

Kansas Collegiate Officials Hall of Fame

Johnny Overby

Inducted
1992

Hometown: Wichita, Kansas



While attending Wichita University as a student in 1949, Johnny began his officiating career working part time at the YMCA officiating Y basketball. Returning from the Marines in 1954 he started working high school basketball lasting through the 1962-1963 season. In 1958 he began working junior college games and got his first break working Division I games when a snow storm didn't allow the varsity official to make it to at Wichita University game. He was asked by then coach Ralph Miller to substitute and he accepted. This began seventeen years of Division I basketball officiating for the Missouri Valley, Big Eight, Southwest, WAC, and Metro conferences. In 1969 Johnny became the Missouri Valley Conference football and basketball supervisor of officials and in 1981 became supervisor for both the Missouri Valley and Big Eight conferences. In 1985 he resigned from the Missouri Valley and in 1988 resigned from the Big Eight. He was the president of the Collegiate Basketball Supervisors for three years, acted as an NCAA officiating observer at sub-regionals and regionals for ten years, a member of the NCAA officiating committee for two years and an NBA observer for over a decade.