

G.W. (Jerry) O'Keefe

Division I Officiating Career

Personal Information

Jerry was born in El Paso, Texas, attended Austin High School and Texas Western College. He worked for El Paso Natural Gas Co. for 14 years and has been a Division I Official in El Paso, TX. , for 45 years. Jerry has one son.

History

- 1959 Joined El Paso/Ysleta Football Association
 Joined El Paso Parks & Recreation Football Leagues
- 1962 El Paso granted Southwest Football Officials Association
 Chapter, later becoming Texas Association of Sports Officials
 included 10 new school districts
- 1963 Elected as Treasure for SFOA, El Paso Chapter
- 1964 Elected as Secretary for SFOA, El Paso Chapter
- 1973 Merged El Paso & SFOA associations together
- 1974 Officiated all New Mexico Military Jr. College games, Three
 years
- 1981 Officiated all Sol Ross University games, Three years
- 1986 Officiated Semi-Pro League for the El Paso Matadors
- 1987 Served as District II Director

Responsibilities

- Treasurer * Managed all dues for over 130 members
 * Submitted all financial records to local chapter & State for
 annual review

- Secretary * Assigned all games & scrimmages from 7th Grade - Varsity for
 El Paso Area, including all reassignments for over 60 games
 per week & 130 officials
 * Accountable for matching quality of crews to the level of play
 for 5 classes
 * Assigned all chain crews for all Varsity games
 * Recorded all SFOA/El Paso minutes for both Associations
 * Coordinated weekly official scratch list for Athletic Directors
 for 12 school districts

- District - *Represented District for all State Meetings
- Director *Responsible for all facility coordination with State Office
- (Division *Coordinated State representatives for El Paso Clinics
- II of SFOA) *Oversaw annual meeting for all four District Chapters
- *Insured all SFOA/UIIL guidelines and rules were followed

Honors & Achievements

- 1963 – 64 Served as SFOA Chapter Secretary for 23 years
- 1968 Assigned to Chihuahua, Mexico to lead Clinic/All-Star Game
- 1974 Selected to officiate New Mexico State Football Games
- 1988 Elected to Referee Texas High School Coaches All-Star Game at Astro Dome
- 2004 Assisted in the training of over 125 new officials during career
- 2004 Attended 600+ Mechanics & Rules Meetings
- 2004 Attended 90 consecutive local & state clinics
- 2004 Officiated 622 weeks out of 630 weeks over 45 year career
- 2004 Highest officiating point level in El Paso TASO Chapter, accumulating over 2,000 officiating points as a Division I official

*** Jerry only missed “10 Saturdays” refereeing during his 45 year career