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TO: All Track & Field / Cross Country Officials

FROM: BJ Duckworth  
Director of Officiating Development & State Rules Interpreter  
Track & Field and Cross Country



RE: Regional & State Assigner – Rick Campbell

### **Introduction Of New Regional & State Assigner**

I am excited to announce the selection of Rick Campbell to serve as the OHSAA Assigner for Track & Field and Cross Country starting with the 2023 season. Rick will be responsible for the selection of the “key” officials at each regional site, as well as all officials for the state tournaments. Dennis Sabo will continue his role as Arbiter Liaison in 2023 supporting regional Track & Field only. Rick will continue to be an active official during the regular season and District Tournaments.

I want to thank Rick (and his family) for his willingness to serve our sports in a new way. Working a regional in an OHSAA assigned position or being assigned to the state tournament are great privileges; ones Rick is giving up during his time serving in this role. I am confident that Rick will build upon and honor the solid foundation laid by Fred, Dale and Bob while incorporating the work being done by the Assignment Taskforce.

The Assignment Taskforce continues to work on their recommendations for Track & Field. I hope to have a plan utilizing their recommendations to the OHSAA this winter for approval. Rick will implement that new policy, as well as the new Cross Country policy that went into effect this fall.

### **About Rick Campbell**



Rick has been an OHSAA registered track & field official for 26 years. A member of 3 local associations- Licking County, TRACO & North Central Ohio Track Associations, he serves as the local rules interpreter for the Licking County Association.

Rick was awarded the 2018-19 NFHS Girls Track & Field Official of the Year award for the state of Ohio and was awarded the Ohio Track & Field and Cross Country Officials Association Contributor Award in 2020. Rick and Bruce Benedict have compiled and presented the Shaw Violation Report for OHSAA tournaments for 18 years at the annual OT&F&CCOA clinic and also at various local associations throughout the state. This report has helped reduce the number of violations state wide.

Rick has worked District Track for 26 years, 11 as head finish judge and 15 as starter. He has clerked Regional Track 18 times and Regional Cross Country 12 times, in addition to 15 stints as a Regional Track starter. He has had the privilege to start both the OHSAA Track and Cross Country state meets as well as serve in other positions at the State Tournament level.

Rick and his wife, Ann, are the parents of two sons and grandparents of six. He is a retired association executive and works remotely part-time as a bookkeeper for his son Kurtis’s CPA firm, Pohlman Talmage Brown & Campbell CPAs in Dayton. He enjoys working meets with his son Cory, also an OHSAA official for 10 years.

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Sincerely,

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