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### **Michael Goodwin Named 2023–2024 ASAA Official of the Year**

The Alaska School Activities Association proudly recognizes Michael Goodwin as the 2023–2024 ASAA Official of the Year, honoring more than four decades of dedication, professionalism, and service to athletics and officiating across the United States and Alaska.

Goodwin’s officiating journey began in 1980 at the age of 13 in Upton, Massachusetts, where he started officiating youth basketball before expanding into soccer and Little League Baseball. Over the years, his passion for officiating followed him through military service, multiple states, and four different sports.

Following his enlistment in the United States Army in 1985, Goodwin officiated basketball, ice hockey, and youth soccer while stationed in Hawaii. After returning to Massachusetts and later relocating to New York and South Dakota, he continued working basketball, baseball, hockey, softball, and soccer at youth, recreational, and high school levels while balancing military and academic commitments.

In 2000, Goodwin was commissioned into the United States Air Force, continuing a career of service that paralleled his long-standing commitment to officiating. While stationed at Eielson Air Force Base in 2003, he focused on ice hockey and was selected to officiate the 2005 USA Hockey National Tournament at the U12 Tier II level.

Goodwin later returned to Massachusetts, where he resumed officiating soccer after a 15-year absence while continuing basketball and hockey assignments. In 2014, he earned selection as a linesman for the USA Hockey National Tournament in the U19 Girls’/Women’s division.

Since returning to Fairbanks in 2015, Goodwin has become a respected and familiar presence in Alaska high school athletics. Registering with ASAA that same year, he has officiated basketball, soccer, ice hockey, and, beginning in 2022, volleyball, becoming certified in all four sports.

His postseason resume reflects his outstanding reputation and consistency, including multiple selections to officiate ASAA state championships in basketball, hockey, and soccer, as well as Alaska Youth Soccer State Cup and Alaska Youth Hockey state tournaments.

“Mike’s dedication to officiating and mentorship over the past four decades has had a tremendous impact on athletes, coaches, and fellow officials,” said the Alaska School Activities

Association. “His professionalism, versatility, and commitment to excellence exemplify the very best of high school sports officiating.”

The ASAA Official of the Year award recognizes individuals who demonstrate exceptional integrity, leadership, and service to interscholastic athletics throughout Alaska.

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