



**PUBLIC ADDRESS ANNOUNCEMENT**

2023-2024 OFFICIALS APPRECIATION WEEKS

Fall: October 2-7

Winter: January 8-13

Spring: April 15-20

May we please have your attention for a special announcement. This week has been designated as “Officials Appreciation Week” by the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association. Before we begin today’s athletic contest, **[NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL]**

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would like to recognize and thank the dedicated officials working today’s athletic contest.

During the last two years, we have been reminded just how important interscholastic athletics are to our member schools, students and communities. These opportunities and lifelong memories would not be possible without the hard work of today’s officials who represent the nearly 1,000 DIAA registered officials, referees and umpires across our state.

Please join us in thanking these officials by standing, if able, and applauding their dedication and service to our student-athletes, coaches, teams and sport.

Official’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Official’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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***PAUSE FOR APPLAUSE***

We also encourage everyone to participate in Officials Appreciation Week online by using the hashtag #ThankYouOfficials and tagging @DIAA\_de on X (formerly Twitter).

For more information on becoming an official, please visit the DIAA website under: “DIAA For: Officials” page.

Once again, thank you officials.