Daniels

December 5, 2024

Mr. Mark Dreibelbis, Supervisor of Officials
North Carolina High School Athletic Association
Post Office Box 3216
Chapel Hill, NC 27515

Dear Mr. Dreibelbis:

I am writing this letter of recommendation in support of Mr. Gregory "Brad" Allen being nominated for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. I have known Mr. Allen for over 25 years and judging from his accomplishments, his commitment to the officiating profession and his impact of his leadership and performance I can't think of any other person who is more deserving than him.

Brad started off his Sports Officiating career as a Baseball umpire working Recreation Games in Robeson County. From there Brad worked his way up to working Middle School games in Robeson County before joining the NCHSAA as a multi-sports official working with the Southeastern Athletic Officials Association (SAOA) in 1991.

During his tenure as a Sports Official with the NCHSAA, Brad has served in many roles to include; Football & Baseball Clinic Leader for SAOA, Served on Board of Director for SAOA for numerous years to include President in 2001-02 and 2011-12. He served as Regional Basketball Supervisor from 2012- 2018. He has been a presenter on several occasions to Sports Officials groups across the state and country and at the North Carolina Athletics Directors Association Conferences.

Brad received numerous award through the NCHSAA which include; Dick Knox Service Award for Baseball in 2009, Basketball in 2010 and Football in 2001. In 2004 Brad received the SAOA Don Kitts Mentoring Award which is given to a Sports Official annually who is professionally committed to the tutoring, training & assisting his/her fellow officials for the betterment of the Association. Brad's biggest accomplishments was receiving the NCHSAA Golden Whistle Merit Award in 2009 and the NCHSAA Morris Walker Development Award in 2011.

Brad worked numerous Showcase games, State Playoff Assignments and State Championship games for the NCHSAA. Brad officiated the NCHSAA State Baseball

Championships in 1996, 1997, 1998 & 2012; NCHSAA State Basketball Championship in 1997, 1999, 2011; NCHSAA State Football Championship in 2000; Boys' East-West All-Star Basketball Game in 2005; and NC/SC Shrine Bowl 2010 (Referee). He also worked numerous Regional Finals in the Sports he officiated.

Brad's officiating career stems beyond working youth games and contests with the NCHSAA. Brad worked collegiately on many levels in Baseball, Basketball and Football. He worked at the Division I, II and III levels in Baseball. Brad was afforded the opportunity to work the Freedom Classic in 2012 between Naval and Air Force Academies. Brad worked one year of Division III Basketball in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference in 1997. Brad started out working NCAA Football at the Division II level in the South Atlantic Conference where he worked from 2000 – 2004. Brad was the crew chief during his time in the South Atlantic Conference. Brad also worked games at the FCS level during the 2004 season in the Southern Conference. In 2005 Brad was hired by the Atlantic Coast Conference as a Referee where he worked until he was hired by the National Football League in 2014. Brad's NCAA postseason assignments include:

- 2002 NCAA Division II National Semi-Final, (Alternate);
- 2003 NCAA Division II National Semi-Final, (Referee);
- 2006 Insight Bowl; Officials' Liaison to Television Announcers,
- 2007 Motor City Bowl (Referee);
- 2009 International Bowl (Referee);
- 2009 Holiday Bowl; Officials' Liaison to Television Announcers,
- 2009 Army-Navy Classic (Referee);
- 2010 ACC Championship Game (Referee);
- 2012 Rose Bowl (Referee);
- 2012 East-West Shrine Game (Referee)
- 2014 Sugar Bowl (Referee)

Many officials have been fortunate to work with Brad during his tenure as an NCHSAA Sports Officials. Though always firm and professional in his approach to officiating, he has always challenged young officials to do things right when representing the SAAO & NCHSAA. Over the years, Mr. Allen has demonstrated to myself and others time and time again that he is an exceptional communicator and gifted teacher. In my opinion, he is the perfect model for officials that have a willingness to learn the right approach and to advance.

Under his tutelage, Mr. Allen has motivated all to strive for and achieve exceptionally high standards during their officiating career. As a presenter and clinic leader he has provided aspiring officials with outstanding mentorship in the discipline of: Rules knowledge, communication, and professionalism. In many areas both personally and professionally, Mr. Allen has taught and encouraged those aspiring officials to meet challenges that some including myself had never before thought possible.

In closing, it is with sincere conviction that I enthusiastically recommend Mr. Gregory "Brad" Allen #122 for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall Of Fame!!

Thanks

Anthony Maynor

November 21, 2024

Selection Committee of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame

I write to recommend Brad Allen for induction into the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame for his many accomplishments and contributions to the officiating profession. He may already but will certainly be one of the greatest representatives of the officiating avocation to ever call North Carolina home.

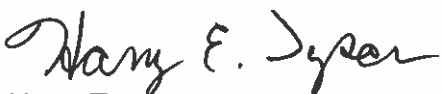
Brad's on field, court, and diamond accomplishments are many and rooted in the opportunities NC high school athletics allowed as he began his career. He fondly tells any audience about where he began and cherishes those roots. Now recognized as one of the top officials in the NFL, his preparation, mechanics, judgement, and ability to communicate serve as examples for all of us.

My recommendation is not totally centered on honoring what he has accomplished but more so what he returns in contributions to advancing officiating in our state. He has served as a Regional Supervisor assigning games, presents at clinics and evaluates games offering suggestions for improvement. All those things are known.

There are "bigger" things that should be noted! A postcard with congratulations to an official working his first state championship; an email to an official that might have had a tough play with encouragement; remembering first names of officials that he has met across the state and taking time to talk with anyone at clinics or meetings.

Throughout his career, Brad has set an example of integrity, fairness, great leadership and passion for simply being a better official. I joined the officiating ranks of the NCHSAA nearly 35 years ago and have worked with Brad and received tutelage from him as well. He is a good official but an even better husband, father, and human being.

With gratitude, I am honored to be able to support his recommendation and your willingness to receive this letter. In earnest, Brad Allen representing officiating in the NCHSAA Hall of Fame is certainly the right call!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harry E. Tyson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Harry Tyson

NCHSAA football official, 1990-Present

Currently in 15th season with ACC

To whom it may concern:

I have been asked to write a letter of support for the nomination of Brad Allen to the NCHSAA Hall of Fame ... I am honored to respond to this request ..

Based on my knowledge of the requirements and expectations of membership into this most prestigious organization, I cannot think of a more deserving candidate than my friend and former ACC & NCHSAA colleague Brad Allen ...

Despite rising to the highest level of officiating as an NFL Referee, Brad has continued to remain committed to supporting North Carolina education based athletic endeavors in all aspects of competition and officiating in multiple sports with impeccable integrity ..

Brad has traversed the state of NC many times over the years to attend officiating clinics, mentor young officials in scholastic contests and is always available for a word of advice or encouragement to young officials everywhere ...Whenever the opportunity exists for Brad to help grow the officiating profession, Brad is consistently at the ready to support that effort.

One example is the Down East Officiating Clinic (I was a partner) where Brad helped spearhead the efforts to host an Officiating Clinic for High School Officials in Greenville NC .. The clinic was an overwhelming success with over 100 attendees that included classroom and on field training session for all the official campers ..

Another personal example is witnessing Brad stand in the pouring rain while mentoring a young potential Referee during a meaningless spring event – he had already achieved the highest level of officiating yet found the time to endure the elements to help this young applicant and in essence help “ grow the game “ with his development ..It was certainly not meaningless to that young official ..

I'm confident there are many deserving candidates this year for the NCHSAA Hall of Fame but I daresay you won't find a better fit to match the standards of shaping character and fostering community spirit for education based athletics than Brad Allen...His Commitment to Excellence in Officiating as well as supporting the NCHSAA over the past many years in various roles is exemplary and certainly deserving of membership in the Hall of Fame ..

Sincerely,

Darrell Harrison

NCHSAA Past Patron, NCHSAA Golden Whistle Award Winner (2019)

Past President ACCFOA, ACC Commissioners Award Winner, National Football Foundation Outstanding Contribution to Amateur Football Award 2022 (Bill Dooley Chapter), George Whitfield Hall of Fame Member

November 29, 2024

Mark Dreibelbis

NCHSAA

P.O. Box 3216

Chapel Hill, NC 27515

The primary purpose of this letter is to recommend Brad Allen for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

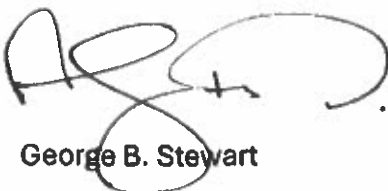
I have known Brad for several years, during that time I have witnessed him connect with various backgrounds of people to help restore lives. This is a man who is committed to build bridges not only on playing fields and sports courts, but in neighborhoods and towns across this great state.

There is no surprise that Brad Allen was the second person in the history of the National Football League to come into our game as a Crew Chief. I have been a Coach for over 40 years, 32 years in the NFL and to see a feat such as this says a lot about the character and commitment that proceeded Brad into the National Football League.

Brad has been an Official, a Regional Supervisor for basketball, Board of Directors representative for the Officiating Programs, and a Clinician to several sports programs and Officiating Clinics. He truly can connect individuals for a common cause as shown by the previous appointments. As a young Coach, I recruited the state of North Carolina while I was an assistant coach at the University of Notre Dame. I understand the history of High School Sports in this State. I am an Arkansan from Little Rock, Arkansas and very proud of my home state. I wish I had as much love and concern for my city and state as Brad has for the city of Lumberton and the state of North Carolina. Brad is a man who has cared for the betterment of the sports landscape throughout this state.

It is my pleasure to present this Letter of Recommendation on behalf of Brad Allen for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George B. Stewart". The signature is stylized with large, sweeping loops and a prominent "G" at the beginning.

George B. Stewart

VP Game Day Operations National Football League



Mr. Dreibelbis,

It is an honor and a privilege to write this letter on behalf of Brad Allen. I have had the pleasure of personally knowing Brad for almost thirteen years. Before that, I learned of him as we were scouting him as a potential official for the National Football League. I believe Brad is the perfect example of what your organization is looking for to represent them for years to come. Brad's character is second to none, both as a family man and as the consummate professional. His commitment to officials in various sports, his passion for teaching, and his "giving back" to the officiating community are examples for all who have had the honor of officiating at any level.

I worked with Brad in the NFL when I was the Senior Vice President of Officiating. We hired Brad in 2014 as a Referee (Crew Chief), something that had not been done in almost forty-five years. Since then, he has consistently been evaluated as one of the premier Referees in the league. Coaches, players, and league administrators have continuously praised him as being one of the best. Additionally, he currently serves on our staff (ACC) as the Referee supervisor. His institutional knowledge of this league and his leadership skills have allowed us to recruit the best officials in the country to work in our league.

Along with all the others who represent the high standards set forth by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, Brad will forever be a shining example for future generations.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to recommend a great father, an official, and a dear friend.

Alberto Riveron
Coordinator of Football Officials

Dear NCHSAA HOF Recommendation Committee,

It is with great honor that I am writing this letter to nominate Mr. Brad Allen for the North Carolina Athletic Association's Hall of Fame. Brad exemplifies what the NCHSAA stands for, dedication and commitment to the student athletes. He has served the NCHSAA as an official, clinic leader, and booking agent. Brad has served the NCHSAA for years' and has put the association at the forefront of his serving. He has served from the ages of youth too senior adults. Brad's character is unable to be matched and he gives his all to anything that he is involved with. Please take a few moments and look over some of Brad's qualifications and accolades, which are listed below:

EDUCATION

High School: Community Christian Academy (Bladenboro, NC), 1987.

Note: Salutatorian of Graduating Class

Undergraduate Study: Pembroke State University (Pembroke, NC), B.A., 1991.

Notes: Summa Cum Laude, Chancellor's Scholar, Ranked #1 in Graduating Class (4.0 GPA)

Distinguished Alumnus Award, UNC-Pembroke, 2017

Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, UNC-Pembroke Chapter

History Department Student of the Year, 1991

Publications – Phi Alpha Theta Journal, "The Evolution of the Philosopher-King"

Graduate Study: Wake Forest University (Winston-Salem, NC), M.A., 1994.

Notes: Master's Degree with Distinction, Ranked #1 in Graduating Class (4.0 GPA)

WORK HISTORY

1998-2001: Nutrition Program Director, Agency on Aging, Lumber River Council of Governments (Lumberton, NC)

Job Description: Supervision of Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals Nutrition programs for over 700 older adults per year in Robeson and Scotland counties; direct supervision of employees; training of employees and volunteers; contract monitoring; intake assessments; inter-agency collaboration.

2001-2004: Director, Area Agency on Aging, Lumber River Council of Governments (Lumberton, NC)

Job Description: Administration of Federal, state and local funding sources for programs and services for older adults in a five-county (Bladen, Hoke, Richmond, Robeson, Scotland) region; direct supervision of employees; contract monitoring; program evaluation; budget development and fiscal responsibility; legislative advocacy; grant-writing; planning and development of services for Region N.

2004-Present: President and Executive Director, North Carolina Senior Games, Inc. (Raleigh, NC)

Job Description: Executive leadership of a statewide, non-profit 501(c)(3) health promotion program for persons age 50 and better in 54 local programs serving all 100 counties of the state of North Carolina, with over 12,000 year-round participants; direct supervision of employees; coordination of volunteers; fundraising; public relations; legislative advocacy; budget development and fiscal responsibility; grant-writing; inter-agency collaboration; policy making; program evaluation; overall coordination of a multi - day Olympic-style event involving over 3,000 athletes and artists.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Football Officials Association

George Whitfield Baseball Clinic Hall of Fame (2024)

Kiwanis of Robeson-Lumberton

Legislative Study Commission on Aging (Two Terms)

National Association of Nutrition and Aging Service Providers (NANASP)

National Association of Sports Officials (NASO)

National Football League Referees Association (NFLRA)

National Senior Games Association (Current Member, Board of Directors)

North Carolina Association of Area Agencies on Aging

North Carolina Association on Aging (Current Member, Board of Directors)

North Carolina Center for Non-Profits

North Carolina Eat Smart, Move More Leadership Team

North Carolina Healthy Aging Coalition

North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) (Past Member, Board of Directors)

North Carolina Institute of Medicine Task Force on Healthy Aging (Current Member)

North Carolina Recreation and Park Association

Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging

University of North Carolina at Pembroke Athletics Hall of Fame (2023)

CHARITABLE ENDEAVORS

Feed The Children

Jimmy V. Foundation for Cancer Research

Kiwanis Children's Fund

North Carolina High School Athletic Association Endowment

North Carolina Senior Games

North Carolina Special Olympics

Public Schools of Robeson County

Robeson County Church and Community Center
Robeson County Public Library
Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
UNC-Pembroke 1st and 10 Campaign
UNC-Pembroke Braves' Club
UNC-Pembroke Endowed Scholarship in History

OFFICIATING ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

I. Recreation/Middle School Athletics

Southern Officials Association (Robeson County Recreation/Middle School Sports), 1986 - 2002
Basketball, Football Official and Baseball/Softball Umpire;
Clinic Leader, 1989-2002;
Member, Board of Directors, 1994-2002;
Supervisor of Officials, 2000-2002.

II. High School Athletics

Southeastern Athletic Officials Association/NCHSAA, 1991-Present
Basketball, Football Official and Baseball/Softball Umpire;
Local Clinic Leader, 1991-2012.
Member, Board of Directors, 1996-2006, 2010- Present;
President, 2000-01, 2011-12;
SAOA Don Kitts Mentoring Award, 2004;

Baseball:
NCHSAA State Playoffs, 1993-2002, 2010-15
NCHSAA State Championship, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2012;
Dick Knox Distinguished Service Award, 2009.

Basketball:
NCHSAA State Playoffs, 1995-2011;
Eastern Regional Championship, 1997, 1999, 2002, 2006, 2011;
NCHSAA State Championship, 1997, 1999, 2011;
Boys' East-West All-Star Game, 2005;
Regional Supervisor of Officials, 2012-18;
Dick Knox Distinguished Service Award, 2010.

Football:
NCHSAA State Playoffs, 1994-2007, 2011.
NCHSAA State Championship, 2000;
Distinguished Service Award, 2001;
Member, SFOA Board of Directors, 2008-2012;
Presenter, CPFOA All Officials Clinic, Williamston, NC, July, 2010;

Presenter, PIAA Chapter 4 Football Officials, Bucknell University, July, 2010, 2011;
NC/SC Shrine Bowl 2010 (Referee);

Presenter, Down East Football Officials Clinic, Greenville, NC, 2011, 2012.

North Carolina High School Athletic Association Multi-Sport:

NCHSAA Golden Whistle Merit Award, 2009;

NCHSAA Morris Walker Development Award, 2011;

Presenter, North Carolina Athletic Directors' Association Conference, 2012;

Featured in the "We are the NCHSAA" Promotional Video, 2012;

NFHS Officiating Publications Committee, 2014-17;

NCHSAA "Unsung Hero" Award, 2020;

Chair, NCHSAA Sub-Committee on Officiating, 2023-24.

III. Collegiate Athletics

Baseball:

North Carolina Collegiate Umpires' Association (NCAA Divisions I, II, III, Junior College), 1997-2002; 2012 – 2013.

NCAA Division II Regional Tournament, 2000;

Freedom Classic (Navy vs. Air Force), 2012.

Basketball:

Old Dominion Athletic Conference (NCAA Division III), 1997

Basketball Supplemental Official

Football:

South Atlantic Conference (NCAA Division II), 2000-2004; 2008 - Present

Football Referee and Crew Chief, 2001-04;

Referee Position Chief, 2003;

NCAA Division II National Semi-Final, 2002 (Alternate);

NCAA Division II National Semi-Final, 2003 (Referee);

Observer of Officials, 2008-Present.

Southern Conference (NCAA FCS), 2004

Football Referee, 2004.

Atlantic Coast Conference (NCAA FBS), 2005-2014

Football Referee and Crew Chief, 2005-2014;

Officials' Liaison to Television Announcers, 2006 Insight Bowl;

2007 Motor City Bowl (Referee);

Presenter, ACC/Big 10/Big East Joint Clinic, July, 2008, Chicago, IL;

2009 International Bowl (Referee);

Presenter, ACC/Big 10/Big East Joint Clinic, July, 2009, Greensboro, NC;
Presenter, ACC Supplemental Officials Clinic, 2009, 2010;
Presenter, ACC Football Officials' Mini-Clinic, December, 2009, 2011, 2012;
2009 Army-Navy Classic (Referee);
Officials' Liaison to Television Announcers, 2009 Holiday Bowl;
Presenter, Lehigh Valley Football Officials' Clinic, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013;
Presenter, ACC/Big 10/Big East Joint Clinic, July, 2010, Providence, RI;
2010 ACC Championship Game (Referee);
Presenter, MEAC/CCFO Joint Clinic, July, 2011, Carlisle, PA;
2012 Rose Bowl (Referee);
Presenter, CIAA Football Officials' Mini-Camp, April, 2012, Raleigh, NC;
Featured in Referee Magazine, "Five Minutes with Brad Allen," October, 2012;
2012 New Mexico Bowl (Referee);
Grader, Centennial Conference HUDL Video Program (NCAA Division III), 2013-14;
2014 Sugar Bowl (Referee);
Football Officiating Staff to the ACC Alliance (Game Evaluator and Referee Position Supervisor), 2016-Present

IV. Additional Athletic Programs

American Legion Baseball, 1994-2001

Area Playoff Series, 1994-2001;
State Championship Series, 1994-1999.

V. National Football League (NFL)

2012 East-West Shrine Game (ADP Referee);
2014 Medal of Honor Bowl (ADP Referee);
NFL Officiating Advanced Development Program ("Top 21"), 2013 – 2014;
NFL Referee and Crew Chief, 2014 – Present (**First official to move directly from college to the NFL at the Referee position in the Super Bowl era*);
NFL Full-Time Game Official (FTGO), 2017 – 2019;
Referee, 2016 NFC Wild Card Game
Referee, 2017 AFC Divisional Round Playoff
Referee, 2020 AFC Wild Card Game
Referee, 2021 AFC Wild Card Game
Referee, 2023 AFC Wild Card Game
(Alternate Referee for 5 playoff games also during this period)

PUBLIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

For nearly three (3) decades, Mr. Allen has served as a motivational speaker, expert instructor and teacher/coach in the disciplines of aging-related issues, health promotion, leadership,

officiating and volunteerism. He has presented to professional associations, civic organizations, church and youth-related groups and officiating clinics across the United States and to international audiences.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to read over and recognizing what a truly servant leader Mr. Brad Allen has been not only to his local area, or the state of North Carolina, but to our nation when it comes to serving and helping others. I pray that you will realize that Mr. Brad Allen is truly a Hall of Famer for the state of North Carolina.

Sincerely,

Aaron Hunt

Retired Principal, North Carolina